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Editorial . . .

THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

A bridge is a golden medium but not all bridges are golden. Anything which makes possible a contact between parts may be said to be a bridge. Visible and invisible bridges enable us to move from ignorance to knowledge and all forms of bridges serve to bring or to join together that which is in a state of separation. The kind of bridge shows the manner, the way in which this occurs. From the most densely structured to the most subtly structured, a multitude of diversified bridges provide the way for an expansion and an integration of life. The bridge is a result of a great plan and behind all which serves to bridge there is a great purpose.

Life is held together by an inestimable number of divergent bridges. Yet, however far apart they appear to differ, there is in the creation of all bridges an intrinsic similarity, whether designed by and attributed to nature, man, or God. As one intently begins to look at some bridges, the similarities may be seen. One will begin to see bridges where before there appeared to be none. As well, one may see, when linked together, the beauty of their whole design.

Man himself is a most wondrous bridge. Within his makeup we may see and perceive various bridges both visible and invisible. Of these, the five senses are but some. While the degree of sensitivity and refinement in touching or feeling, in tasting, smelling, seeing, and hearing shows the particular kind of bridge, the skin, the tongue, the nose, the eye, and the ear show its form. One of the simplest and yet one of the most effective of bridges is the smile.

How a bridge is used is of great importance. The way it is used is very much determined by the kind of attitude and the kind of will practiced. The history of mankind shows that man has in too many instances misused too many bridges, used them solely as a connector, as a means to bring about a selfish power-hold on others, as only an access to feed emotional, mental, and material greed. Because bridges have been and are being misused and abused, there is a tendency to view and to use them with much wariness, often with fearfulness, and with restraint. As well, too often the very fact that others misuse and abuse them is in itself sufficient excuse or causes there to appear to be reasonable and justified thought for still further and craftier misuse. Fortunately, there are those who know not only the importance of bridges but how to use them for the good of all concerned. In various ways there is to be seen good examples of this. But there is a great need for more good examples, for us to be good examples.

There is a Golden Bridge. As we see it, we will be joined together by it. It is formed in our life as we transmute fear into courage, selfish competition into selfless cooperation, and a partial concern into concern for all. It is composed of love — a joyous and dedicated giving of ourselves. When we will love — when we will give unreservedly — there is in our life a Golden Bridge.

Mary Adams, Editor

The Indian Ashram

By Frater Albertus

The word *ashram* has a special allure to students of esoteric, metaphysical, and so-called spiritual teachings. Allowed that the origin of such teachings may be found in the records left us in the ancient country of India, this country should not be considered as the originator thereof but rather as a depository of knowledge having an unknown beginning for contemporary man as far as names and times are concerned.

Since considerable time has elapsed when the first records available to us appeared and consequent imitations as an outcome of interpretations and translations have become evident, one has to be careful when accepting such teachings. To the uninitiate and especially the layman, this proves to be a formidable and difficult decision when, out of the many approaches available to him, one is chosen. First of all, just as the Rome and Athens of today are not what they represented in antiquity, the India of today is not the India of old.

Since religion, as an outcome of philosophical concepts, differs widely among men, the Hindu concept of life and the universal concept of all that which is both known and unknown to man can be considered non-religious in the present accepted sense but philosophical in the correct meaning of the word.

The original concept of the Hindu includes the broadminded acceptance of all religious beliefs within the realm of his transmitted knowledge and its application.

Starting from such a premise, one does not seek for contemporary interpretations or teachings evolved out of original concepts that have been altered to conform to prevailing times and circumstances and subjected to further revisions.

It is very difficult to enter into the core of such wisdom by outer approaches. It is possible, but the time and efforts involved are of such a tremendous nature that even a result would leave very little time in the life of an average person to utilize such knowledge.

To become acquainted with the underlying knowledge available to man should be the first objective. This in itself is difficult because what is presently available to mankind are fragments and distortions of fragments of such fundamental wisdom, because very few scholars are available that are acquainted with the originals and — since this is so questionable with scientific opinions — are capable to render meaningful translations. Literal translations can only be an outcome of prevailing circumstances subject to

constant changes in meaning. Whereas, fundamentals retain their identity and are only subject to changes of their outer garments in form of languages.

To find those qualified requires a diligent search since not many are found in present day India. Fortunately, a traditional concept of hereditary transmission of such knowledge became possible through teaching followed by proof and demonstrable evidence of those who became heirs to such knowledge and understanding, climaxing in the inherent wisdom of such transmission. It is of little use here to enter into explanations as to why so many different concepts out of such evolved teachings are so all-prevailing in India today and have made such inroads into the western mentality. Their contradictions speak for themselves. While the foundation of the Hindu wisdom makes due allowance for such, it does so to enable man to learn to distinguish the genuine from the imitation. Only in such a way can man make use of his free choice. There is no other alternative for him in his present state of mentality.

A given place where such work is accomplished to enable man to learn how to differentiate is known as an Ashram. This word, too, has experienced many interpretations but in essence is like the laboratory of the alchemists of old, a workshop, wherein man labors on himself to prove the correctness and lawfulness of all natural and supranatural phenomena with what has been made available to him.

Just as the word laboratory is accepted in modern terminology and in general terms relates to the same as anciently considered can the word Ashram be looked upon today. However, the work of an alchemist is not the same as that of a chemist. A chemist analyses whereas the alchemist is creatively active. In like manner does the genuine Hindu, in his universal concept, become creatively active. He is not as his pseudo namesake who analyses and specifically refers to parts of an overall concept, such as Yoga exercises, meditation, mind and body control, attainment of temporary super-conscious states, etc. Such separated segments are considered mostly as a whole and can only be of assistance where shortcomings in the lives of individuals need to be overcome. A general concept is not very possible when man attempts such seeming shortcuts. This would be analogous to one who would attempt to become a specialist in a given field before he has mastered the general fundamental practice making it possible to specialize in a given branch thereof. It is indeed questionable that an attempt should be made to master such a yoga by way of outer physical contortions, becoming quite proficient in the physical aspect that can prove helpful to the body yet have no relationship to the mind that needs to be trained first. Any form of gymnastics, properly performed, will improve the physic and prove helpful for mental alertness but in itself is unlikely to do to the mind what only mental exercises can accomplish.

The work in an Ashram stresses both in a balanced approach and refrains from over-emphasis of either physical or mental exertion.

