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## INTRODUCTION

This is a monothematic issue of the visual magazine, extracted from the [Sei Altrove](#) blog and prepared in collaboration with Hermes and the Altrove group.



### Presentation of the blog

*A bridge between the hands is the evocative image that opens The Way of the Rose, a Grimoire not yet printed on paper, but whose pages are destined to be printed, perhaps posthumously, in the heart of every Human Being who aspires to live a Life in harmony with the Essence.*

*Reading and contemplating the proposing writings, which Hermes transmits weekly through the blog curated by the Altrove Group, is a portal to a New World, to a Possible World. A World, a Universe, that can be accessed on condition of a first necessary renunciation, the necessity of which even the writer has had to progressively admit: the renunciation of understanding, that is, of interpreting the reality of life through the categories of the usual, the only ones we know and that we usually adopt as a point of reference. Categories that can sometimes help us to orient ourselves in a world that others have built for us, but that, in the face of the immense Mystery that manifests itself behind the appearance that this world assumes, dissipate like shadows at sunset, leaving us in front of a dark, indistinct, shapeless and borderless landscape. This landscape is our inner world, everything that we do not know about ourselves and that no one has previously helped us to probe.*

*In this darkness of unmanifest Light, the message, announced through Hermes, reveals itself as a Lamp, which enlightens and illuminates the steps of he, who in the midst of Life is called to a higher aspiration: Being.*

*To those who, inspired, through the echo of a Living Thought, wish to enjoy some ray of this light, we wish a good journey.*

Yapos for the Altrove Group



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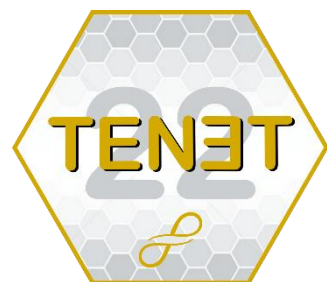
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## EDITORIAL



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### **The Way of the Rose**

We constantly talk about the rights and rules of Truth, Good, Freedom, Beauty and even Love, but these values are without rules and have only one right: that of offering themselves unconditionally to those who know how to sincerely open themselves to the Reality of Being.

Most fight, suffer, are confused, disheartened, discouraged, skeptical, only because they do not notice the help that uninterruptedly descends from Heaven. However, in contact with one's own inner Truth, if the thought is motivated and the aspiration is sincere, it is possible to discriminate between being and appearing, then the limitations and impossibilities show themselves for what they are, inconsistent illusions dictated by ignorance.

The Way of the Rose is a necessary inner crisis that re-educates to Unity. It is the awakening of the Will to the Service of the Divine. It is the taking of *Consciousness*<sup>1</sup> that offers a solution to ignorance. It is Knowledge through identity, the Gnosis that illuminates the vision of the Philosopher consecrated to the Divine, finally free to be *what he is*.

The main purpose of this Way is to activate a higher level of consciousness, a true inner conversion that every man and woman can potentially achieve by freeing themselves from the identifications and structured bonds of the surface personality.

In order to awaken to Reality it is not enough to watch, to understand and to experience, but

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<sup>1</sup> The word Consciousness is intentionally written with the letter x (consciouness), to constitute a sort of "stumbling block" in order to remember the value of this term which defines the relationship between Spirit and Substance and which is often used inappropriately or superficially.



it is necessary to practice what one knows. Know thyself is simply the intimate Truth dwelling in man who "loves" Divine Love, and Self-Remembering is the realization of this impersonal Love.

The need for human love, to the extent that it is not subjected to the procreative instinct of Nature or to the sole desire for personal pleasure, is in reality the need to know in order to unite and enjoy the Divine; it is the intimate need to merge with Him. Love understood in a human sense, or the fallacious idea that one has of this love, is never a necessity of the Essence, but rather a momentary concession made to the ego which in the game of Life, lost in its own image projected into the world, seeks outside what it already possesses within itself.

Illuminated by Divine Life, it is possible to consecrate and reunite with the Fire of Divine Love. This Fire is living Thought and Will in action, and it is the only true Power capable of awakening man from the sleep of Consciousness, reconnecting him to the true Reality of Being.

You who are, do not allow the world of ghosts and appearances to suffocate your Divine spark, because he who lets it go out no longer has "gold to make gold", while instead he who manages to protect and nourish it, cannot help but blaze up to the point of incinerating the "Veil of Isis".

The Way of Being is for those who fly on the wings of Truth, happy in heart and candid in soul. These, supreme, move in commensurate with the Eternal Lord of Works, because truly, he who chooses *Love has been chosen by Love*.

Hermes



## HUMAN BEINGS



The inner journey begins with an awakening experience in which you understand that what you thought or believed to be is not. In this particular path, everyone can find their own way as long as the commitment and adherence are determined by an intimate motivation, by a living vocation or even by a free choice; this Work is never undertaken by constraint.

In the journey of consciousness there is no main road, since everyone is called to discover their own truth within themselves which then determines their particular path. Through the living experience and the errors necessary for learning, you will learn to watch the flow of your inner motions; with practice and the right openness, with patience and perseverance, you will finally be able to listen to the voice of your true Essence.

Your Essence, free from any form of conditioning, is the Reality that you are. As a personality, you are the product of the conditioning you have developed while growing up, and if you continue to perpetuate this way of doing and being, this attitude will tend to dehumanize you more and more, making you a manipulable biological machine and a slave to a predatory culture dedicated to competition and subjugation.

Do you want to believe that you are what this dehumanizing culture believes, or do you attest to being something else while being clear about what this other thing is?

*Dare with Courage, when the Whole Light will never set again, the Shadow will retreat...*





## EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR ME, NOT TO ME



The question "**Who am I?**", far from being dismissed in a banal way, if asked in a profound way, can help us understand who we really are, what we are doing here and what we represent in this world. This question always accompanies us, wherever we go and whatever we do. Ultimately, we live to discover who we are, even if often, abstracted from Reality, we are not aware of it.

The moment we bring it to consciousness, the question begins to work deeply within us. Day by day we realize the inconsistency of our certainties, our convictions, our beliefs; we intuit that what we believe we are is not what we are... Masks, personalities, idealizations, ways of being... veils that disappear as we proceed asking ourselves more and more and better: "*but then who am I?*".

The question is the first step of an essential path of Life that leads us more and more towards the *spiritual and divine* dimension of ourselves. Along this path we will discover increasingly extraordinary levels of depth of our Essence, developing a sense of peace and fulfillment that fills that existential void of a materialistic life without purpose or direction.

What we truly are is beyond description, yet it is something tangible and experienceable,



which imprints itself on our consciousness, freeing us from multiple conditionings.

Trust yourself, quickly abandon the veil of illusion, free yourself from prepackaged beliefs, realize your unlimited nature, since it is your true Essence, loving and perfect just as it is.

*Everything happens for me, not to me.*



## THE ART OF FOCUSING



It is very important to know that by transforming one's mental and cognitive model - the paradigm with which one elaborates and shares Reality - one also changes one's perception and vision of the world and its events.

This is a secret that the Initiates knew in all ages, but that modern man has forgotten, relegating his Reality to an exclusive narrative based on a single dual interpretation.

Modern man believes, and has become convinced, that separative thought is the only possible thought, and therefore also the only way to consider one's world, stereotyped by the moral fundamentalism of good and evil. Generational defects, and adherence to cultural, scientific and religious paradigms, favor not only dual thought, but the development of a passive, conformed and polarizing thought, the primary cause of the many internal conflicts that afflict humanity today.

Modern man, trapped in a psychological *bit* (right/wrong, good/bad, true/false), is now deaf



to the call of the alchemy of Consciousness.

When you point the camera at a certain angle, you reduce the totality of the panorama to a single detail and therefore all the conclusions that can be drawn are linked exclusively to that detail: this is *passive thinking*, associative and automatic thinking.

When you frame the entire landscape with a wide angle with the camera, the vision opens up to the totality of the event, exponentially expanding both the details and the quality of the whole: this is active thinking, the thinking of conscious attention.

Active thinking is motivated intention and presence in action, and this focus of attention is what we call "being there."

When this Presence is active, then the Truth - what is Real in that given moment - ends up showing itself spontaneously. When I am identified with passive thinking,

I let myself be carried away by the present moment, I come into conflict with Reality and I lose the sense of the right measure: I polarize.

When I react, I get offended, when I deny my mistakes, when I do not embrace Reality, when I deny my Divinity. In short, I end up prolonging my inferior state: I experience the "dream".

The development of active thought opens to the synthetic vision of the complexity and totality of things, favoring by successive degrees the understanding of the true interrelations, the causes, which give life to the event that is experienced: I experience Reality.

This state of awareness, mastered, inevitably awakens Consciousness.

## ACTIVE THINKING AND INTENTION



Active thinking is pure intention that bends daydreams into a dynamic, unified line of thought that has purpose, motive, and direction. To “think,” we must confront the mass of associative material circulating in our mind, sift it, and methodically discriminate it into a comprehensible, usable synthesis for everyday life.

In the practice of watching one’s thoughts, one rapidly accumulates information about many aspects of oneself. One learns to watch Body, Essence, and Personality; their crystallized habits, moods, associative thought patterns, and unexplored beliefs; their contradictory desires, competition for resources, and wasteful and futile functioning. Although revealing, this mass of self-knowledge by itself cannot materially influence internal change. Who needs the ability to recognize one’s own reactivity if one cannot curb it? What is the point of watching



the moods of fear and anger, of worries and anxiety, if we remain under their hegemony?

Watching the mechanical nature of habits over time allows us to recognize the price we pay for them. The function of active thinking helps us see how daydreaming and distraction isolates us from Reality, and how ungoverned reactivity constantly inhibits the emotional dimension that, in a state of repeated contraction, colors everything it feels with an attitude of competition or defeatism.

Thanks to its power over abstraction, the function of active thinking can help you understand this broad body of experience, quantify it and encapsulate it in a word, a short phrase or an extreme synthesis. These processes, once assimilated and mastered, are like magic formulas that, when remembered, bring you back into direct contact with Reality.

The next time you catch yourself daydreaming, feeling tense and lonely, in a hurry or brooding, chant your magic formula and put the habit face to face with the cumulative price it asks you to pay; it will be very easy to see whether it is better for you to fight to Be or to remain in your gargantuan idealizations.

The Work is intentional motivation, it is learning to love Reality as it is. On the contrary, opposing reality is like trying to teach a donkey to speak — there is no hope.



## LIVING THINKING



Living Thinking is an immense creative power dormant in every human being.

The aware act of Thinking is Living Thinking, it is the “being” connected to Reality, since active thinking creates and modifies the energy that animates the forms of matter.

The world that we experience at this moment as humanity is given by mass passive thinking, an automatic and associative thinking that generates the average of collective beliefs accepted and endorsed, with few exceptions, by everyone.

Initiated to Living Thinking, or active thinking, the awakened man transforms not only his own beliefs, but also the world in which he experiences himself as individualized Consciousness.

When awareness is vivified by the Light of Love (union of Mind and Heart) Living Thinking is active, and what you believe in and intimately love sooner or later comes true, for better or for worse.

The Mystical Way suggests that the conscious exploration of “Reality” is the irresistible key to access the Oneness of Life.



Life is Living Thinking.

*He who knows himself knows his Lord*

Sufi Maxim





## THE MAGIC OF REALITY



Man is a powerful perceiver, custodian of many magical abilities.

However, according to certain wise men, he is not in an aware contact with his magic, so the perception he has of himself and the world is limited by his own abstraction. Man, as long as he interprets and creates the world based on a description that was told to him from the moment of birth, and on which he has "personalized" himself and constituted himself as a sentient and rational entity (Soul), will not be able to have access to his innate and powerful Magic.

The ordinary man is often confused; he follows the flow of events traced by what he believes to be true, without ever realizing that his every experience is dictated by the reflection generated by his externally reflected internal projections. The distorting mirrors are inside him and his world is forced to adapt to his beliefs; stories never investigated with healthy discernment determine the sense of his own identity. *And the abstraction from Reality is served!*



Between you and the world, in the middle, there is the narrative that you believe to be you. A story made of rules that reason, affirming "I" and "mine", stubbornly accepts and defends. Properly speaking, therefore, you are always one step away from your narrative and Reality, and your experience is always the shadowy reflection of your unexplored thoughts, influenced by poorly governed emotions and instincts.

Inner perception, innate knowledge for intended, is the hinge that holds together everything that man is, and this perception is activated by the positioning of his Consciousness in a precise point of union: the Heart. Therefore, if the position of this point is changed (from the head to the Heart), the perception that man has of Reality, of the world and of himself changes accordingly. A permanent center of gravity is "the point" from which to observe events and be in contact with Reality.

The Magician awakened to the Real (his only Kingship) knows exactly how and where to place his assemblage point, and for this reason he can become anything he desires. The Magician wants nothing but the naked and raw Reality; he simply, in his healthy madness, *loves what is*.

Go within yourself, and you will understand that allowing yourself to be penetrated by Reality is the gentlest and most loving way to awaken.

