

“A Hermetic View of Death”



*“Hermes bowed his head in thankfulness to the Great Dragon who had taught him so much, and begged to hear more concerning the ultimate of the human soul. So Poimandres resumed: ‘At death the material body of man is returned to the elements from which it came, and the invisible divine man ascends to the source from whence he came, namely the **Eighth Sphere**. The evil passes to the dwelling place of the demon, and the senses, feelings, desires, and body passions return to their source, namely the Seven Governors, whose natures in the lower man destroy but in the invisible spirit man give life. After the lower nature has returned to the brutishness, the higher struggles again to regain its spiritual estate.”*
~Manly P. Hall

“It may seem like it, but this is not an excerpt from a fantasy novel. The dragon, spheres, and governors in this tale are allegory, not fantasy. It is unusual to see a dragon as a

good guy, but in this case, he clearly is. In fact, it seems to me from the description of the dragon found in the quoted text and elsewhere, that the Great Dragon, or Great Teacher, is Christ. And if you reply that Christ hadn't been born yet, you are confusing Jesus with Christ. Jesus was a man in whom the Christ spirit resided for a time, but the Christ spirit is immortal and always existed. But if you wish to think it is a different spiritual teacher, that is your choice.

"Hermes wants to know what happens to us after we die, and the Dragon replies in ways that are mostly allegorical, but occasionally literal (one has to learn to tell the difference)."

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"The Awakened Self"



“The truth, then, so far as we know it at present, seems to be that those powers which are in contact with the Transcendental Order, and which constitute at the lowest estimate half the self, are dormant in ordinary men; whose time and interest are wholly occupied in responding to the stimuli of the world of sense. With those latent powers sleeps the landscape which they alone can apprehend. In mystics none of the self is always dormant. They have roused the dweller in the Innermost from its slumbers, and round it have unified their life. Heart, Reason, Will are there in full action, drawing their incentive not from the shadow-show of sense, but from the deeps of true Being; where a lamp is lit and a consciousness awakened, of which the sleepy crowd remains oblivious.” ~Evelyn Underhill

“Sailors long ago learned that it is folly to ignore the largest part of the iceberg that is hidden underwater. Today, however, many people think it is just fine to ignore that greater

part of what they truly are simply because it remains dormant. And like the foolish sailor who ignore the fact that the iceberg is bigger underwater than it is above, or that there may be other dangers hidden below the surface of calm waters, those people may be in for a rude awakening.

“I know that the attitude of many seems to be to deal only with the material world while trapped on this level of existence, and they will worry about the spiritual when and if they ever get their. That is like waiting to learn how to swim after your boat sinks: almost certainly too late. But it is also a foolish position to take because awakening additional senses, additional faculties cannot harm you at all in this world, but certainly can be of benefit. Materialists tend to find that hard to believe, but there is ample evidence. People who awaken their spiritual self, people like St. Francis, Jacob Boehme, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr, just to name a few, have seen their simplistic material lives be greatly improved by this awakening. Yet many continue to resist.”

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“The Initiate Must be Fearless”



“The would-be initiate must bring with him a certain measure of courage and fearlessness. He must positively go out of his way to find opportunities for developing these virtues. His training should provide for their systematic cultivation. In this respect, life itself is a good school, possibly the best school. The student must learn to look danger calmly in the face and try to overcome difficulties unswervingly. For instance, when in the presence of some peril, he must swiftly come to the conviction that fear is of no possible use; I must not feel afraid; I must only think of what is to be done. And he must improve to the extent of feeling, upon occasions which formerly inspired him with fear, that to be frightened, to be disheartened, are things that are out of the question as far as his own inmost self is concerned.”
~Rudolf Steiner

We live in a strange time when many people feed their fears as

much as they possibly can, and often do so without being aware that they are doing it. To some degree, we can blame the media for this, especially advertising, but ultimately we are all responsible for our own behavior.

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“Real Success”



“A wealthy man of good family, who lacks inward discipline and all virtue in his way of life, is regarded by those with spiritual understanding as under an evil influence; likewise, a man who happens to be poor or a slave, but is graced with discipline of soul and with virtue in his life, is regarded as blessed. And just as strangers traveling in a foreign country lose their way, so those who do not cultivate the life of virtue are led astray by their desires and get completely lost. ...