In the Naihati Ashram in India, which is not well known or publicized, the important preliminary steps concern the physical well being of the individual as the foundation upon which the mental awakening is based. The earliest known such teaching is found in Sanscrit literature only and is known as the "three faults," or in Sanscrit "Tridosha." This ancient concept of balancing the three most important and basic elements in the body, known as fire, air, and water, receive the first attention. Unlike the Fakir who over-emphasises the control over the physical body or the transcendentalist who practically ignores or neglects the physical well being, the student in the Naihati Ashram at the Shastri Villa has to learn from the very beginning how to bring the three faults into harmony to enable him to become a proper recipient of further mental influxes to raise his mentality to an equal standard of accomplishment.

The present Bhattachariya, who supervises the dispensary like his illustrious father the esteemed Brahmin Benoytosh, who founded the one near Bombay where he treated multitudes of his destitute countrymen free of charge, needs more room in the Bengal Ashram. Like the PRS in the western world whose sole work consists in the bringing forth of conscious assistance to help lay the groundwork for an important work to develop in the present aquarian age, it becomes more and more evident that both, who are actually one only in different hemispheres appearing under different garb and names, need support of those who are becoming aware of what is actually going on. Right now the Indian Ashram is in dire need of some remodeling, general renovation in and outside, and the addition of two rooms to the dispensary as originally incorporated in the building plans many years ago but for lack of additional funds had to wait. With the anticipated arrival of some students from the occident, such necessary work in and outside the Ashram is very urgent.

India is poor, very poor by our standards, and the heavy burden placed on the Naihati Ashram is ever-increasing due to the low standard of living and constant population increase. Every time I return to the Ashram this need becomes more so evident, as I noticed upon my stay this last spring when we made plans for the necessary renovation.

Further instructions at the Naihati Ashram are limited to students who, after preliminary instructions at the PRS in the western world, are actively engaged in the various branches of the healing arts, since health and physical welfare are of great urgency especially in underprivileged countries and, of course, all over the world.

The indifference and smugness of the citizens of the U.S.A. who are enjoying a living standard second to none when taken as an average, makes it impossible for them to realize the urgent need for such projects that had their origin in strictly selfless motives to assist suffering mankind.

When for the first time mention is made here after many years of preparatory work strictly in the background, and is as good as unknown to the casual onlooker, it is only to indicate openly what students have been taught

at the PRS — that there is more to PRS activities than appears on the surface.

Our work in both U.S.A. and India is falling short of what could and should have been accomplished, due to the indifference of those who should know better. Tridosha work will be taught in detail in the Indian Ashram only. When western therapeutic practitioners have been sufficiently trained at the Ashram's dispensary, they may apply Tridosha in their own home practice.

Those who are preparing themselves for such an event may contact me personally for particulars. †

Freedom And Responsibility

When one is ready and willing to act responsibly — to do what is in accordance with what is known and seen to be true in the light of the Self, then one is truly free. Freedom and responsibility are closely related and it is love which unites one to the other.

While we may say that we want freedom, we may not be ready for it. We may not as yet be prepared to take on the responsibilities that accompany freedom. We may not as yet know that love which is willing to give without asking for anything in return. We may not want to see what is as it is, for some of what we see is not pleasing, causes us to feel pain, calls for hard work and tremendous changes, for a selfless attitude and a compassionate heart. Such initially may be so overwhelming that any attempt at the time to do in any direction seems futile. So while we may continue to look at it, we will not really see what it is.

We may even be given freedom in a certain sense, much like the child who is given certain freedoms and is expected to act in a responsible manner. But like the child sometimes will do, we may make a mockery of it by doing still what pleases us. A freedom given is a privilege, whether bestowed by another self or one's own self. It signifies maturity in relative degrees. It indicates one is capable of responsibility. Here one is free as well in another sense — one has free choice. Either one will see and accept the responsibilities that accompany freedom or one will not.

To be truly free, one must dare to see the truth within and without, the beautiful as well as the bestial. A burning joy and a burning pain are fires of purification which the compassionate Self cools with tears until eventually there is known within the life the balm of love which soothes. Then there is the beginning of seeing that which will give us release from disease and suffering. And then, too, as we will see it, we will do whatever is possible for us to do to give to others, to do for others that which will put them at ease and end their suffering.

As we respond to what we see in this state of freedom there will be the will to do good, there will be a vision of what may be. Then Light and Love and Power will restore the Plan on Earth and we will see the Christ within appear without — *Mary Adams*

Alchemy and Basic Principles

By Don Foster

In order to understand the heavily-veiled allegorical literature of Alchemy and to "separate the wheat from the chaff" to any extent, facilitating advancement on the Path, one must know, understand and practise the Universal Laws on which Alchemy, and indeed on which all true Occult and Spiritual science, is based.

Simplified, these basic Laws are as follows:

1. The origin of the Universe is Divine. The Universe is a manifestation of, and an emanation from, the One Absolute Cosmic Being. Thus, All is One.

2. All manifestation, whether material or mental concept, exists by virtue of a dual nature or opposites. This is the so-called Law of Polarity or Duality. Any concept can only be adequately defined in relation to its opposite. Evolution of ideas proceeds by synthesis of thesis and antithesis to a higher level where the process is again repeated. A further elaboration of various aspects of the Law of Polarity can be seen in study of the QaBaListic Tree of Life. Such polar themes as sun/moon, male/female, creation/destruction, positive/negative, spirit/body, etc. are an integral part of Alchemical and other occult symbolism.

3. All physical manifestation, whether Vegetable, Animal, or Mineral (the 3 Kingdoms) is composed of SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY (the 3 Essentials). These are known in alchemical terminology respectively as MERCURY (☿), SULPHUR (♁), and SALT (⊖). In the Vegetable kingdom, Spirit (☿) is contained in Alcohol and is common to all plants, being released by all plants during the process of fermentation (death) of the Body (⊖). Spirit (Mercury ☿) is the Life-force of the Cosmos and is the vital positive essence with which the Alchemist is most concerned. The Soul (♁) of the Vegetable world is the Essential Oil which all plants possess to various degrees. Soul (Sulphur ♁) is the Consciousness of the 3 Worlds. The Body (Salt ⊖) of the Vegetable world is what remains after the Spirit has departed and the so-called "caput-mortem" (dead-head) is then burnt to an ash and finally a white salt.

In the Animal kingdom, Spirit is carried in the vehicle of the Blood. Soul is the Conscious mind together with all its aberrations and desires, knowledge and understanding.

In the Mineral Kingdom, the spirit common to all metals, the prized Mercury of the Philosophers, is the most volatile, ALKAHEST. The isolation of this "Seed of Metals" is a vital step in the preparation of the Philoso-

pher's Stone. The Soul of the Mineral world is contained in their individual oils, and their body is found in their salts.