*"An unexamined mind is the only suffering.  
Either you believe what you think or you investigate it. There are no other choices."*

Byron Katie



## PSYCHOSOCIAL ENGINEERING



The growth process from 1 to 7 years of age allows the innate Nature in man to shape the child by providing him with the structures and the necessary conscientious contents to face life on Earth. When this esoteric wisdom process is exclusive to a dark and manipulative power, it transforms, in fact, into psychosocial engineering.

The mass production of psychoslaves is made possible by practices of ritual and ceremonial High Magic that, from the sublunar astral plane, act on the collective human subconscious distorting the perception of reality. The rituality of these practices is then renewed by the same ignorant masses who, through the accepted dogmas (religious, social, scientific and cultural), daily reiterate the rites necessary to nourish and feed the pre-established egregore.

The containment environment, the family and preconceived beliefs are at the basis of this system, today decidedly anti-human, which appears as a good shepherd who cares for the well-being and growth of his sheep, but which in fact works to abstract the individual from his own spiritual Essence. The egoic sense of self, sick of separation, is the central fulcrum on which the suggestive fascination of such ritual magic operates.

A *loop* of repetitive and associative thoughts holds the *virtualized* man prisoner, obscured by an illusory veil, a shadow placed between the True Reality and the psycho-magical model generated by the shadowy reflection projected by the Matrix. The *individualized* man, on the



other hand, is well aware that the external world is a direct reflection of his internal worlds; he no longer deals with the reflections that appear in the mirror, but rather contemplates the Source that generates the shadows.

The beliefs and convictions of the individual are never constituted by his thoughts - although everyone can believe that their thoughts are intimate and original - but are always generated by systems ordered in macro architectures, constituted by collective thought forms.

This simple awareness can be a keystone, capable of inverting and transforming the personal crystallized egoic tendencies, fertile ground for any power structure or adverse forces related to it.

In this brief *excursus*, we try to convey a syncretic vision of how the chemistry of images (thought forms energetically dissolved by the mind in flows of biochemical frequencies) is the basis of psychosocial programming, and why this science, consciously used and practiced at the top of "institutionalized" societies, predetermines standardized scripts that the masses, mostly unaware, assimilate as certain truths, and from which they construct the infinite *narratives of the world* and of their own lives.

In the collective sphere, the Matrix offers macro social, financial, political, cultural and religious models, obtaining as a fair exchange the total enslavement of the users who, consciously or not, sanction their consent with tacit assent (*in the blissful sleep of the unjust*).

How to get in touch with this possible truth? How to make sure that, deep down, the power of free renewal is within each of us? What tools does the common man have to depersonalize himself and structure himself as a whole individual, and free master of his own soul?

Absolutely the Awakening, *True Philosophical Knowledge of what you are*, is the solution practiced since time immemorial by all the initiatory paths of the planet. *Tearing the Veil of Isis* to be irradiated by the dark inner Light of your true Sun is the goal of every prodigal son.

The expansion of Consciousness, generated by direct contact with one's Essence, is a reality accessible to every human being who devotes his life to the Opus.

The integration of this Consciousness awakens in man the awareness necessary to Be what he is, generating that intimate sense of tireless gratitude indispensable for fully experiencing every moment of true Life.

All that remains is to wish everyone their own free considerations.

*"You were not made to live like brutes, but to follow virtue and knowledge"*

Dante, Inferno, Canto XXVI, v. 119



## HUMAN MADNESS



For man, freeing himself from the ancient “constant” of mental hypnosis is a continuous process of Awakening. The emergence of the Essence involves a physiological break from the consensual social agreements programmed by our planetary cultures, now increasingly alienated and dehumanized. It is increasingly evident that the current human condition is that of slavery.

A new type of slavery, a slavery little understood because it is psychological and spiritual rather than coercive and physical. Human consciousness is the target of a vast war of control and submission in which the ignorant crowds voluntarily consent to social conditions that not only do not serve their interests, but even cause them harm.

We accept the *status quo* of war, fear, environmental destruction, greed, corruption, poisoned health and false scarcity because we have been educastrated. Caught in psychic traps, we are hostages of false beliefs, fascinated by appearances of comfort that cloud reason and limited by renewed emergencies and imminent dangers.

In the Absolute, it is the Spiritual Awakening that sublimates the illusory sense of self by opening the individual to a renewed vision of Life. The man awakened to his true Essence cultivates and applies Principles of peace, acceptance of differences, is inclined to humanistic



progress and exploration, these are necessary requirements to improve the current human condition.

First, however, we must see and recognize the boundaries of the prison in which we find ourselves. Only if we are aware of being in prison can we aspire with ardor to Freedom.

However, today psychological slavery is mistaken for independence, and it is useful to remember that in this era it is much easier to deceive people, than to show them that they have been deceived. To each, the arduous sentence.

*“Know what is before you, and what is hidden from you will be revealed to you; for there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed.”*

Thomas 1.5



## ME, YOU AND THE EGO



A child is born.

He comes into the world without any knowledge or conscience of his self. When a child is born, the first thing he becomes aware of is not himself, but of the other and the environment in which he lives. It is natural, because the eyes open outwards, the hands touch others, the ears listen to others, the tongue tastes food and the nose smells external odors.

All these senses are open to the wonders of creation. Being born means first of all being able to experience the creation of what is outside of oneself. The child first becomes aware of the mother, then of his body and finally of the environment in which he grew up and was contained by, and it is through the necessary stages of learning that he becomes aware of himself, affirming "I".

This is how man forms the structure of his personality.

This "I" is awareness reflected outside of himself. In this world the "others" are the "You".

The "I" thus constructs the idea it has of itself, and this belief is assimilated without ever experiencing it directly.



It is the narrative of others and of the world that constructs the idea of who you are and how you otherwise should be, and it does so by obscuring your true Essence.

This process determines in each person the personal sense of separation that generates fear, struggle, conflict, pain, scarcity and so on.

In this way the ego is born.





## HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL



Every practice aimed at personal growth helps to improve, modify or change a behavior by *promoting a possible balance where there is disharmony*. Personal growth aims to solve the individual problems of the personality by stimulating its qualities and talents, thus helping the bystander to overcome the difficulty of the moment.

In short, personal growth is aimed at the external world and has as its goal the affirmation of the individual in the sensitive world of transient forms, created by the infinite and personal interpretations of Life.

Inner Work has as its main purpose the *expansion of Consciousness* and consists in bringing Light and Life where they were previously absent, regardless of what one lives or what one feels, what is pleasant or unpleasant, what one believes or not.

The Work aims at the Heart of the experience and does not deal with the individual problems of the personality, being precisely this "personalized" structure the limit to be overcome and sublimated. The Work works directly on the entity that believes it has a problem or that wants to improve its negative aspects, bringing Light to them until the recognition and dissolution of their impermanent and illusory nature.

The Inner Awakening is the lively predisposition to love what is difficult to love, it is the middle



Way that leads to enjoying the Beauty of creation, valuing and exploiting even the difficult and dark moments. The Work is therefore aimed at the integration of Consciousness, torn and split in the entity identified as a person.

Both ways are admirable and fundamental for both the personal and spiritual growth of the individual, but they are placed on two different realms of experience; there is no "better" or "worse", they are only different evolutionary priorities.

It is important to understand the differences so as not to get confused and to be aware so as to give each thing its own meaning and sense. Finally, every possible experience always leads to Being, the substantial difference lies in being aware of it.

*"Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead"*

Matthew, 8, 22



## BEYOND FEAR



Fear is one of the biggest obstacles to experiencing the **Essence of Life**.

A mind trapped by fear lives in confusion, distrust, conflict, deception and is therefore insecure, petulant, hypocritical, cynical. Living superficially, educated in competition and scarcity by a corrupt and culturally stupid society, we are overloaded with fears, and fear is a condition that deforms, distorts and numbs *our days, our dreams, our entire lives*.

We are always afraid of something: fear does not exist in an abstract form, it always has a cause, it is always in relation to someone or something.

**Do we know our fears?** Fear of losing our job, our partner, our loved ones, of not having enough food or money, fear of what others think of us, fear of not being successful, of being ridiculed, despised, fear of illness, fear of losing loved ones, fear of losing our faith; and the list goes on and on.

**What do we do about these fears?** How do we live with our hallucinations? We usually run away from them, but *running away from fear means making it grow*. It may seem like a paradox, but one of the main fears is that we are afraid to face our fears.

We lead a certain type of life, we think according to an exclusive model determined in general by social, religious and cultural standards. We follow a certain faith that predisposes us to particular beliefs, precepts and dogmas, and beyond our blind convictions, we do not want these statuses to be shaken because, consciously or not, they are deeply rooted in us. After



all, we have constituted ourselves as individuals in them and we have learned to repeat that they are *our character, our values, our uniqueness, our life*.

Everyone wants to be “reasonably” sure of themselves and master the state of things they encounter, preferring the known and rejecting the unknown.

**Living without fear**, simply, means **being *beyond* the patterns of the ordinary world**.



## THE LAW OF LOVE



There are two Laws to which all souls are subjected and bound: the *Law of Cause and Effect*, which returns the fruit of one's thoughts, feelings and actions, and the *Law of Affinity*, in which the similar attracts to itself only what is similar to it.

The lesson that the two Laws offer is well explained in the two evangelical principles: do only what you wish to be done to you and love your neighbor as yourself.

In order to better understand these two principles, rather than evaluating their moral or religious aspects, it is useful to know the potential they offer in terms of Awakening. Learning to live and relate aligned with fundamental laws makes individual and group evolution more dynamic, when united by a common purpose.

The essential component that unites souls among themselves is a communion of intent animated by a higher Purpose. The fact of creating intense and loving relationships between groups motivated by these Laws is one of the spiritual purposes for which we are called to live the earthly experience.

With practical experience these two Laws naturally open us to the Law of Love, which is equivalent to the full development of that "healthy spiritual egoism", a necessary requirement for every form of individualization of Consciousness, and because ultimately, each is the Love with which one loves...

*"We should behave towards each other in such a way as to avoid making our friends enemies, and at the same time to make our enemies friends"*

Pythagoras



## THE WORST LIAR



Since birth we have been taught that the world is a certain way, and of course at this stage we have no choice but to accept that the world is as others have told us it is. The child learns how the world must feel and how it must think in order to be fully integrated and loved. Step by step, he is made familiar with a description of the world that he learns to perceive, maintain and defend as the *true and only reality*.

The absence of common sense and reason leads men to forget that the description is only an interpretation, but before they can realize this, they have already trapped their Essence in a cage from which they rarely emerge in the course of Life. We are trapped inside a perceptual bubble and what we witness, and believe to be our life, is a mere reflection of the personal vision of reality, now reduced to an astringent monologue projected onto others and the world. We talk incessantly to ourselves about our world and it is precisely thanks to this internal dialogue that we unconsciously auto-suggest and preserve it. With our inner dialogue we renew it, we breathe life into it, we justify and confirm it.

Only by watching this unknown inner dialogue that we call "I", we can stop it and pierce the barrier of beliefs that separates us from the true reality that we are. Every time the inner dialogue is interrupted, the world, as we know it, collapses and completely extraordinary aspects of ourselves emerge, as if until that moment they had been watched over by our beliefs, convictions, hopes and our hidden fears.



Cowardice grabs by the legs those who are intent on flying; cowardice forces them to crawl; fear keeps them anchored to non-life, forcing them to deny their innate royalty.

The fear of Being is the unsolved dilemma of contemporary man.

*"Of all the liars in the world, sometimes the worst are our own fears."*

Rudyard Kipling



## GLOBAL AND NON-DUAL



Although the *non-dual* vision differs from the *global* one, if we fully understand the first, and see its implications in our Life, we can spontaneously arrive at the second.

The non-dual vision is one of the possible realizations that we recognize and experience in our Work, and it is profound, important and decisive. It recognizes that all forms and manifestations perceived by us are inseparable from their nature, which is the ground of Reality. However, due to the uniqueness of each individual, there are numerous non-dual realizations, which depend on the way in which the ground of Reality is understood and experienced.

The important aspect of any realization is that it is free from the conventional view of a self that experiences objects and the world as separate from itself. In the non-dual view, of course, not only is the personal self-absent, but individual consciousness is only one of the forms that manifests like any other. So the self, the personal I, can be understood as an illusion or, in our case, a simple manifested form, and all actions are only expressions of the continuous manifestation of Reality as a whole in its unity and uniqueness.

However, to access the non-dual reality, the global view is necessary, because it reminds us that without individual consciousness there would be no realization, enlightenment and awareness of the non-dual state.

The existence of anything makes itself alive and confirms itself by its opposite; it is a Law.





## THE MUSIC YOU ARE



If you are walking a spiritual path, then, in the important moments of your life have *Trust*, because when you least expect it, you will meet *perfect guides*. Thanks to your inner magnetism they will appear to you in the guise of benevolent or occasionally hostile people; other times they will manifest themselves as joyful or even tragic events; other times they will be fleeting sensations or intangible dreams. The *trials of life* are your infallible guides, and you understand this only when you are willing to welcome your divine Essence because, mature, you are ready to experience the true Art of Life: Being.

An ancient axiom says:

*"When the student is ready, the teacher appears".*

Mystics, Initiates, and Artists who have reached the highest levels in their discipline or art form, are able to perform extraordinary feats, exceptional and often unpredictable creations. Why? Because body, emotions and mind, integrated, no longer impede the Creative expression of Being.