The practical laboratory Work of Alchemy, whether speaking of the inner or outer laboratory, consists of only 3 basic processes, that of SEPARATION, PURIFICATION, and COHOBATION (or Recombination). This is the basic evolutionary process and all Alchemical work is based on these 3 processes. This work is also the work of Nature and Alchemy merely assists Nature through acceleration of the process. If we look at the Lesser Work of Lesser Circulation of the Vegetable or Herbal kingdom, we see that in Nature when a plant dies its body biodegrades and its Essentials are returned to the Earth to be used in the cyclic life of other plants. This cycle continues unless an Animal happens to eat the plant, in which case the vibrations of the plant are transmuted to a higher plane.

In the outer Alchemical laboratory, a herb is SEPARATED into its Essentials oils (Δ), Alcohol (X), and "caput mortem" (\ominus). Each Essential is then PURIFIED using Heat (FIRE) via distillations, extractions, and the furnace. The final step is COHOBATION which constitutes a rebirth on a higher plane. Thus the plant is taken out of the cycle of biodegradation/rebirth by raising its vibrations to the point where it can be used for a higher purpose, namely that of a medicine in the Animal world. The cycle has become a spiral. This theme of course has its relevance in Human evolution. The same processes are carried out in the Mineral world in the preparation of the Philosopher's Stone (The Greater Circulation) and in many other lesser elixirs. Medicine prepared by these methods have greater efficacy than any other and herbal medicine containing the 3 Essentials, purified and cohobated, are superior to all other herbal preparations. The Elixirs of the Mineral kingdom are generally of higher vibration and more profound in their effects than those of the Herbal kingdom.

4. All matter is composed of FIRE (thermal energy), WATER (liquid), AIR (gas), and EARTH (solid) and the skillful and judicious use of the 4 elements is an integral part of Alchemical manipulations.

5. The QUINTESSENCE or 5th Essence is found within the 4 Elements but is not one of them. It is of the 3 Essentials, also known as the Mercury of the Philosophers. \blacklozenge

The first duty of man is to develop in himself the human qualities and to be a true humanitarian. — SWAMI RAMA

For our personal advancement in virtue and truth one quality is sufficient, namely, love; to advance our fellows there must be two, love and intelligence; to accomplish the work of man there must be three, love intelligence, and activity. But love is ever the base and the fount in chief. — ST. MARTIN

Astrology For The Neophyte

By Carl W. Stahl

Mercury In The Constellations

In astrology the planet Mercury is known as the messenger of the gods. The gods of course being the other planets of this Solar System. In a somewhat similar manner the Sephirah on the Tree of Life are referred to as the gods on the Tree. A simple way in which you can practice what is usually called Esoteric Astrology is to get an understanding of the Sephirah for planetary meanings and the Paths for both the planets that are equated with them and the constellations and use these in your Esoteric interpretations of the elements of your birth chart. You will be surprised how simple and easy this becomes with a little practice. Once you have obtained the basic understanding of astrology, which we hope to furnish you, then we shall attempt to help you master this further step toward the spiritual use of astrology. But we stray and must get back to Mercury. It is the position of our Mercury in our chart which indicates how our intellectual imagination functions. Whenever Mercury appears on one of the four angles of our charts it brings us to the attention of others. When we pay attention to our environment, we are able through the use of concentration to change our environment into one that more closely serves our purpose, whatever that may be. Mercury also rules our acquisitive nature. The desire for money, land, knowledge, titles or whatever are Mercury in nature. Truth and falsehood are two sides of the Mercurial coin. It is concerned with all forms of communication from simple sign language to the spoken word and the written word. Being the planet of acquisitiveness, which is a form of greediness, it rules both the thief and the businessman whose only difference is their mode of operation. The thief operates outside the law, the businessman inside it.

LIBRA. Mercury here enables the native to express himself more easily and to bring to the attention of others his inner feelings and thoughts about brotherhood and the unity of love. This enables the native to express beauty in all its forms. This may range from art, sculpture, poetry and written works about the beauty that love brings into the life to raising flowers, interior decorating or any other avenue in which love and beauty can be expressed and brought into the life. Mercury also makes this lover of peace into a seeker after gain. He seeks to turn his art into the commercial field attempting to serve both his god-given talent and mammon.

SCORPIO. Mercury, in whatever constellation it is in, serves as a ready channel for the forces emanating from that constellation. Mercury, as the messenger of the gods, is neutral and serves only as a carrier of whatever planet it may be aspecting or whatever constellation it may be passing through. Here it carries the impulsive, energetic, fiery and passionate Mar-

tian energy. The basic nature of Mars is to attack and with Mercury here he attacks by all means of communication. Sarcasm, irritation, anger and brutality are used in the native's struggle to overcome the competition. Fighting in the ring for money is one of the indications of this Mercury position. It also gives physical and mechanical ability. If afflicted it gives the usually outspoken Mars slyness and cunning.

SAGITTARIUS. The vision, idealism and expansive wish fulfillment of this native finds ready means and ability to bring his wishes down to earth through the channel furnished by Mercury. Idealism and dreams are abstract things being difficult to bring into practical completion in the objective world. The idealistic goal of Sagittarius is here broken into its basic essentials and then they are recombined, a step at a time, into something useful and practical. The result being positive if Mercury is not afflicted, negative if it is afflicted. The truth that was intended to help and guide mankind can, under affliction, become something distorted and harmful. Native could succeed in philosophy, religion, medicine or business.

CAPRICORN. The native of Capricorn is taciturn, silent and even sullen but Mercury furnishes a channel so he can express these attitudes to others. His is a philosophy of toil and labor. Only that which is obtained the "hard way" has real value. The saying, "A penny saved is a penny earned," is pure Saturn born in a Capricornian's mind. Mercury here enables them to spread this philosophy of hard work and denial to a world which largely ignores them. In this constellation the two planets of acquisition, Saturn and Mercury, could very well lead to success in amassing wealth. If you always take in and never give out you are certain to accumulate a bundle. You will also become constipated.

AQUARIUS. Mercury is as one in the home of a friend here. Because he furnishes a ready channel for the native's inspirational and intuitive ideas, Mercury makes it possible for these otherwise abstract imaginings to see the light of day in an objective setting and being put to practical use. Without Mercury the native would be unable to bring them to the attention of others. It also enables the native to gain monetarily as well as in the understanding of nature's laws. The true Aquarian attempts to follow Bacon's advice and "Make all knowledge his province." He is acutely aware that knowledge leads to understanding and understanding to wisdom.

PISCES. Mercury, being in the constellation opposite its exaltation, is very much weakened here. Feeling, imagination and disorder rather than common sense manifest through the Mercurian channel to the outside world. It is by focusing through attention and concentration, the imagination and expansive influence of Jupiter and the feeling of brotherhood and the unity of love (Venus is exalted here), that natives of this constellation will achieve success and happiness. And, who knows, they may even gain a fair share of

worldly goods if such be their Karma. These natives have the ability to make their wishes come true. They are convincing talkers and can project to others whatever image of themselves they wish to assume for the moment.

ARIES. The Sun being exalted here the native's Mercurial attitude would be one of leadership. Being ruled by Mars they would brook no interference with their plans and actions. They are very competitive and will attempt to eliminate those who present obstacles to them. Mercury furnishes a ready channel for the native's ideas, his creative effort and his drive for fame and power. He has the ability to bring about, on the physical plane, his imaginings and mental creations. This position of Mercury, especially if it is on an angle of the chart, brings the native to the attention of others and they (Aries) are quick to use this interest to further their own ends. They have mechanical ability, are inclined to be irritable and quarrelsome. They use their zest and energy to advance themselves into leadership positions.

TAURUS. The native tends toward the study of philosophy and the teaching of it. His philosophy of love and unity is communicated to others by every means available to him. Not being content with this some Taurus natives will found schools of thought to spread their philosophy and to gain material wealth and power in the process. The Moon is exalted here and this, combined with Mercury, may give the native a busy mouth although a pleasant one. Words and compliments come easily from their tongues and social affairs and parties find him much in demand. The words they speak are, for the most part, gentle and inoffensive.

GEMINI. Mercury rules this constellation which means it can best distribute its influence without any distortion. They are quick to speak, can conjure up wonderful arguments pro and con, and then they can as quickly drop the whole thing and do nothing about it. Thinking, debating, comparing and sifting meanings keep them busy and happy. Because of their fast reactions, they excel in gymnastics, dancing, athletics, writing, and mathematics. Since their creative thoughts (Sun) and their thought processes (Mercury) are so similar, to think is to do. Being an Airy constellation the native has a tendency to skim mentally whatever he is considering rather than give it real, in depth, thought. They also like to gild the lily and embellish events.

CANCER. Because they are so imaginative Mercury here gives them a tendency to tell tall tales and change fact to enhance their own egos. They make good fiction writers, actors, poets, painters and reporters. With both Moon and Mercury on the angles these can be the busiest people on earth, rushing about without necessarily accomplishing anything of a practical nature. The Moon, being a dead body, constantly seeks to be like the Sun and

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE QABALAH FOR EVERYMAN

Part III

The 22 Mezlas as Conditioning and Influencing Energies in the Life of the Microcosm

By John F. Gay III, D.M.A.

The Mezlas, or Paths, between the ten spheres of the Tree of Life are represented by the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. According to the SEPHER YETZIRAH (*Book of Formation*), God created the Universe through the means of thirty-two paths of Wisdom acting through three agencies: letters, numbers, and border (limitation). The Hebrew letters are numbers as well, and through their utterance did the Universe take shape. The three Mother Letters (see article number one in the Winter 1976 issue), Aleph, Mem, and Shin, represent the Roots of Air, Water, and Fire. Shin "hisses," Mem is silent "like water," and Aleph is the air (a "breath") which equilibrates the other two. The seven double letters represent pairs of opposites: Life-Death, Freedom-Slavery, Wealth-Poverty, Beauty-Ugliness, War-Peace, etc. The twelve simple letters represent ("have their foundation in") speech, thought, motion, sight, hearing, work, sexual intercourse, smell, sleep, anger, taste and laughter. They also represent the directions in space, becoming wider and wider throughout Eternity, thus forming the Borders of the Universe. The twenty-two Paths (Mezlas) plus the ten Sephiroth thus constitute the thirty-two Paths of Wisdom.

The twenty-two letters with a few of their more important attributes are presented in the chart on the following pages.

The Tarot attributions are by no means to be construed as the only ones possible. In one system Strength and Justice are interchanged, while in another The Emperor and The Star are transposed as well. Still another system places The Fool between Judgment and The World as well as beginning the letter attributions with The Magician - Aleph. One eminent Qabalist completely redesigned and renamed the Tarot Major Arcana (or "Trumps" as they are called), and one of his students completely reversed the order, claiming he had finally found the true order of the cards. Such confusion need not and should not deter the interested student from further investigation.

LETTER	PATH & CONNECTION	ENG. EQUIV.	NO.	MEANING (TRANS.)	ASTROL. CORRES.	ALCHEM. CORRES.
ALEPH א	11 Kether-Chokmah	A	1	Ox	Air (Uranus)	Air
BETH ב	12 Kether-Binah	B or V	2	House	Mercury	Mercury
GIMEL ג	13 Kether-Tiphareth	Gh or G	3	Camel	Moon	Silver
DALETH ד	14 Chokmah-Binah	Dh or D	4	Door	Venus	Copper
HEH ה	15 Chokmah-Tiphareth	H	5	Window	Aries	Fiery
VAU ו	16 Chokmah-Chesed	W	6	Nail	Taurus	Earthy
ZAIN ז	17 Binah-Tiphareth	Z	7	Sword	Gemini	Airy
CHETH ח	18 Binah-Geburah	Ch	8	Field	Cancer	Watery
TETH ט	19 Chesed-Geburah	T	9	Serpent	Leo	Fiery
YOD י	20 Chesed-Tiphareth	Y	10	Hand	Virgo	Earthy
KAPH כ	21 Chesed-Netzach	Kh or K	20	Hand (palm or closed)	Jupiter	Tin

TAROT	ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES
Fool	Abstract concept of all that is and is not; superconsciousness; the Primum Mobile acting through Air on the Zodiac; the Principle of Life and Death.
Magician	Archetypal principle of dwelling-place, containers; attention; self-consciousness; Primum Mobile acting through Mercury on Saturn.
High Priestess	Movement; subconsciousness; memory; the Primum Mobile acting on the Sun through the Moon.
Empress	Response to Life; imagination; productive subconsciousness; growth; the Sphere of the Zodiac acting on Saturn through Venus.
Emperor	Universal Life; sight; reason; order; manifestation; Sphere of the Zodiac acting on the Sun through Aries, causing or initiating thereby Spring.
Hierophant	Male fertility; hearing; intuition; link between microcosm and macrocosm; Sphere of the Zodiac acting on Jupiter through Taurus.
Lovers	Achievement of all possible; smell; discrimination; reciprocity; division for growth; Saturn acting on the Sun through Gemini.
Chariot	Undifferentiated energy; speech; receptivity; poise; Saturn acting on Mars through Cancer.
Strength	Archetypal female force or energy; suggestion; Mercy balancing Severity; Jupiter acting on Mars through Leo.
Hermit	Temporal manifestation of Life; Touch; response; spiritual energy present in all forms; Jupiter acting on the Sun through Virgo.
Wheel of Fortune	Readiness to receive; expansiveness; rotation; Jupiter acting through Jupiter on Venus.