This specific state of individualization allows the experimentation of *Being at one* with one's



own art, with one's own inner world, and therefore with the Kabbalistic miracle of every single moment.

This is the *divine function* of your Spirit: *to make music*, to be the Word "without strings". To play this type of music, just remember in humility that *you are instruments*. This is the impersonal state to which every man or woman should intimately aspire, and if necessary, fight to be.



## GO TOWARDS THE SELF



**Personality** begins to form soon after birth, in response to the demands of life.

The **Essence** can never conform naturally to the expectations of those around us, or to the culture and times into which we are born, and so we are forced to adapt and coat the Essence with personality as a protective layer. This coat becomes heavier as we conform to expectations and are assimilated into society, primarily through imitation and education.

This *adaptation* is indispensable and beneficial to our proper functioning in the world, but only as long as it is kept in balance with the physical Body and the Essence. Such a *balance*, however, never occurs naturally, but requires at the outset a motivational effort towards that which is authentic, beautiful and true, the divine reality in man. The harmony achieved by the conscious relationship with one's own *inner truth* leads man towards the Self.

**Go towards the Self** is the first commandment of the new Era.



## GOOD OR EVIL?



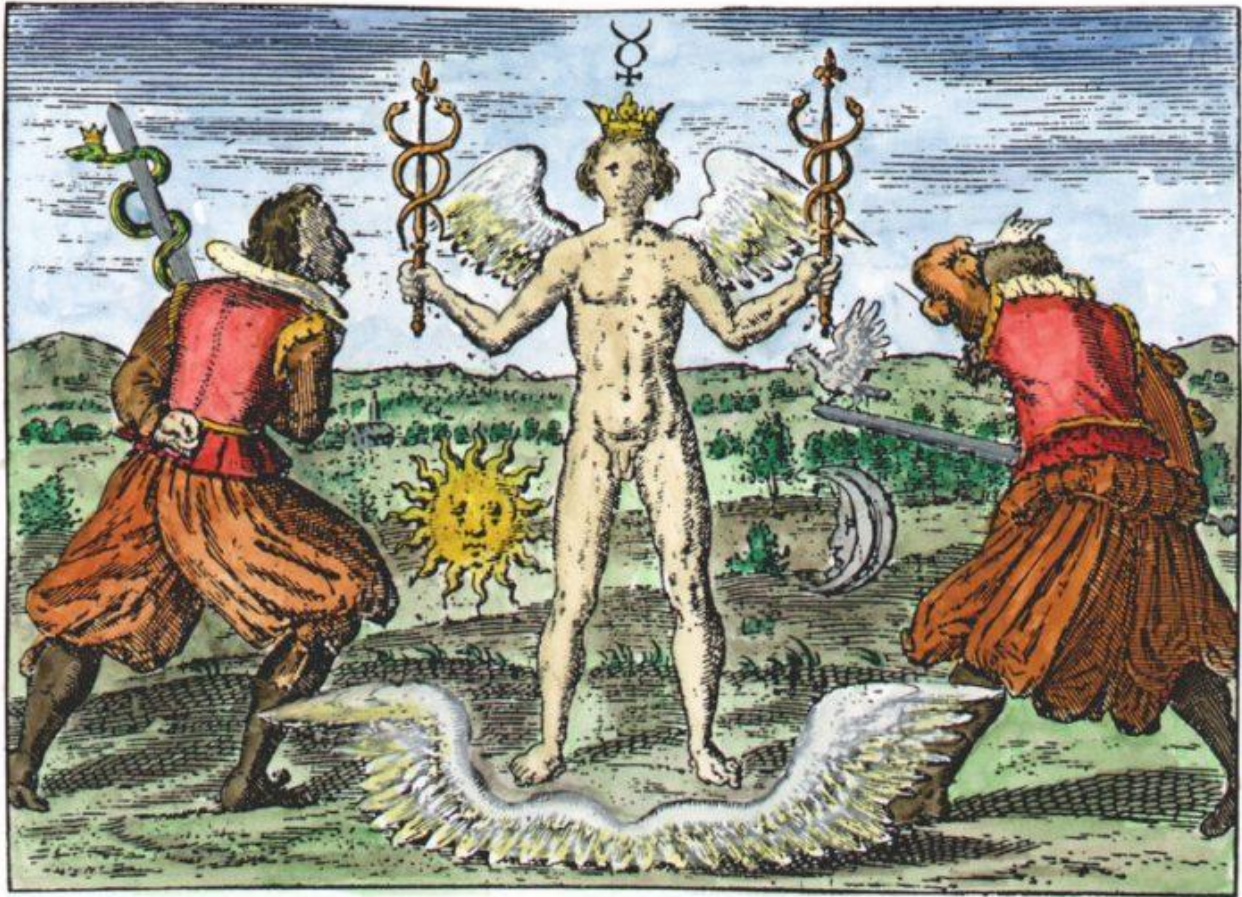
Essence is the life force that animates our physical body. According to the Teaching, this force is more than life-energy, since it contains the seeds of the tendencies and talents that make us unique.

One person is attracted to nature, while another excels in languages, and a third is particularly sensitive to people. These, and many other of these innate differences, are characteristic traits of Essence.

In every human being dwells an *innate Consciousness* and an *innate ignorance*: the first contains and determines, through the characteristic traits, the potential to be developed; the second creates the necessary conditions, through difficulties and obstacles, to develop said potential. From this assumption, we understand that in man there is no morally understood good and evil, but two forces that are indispensable to his spiritual evolution coexist. Giving the right meaning to things pacifies the soul, offering that necessary state of quietness from which to face the mother of all challenges: being aware "children of God".

*God is Love*; in this reality experienced by a specific state of consciousness, Evil is simply the throne of Good.

## THREE IN ONE



The human being is made up of **three distinct parts**, each with a separate body. Each of us has a physical body, an essence that animates that body, and a personality.

When we are born, these three independent bodies unite and remain together for the duration of our lives; they separate at the moment of our death. Even if forced to cohabit with the others, each remains distinct, with its own impulses, needs, and desires. Each is sensitive to different stimuli and is subject to different constraints.

As long as we navigate life without understanding that human psychology is **group psychology**, we always address the needs of one body at the expense of the other two. In this way we find ourselves like a farmer with fertile seeds but arid soil, incapable of bearing fruit.

To understand who we are, we must understand the characteristics of our physical body, vital Essence, and personality. The awareness, combined with the understanding, that these three bodies are nothing but the external vehicles of our **Divine core**, motivates every man, or woman, to cultivate and realize his or her own spiritual Purpose, the true Reality of Being.

## THE PHYSICAL MIND: THE INSTINCTIVE MOTOR FUNCTION - PART I



Of our three bodies, the physical body at first glance seems the easiest to observe. Its movements and postures are physical, and therefore observable and traceable. If I take a step forward, it is my physical body that coordinates this action; if I move an object from one place to another, it is my physical body that performs this task. But along with this ability to move, there are many subtle nuances also rooted in our physical body that deeply influence our emotionality and our psychology.

However, to observe its subtler nuances, we must further divide the manifestations of our physical body into two: a **motor function** and an **instinctive function**. The first is responsible for the body's ability to move (muscles, joints, nerves), the second for maintaining its well-being (vegetative nervous system, central nervous system, etc.). Neither of these two functions is exclusively physical because both are active and influence our entire emotional and psychological structure.

The function of movement in the physical body allows us to walk, type, dance, play sports, and perform a wide range of *external movements*. It also gives us the ability to *imitate* and *automate* complex actions, such as repeating exercises, riding a bike, or driving a car, which initially require our concentrated attention, but through repetition become automatic.

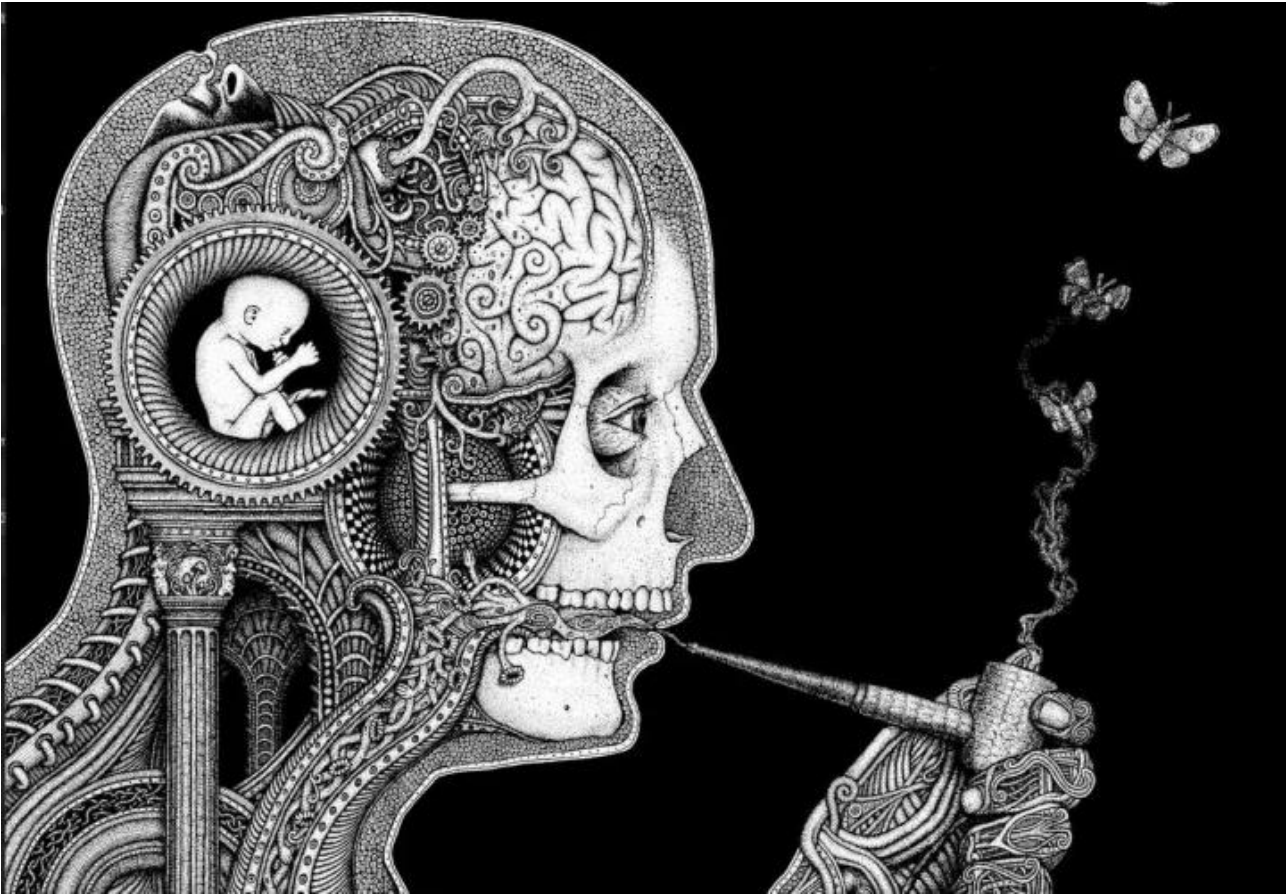
It is this capacity for **automation** that requires closer examination, because it permeates the other emotional and mental functions and enables their fluidity. For example, the motion function enables the intellectual function to connect words and meaning seamlessly and master the ability to speak. It enables the emotional function to match reactions to stimuli and



gives it the ability to respond easily to social customs and expectations. In effect, our motion function works like a rotating wheel that enables fluidity not only for itself, but also for the other functions.

This **rotational** nature correlates our motion function with **time**, because time is also rotational, cyclical; it is determined by the rotation of the physical spheres: the rotation of the earth on its axis marking a day, the waxing and waning of the moon marking a month, the orbit of the earth around the sun marking a year. Each of these cycles is present and influences our psychophysical structure and to varying degrees influences its rhythms predisposing it to cyclical repetition over time. In fact, it can be said that our moving center is under the Law of Time, although all the implications of this statement would require a longer explanation...

## THE PHYSICAL MIND: THE INSTINCTIVE MOTOR FUNCTION - PART II



Our **function in motion** is affected by **physical time** the way a small gear is forced to rotate by larger adjacent mechanical wheels. This primate consensual relevance, which is inherently mechanical and of instinctive nature, cannot resist time; it **believes** in time and correlates time with progression and accomplishment. The task at hand is always a means to an end, a **now** that points to a **later**. But being relegated to perpetual rotation, when the *later* eventually arrives, our function in motion cannot but perceive it as a new *now* to be sacrificed for a still *later*. A hamster wheel that does not understand it is chasing itself.

Consequently, through the influence of our mobile-tempo-motor function on our psychology, we are prone to falling into repetitive mechanical moments: continuously dreaming random scenarios, continuously reproducing interactions with others, fixating on past events, anticipating future events, continuously humming randomly recalled songs, and many other mechanical and repetitive sequences that color our internal landscape, draining our energy, and annihilating our willingness to Be.