LETTER	PATH & CONNECTION	ENG. EQUIV.	NO.	MEANING (TRANS.)	ASTROL. CORRES.	ALCHEM. CORRES.
LAMED ל	22 Geburah-Tiphareth	L	30	Ox goad	Libra	Airy
MEM מ	23 Geburah-Hod	M	40	Water	Water (Neptune)	Water
NUN נ	24 Tiphareth-Netzach	N	50	Fish	Scorpio	Watery
SAMECH ס	25 Tiphareth-Yesod	S	60	a Prop	Sagittarius	Fiery
AYIN ע	26 Tiphareth-Hod	O	70	Eye	Capricorn	Earthy
PEH פ	27 Netzach-Hod	P or F	80	Mouth	Mars	Iron
TZADDI צ	28 Netzach-Yesod	Ts	90	Fish Hook	Aquarius	Airy
QOPH ק	29 Netzach-Malkuth	Q	100	Rear of Head	Pisces	Watery
RESH ר	30 Hod-Yesod	R	200	Front of head; face	Sun	Gold
SHIN ש	31 Hod-Malkuth	Sh or S	300	Teeth	Pluto, Vulcan	Fire
TAU ת	32 Yesod-Malkuth	T or Th	400	Cross	Saturn	Lead (Earth)

TAROT	ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES
Justice	An agent of control; equilibration; Mars acting on the Sun through Libra.
Hanged Man	Origins of Life; womb of all being; reversal of thought; suspension of mind; Mars acting on Mercury through Water.
Death	Individualization of the Life Force; transformation; generation; movement; the Sun acting on Venus through Scorpio.
Temperance	Female agent of fertility (compare 6); verification; the Sun acting on the Moon through Sagittarius.
Devil	Vision; bondage; mirth; the Sun acting on Mercury through Capricorn.
Tower	Reserve of undifferentiated energy (see 8); awakening; Grace and/or Sin; Venus acting on Mercury through Mars.
Star	Manifest symbols of womanhood, social and mythical (see 9); meditation; revelation; Venus acting on the Moon through Aquarius.
Moon	Transformation of a natural agency into one receptive to higher forces (see 1 and 10); organization; sleep; Venus acting on the elements (Earth) through Pisces.
Sun	Cosmic container of all creation (see 2 and 20); regeneration; fertility/sterility; Mercury acting on the Moon through the Sun.
Judgment	Spirit; "Breath" of God; realization; decision; Mercury acting on the Elements (Earth) through Fire (Spirit).
World	Highest manifestation of Cosmic existence; perfection; cosmic consciousness; freedom and slavery; the Moon acting on the Elements (Earth) through Saturn.

While there is no hard evidence to associate the Tarot Trumps with the Hebrew letters historically, the various systems evolved do work for those who faithfully follow the different instructions. A word of caution: to try and combine the systems without first becoming adept in ONE is not recommended; only a willing would essay such a task. The writer makes no particular claims for the system he has presented; it is merely one with which he is the most intimate and which, for the writer, yields results.

In some Tarot decks, the Trumps are printed with the Hebrew letter corresponding to each card. The reader will note that the number which appears on the card and the number value of the letter are different. It shouldn't take the astute mind long to determine a way out of such an apparent discrepancy: The Fool, numbered 0 is allocated the letter Aleph, 1 in the system given here. Before manifestation there was naught, and the Fool represents the Divine State just prior to manifestation, hence the 0. The Fool, then, is the first of the Tarot cards in order, therefore, Aleph, 1. The Magician is Trump 2 No. 1 (representing the first appearance of differentiated consciousness or consciousness of self, attention, etc.) lettered Beth, 2 (two represents duplication, opposition, repetition, etc., and the Magician represents the creation of the Creator or a polarity between spirit and matter; conscious mind utilizing the Power of Spirit). Such are the mental gymnastics which lead to greater insight and revelation.

As the Sephiroth represent stages of spiritual attainment, the Paths represent subjective mental states leading to them. In addition, the Paths are also a part of Man; in each individual the twenty-two Paths exist as the framework of Being. To bring each attribute into balance is to achieve true Perfection, become a "Perfected Being."

For the reader who wishes to pursue Tarot symbolism in conjunction with the Tree of Life, the following suggestions may be of some use: In looking at a Tarot card, consider that directions are sometimes ascribed to the pictures; i.e., the background is east, the foreground, west, to the viewer's right is south, and to the left, north. Objects and/or symbols in the background generally stand for causes (or states of causation, potencies, etc.) of those in the foreground. The middleground represents the conditions or circumstances whereby the foreground is effected through or by the background. Too, playing around with the key numbers (FOOL=0, MAGICIAN=1, PRIESTESS=2, etc.) can yield some interesting results: THE EMPRESS (3) is the result of adding 1+2, or, creativity is the product of the workings of the conscious and sub-conscious minds. Another example is THE TOWER, 16: the symbolism of keys 1+6=7, three cards which may help explain a fourth. These and similar approaches will yield a vast amount of information.

In closing, the following key-words may be of some benefit in study:

THE FOOL: Superconsciousness, originality, spirituality, seeking.

THE MAGICIAN: Self-consciousness, concentration, initiative, wisdom.