It is easy to verify that these automatisms are fueled by mechanical momentum, rather than by our will, provided we are honest with ourselves: they do not stop when we want them to. It follows that any conscious effort to jam the wheels of our psychological automatisms will help us to observe our *function* in motion. This is an effort, which helps us take the first steps towards





ourselves.

Nowadays, **an effective area of experience** in which to apply this effort is our habitual use of the **cell phone**. If the fluidity of our center in motion is hindered, as happens, for example, when we are forced to wait in line, in traffic or in an elevator, our function in motion seeks alternative ways to perpetuate the movement and will often return to checking our phone in vain. Therefore, a good exercise to interrupt the automatism is the discipline of checking our phone only when we are sitting.

This type of practice reveals the influence of our motor function on our psychology. If this experience is extended to other areas, where we notice that mechanical automatism prevails, then it also represents a significant step towards the creation of an internal government. By indiscriminately spreading automatism, our function in movement titanizes and eludes the other subordinate functions. By limiting its influence on the emotional and mental functions, we force it to return to its rightful place and to carry out its fundamental and instinctive role to cooperate with the divine work dictated by our Being.

The physical mind is the real challenge for he who walks towards and within himself.



## ATTENTION AND NOURISHMENT



Attention works mysteriously. It captures, in a fixed field, matter or energy, which without attention spreads indefinitely.

When we sit on a bench in a park, the objects that surround us are always there: *the grass, the trees, the chirping of birds...* but until we pay attention to them, then they do not exist for us. Once we pay attention to them, they not only come to life for us, but also influence us with new perceptions and emotions.

Our Essence feeds on these impressions, just as our body feeds on physical food. A healthy leaf feeds on sunlight just as Essence feeds on impressions. It fixes electrical energy in cellular matter just as Essence absorbs impressions and is influenced by them. The sunlight is always there; it is up to the leaf to make use of it.

Impressions are always there; it is up to us to absorb them in the right way by paying attention. This means that it is in our power to influence our Essence by focusing and directing our attention to what is true and Real.

This alert and focused attention is what we call **Presence** and right **Bearing**, it is the *repeated act* necessary for Awakening.



## THE REALITY WE ARE



Since Essence is innate while personality is formed during childhood, we can understand the state of Essence more clearly by watching young children. To a child, everything seems fresh and curious. Everything they see and experience penetrates them deeply and leaves a lasting impression.

Their intellectual capacity to name what they are experiencing is still undeveloped, so when they see a blade of grass, they do not know how to call it grass. A bird is a *miracle of iridescent feathers*, spectacular in movement and singing.

As the child progresses into adulthood, seeing is gradually replaced by knowing, and the Essence is covered with an increasingly stiff and thickened cloak of personality. What they experience no longer penetrates them directly as before, but is filtered through association, analysis, comparison and criticism.

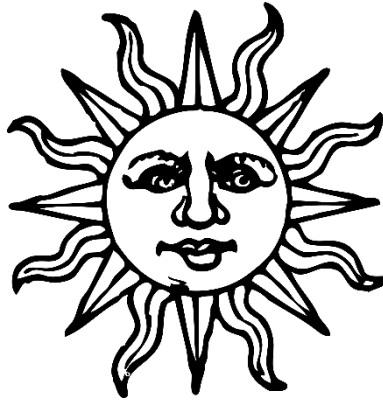
Comparing the state of children with adults we see that the Essence receives and absorbs, and the personality reacts and deviates. Understanding this, in turn, instructs the direction of our natural condition.

Therefore, in order to inhibit the personality and nourish the Essence, we will have to receive and absorb more and react and deviate less, and in the act of absorbing pay attention with due discernment.

The Essence is the true reality that we are, the central nucleus of our Being.



## INVINCIBLE SUN - A VISION



Until we understand that it is not a matter of being here *now*, but of being here *more and more*, we will not be able to do anything to improve our inner situation. Understanding the purpose of our earthly journey, motivated Attention can convert every form of distraction that clouds our consciousness.

Eventually, by persevering, we will come to understand that what we are looking for is *what we are*, that it does not matter how we feel, it does not matter what we think of ourselves at the moment, because we are always what we are watching, pure projection of the intimate reality that we are. We cannot look at anything other than ourselves. *So are we alone?* And yet we are not.

One day we will realize that our eternal destiny is to be parts of a single Being, completely alone, surrounded by wonderful hallucinations, which are nothing but the dancing vision that springs from the reflection of our state of ignorance, that vision that illuminates both the joys and the sorrows of our eternal indestructibility.

In any case, man is given to determine the folds of his own destiny and to be the light of his own Sun.

How much suffering is granted to a man who trudges in his state of sleep?

And how much infinity is given to the awakened man who nourishes his *Sol Invictus*?

Me? Do I exist? Is I here? *Hello, Me.*



## INTIMATE PRESENCE



Attention is the primary instrument of the essential Being.

Attention, Presence and Bearing are the triune scepter of the Master of the Heart.

When we exercise our Attention, focusing it on something, without imposing it, without contaminating the object on which it is focused with our personal and subjective interpretations, without obscuring it with our ignorance, with superficial interpretations that distort our understanding of its true nature, only then can we let it be what it is, and in this way be ourselves what we are.

In the absence of Attention, our perceptions are so imbued with absolutist personal meanings, monologues never truly experienced and even less verified, that we can be certain of their erroneousness. They are erroneous because they are the fruit of our lucubrations, of the distorting suggestions to which we are continually induced by mechanicalness, squandering a large part of our creative energy.

Generally, we do not see what is there, but only what we expect to be there. We must learn to perceive things as they are, not as our mind, feelings and impulses desire them to be.

This Bearing is not at all easy to develop. All in all, it only requires that we retrain our entire perceptive apparatus and the system with which we process information, and that we throw



away everything that by coercion, convention or convenience we wish to believe, that is, those roles that make us appear conformed and presentable on the stages of the worldly and socio-cultural nightmare that we call "life". What is stated here fears no denial, if the Power of Attention watches over our experience the Presence is without veil.

The doors that open the Heart to the reality of Being have no human connotations, however the price of Absolute intimacy with the Presence is being alone.



## SUPREME GOOD



If we nourish a powerful aspiration to awaken to true Life, then, using the potency of Presence, we must consciously submit ourselves at certain times to periodic annihilations, so that the limitations imposed by the egoic structure are slowly but surely eroded, diminished and finally transcended. It is understood that this is a process of *inner reconstruction*, which does not happen in a weekend seminar or a course of miracles, although Christ Himself presides over it.

The "*rememberer*" no longer seeks shortcuts, but rather from the trials inherent in every experience he learns to remain calm and alert in order to master possible reactions; exposed to the purifying radiations of the force of Love, he takes note of the resistances, denials, obsessions and inexplicable fears that inevitably try to limit and modify him. To know oneself is to be one with what is experienced, actively responsible for one's own experience.

Man is mistaken when he polarizes the action of Love to the sole concept of good. The *rememberer* is aware that the force of Love operates both in the light and in the darkness; his most arduous task is to remain focused on what is essential for the Work and what is not: this is his true good. Beyond the possible interpretations, it is certain that in every experience the force of Love is at work, always guiding the human towards a single goal, the Supreme Good.

*"As above so below, as within so without,  
there is but one Law and he who works is One."*

Hermes Trismegistus

## THE LIVING AND THE DEAD



Fresco from the Cathedral of Atri (Teramo)

The only thing that man should do assiduously is **to know himself**.

In the sleep of consciousness, Life flows inexorably, precedes us and succeeds us. In sleep everything is the same, everything flows repetitively, habitually, until death; there is no evolution, no solid transformation occurs without a conscious effort. Having a job or being unemployed, having a partner or being alone, being of one faith or another, makes no difference if one is prey to a daydream, although this is praised by society and flaunted by the dominant culture.

In the aware effort to awaken from the sleep of consciousness, in every single act directed to the Truth that animates us, we perceive the clear difference between the preconceived tendencies of the predatory, deficient and incomplete personality, and the intimate desire to be conscious of the true abundance and fullness of Life, which invites us to live, to be.

To escape from the global swamp in which humanity finds itself today, we must stop chasing the "dead" who believe themselves to be alive, and who do nothing but drag along the tired chromosomes of their ancestors. Hearing the call of the Spirit that dwells in each one of us, this is what matters.

Those, who have time, should not waste time.





*"Follow me and let the dead bury their dead".*

Matthew 8, 21

Inspired by the book "*Reality in Motion*" (Sei Altrove Edizioni)



## THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK



The main Purpose of our Work is to access a new state of Consciousness to develop, through practice and self-study, an incisive Power of transformation.

We must not forget that focused observation, patience, good will and a fair knowledge of one's vehicles (mental, emotional and physical) are indispensable qualities to begin any path towards self-knowledge.

It is very likely that at the beginning one does not possess a true Will, so one finds oneself at the mercy of pre-packaged patterns and of what the same external nature, governed by these models, allows one to do. Very often the superstructures of the personality allow us to become a cultured and successful person, to have social positions of responsibility, but never to acquire a real power that determines our internal states and the surrounding events corresponding to them.

In short, without contact with our inner Essence, we are not masters of our life, we never truly create our Reality because, locked in psychic cages, we are now victims and then executioners of our own idealizations, of our own automatisms that limit our true Divine power.

*Freedom is not something to be achieved, it is already in us; knowing ourselves is being it.*



## LIVING EXPERIENCE



The Inner Awakening of the Essence consists in the effort to be present to Life by learning to discriminate between the moments of actual Presence and those in which, immersed in a daydream, one is absent.

The *conscious effort* is the ruler with which to determine the difference between what we actually are and what we imagine to be.

If in a state of alert attention, we are able to feel the pulsating core of Life within us, this subtle difference manifests a renewed conscious energy, opening us to another consciousness capable of discerning between a hypnotic state and the effort necessary to get out of it. This experience is very powerful, and the resulting emptiness that is experienced often leaves one shocked.

Admitting that the Life with which I enter into a relationship is limited and governed by the mechanical and unconscious repetition of schematic and habitual concepts, at the beginning, can be truly destabilizing.

However, there is nothing to fear, since it is in this objectless emptiness that the personality dissolves to make room for the true Essence.

The state of Presence is a natural Magical act, it is Life as it is without interpretations, it is *living Experience*.

Excerpt from "*Synthesis and Fragments of Living Thought, vol. II: Reality in Motion*"



## THE OTHER REALITY



If we say that we are awake only in the moments of Presence, in which by watching our thoughts, we perceive our identifications, then we can also say that all the rest of the time we are absent, and therefore we sleep. When we are identified in the flow of associative thoughts, the automatic patterns of our psychophysical machine “think” and “act” in our place; we make decisions in sleep, we work in sleep, we study in sleep, we make love in sleep and our relationships with others and with the world are experienced as determining coincidences, associated with the flow of life. Only in the rare moments of watchfulness, we can grasp the difference that exists between the state of Consciousness in which we are present and the hypnotic state in which, by being identified in some behavioral model, we are sleeping.

The Work is essential to understand the difference between these two states of Consciousness that determine two essentially different realities; in one we are aware of being, in the other we imagine it.

excerpt from *Synthesis and Fragments of Living Thought, vol. II: Reality in Motion*



## INNER THIRST



The teaching of Tradition is not based on moral principles or metaphysical abstractions, nor on logical rules with which to rigidly pigeonhole existence: one must learn to give up these ways of understanding in order to access a more subtle level of perception. It is a path that presupposes the knowledge and inner development of the human being beyond any restrictive limit imposed by culture, religions, philosophies or scientific paradigms.

Since it is a predominantly empirical type of wisdom, the teaching cannot be transmitted according to the usual academic education system, but requires specific organisms responsible for this delicate and demanding function, which must take care of the individual in all his aspects without neglecting any: physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.

In ancient times, in different places and different cultures, there were specific entities that dealt with this, and they were held in high regard by the people for the delicate and fundamental task that was entrusted to them. Only a select few were allowed to cross its threshold, and they were certainly not selected based on their wealth or academic knowledge, but rather for their real "inner thirst".

In this era, education for competition clouds human relationships, the hunger for power quenches the inner thirst, making the Truth that exists beneath the surface of things inaccessible: *"Truth is always hidden from a superficial vision"*



## TRADITION AND RELIGION



In every religious teaching, the *external* layer is penetrated to reach the *internal* one.

Religious systems on the one hand describe the external image of the fulfilled human being (such as Christ or Buddha), but on the other hand they do not provide concrete tools for reaching the corresponding state of consciousness. Christianity says that we must love others but does not say how to do it; Buddhism says to empty the mind but does not say how to do it; and so on. Every religious institution says how we must be, but almost none says what we must concretely do to become that way.

In fact, simple personal will is not enough, and every effort based on a partial truth risks creating only forcing destined sooner or later to collapse, obscuring orientation and aspiration.

It must therefore be considered that within every external spiritual doctrine there is contained in a more or less hermetic form a more intimate and profound teaching, which in order to be deciphered and activated requires an uncommon receptivity and specific *interpretation keys* provided by *oral transmission* - from mouth to ear - which makes them visible through a process that is not only informative but mainly formative and applicative one.