- THE HIGH PRIESTESS:** Sub-consciousness, memory, openness to the Higher Mind, change, increase and decrease (Moon).
- THE EMPRESS:** Creativity, creative imagination, harmony, aspirations, success, pleasure.
- THE EMPEROR:** Order, reason, environmental control (of circumstances), ambition, leadership, victory.
- THE HIEROPHANT:** Intuition, receptivity to the Divine, Occult Wisdom.
- THE LOVERS:** Discrimination, harmonious relationships, attraction, sympathy, balance, understanding.
- THE CHARIOT:** Protective nature, receptivity to Divine expression, rapport, health, triumph.
- STRENGTH:** Strength, courage, spiritual transmutation, control of life forces, fortitude.
- THE HERMIT:** Attainment, readiness to advance Spiritually, active form of Divine Wisdom.
- WHEEL OF FORTUNE:** Good fortune, spiritual success, ability to harmonize with universal forces, happiness.
- JUSTICE:** Equilibrium, balance, perception of cause and effect in life situations, stability, arrested force.
- THE HANGED MAN:** Reversal, ability through inner perception to reverse the effect of physical circumstances, sense needs (real and hidden) of others, sacrifice.
- DEATH:** Change, sexual attraction, release of sub-conscious powers.
- TEMPERANCE:** Discriminative thinking, reason expressed through concentration, intuitive verification, adaptation of desire leading to higher consciousness, realization.
- THE DEVIL:** Ability to see Reality behind Appearance, patience, a search for reality, material force, matter.
- THE TOWER:** Awareness, illumination, discrimination through concentration, action, initiative, breaking up wrong concepts.
- THE STAR:** Realization of Truth, meditation, mental vitality, faith, hope.
- THE MOON:** Dissatisfaction, voluntary change, alternation, bodily change through imagination and will.
- THE SUN:** Vitality, clear thinking, progress, gain, rebirth, renewal.

JUDGMENT: Awareness of Unity, inspiration to further growth (inner) and development, awareness of errors in thought and action, judgment, decision.

THE WORLD: Synthesis, identification with the Divine,* thoughtful action, intellect above mechanism, favorable conclusion.

Those are suggestions to get the beginner started. For those readers who prefer a different system (or insist upon it!) the writer can only reply, "de gustibus non est disputandum." The Paths of Return are numerous, and each must seek his own. In the final article a book list will be given which should aid the interested person in furthering his knowledge of Qabalistic thought and processes. The fourth and last article will have to do with some ways in which the Qabala may be employed in every day life.

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- * This does not mean that those who feel they have done that (which, if one feels that way, is an excellent indication that one most definitely has NOT achieved that stage of consciousness) should go out and start a new sect comprised of blind idiot followers who set out to convert the world. Keeping one's own affairs in order is usually a twenty-four hour task. Those who feel they have arrived at such a stage that all they have to worry about is how their neighbors live and their neighbors' salvation should immediately begin a study of the barrenness and sterility they themselves have come to in this life. ♦
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Conscience

Conscience is the spiritual mentor of everyone, inspiring to integrity and righteousness and forewarning against wrong-doing. It does so according to the person's stage in development; thus, a savage could do what a civilized, educated person could not do, without disapproval of conscience; also, with a person's advancement in understanding it, will keep in agreement. The higher one's unfoldment, the higher is the admonition to be received.

Not only is its presence known as an urge or as a soundless voice, warning against wrong-doing, but for a self-sacrificing deed it will send approval, even a blessing, felt in the heart. It is mankind's sole guide in moral right and wrong and, without it, civilization would not be possible. People may follow moral codes, but these are written under guidance from conscience. It is the voice of the Divine Self, ever striving to lead the personal self into ways of rectitude, and it is well known that pangs of conscience are punishment for evil that was done. With willingness and homage from a persevering aspirant, it becomes the instructor in divine knowledge, since it is the voice of the Divine Self.

What many call conscience is a lower aspect, usually distorted by desires and prejudices; this is unworthy guidance. One who has lost all conscience is an abandoned soul. The one who at all times strives to live in acquiescence with conscience will be lifted to higher and nobler conditions, eventually to become illumined. — SPIRITUAL LIGHT, New Scripture, By Many Authors and Translations from Ancient Manuscripts, Previously Unpublished; John M. Pryse. ♦

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with the aid of Mercury and their own imagination they often build a make believe life that is more real to them than their actual daily life. Good at trading in both domestic and foreign goods. They make good merchants, travelers and may gain success in writing, especially fiction.

LEO. Mercury here blends with the Sun to produce an instantaneous "thought result chain." The advanced Leo type has a unique ability to bring the creative life force down to earth to produce practical results in his environment and that of others. The Biblical phrase, "Let your light shine," applies in a particular way to Leo, for they most clearly reflect that great orb in the heavens. Mercury here gives them great facility to provide leadership and attain fame and fortune. The Sun, as ruler of Leo, wishes to shed his light, his philosophy, so that it reaches as many others as possible. They make good heads of business, politicians, religious leaders and in other fields that attract their attention.

VIRGO. Mercury rules and is exalted here so naturally Virgo is the epitomy of Mercurian talents, attitudes and efficiency. Unless Mercury is afflicted here these natives are honest and just in all things, even business. Being a constellation of Earth they are more practical and less impatient than their Gemini brothers and sisters. They are excellent planners going into step by step detail when they start a project. They make excellent clerks, professors, teachers, engineers, mechanics, draftsmen and those occupations requiring skill with the hands. Being Mutable they are without ambition and in spite of all this attention to detail rarely become leaders of others in either business or government. ♦

Announcements

Those who are sharing in the cost of a portrait of Soror Emmy painted by Rick Grimes, which will be presented to her in appreciation for all that she has done for the students throughout the past years, will be happy to know that at this time the amount needed (\$200) has nearly been reached. We now have \$183.43. Donations may be sent to Rick Grimes, Paracelsus Research Society, P.O. Box 6006, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106. Donations exceeding the cost of the portrait will be given to Soror Emmy to use the way she sees is best. — Ed.

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With the fall issue of *Parachemy* there will be included some information regarding the status of the Student Lab Fund. A thought: What a delightful state we may see it to be, if those of us it concerns do all that is possible *now* to ensure that it will be! — Ed.

Informative Interchange

Sidereal Versus Tropical Astrology

We have been asked to explain briefly the difference between Sidereal and Tropical astrology. Briefly put, the difference is the starting point on the Great Circle of the Ecliptic which is the apparent path of the Sun. The Tropical Zodiac starts at the point where the Sun crosses the equator, moving from south to north, on the first day of Spring. In tropical astrology this point is called zero degrees of the sign Aries. Each year the Sun crosses the equator at a point about 50 seconds of arc further to the west. This is why the tropical zodiac is called the moving zodiac. The sidereal zodiac, on the other hand, is eternally fixed in space and is measured from what the ancients called the marking or "Peg" stars which are the Pleiades in 5 degrees of Taurus, Aldebaran in 15 degrees of Taurus, Regulus in 5 degrees of Leo, Spica in 29 degrees of Virgo, and Antares in 15 degrees of Scorpio.