*Traditional* teaching is able to fill the gaps present in conventional religions, revealing the meaning of a path that is generally described only in its appearance and rarely in its true



Essence.

Everyone is given the freedom to discern between one path or another.

*"Initiation is not communicable in the same way as that of a professor who in profane teaching communicates to his students formulas taken from books, formulas that they will only have to store in their memory; it is something that, in its very essence, is properly incommunicable, since they have been to be realized internally."*

Carl G. Jung



## INNER REALITY



The exoteric teachings of religion always speak of an external god or gods who govern the world we inhabit. Jehovah in Judaism, Brahman in Hinduism, Zeus in ancient Greece and Allah in Islam.

The focus is on the correct relationship with these gods, the forms of worship they invoke and the behavior that is convenient or inconvenient for them.

Even the "outer" meaning offers a moral code to which its community of believers must adhere with dedication and faith.

The outer meaning speaks of the external world, of the macro-cosmos. The inner meaning speaks of the human being, of the micro-cosmos. These two states of consciousness, specular and complementary, only if unified form the Cosmic Man, the *Ἄνθρωποκόσμος*.

When religious texts refer to a god as the highest power in the universe, the inner meaning refers to the inner deity, the highest power of Spirit within the human being.

When religious texts speak of a demon as an evil force, set on leading humanity astray, the inner meaning refers to human weaknesses, fears, imperfections, and bad habits in general.

When religious texts speak of justice and government, their inner meaning refers to self-mastery, self-government.

In other words, when you move from the outer meaning to the inner, you move from religion to transpersonal psychology, and from there to initiatory Science.





## I AM INSTINCT



The instinctive function of all species is fundamentally the same.

It is responsible for the survival, procreation and well-being of the organism. It governs all its physiological processes, such as breathing, digestion, circulation, homeostasis, etc.

Being a rudimentary consciousness, it formulates its priorities accordingly, even if these priorities are very often in conflict with the needs of the personality and even more so of the Essence. However, without the instinctive functions, our species would not meet the basic requirements for living and would risk extinction.

As it is well understood, the priorities of the instinctive function do not provide for inner emancipation for man. Instinct, in man as in animals, through consolidated habits and mechanical repetitions, performs its function of nature at its best and for millennia.

In the initiatory field, all efforts to transform the psychological structure and the attention to observe its functioning are hindered by the mechanical nature of the instinct of preservation, which to varying degrees inhibits and resists voluntary attempts at soulful progress.

In the absence of such understanding, any attempt at spiritual emancipation is doomed to oblivion.

*"The wise men and prophets of the most diverse ages have come to conclusions identical in substance, though dissimilar in form, on the fundamental and final truths, all following the same system of interior initiation."*

Schuré, "The Great Initiates"



## THE DIVINE GOAD



Esoteric self-knowledge leads to a complete change in all personal values; like a trusted mentor the awakened *Sophia* instructs and accompanies man towards "*other Heavens*".

The man who chooses his own interiority gives less and less space to the phenomenal illusion of the senses and to the suggestions of the mind; he, please, is turned with constituent attention to the essential things of Life, the only, living Reality.

The "Living" life is lived exclusively if the higher Self is in command of personal experience. An important step in this journey is to fully accept that personality is but a very limited phase of human experience and that true existence is never immediately involved in it; identified in the personal structure, existence can only be idealized.

Many are content to live the idea of life they have inherited, others instead wonder about what lies behind the veil of appearances, and until they find the answer to their whys they suffer from the "*Divine discontent*" that has always urged man to search "*beyond the line of the sky*".  
.. Then, what is Man?



## A MYSTERICAL 2024



For a Mystic, every answer suggests a new question, and the unknown stands perpetually before him in an infinite panorama of relativity... an infinite gray landscape of constantly indeterminate values sanctions every possible experience.

The reality is that all of us, including the most expert investigators of the Absolute, are products of the common mentality and the vilest reality of consensus. Consensus offers belonging and this sanctions the norms of compromise.

Compromise is split, corruption of authenticity, a yardstick by which one measures oneself and by which one is measured. The false sense of independence, of exclusivity, imposes adherence and loyalty to contemporary idols, worldly models to which one is either devoted or tries to escape.

Our views and beliefs have been programmed into us by those who have always been the first to grab the torches and set fire to the manor. Every ideal personal construction can be shattered by the rules exercised by the imposing judgment of the dominant system, which is never outside of us, but which dwells within each of us. Every form of refusal, or array, with the citadel of power leads to blind love, conflict, separation, suffering. This is the kind of cultural poison against which the mysterious magic of the *madmen* is a possibility and a remedy.

We are madmen, but born in the crowd and raised by the crowd; and if, for some reason, we don't feel compelled to fall in line, to shop at the mall, to wear the latest fashion craze, to scream hysterically at every competitive sporting event, to get excited or obediently moved by every cloying media, religious, political or patriotic assembly, we risk being mercilessly dragged by the hair and torn apart before we can make peace with the judicious god praised by the herdsmen... that jealous, vindictive guy with the long white beard who takes over when Santa Claus goes away.



For a Mystic, every answer suggests a new question, and the unknown is perpetually before him in an infinite panorama of relativity... an infinite gray landscape of constantly indeterminate values sanctions every possible experience. The "Kingdom" is always within reach.

The mystical Vision is a Possibility, it is the window open on Reality, it is the Balm for blindness, it is the colorless Fire that annihilates the space of variants. The Mystic is the son of Truth, he is the one who in the aspiration to authenticity renounces the ideological limit of the crowds. Like a dart, he hurls himself against his own Sun, like a miner he scans his own Earth, like a diver he immerses himself in his own Being.

A true Mystic defines himself as a *residual man*. He carries few things with him, only the essential. Without ties, by renunciation or necessity, he sets out resolutely in the direction of the *Sun of Suns*, crossing metropolises of worn-out ideas, of ruined religions, among the corpses of false masters, near vestiges of what has been and is natural not to return. Stateless, he is the son of the Moment. Mad, he is the Father and Mother of his own Madness.

Mysticism is the expression of one who is the bearer of what remains of the human being in the true sense, after the era of the human has given way to inhumanity. Incorruptible, he is the guardian of that which in Man cannot be further reduced, compromised, negotiable, transferable, under penalty of losing his own humanity. A Mystic is one who, by circumstance or by choice, chooses the power of the impersonal over the power of the melodramatic roles that hypnotized crowds yearn for.

The Work of a Mystic is not a stable and repetitive thing, it changes constantly and has many forms. Although availability may vary, and the form of the Work may change radically over time, its nature never changes, however much many may fall into the trap of convention, devoting their entire working lives to dead forms of the past.

*The fabric of Reality is woven in the Face of the Beloved.*

When a teaching dies before completing its task, another appears, which completes what was left unfinished. The perennial Tradition is the golden thread that weaves the plot of every possible Teaching.

A man's work ends at sunset; the Work of a Mystic never ends.

*The Mystic is not completely crazy, when he wants to land on the Sun, he lands at night...*

*A Mystical 2024 therefore resonates  
in the Heart of every Sun-eyed madman.*



## A ROSE FROM ELSEWHERE - PART I



The Rose from Elsewhere is composed of 8 concentric corollas enclosed in a circle, which interpenetrate and blossom into 8 smaller petals, each of a different color. Both the corollas and the petals converge at the center of the circle, integrating into a single point. The opening of the petals is enclosed in a second circle where, by communion, an octagonal geometry is inscribed. The Rose from Elsewhere is apparently still, but in reality it is always in motion and in accordance with the cycles of the universe, since it reflects two essential eternal movements: the projection of the interior towards the exterior and of the center towards the circumference, and vice versa. The 8 colors make up a musical octave, and each color in turn contains its own octave. The 9 octaves, conceived in a circular triplet, vibrate the rhythm of the eternal experience of the Absolute. Blossoming from the central seed, the Rose expands in the circle on multiple dimensions and geometrically generates a triangle, a square, a cross and a pyramid from which, to the attentive eye, the 5 solids that structure the formal reality of the universe are revealed. The *summa* of the Rose, guided by intuition, leads to the numerical quintessence sacred to the Initiates and therefore to the cosmic completeness of the divine Man.

The Rose from Elsewhere animates the one who remembers to be a vibrant fire in this world and who aspires, burning with its fire, to make the Roses bloom on his own Cross.





## **The Hermetic Rose Superior Alchemy**

In Western esotericism, the rose has become over the centuries one of the most significant emblems of the manifestation of the Divine. In fact, observing its best-known structure, its symbolic graphic representation, we see that the flower from a center widens, expanding outwards with numerous petals and concentric corollas. Through this splendid flower, nature represents to us the emanation of the Absolute, which for alchemical hermeticism is a field of constant energy and creativity, but indeterminate and indefinite, given that such energy and creativity is Eternal and Infinite.

In religions, the rose symbolizes the Mother fertilized by the Father, who generated the Son through the Holy Spirit. In alchemy, the symbol of the black rose is synonymous with the Cosmic Mother, the First Matter, the Mother Substance condensed from an unmanifest metaphysical state to a real manifest one, by the intelligent spirit of an Absolute Principle. The motionless Thought of the Absolute is the potential of the matrix, venerated in ancient times also as the Black Virgin, whose emanation of a fertile and dark protean chaos creates multiple forms and structures, similar to the countless varieties of roses with various colors and scents. In the graphic representation of the rose we find another important element: the circle, which encloses the petals and corollas and represents the multiple planes of manifestation of the One. The esoteric tradition represents the whole of the One and the All with the circular labyrinth. Alchemical hermeticism compares the Absolute to a circle, whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere. Contemporary physics also affirms something similar: a single universal force, the unified field of the four forces (in esotericism the four Powers of the divine Mother) that determine all the phenomena of the world, namely the gravitational force, the electromagnetic force, the weak nuclear force and the strong nuclear force. It would be an intelligent network of synchronous interactions, both between the subatomic particles of matter and between the celestial bodies in the cosmos.

This Universal Mind is represented by the convolutions of the labyrinth, which by analogy resemble those of the neural network of a brain and the grid of the energy flow of the cosmos.

One of the most important Rosicrucian symbols depicts five roses, one in the center of the cross and one on each arm. In fact, Five is the number that symbolizes the qualities of the Initiate, represented by the five-pointed star, the distinctive sign of the Sons of Hermes or alchemists. This numerical symbol is represented in Pythagorean science and also by Leonardo's Vitruvian Man, who passes from the crucifixion of the ordinary man in the Four, in the four gross elements of matter, to his liberation in the Five, in the alchemical quintessence, which transmutes the square of matter into the circle of the Absolute: it is the "squaring of the circle". The roses on the cross are the allegory of individual existence aimed at spiritual research, existence that faces the mortifying ordeal of the cross or the processing in the alchemical crucible to be refined in the elements of Earth, Water, Air and Fire, through necessary tests of purification of life represented by the thorns of the rose.



In the Greek and Roman world, the rose is associated with the myth of Aphrodite and the hunter Adonis. This myth tells us about those who are prey to sexual impulses and greedy for material goods, exploiting nature for selfish purposes with arrogance and insensitivity, but who through the rejection of the lower nature can transform the profane love of the material sphere into divine and otherworldly love. Aphrodite, lover of the young hunter, can do nothing to save him from death caused by the attack of a wild boar, traditional symbol of the spiritual order that violently destroys the material order. In helping her dying beloved, Aphrodite wounds herself with brambles from which, soaked in her blood, red roses bloom. Zeus, moved by the goddess's pain and delighted by the sublime flower, allows Adonis to lie for only four months in Hades and to live four months in the world of the living and for another four wherever he would have preferred (3 times 4). For this reason, the red rose becomes a symbol of sublimated love that conquers the death of the soul identified in ordinary life, an emblem and symbol of spiritual Rebirth.

In the Egyptian world, the rose is a sacred flower to the goddess Isis, in Mesopotamia to Ishtar, in Anatolia to Cybele. These deities represent the Great Mother and the return to prenatal origins, that is, the backward process of initiatory death necessary for a radical spiritual regeneration, through a resetting of the pollution and conditioning attributable to the existential events to which every human being is subject by spiritual choice.

In Apuleius's *The Golden Ass*, the protagonist of the first initiatory novel in literature is transformed into a donkey by the spell of a sorceress, who represents the great illusion of the





influences of the external world, and regains human form by eating a crown of vermilion roses offered to him by the high priest of Isis.

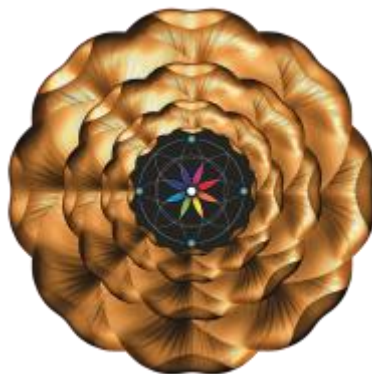
In the archaic esoteric tradition, the crown of roses or the rose garden are the path of man who, through a series of tests, is reborn from the initiatory point of view and experiences a non-ordinary reality through the integration of Body, Soul and Spirit.

Among other things, the rose is often represented in magical pentacles, in pagan, mystical and cabalistic rituals. Medieval alchemists inherited the symbolism of the rose from the Greco-Alexandrian culture and often included its image in their treatises, which refers to the Rose Garden or Rosary of the Philosophers.

The white rose, sometimes replaced by the symbol of the white swan, the lily or the pelican, indicates the philosopher's stone that is not yet perfect and is associated with the Minor Mysteries, that is, the result of the intermediate phase of the alchemical Work, the White Work or Albedo in Latin, concrete and accessible with the processing and purification of the elements Earth and Water, through the interaction of the opposite elements Air and Fire. This operation is called the Black Work or *Nigredo*.

The red rose with the Major Mysteries indicates the perfect philosopher's stone and therefore the outlet in the Great Work, the result of the phase called Red Work or *Rubedo*, accessible thanks to the processing and purification of the elements Air and Fire, through the interaction of the elements Earth and Water, already previously sublimated with *Albedo*.

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## A ROSE FROM ELSEWHERE - PART II



Several hermetic images represent seven roses, or a rose that has corollas with seven petals. The number Seven recalls, among many things, the alchemical metals or planetary archetypes. They are Lead, linked to Saturn, Tin, linked to Jupiter, Mercury, linked to Mercury, Copper, linked to Venus, Silver, linked to the Moon, and finally Gold, linked to the Sun and all the qualities associated with it.

Often the alchemical rose is depicted surrounded by bees flying around it, since the symbol of the bee represents the industrious virtue and therefore also the alchemical operation for the extraction from the raw matter of the Quintessence, which is associated with the production of honey. For this reason, alchemists are also called the "honey collectors". The flower is often depicted supported by a vertical stem with two horizontal branches perpendicular to the stem, forming the four arms of the cross, which represents the crucible where the four elements can be sublimated to transform into a fifth element of the metaphysical plane: the *Quintessence*.

The different corollas of the alchemical roses recall the different states of energy, or the different levels of perception and awareness of the researcher, which can be experienced during the Transmutation Work. In internal alchemy, one of the first transformations is the shifting of the ordinary self from the superficial and inconsistent layers of the façade personality to the internal, permanent, significant ones. This process crumbles the masks of an identified, alienated, incomplete personality projected into an idealized, changeable and illusory reality, revealing the authentic face of man who, thanks to the experience of a new perception and attention directed within himself, grasps the broad sensitivity of the purified soul that emerges from the folds of the personality and moves to the level of a broader Consciousness.

The alchemical search within matter or its path within man in the world is represented in the initiatory world by **Hecate**, "**She who holds the keys to the cosmos**".

Goddess of the Underworld or of the deep and unknown dimensions, she reigns over evil demons, the dark night, the moon, ghosts, the dead and Necromancy. Hecate is the Power force that science defines as "dark energy" (*energy dark matter*), the esotericists Shakti, the

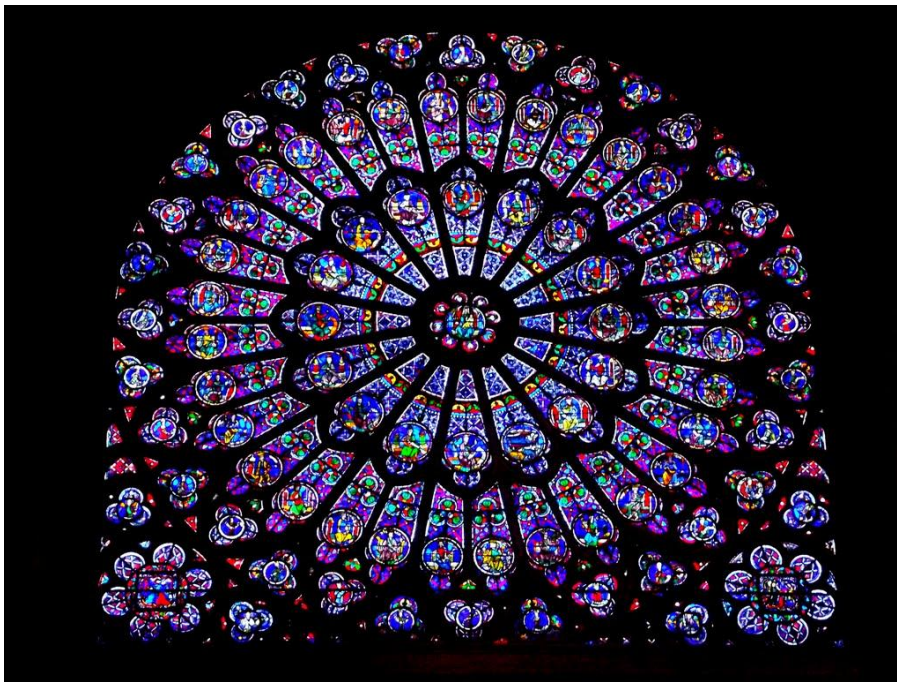
Hindus Kali and the occultists *cellular consciousness*. This goddess of pre-Indo-European origin is generally represented in triple form, celestial, terrestrial and marine, with her head encircled by a garland of five-petaled roses which perhaps makes it the most ancient structure of this flower.

The five-rose crowns recall the number Five which follows Four, the number of completion in the material phenomenal world. Therefore, the number Five marks the beginning of a new cycle of synthesis in the dimension of pure intensity, analogous to the eight-petalled compass rose which expresses in its mean a complexity superior to the four cardinal points by overcoming the simple finite material dimension.



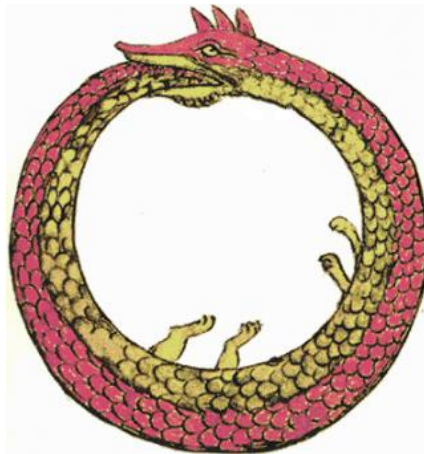
In its many varieties, the red rose also represents the cup capable of collecting, symbol of the Holy Grail, the renewed blood of the alchemist. The blue alchemical rose, which does not exist in nature, indicates an impossible result contrary to alchemical practice, which must conquer nature only according to nature. Instead, when it is pink in analogy with the Latin term *ros*, which means "dew", the flower is a symbol of the distillation of the raw material carried out in three phases: first with overheating, then with cooling and finally through the condensation of its subtle vapors until obtaining its quintessences. The pink rose is the hieroglyph of those who have enriched their corporeality and their psyche, like the dew spread on the grass in the months of April and May and collected by alchemists for their operations. In fact, the spring dew is enriched by the golden brightness of the dawn, it is the condensate that contains the fertile richness of the salts that have risen from the depths of the earth mixed with the active ferments condensed in the sky and then descended to the earth. The rose is also a symbol of the wheel of time, of the wheel of the Zodiac, of the energy of the spirit that manifests itself in creation in a continuous cyclical movement. These esoteric meanings remind us of the architectural element of the rose window, made both in perforated stone and with painted

glass, which we find in Romanesque and Gothic buildings. These rose windows are related to the circle, which also represents perfection, since all the points of the circumference have the same distance from the center of the geometric figure. They are based on Mesopotamian, Syrian and Coptic models, and even older ones, with the meaning of the wheel of the sun and the cyclical process of nature, which through four seasons and twelve months causes vegetation to be born, die and be reborn. They also refer to the Platonic harmony of the spheres, to the celestial revolution of the planets and the signs of the zodiac, with their influence on the life of man. In the Middle Ages the central rose window of churches was called Rota, "wheel" in Latin, and is the alchemical hieroglyph of the Fire of the Wheel. In alchemy, the Fire of Rota is the time required to process the raw material in the crucible: a repeated series of heating and cooling processes, twelve laboratory operations coinciding with the signs of the zodiac, called in esotericism the "twelve labours of Hercules", which by analogy recall the path of perfection in Man.



In the architectural allegory of the initiatory journey, the main rose window is generally positioned on the western facade of the church above the entrance, as a point of connection between the sacred and the profane. It indicates the starting point of human consciousness that, entering the sacred building, turns its back on the material world to look at the point of arrival, the altar oriented towards the East, where the Light arises and the union with the Absolute can take place. There are then various types of rose windows and each has its own specific esoteric meaning: with 6 petals it is associated with the seal of Solomon, with 7 petals it indicates the energies of the fundamental archetypes used in the Work, with 8 petals it represents the regeneration that leads to infinity, with 12 petals the Zodiac with the twelve fixed typologies of the emanation of the Absolute, with 24 petals the nocturnal and diurnal cycle of the sun and also the Work in black and the subsequent Work in white of the alchemists.

The rose windows are only apparently immobile, since in reality they are always in motion and in accordance with the cycles of the universe, which reflect two essential eternal movements: that of the projection of the inside towards the outside, of the center towards the circumference, and vice versa. This is well symbolized by the alchemical serpent Uroboros, which with its head eats its tail, so that the end of a cycle coincides with the beginning of the same.



The rose is the emblem of the courtly love of the Troubadours: in the Romance of the Rose we arrive at the vision of the mysterious tabernacle of the Garden of Love of spiritual Chivalry, which makes selfless Service to others the fundamental practice. The mystical rose is described in the Divine Comedy in the last canticle of Paradise, where Dante is accompanied by Beatrice





and can finally contemplate it. But Beatrice is none other than the angelic woman of the Fedeli d'Amore, an esoteric group of men of letters who through symbolic poetry secretly express hermetic concepts, forbidden by the Church at the time. The alchemical rose is a constant theme in past and recent painting and literature.

All mystics who aspire to the realization of the Self are children of the Rose, and the spiritual alchemy of the Rose is one of the Three Ways of Fire that is particularly interested in this field of experimentation. The perennial Tradition is expressed in the Triple Way of Fire favoring the qualifications of each one, and is arranged on three operational lines: Alchemy is the way of the Fire of Life, the Love of Beauty is the way of the

Omni-pervading Fire and the way of traditional Metaphysics is Colorless Fire.

The Self is what is most True in us and in fact represents the Imago Dei, the kingdom of God within us. From the psychological point of view, the Self can be considered as the experience of the Spirit within us. It constitutes what could be defined as the highest intensity of life. And it is following the progressive expansion of the field of consciousness that our inner Self can tend towards the Self, whose ultimate experience is the reintegration of the soul into Unity. And it is precisely this progression that the Initiates of the Rose refine themselves in daily life through three symbolic phases, learning from the living experience on themselves to expand into cosmic consciousness.

### ***1 - The Rose is the symbol of the spiritual Aspiration to Self-Realization***

In short, the inner path can be symbolized by the opening of the rose on the cross. This is why it is considered one of the symbols of this process of change, of this alchemical transmutation, like other similar symbols such as the diamond, the lotus flower, the golden sphere, the golden seed, the white light. We can find these archetypes in revelatory dreams, in the great myths of





humanity, in some traditional children's stories, but also in alchemical manuscripts or in the arcana of the initiatory Tarot, for example. However, let us remember that it is not enough to dream wonderful symbols or read the Tarot to be realized: these symbols or archetypal situations are above all to be considered as an encouragement and express a deep yearning to surpass oneself, not for the end of a process, but for a new beginning and a new turn of the "spiral". The opening of the Rose with its many petals can translate this Aspiration, showing that new goals must be reached and that the impossible always contains an intimate Possibility.

## ***II - The Rose as a symbol of "knowing how to give" and "knowing how to receive"***

*The rose can be perceived as a wonderful symbol of the harmonization between knowing how to give and knowing how to receive.*

Many wise men have insisted on this need to balance within us the ability to give and the ability to receive. This balance results from a harmonious movement, from an alliance between these two components, a movement that constitutes a dynamic between the exterior and the interior of ourselves. In everyday life, of course, we do not select the "knowing how to give" from the "knowing how to receive". Our psyche is made up of active or masculine energy, and passive or feminine energy. Masculine energy represents our capacity for dynamic action in the world: thinking, planning, speaking, moving for example. For men, as for women, it is the emissivity of male energy that allows action (dynamic emissive function), and "knowing how to give" participates in this process. Female energy instead represents our most intuitive part, that interior door that can open to welcome, manage, conserve, conceive. For men, as for women, it is receptivity (the receptive function), and "knowing how to receive" participates in this welcoming process. Taking the symbol of the Rose, we can observe that it has a central core from which the petals emanate. From this center everything unfolds as if in the rose there were both a gathering around the central point and a starry radiation emanating from the center. On the one hand, the energies coming from the outside, passing through the different petals and gathering at the center of the rose, represent in some way the "**knowing how to receive**" (from the outside to the inside, the phenomenon of internalization). On the other hand, the energies that start from the inside, from the center of the rose, spreading through the petals and opening towards the outside represent our "**knowing how to give**" (from the inside to the outside, the phenomenon of externalization). All this simultaneously represents the interior concentration and the union with the external world. This movement is analogous in the process of individual and collective evolution: knowing how to receive and knowing how to give. It may be useful to remember what these two concepts consist of in ordinary psychology.