Donald Bradley, the great research astrologer, has demonstrated through the use of mundane charts, that the true position of Spica for the Epoch of 1950 is $29^{\circ}06'05''$ of the constellation Virgo. This means that the true mean Synetic Vernal Point for the Epoch of 1950 is Pisces $5^{\circ}57'28.64''$. This indicates that the difference between the two zodiacs was $24^{\circ}02'31.26''$ at the Epoch of 1950. The sidereal zodiac at this time was lagging behind the tropical, or moving zodiac, by slightly more than 24 degrees.

In May 1949, Cyril Fagan, the father of sidereal astrology, rediscovered the true meaning of the Exaltation degrees and the original Hypsomata (Exaltations) zodiac. During the lunar year commencing April 4, B.C. 786 (1st Nisan) and ending March 23rd, B.C. 785, for the latitude of Babylon, all the planets of the ancients appeared in the degrees of their exaltations, either in the New Moon chart of the beginning of the lunar year or at the time of their heliacal rising or setting. The heliacal risings and settings of the planets were so called because they happened only immediately after sunset or immediately before sunrise. They were named after Helios, the Sun. More information can be obtained on this from, *Zodiacs Old and New*, by Cyril Fagan, or from his more recent book, *Astrological Origins*, both published by Llewellyn Publications.

We must remember that the ancients used a naked-eye or visual astronomy, and that their day began at sunset. At this time of day the stars began to appear on the eastern horizon as the Sun sank from view on the western horizon. Because the stars and planets were invisible during the daylight, ancient astronomy and astrology were lunar. Unless they could see it they did not include it in their records. The New Moon of the ancients referred to the first appearance of the lunar crescent as it appeared in the west after sunset. They never referred to the exact conjunction of the Sun and Moon, known to astronomers as the syzgy. Since at this time the Moon was hidden

by the Sun's light and was invisible this, the last day of the lunar month, was considered a period of great evil because at this time eclipses of the Sun can occur.

Let us once more briefly state the rationale of sidereal astrology. The stars and planets can only be seen at night. When the ancients talked about any particular constellation, they did so because at that time the Moon, particularly the Full Moon, was in it. They could never tell where the Sun was because its light hid the stars; but by knowing where the Moon was, in relationship to the Sun, and especially when the Moon was full and rose in the east when the Sun sank in the west, they could determine the exact time of the Full Moon and thus would also know the position of the Sun in the constellations. It is for these reasons that Egyptian astronomy was aptly called Full Moon astrology.

I trust that this explains somewhat the type of astrology that we are bringing to your attention and that this explains the different days of the Sun's entry into the constellations as opposed to its entry into the signs.

— *Carl W. Stahl, U.S.A.* †

Did You Know? ? ?

1) Dr. Garnett Cheney of Stanford University medical school reports that the use of fresh cabbage juice, administered daily, had the following affect on seven patients suffering from duodenal ulcers: recovery within 10.3 days. In contrast, he says that 62 patients reported a recovery within 37 days with standard therapy. In six other patients with gastric ulcers, the greater healing time with cabbage juice was 7.3 days as compared with 42 days for six patients treated by standard therapy. Cabbage is ruled by the Moon. The old herbalist called this the 9 day ulcer cure.

2) Biological chemists have discovered a new germ killing chemical in the common garlic, which is called allicin. The essential oil of garlic contains constituents that kill bacteria, protozoa, and even larger organisms like yeast cells and the eggs of certain lower animals. Allicin attacks staphylococci and destroys them by limiting the bacteria's ability for further growth. It helps destroy the germs' oxygen metabolism just as a person may smother to death. Mars rules over garlic.

3) Nature locks her virtues in some of the very things we discard. Consider for example corn silk. Corn silk is one of the best remedies for kidney and bladder troubles, where there is trouble with the prostate gland in urinating, painful urination, and for preventing bed wetting. Another example is the cherry pit. Take out the kernals, crush them, and macerate them. Decant through a strainer and filter. Add unpasturized honey and you have a good cough syrup.

— *William L. David, Canada*

Questions and Answers

ALCHEMY

Q. *In going through the past egg materials we found a bottle labeled "the seed of 12 eggs." What is the seed of an egg? Another label reads "the semen of egg." Will you comment on this?*

A. It is the sperm.

Q. *In reference to the change of acetic acid to acetone when brought in contact with limestone, could one make an alchemical axiom to the effect that though a fixed substance cannot be unfixed it can be transmuted?*

A. In your way of thinking yes.

Q. *Pages 78-79 of THE TRIUMPHAL CHARIOT OF ANTIMONY. Antimony is a mineral, made of a terrestrial vapor changed into water, which sidereal change is the true Star of Antimony. This water has been extracted from elementary earth by the Stars and the fire which is contained in the air. This tangible essence encloses a large quantity of predominating sulfur; after it comes mercury, and of salt there is least of all, yet it has enough salt to make it hard and immalleable. Please explain.*

A. It refers to the three essentials and their proportions wherein all minerals and metals differ.

Q. *You mentioned brackish water. Is brackish water beginning to ferment? Is there a way to get the Spirit from water without the addition of sugar in some form? In other words, is it possible to ferment water in its natural state?*

A. Yes.

Q. *Is there an inner counterpart to vinegar as a fixing agent? In other words, is there an objective way of fixing a state of consciousness in a way that is analogous to fixing of an oil?*

A. Introversion — withdrawing to within — could be used as an analogy.

Q. *On page 196 of THE TRIUMPHAL CHARIOT OF ANTIMONY, instructions are given to obtain the red oil of vitriol of Iron. What menstruum is used to obtain this oil? Is it the fixed oil of iron we are after?*

A. It is not the fixed oil referred to but the alchemistical sulphur of iron. KM and any of the alkahests will do.

Q. *What is the difference between the leached out salt of an herb and the fused herb (whole herb) that is obtained at high (approx. 1200 degrees F. to 1500 degrees F.) temperatures?*

A. The whole herb contains the sulphur which shows when subjected to extraction with alcohol in form of a tincture. An extracted and then leached herb does not.

ASTROLOGY

Q. *When the planet Mercury starts its apparent backward (retrograde) motion, what is its significance in terms of Alchemy, particularly in starting experiments at this time?*

A. It is said to be somewhat retarding, mental activity requiring additional concentration.

Q. *Can you tell us anything in regard to the Comet Rohouter, the spiritual implications now and in the future? What are the alchemical implications? How will it affect a child being born at this time?*

A. Comets have been interpreted as harbingers of difficulties because their path is interfering with gravitational forces of planets.

Q. *What is the relationship between the four fixed signs and the four Gospels?*

A. Their fixed duration of the influences. Taurus, decisive (Matthew); Leo, organizing (Mark); Scorpio, solidifying (Luke); and Aquarius, concentrative (John).