*Knowing how to receive:* not everyone knows how to receive or be receptive because "**we are sick of receiving**". Receiving gifts, pleasant reflections, compliments, loving considerations: even if it may seem surprising, many cannot stand these attentions. Receiving also means receiving questions, different opinions, new ideas, sometimes uncomfortable indications.



Most human beings have a defensive attitude towards others and towards life in general, so when faced with what seems unknown to them, they immediately say no. There are very few who are truly open to difference and change, and this attitude is the cause of the difficulties of contemporary society, characterized by the massive intolerance in which it finds itself. The lack of tolerance is an ancestral fear, a closure, it is the smallness, the narrowness, it is the no that blocks the energy of receiving. Knowing how to give is nothing other than the reflection of knowing how to receive, so, just as we are infirm in knowing how to receive, so we are infirm in knowing how to give. Just as the rose can receive the light and the heat of the sun without reserve, so it can give its perfume and its splendor without depriving itself of anything. The balance of everyday life lies in this *harmony*, or if you prefer, *justice*, taught by the rose, this flexible and authentic adaptation in "knowing how to give" and "knowing how to receive" simultaneously. What we have said about the rose, we can apply to the symbol of the Rose blooming on the Cross. The cross is in some way our daily life, that is, a set of experiences to live, with its vertical arm symbol of spirituality, the horizontal arm symbol of materiality and their meeting point where the rose blooms, opening itself to the Essence of all things. We can reconnect to what was said above about "knowing how to receive" and "knowing how to give", since materially and spiritually we receive from the outside influences, elements, information, energies that after having circulated on the arms of the cross meet in the essential nucleus, the rose, which in turn emanates in a radiation that spreads along the arms of the cross, impacting on our concrete life experience.

Let us not forget that what is valid for an individual is also valid for a group of individuals, a group that can be a city, a nation and therefore the entire planet.

### **III - The rose as a symbol of the opening of the heart**

Let us keep this image of the rose, symbol of the opening of the heart, and in particular the image of the heart of the ordinary man who, like a bud, asks for nothing more than to open up and express all of his divine magnificence. As if he, although intoxicated by external influences, in his inner journey allowed the essential to blossom within himself. This essential presumably passes through the path of the heart and inner regeneration. The heart can be considered as the central symbol of this path because it indicates how important it is for man to know how to love at all levels of his Being. Knowing how to love opens many doors that essentially lead to True Knowledge; in this regard an Egyptian Gnostic wrote:

*"You, the Children of the Knowledge of the Heart".*

The cardiac center, seat of the heart, is one of the 7 centers of consciousness present in man. All 7 centers have their importance and the whole must be harmonized so that the energetic circulation can occur, from the top to the bottom and vice versa, from the inside to the outside and vice versa. Among the 7, the cardiac center has an interesting place, whether we start from the top or the bottom it is always the fourth. Its central place between the bottom

and the top gives it a special role because the opening of the heart favors the expansion of the other 3 higher centers and exerts a concrete pacification on the other 3 lower centers.



We can add that the more we expand Consciousness, or in other words, the more enlightened we are within our Being, the more we will be able to serve others and share with them those elements of metaphysical understanding, knowledge and revelation that we have become by assimilating them. In fact, the more this cosmic communion is refined, the more we can love and serve naturally and without burdens, since helping with an effort of personal will is still influenced to some extent by the concept of power and therefore by identification with ignorance. The opening of the heart, that is, this rose that opens little by little within us, initiates us onto the Path of Love for Beauty. This path, being a bearer of love, goes beyond the simple path of intellectual knowledge. It tends towards a deeper integration of the being to which it grants an expansion of the field of consciousness and sometimes an opening to the overconscious that can be translated as a spiritual aspiration of interior communion that induces us to become conscious of the sensation of universality of unity. Now, we find this simplicity of heart, this inner warmth in the Western initiatory Tradition, in all the great





civilizations and cultures of which we have memory. The rose and the cross, through their different symbolic meanings, propose that we keep these Qualities intact as much as possible even during difficult experiences, and perhaps even more so in these. The Initiates know that living these passages is part of the very field of Initiation, and that adversities can be both individual and collective, but all must be considered significant, that is, **integral with meaning**. An adage says:

*When you commit yourself to a path, ask yourself if that path has a heart.*

We all, at different levels, feel that man must reconcile himself with his heart. Intelligence without a heart, science without awareness, produce planetary situations like the current one, with our societies that are both too superficial, analytical and emotionally immature and contracted and cold in depth. The opening of the heart can give a meaning and another point of view to the discoveries of the intellect, to daily life, and the heart, purified in the alchemical sense of the term, becomes capable of seeing what is in its Essence. A poet in a surreal vision would say:

*"What is a pure heart if not that eye capable of looking at all things, without projections, without associations, with that quality of innocence that makes the joyful world reflect in itself as in clear water?"*

The symbolism of the rose, therefore, is an immediate fact of total consciousness, that is, of the man who discovers himself as such, and becomes aware of his part in the universe. These primordial discoveries are such that the same symbolism determines both the activity of the subconscious (the activities of the ordinary man) and the noblest expressions of the supramental life (our Divine part). A triangle, whose apex is inscribed in a circle, is the symbol of such magnificence. We have seen three symbolic points concerning the rose in an esoteric approach, therefore a triad, or a triangle if you like, with: the rose as a symbol of the spiritual desire for the realization of the Self; the rose as a symbol of "knowing how to give" and "knowing how to receive"; the rose as a symbol of the opening of the heart. Three symbolic points that favor the profound perception of unity. Three in One.

Unity through Love and Knowledge helps to build new values.

The symbol of the Rose invites us to all this, which radiates in the spiritual sense of the term, but also in the psychological sense with the changes in values and behaviors that this induces in the world of thought and, of course, in the daily sense with the practical, concrete, pragmatic applications in everyday life. It can be said that the spiritual path and the depth psychology that refers to it (that is, the one that takes into account the metaphysical dimension) introduce the concept of an inner journey. Each one has within himself a particle of the cosmic immensity, of infinity, and tries to find within himself this possible harmony with the Cosmic, with the Immanence of *Him* and the Transcendence of *That*.

The inner journey consists in finding ourselves completely in this alchemical marriage, in this unification that brings us back to the starting point, but with a broader awareness and with the multiple experiences that will have marked our lives as necessary stages. The initiatory path is

an immense journey of Love. It is an immense poem of Love for the life lacking the Absolute, a journey between the planes of awareness that cross the daily life, which remains our true Laboratory, to discover step by step the Sacred Reality of Light in us.

*We are of terrestrial nature and within this nature  
we must discover our celestial existence.*



The Initiatory Tradition is based on the fact that the resources of wisdom, love and knowledge are hidden in the depths of the being and it is precisely these that will develop significantly when they are allowed to express themselves fully. In the scientific world of contemporary psychology, more and more scholars admit this reality, hence the attempts at psychological or psychotherapeutic models with a spiritual purpose to respond to the current needs of man.

*"This will be, in our opinion, the way of the future, to restore to the transcendent faculties of the human soul their dignity and their social function by reorganizing them with the help of science and on universal bases open to all truths.*

*Then regenerated science will arrive, with open eyes, to those spheres in which speculative philosophy wanders blindfolded and groping. Yes, science will become clairvoyant and redeeming to the extent that the consciousness and love of humanity increase in it".*

Edouard Schuré

Then the rose, whose importance needs no demonstration, will be an authentic symbol of the highest form of consciousness and spiritual education. What more could we desire for humanity in this century than to see it expand its field of consciousness and its capacity for love?

The rose is the Flower of the Wise and during their mystical marriages the red rose was given



to the King and the white rose to the Queen. The Flower of the Wise is a symbol of the Heart that Serves with devotion the expansion of Consciousness.

*"For he who believes with his heart is justified.*

Romans 10,10

*Dedicated to the Children of the Rose*





## THE WAY OF THE ROSE



The blossoming of the principle of Love in us implies the death of the ordinary, or empirical separative, self; and this act, it must be reiterated, is not for everyone. Or rather, not everyone is qualified (although everyone potentially is) nor willing to understand and transcend the collective illusion to find themselves in the sphere of the inner Self (...)

*"Do not give holy things to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and, turning around, tear you to pieces"*

Mt, VII-6

The "Way of the Rose" is useful only to those who truly want to fill their empty wineskins, having understood that they possess, at the beginning, only their own Aspiration.

You cannot offer what you do not have, most hope and believe they are giving what they do not have. We are at war with each other because we are at war with ourselves. Do not seek, therefore, to transform others, but work with discipline to transform yourselves. He who asserts that Order can be established without first realizing it in individuals, is far from having understood the determining cause of human conflict.



## **BETWEEN SAYING AND DOING: CONSTITUENT CHOICES FOR THE NEW ERA**



An important question divides the consciousness of men today; a question to which two opposite interpretations are given.

Is our Western society, and its culture now spread throughout much of the globe, going through a period of "readjustment" in its progressive path towards an increasing and efficient demonstration of the ability to control the environment, satisfy its most hidden desires and, last but not least, technically improve its genetic possibilities; or, is it facing disintegration and collapse because it has failed to realize what it was potentially capable and destined to realize, abusing the powers and possibilities that the new evolutionary development of its mind had released?

Everything we do and think now and in the years to come depends on which of the two modes of interpretation we, individually and collectively, consider correct. The way in which we evaluate our traditional way of life, our deepest responses to the social and political events and trends in which we live these days, and even the basic psychological attitudes on which our spiritual beliefs are based, all of this and our planning for the years to come, depends on how we instinctively or intuitively answer the above question.

Also, it is evidently possible to believe that humanity is still capable of counteracting what



many today feel to be a powerful tendency toward various kinds of disintegration and dehumanization, and that, through an almost sudden "change of mind," perhaps as a result of some divine, or even alien, intervention, our society can fundamentally renew itself without having to experience a total collapse.

When we speak of Western society, we do not refer to the individual human beings who live in this society. When a society collapses, as has happened many times in the past, many of the human beings who are born and die influenced by its archetypes and its concrete institutions suffer irremediably; but for those who survive, this collapse of the established power that has governed their lives, their thoughts often coercing their feelings, to the point of disposing of their body, can reveal itself as a liberation, or in any case a collective catharsis of great value.

A "global crisis" of this magnitude, at various degrees of experience, cannot fail to profoundly affect individual and collective consciousness, calling into question both ethical and moral and therefore essential values.

Everything has a meaning.

Death is implicit in life, and life in death. What is sad is that death often comes after much suffering, yet existential crises may be necessary to repolarize our consciousness away from the failures of our idea of life and the limitations of our corporeal existence. Likewise, the tragedy of revolution, defeat or disaster may be necessary to "force" the people of a particular declining society to realize that they have held on too long and too stubbornly to material existential values and religious, cultural and social institutions that have become almost empty shells. This is especially inevitable when a frightened aristocracy or middle class, confronted with profound changes in its social, economic, cultural and religious models, projects onto the stage leaders who, rigidly opposing the great flow of human and planetary evolution, and cementing around themselves an inert mass of human fears and invalid hopes, are able to use power over the multitudes in a deceptive and negative way. Eventually the dam of lies and deceit is bound to collapse. In the evolutionary process there are countless paths: and this is the tragic path.

Death in any context it is experienced means Rebirth. We can take a positive attitude, we can opt for rebirth, as "seed men and women" on whom to rest the tragic burden of the paternity of a new culture, not tomorrow, but the day after many other tomorrows. We can open our entire Being to the "vision" of the Archetypes and to the powerful forces that call for a new culture and civilization.

These powers are not far away, they are the dormant talents of our very Essence. They are not outside our mind and our heart, if our mind is clear and free from prejudice and our heart is lightened by discouragement, obsolete values, and fear of tomorrow. These lashing winds of renewal have been imagined by few, but dreamed by many. However, those few dreamers are already on the horizon of our consciousness and open the doors for those who aspire to a prosperous and equitable world, renewed in the fundamental spirit of life.

All we need to "be" is to have the courage to see and no longer take anything for granted.



We are children of the Truth called to follow the Way of Life to be "Alive". Imagining a new world is the prerogative of dreamers and fools, and being the Work of the pure of Heart for now it is destined for a few.

*"No one take my life waay from me, but I lay it down by myself"*

John 10, 18



## BUILDING THE FUTURE



*"Who then will be of help in the days of the Battle?  
He who, already patient, wears the armor of courage.  
You know well how indispensable it is, on certain treacherous steps.*

*Faced with the alternative of choosing between a safe path and a dangerous one,  
the ardent heart will certainly decide for the second".*

Agni Yoga - Heart

In the world, a large part of Humanity proceeds disoriented, confused, prey to astral illusions and with limited capacity for discernment, without the ability to read events and understand the general meaning of what is happening in the world and why it is happening.

He thinks it is more urgent to take care of his own little garden, of physical and emotional survival and of the problems connected to the contingent, forgetting how to build a new Possibility, the Future, which due to uncontrolled fears is not contemplated, since it would require radical changes that instead it fears.





We are witnessing an apparent decay of consciousness, we do not accept that contemporary man is prey to a marked emotional immaturity and an evident ontic deficiency, but it is essential not to let ourselves be discouraged by the reading of daily events and by the insistent and often shouted negative interpretation that is fed to us by the prophets of consumerism and also by those of misfortune.

We are at the dawn of a new Civilization and we find ourselves at the moment of transition between a culture built on divisions and differences and one that will have to unify them. A new world is rising before our eyes, habitually still half-closed and inattentive, asking us for new and yet ancient ways to cultivate that interior space of consciousness, the only one that can truly build in harmony with Life.

The first step to take is therefore to learn to see Reality for what it is, without being too influenced by external events, seeking the Beauty, the Truth and the Good that Humanity is building, therefore taking a position among the ranks of those who work for the common good and the future of Humanity. We must not fear our imperfection, because in this there is change, impermanence, development and evolution, and from it propagates that tension of Consciousness that leads to fullness: it is the gaze turned towards the Celestial Lover, complete and perfect in itself, that pushes us gradually towards a new world, where the superior Laws are reflected in the best way on this earth to guide Humanity.

When one takes responsibility for the journey towards the individual goal, the Vision that opens to the awakened consciousness shows that this goal can be shared and built together with other men and women who, called to action, use "hands and feet", "will and heart", to build the New world that resonates to the notes of Unity-Love and Intelligence-Knowledge, since they are supported by right thinking and right acting.

All these energies-forces require the Builders of the Future to have the ability to discriminate, to adapt intelligently, to have vision and to take on a clear and determined responsibility. This is in fact a moment of transition and reorientation, which proves to be preparatory to the achievement of the goal of the individual and of all humanity. What has been said may certainly seem inaccessible to some, and certainly relative to many.

To these people we can still suggest, with unshakable confidence, that the inaccessible is the door to pass through to Be and that the relative has always been a prelude to the Absolute.

The Work is accomplished through the fires of Will and Knowledge.

*The true Initiates, immortal, tower over History.*

taken from «A Dive from the Depths - The Inexhaustible Source»



## SEEDS OF A NEW CIVILIZATION



In the current global-existential crisis, science and technology have achieved, at least potentially, the goal of influencing the masses and appearing as a perfect instrument of power, so far functional and indisputable, capable of directing the destiny of individuals by dictating the new rules of a new transhumanist and globalizing society. To this end, the current technocratic models have developed, efficiently and effectively, the necessary tools to ensure that every man, whether voluntarily enslaved or not, is forced to bow to the effigy of the "new global religion", so as to preclude any possibility of becoming fully aware of the potential of life and no longer being master of the flow of his thoughts and the government of his actions.

But it is precisely these same tools, so far used to influence and manipulate entire populations, that will deny the fatuous hope they have evoked, highlighting the true purpose of those who have obsessively pursued and flaunted them.

***"If this science that will bring great advantages to man, does not serve man to understand himself, it will end up turning against man"***, Bruno prophesied a few centuries ago.

This empirical and analytical knowledge of which we are so proud, our inventiveness oriented towards materialism and comfort and its rich social rewards, our determination to seek power by destroying life and matter, rather than adapting to the energies of Nature, while the sailboat simply adapts to the wind, this entire methodology of contemporary science is responsible for both the success and the failure that will inevitably come true.

Successful conquests cannot be separated from the use that man in general has made of them through finance, religion and politics, from the motive of profit or the thirst for social power,



from class domination and the needs deriving from our particular philosophical and religious approach to existence, from life cemented in the city, from the evolutionist spirit to the detriment of biodiversity, and from all types of interpersonal and group relationships aimed at the sole purpose of "consuming" and using without criteria the resources of our fertile nurse and Mother: the Universe.

What we can and must do instead for the survival of our authenticity and for the affirmation of our Essence is to understand this undeniable fact and realize an irrevocable separation between Being and appearing. This is certainly a process of ever greater priority and necessity that is looming for all of us, and in many respects, it unfolds to be not only tragic but a cathartic and evolutionary one.

This admission must coincide with full awareness, because it requires a profound individual crisis, capable of spreading and influencing the social and collective field, revealing itself as a remedy and instrument of psychic reclamation.

Are we really predisposed? Do we really want to see all this and go through it relentlessly, irrevocably, indisputably?

Are we ready to sacrifice our inherited dogmas, our fatuous certainties, the forced dependencies dictated by a dying society? Are we really ready to be the seeds of the new civilization? This is the dilemma to which we are called, this is the appeal to which we must respond. The solution to this imperative call is seated in the depths of every man and every woman: it is enough to silence the surface noise and lend an ear to the suggestions dictated by the Heart. It is true that, sooner or later, every Heart wonders why it beats.

**Be pure as doves and cunning as serpents**, the Scriptures recite; the true cunning of the serpent is True Knowledge.



## A NEW DAWN - PART I



*Was the universe created or is it eternal?*

*Does its evolution hide a supreme will?*

*What is the role of Man in this formidable crucible of consxious energy?*

*What is the origin of Life?*

*What is death?*

*Where does the earthly adventure lead?*

Humanity usually remains indifferent to these questions. It seems that a paralyzing veil descends to cover its short capacity for interiorization; in the general confusion, the exteriorization of consxiousness has become the only possible reality.

It is so urgent to survive and conform to the current paradigm that it wastes no time asking itself: "*What is Life? Who is Man in relation to this Life?*".

In doing so, one distracts oneself from the problems that ultimately arouse one's own greatness; one renounces the relationship with one's own Essence, limiting the vastness of what it is, of one's own Being.



## A NEW DAWN - PART II



Man's main enemy is himself, and his prison is his own ignorance.

The true Value of the human experience on Earth, the only true Greatness, is not accessible through power games, material wealth, titles and social honors, but lies in the breadth of existential questions to which one can give a decisive answer.

From how and what to do to be this or that, one learns to choose Why to be this or that.

Emerging from predatory animality, to varying degrees one becomes aware and akin to the Whys of Life, and in these phases the "drift of personality" is a necessary prelude to the new Dawn.

After having been touched by the Mystery of Life, man then truly becomes something else.



## CONSXIOUSNESS AND VISION



The common thread of all points of view is revealed in a natural diversity of vision. Vision is determined by Consxiousness.

We can say, if we accept this, that all points of view are imposed not by necessity as a principle, but by Vision as a "state".

Therefore, the thesis does not exist with its complementary opposite, nor even the synthesis as a reconciliation of the two, but only the State of Consxiousness from which one sees.

Unity is by nature indivisible, and at every degree Consxiousness is not, and cannot be, polar because it reflects this unitary Totality. *For Love... it is.*



## THE AGE OF CONSXIOUSNESS



Most of the time, we live absorbed and identified in a fact, a decision, an event or a person.

Through these movements, we try to attract the "cause of our happiness" or to repel that of "our unhappiness".

This means that we interpret the outside as different from us and responsible for our well-being or the exact opposite. In other words, we identify ourselves with the outside, because by blind habit we exist in relation to this outside, immersed in time and separated by space. We are unconsciously captured by the fluids of the world, of our personal world, and with it we entertain the notion of Time and Space.

Yet there is nothing other than ourselves, our Truth in which each is a unique Universe beyond time and space.

Thus, the age of Consxiousness translates into the disappearance of the conceptual notion of Space and Time.

Inspired by "*A Dive from the Deep - The Inexhaustible Source* "



## INITIATION



The Reality of Life makes us aware of the dual nature of man, the "terrestrial" and the "celestial" and of the need to transform the first to recover the original unity.

This process, which is revealed over time, is implemented with the experiential purification of the Soul, that is, a "rejection" of everything that is heterogeneous and foreign to our true essential nature.

This journey within man, aimed at the Awakening of Consciousness, is called *Initiatory*.

*Initiation*, therefore, means awakening and actualizing what one already is. One cannot, in fact, become what one is not.

The much-feared *initiatory death* is dying to what one imagines oneself to be, it is death in front of the world, as overcoming the limiting and profane condition in which the personality is identified.

This necessary permutation of "vision" is not a passive act, but an active one, since it is not the body that, by decaying, loses the soul, but the soul that, gathered in its innate power, frees itself from the inferior bonds imposed by earthly nature and therefore from identification with the body.





From this point of view, esotericism seeks to offer man the way for his progressive initiation, to awaken what is real in him, so that he can recognize himself as the natural Son of God and potential seed of the New Man.



## THE MYSTICAL WAY



Occultism presupposes the existence, at the bottom of Reality, of dynamic forces, personal or impersonal, physical or psychic, unknowable with ordinary instruments, but with which relationships can be established through cognitive or experiential instruments reserved for lovers of Wisdom.

The difference between *esotericism* and *occultism* is that esotericism is a theory and occultism is a practice. The term *occultism* is generally used to indicate a complex of practices that range from alchemy, to astrology, to kabbalah, to magic, to extrasensory perceptions, to homeopathy, to divination and to all those disciplines that are based on the principle that there are analogies and homologies between man and supersensible realities.

The esotericist may not practice occultism, but the occultist cannot but be an esotericist.

If we consider occultism as a means to spiritual ends and not only to magical ends, we will gain a true perspective of the matter.

He who strives to return to his original state must inevitably face the "occult monster" that dwells within himself. There are no hidden sacred liturgies to achieve this end; the only way is to penetrate esoterically and ever more deeply into the abysses of our being, until we locate its living and vivifying root, and bring it back to the true Light. Esoteric knowledge and the practice of occult science awaken the Impersonal in man.

He who walks the Mystic Path is initiated into the *Beauty of the Rose*.



## I DANCE IN THE FIRE



Worshipper of the Holy Spirit, I pray, and in the flood I dance  
Unholy with necessity, foolish, I trample the knot of destiny  
Thick and compact is the Thorn that burns in the back  
Clay vessel, I host density, compactness and thickness  
My Body and your Substance intertwine the throne of the Holy Alliance  
Burning bread for the man who lives on the altar of the Lord  
Yah gives ear to the harp that plays aloud  
Lyre intertwines the wave of white fate  
Drop of Dew, Gentle Servant  
I wash the circumcised Garments and arise in the Strong Place  
I place my Bow in the Cloud  
It will be the sign of a pact between me and the Earth

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Central Column and Throne of the Merciful  
I, as flowing Nature, burn!



## SO IT WAS SAID



Any painful state in this world  
or in any other  
is due to ignorance.

For lack of knowledge, here is the world with its gods,  
anchored to names and forms,  
one imagines that this is the reality.

As one standing on the cliff of a mountain sees all the people below,  
so the wise man who sees all, sees, free from pain,  
the people immersed in evil.

*Hear this, ye who are awake!  
And ye who sleep, wake up!*

from  
"So it was said"



## FLY, SUN OF NEW BEAUTY



Sei Altre Creazioni: *Shamaim* - שמים

Oh, Divine Law  
Blow into my overshadowed clouds your speech And of Mankind,  
the Life tell me about...

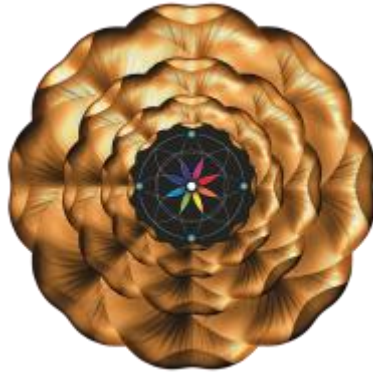
For the bent bow of the Law fashions the arrow for every Heart



The course of the Way is the strange Dart that levels the Oppressor  
The Sand of Time is desolate rust for Kings  
The Poisonous Slime is ruin for the Iniquitous  
The dunghill of Shame forms the Life of the Deceiver  
The colorful Style of the groaner and the complainer is a source of Despair and Weakness  
Impotence and Infirmary, are the Religion of the Oppressed  
And the secret of the Lord? It is with those who fear Him!

Heart bewildered by Beauty, by ruinous Desolation now thresh Thy thorny Plants  
That the Lamb may be glorified, Breathe the Breath into the Sacrificial Bowl  
Resist invention, cease from simulation, refuse pretense  
For the Hermetic Light the more you retreat inward, the more it reveals itself  
The Mercury of Excellence, Conjuror and Magician of Folly, is the Spirit of thy Network of Joy  
And the written Life is the Bud of Thy plantation, the Work of Thy hands.

Dare with Courage, when all the Light shall never again set, nor the Shadow withdraw  
The Sun shall no more be the Light of Day, nor the Moon the reflection of its Splendour  
Then shall thy God within be thy very Glory  
And the Divine Lord be to thee an Eternal Light



## Hermes

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Ogni Every divine Form that constitutes itself in a visible and concrete way on this plane has within itself its Magnet, its pulsating Heart, its secret Light, and the more this Heart becomes the central nucleus and authentic expression of a profound and intimate Reason for Being, well beyond the limits dictated by personality and ego, the more powerful and paradoxically arduous is the task that arises on the horizon of such an Entity. A student of the Perennial Tradition, Hermes is the founder and pulsating Heart of the Experimental Center of Evolutionary Pedagogy "Sei Altrove".



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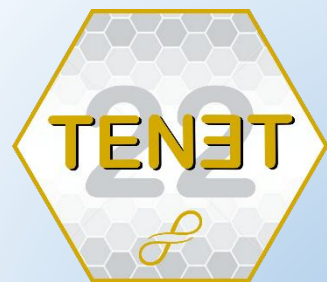
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