Q. *At one time you stated, "At the time we are born it is predestined the time we shall die — unless by accident. Why should not accident be predestined? Is no one supposed to die by accident?"*

A. Man's free choice may interfere with celestial mechanics, just like he interferes with terrestrial mechanics.

Q. *Will you please explain the influences of planets when retrograde?*

A. Their intelligence is in a motion of retrospect.

Q. *On the 1/7 of Grand Cycle the blue cycle goes into the black cycle instead of the green cycle. Can you explain this.*

A. Check the dates when one begins and the other ends and you have the answer.

Q. *Do the cycles start in Sagittarius because of Atlantis being destroyed at that time?*

A. No, it just so happened that such could have taken place. Cycles do not happen because of events but events take place during cycles.

Q. *What is hidden in the bowels of Aries?*

A. Energy.

Q. *Since there is always a definite cycle for everything and since the PRS is always aware of this, could you explain the cycle for the beginning of the Cultural Research Centers in the United States so we will have an idea as to when the actual physical structure with faculty should be functioning?*

A. Two things are requisite for the beginning: a) Those conscious about the work involved and b) Their own dates of births and prevailing cyclic influences in harmony with the five basic laws given.

Q A B A L A H

Q. Will you explain what you mean when you say that the consciousness of DAATH can only function through resistance? What does this particular kind of resistance mean psychologically in terms of our limited consciousness? Does this mean that God, also, can only function through resistance? How is this particular kind of resistance consciously controlled?

A. By the free agency of choice of an individual possessing the will to resist or to concede.

Q. Is there a QBL of the English Alphabet? There are several possible arrangements which have suggested themselves. Is there a correct and lawfully sound interpretation of the ABC alphabet?

A. Out of the many attempted arrangements, the sound interpretation is the QBL. If one uses the Chinese system, then it would be based on theirs. Intermixing usually causes confusion.

Q. Is the placement of elements altered in the Queen Scale, fire being found in Aries through Cancer (as suggested by the arrangements of colors)?

A. Only the mother letter Shin refers to the element fire. Double and single letters refer respectively to planets and signs and their intelligences and influences.

Q. Are the planetary rulerships altered in the Queen Scale — Uranus ruling Aries and Taurus, Sun ruling Gemini and Cancer (as suggested by the arrangement of colors)?

A. No. The intelligence manifests as a subray in such cases and takes the place similar to a decan in the twelve cycle chart.

Q. There is a simple logic in the emergence of the Sephiroth's Colors on the Tree of Life. The logic of the emergence of colors in the diagram given us is clear. But the logic ceases when the order of the Hebrew alphabet is altered and seems to be lacking in the emergence of color on the Tree of Life. Why, for instance, do not the elemental colors flow down first, then the planetary colors, then the colors symbolizing the signs?

A. The Queen Scale does make this difference by its three categories of letters to supplement the King Scale's emergence of colors which are one of the three types of symbols known.

Q. On the keyboard the gray planet Vulcan is positive and Saturn is a half note. Will you explain how to determine our note?

A. Find your planetary ruler in your sun sign. See the four zodiacal systems in Men and the Cycles of the Universe, published by PRS.

Q. If the numbers according to Sephiroths and Mezlas were plotted according to days, starting with the first day of the year (either calendar or personal year), would the cycles thus formed be meaningful?

A. They would have a meaning to you, based upon the system one chooses. One can make any system work for a time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Q. You have talked about directing Spirit and you have related Spirit and Will. What is the physical center of Will or Spirit? How does one begin to learn to direct Will towards consciousness or toward the body?

A. Spirit is centered in the blood of the body. Will is an extension of consciousness and the heart has been suggested as the physical center of the mind (not brain).

Q. What do you mean by a conscious worker? Wherein does he differ from an attentive, hard-working, conscientious worker?

A. A conscious worker knows what he is doing and why. A conscientious worker may work diligently and may not know why he is doing what he does conscientiously, like one working on a secret government project not being conscious of what the items he works on is, for the end product is unknown to him.

Q. When we lose ourselves in the state of rest and we are contemplating, why is it we do not bring back to the objective what we were contemplating? What is wrong here?

A. What one loses one may find again. Why should it not be possible during contemplation to remain conscious? We may not be conscious of outer disturbances and still have an awareness of our contemplation.

Q. You have said previously that the Heart is the center of Consciousness. How does one become conscious of this? Will you comment further on heart consciousness and brain consciousness? What can one do to increase heart consciousness?

A. Brain consciousness is related to limited objective knowledge. Heart consciousness is related to that not known previously but becomes revealed to the inner of man but NOT by book learning or hearing it on the outside from others. Learn to be still and listen to the still small voice and try not to let the brain argue with the superior consciousness you do not know about, as it is trying to reveal itself within you.

Q. Is laboratory work a form of Yoga and what part, if any, does Yoga play in Alchemy?

A. Uniting the mental and physical with sufficient energy is a uniting of what we attempt.

Q. May we have some information about anti-matter?

A. The process involved to transmute any of the four states of matter into one beyond the thermal stage stated erroneously as its annihilation, which is not possible as no matter can be destroyed but only changed, in this case anti-opposed to the four known states of matter at present.

Q. Should we pursue the study, interpretation, etc. of dreams?

A. If it serves a specific purpose, as for instance Carl Jung pursued.

The Fool

The meaning attributed to the word Fool varies considerably. Sayings that have become almost proverbs, beginning with "anyone's fool," "fooling around won't help any," "don't be foolish," and many more, indicate that a state of mind is referred to as absurd. To do a foolish thing may be an outcome of both an ignorant or thoroughly contemplated decision. Since both the known and unknown are contemplated, any decision made deals with an anticipation of the fulfillment or accomplishment of an objective the mind is obsessed with. Consequences are generally not taken into consideration. Only the final result of an anticipation is predominant.

When the result does not coincide with the anticipation, one speaks of a foolish thing. Therefore, to have been fooled means to have been betrayed. This can be a self-betrayal or may be the result of an outward coercion.

If one is told something that is not as presented, such can be of a twofold nature. It is either a misrepresentation to deceive or meant to mislead one's thought in a different direction. The first would be usually based upon selfish desires while the second is meant to be a corrective measure when the irrational approach is corrected. April fool jokes belong to the latter.

The question "Are you easily being fooled?" is a very profound one, especially when it comes to promises made that are not fulfilled. To what category do you belong? Are you a fool or are you easily being fooled?