“A man should strive to practice the life of virtue in a genuine way; when this is achieved it is easier to acquire knowledge about God. When a man reveres God with all his heart and with faith, he receives through God’s providence the power to control, anger and desire; for it is anger and desire which are the cause of all evils.” ~The Philokalia

“It is curious and timely that I should read this section of the Philokalia at a time when we are seeing so much of the opposite point of view in the media. We see a person with

great wealth, who not only admits, but brags about the fact that he obtained much of that wealth by tricking people and using the sleaziest of tactics to get good deals when he bought their properties and he is being considered a great success! Simply having a big pile of money to sit on is not success, especially when that money was obtained by trickery and thievery, is not success in any logical or sensible interpretation of the word. By that definition, some despot who robs a country of all its wealth and makes it his own is a great success, which is ridiculous."

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Dream, Vision, and Paranormal Experience Forum: September 2015

This is your forum to share higher-level experiences in Cosolargy through the images of your dreams and visions. All postings are anonymous. Send in verbal descriptions and, if you have them, drawings or paintings.

The primary value in these postings is simply to allow others to see that people do have relevant or meaningful dreams and visions. Another value is to see if others find that the dreams and visions we post are similar or identical to their own. This is why we ask for your comments.

Dreams are communications from the unconscious mind and sometimes the higher self. Some are simply compensation for attention directed elsewhere during the day; some are indications of bodily processes, and some help us work through conflicts. Occasionally, they communicate information from higher realms and thus have more than individual value.

As Cosolargists, we are learning to navigate higher realms. Dreams are part of these higher realms. The Worlds of Light, the realm of spirit, sometimes breaks through to the psyche and gives us information. What breaks through deserves our attention and analysis. In this section of the Community Communique, we offer Community members a forum for sharing their dreams and visions for the edification of the Community and themselves.

Vision No. 4:



I have had quite a few experiences while solar gazing. I have also used the phosphene eyelid technique; however, I'm not sure what it's called, but it has to do with the solar cross image within my eyes. I don't know how many are aware of this experience, and I am not using the correct terminology regarding this, nor do I have access to the Academy series that describes this event. I have always

been very reluctant to discuss this event, as I have discovered that it is not all that common, so I am at a loss for words.

I have never before tried to explain my solar experiences to anyone. I have called the a disk, but my preceptor referred to it as an orb. I could not find the text of *The Cosolargy Papers* that explains this event, but in the back of my closet I found a book titled *GLOSSARY: Lectures on Metaphysics, Philosophy, and Mystic Theology; with an Exposition on the Spiritual Orders of Antiquity*, volume 1 (Lectures 1–12). Scanning through it I read of the geometric figures, and in a paragraph on transmutation there was a reference to the solar orb, which “assumes varied geometric forms that communicate to the observer, this being a subjective experience that conveys knowledge...”

In a very bare-bones explanation (without relating my emotional or spiritual experience), I will tell you that two years after joining the Community, I was told in a dream to view the noontime sun through the leaves of a tree for several minutes for the next two or three days. On the second day I felt this burst of energy in front of my open eyes and perceived a very brilliant light that assumed the form of the sun orbiting in front of my eyes.

Over the next four months the orb/disk began to settle down into a manageable image in front of my open eyes. I asked what symbol it was that I was seeing. On Christmas night while sitting in a darkened room, I realized the spinning disk had slowed. So I concentrated on it, and it stopped in front of me. And I realized it was the image of the Cross of Cosolargy. It then began spinning until it became the solar disk that I had referred to earlier, which I still see today but in different figures. In September 2008 many brilliant symbols appeared before my open eyes, and since that time it appears that the cross has become somewhat different. Another event that occurred in August 2008 happened when I walked out the

front door and glanced at the setting sun. I turned away, and a bright light flashed. When I turned back to the sun, it was a brilliant, flaming red ball, and I heard myself pray in a foreign language. I blinked and the brilliance was gone. There are also other events that I am coming to recognize as significant visions in my life.

I have also experienced the images of the phosphene techniques (pressing on the eye lids), and I have seen within my closed eyes for the first time the image of a bright sun in both eyes, then later the image of a bright sun in the right eye and a dark, star-sprinkled sky in the left eye. I assumed, since I had seen this later, that I was seeing in the right and left side of my brain simultaneously.

I have been reluctant to speak about this event, because in September 1984 I had attended a Convocation in Reno and mentioned this sun disk after having observed Sunrise Services, and no one said one thing to me in response so I did not mention it again, but I also have to relate that I felt intuitively not to speak of it until now.

In regard to what I am now beginning to comprehend was my grand experience in the sun, I am overwhelmed by this "vision," as I refer to it.

During the years since I first noticed the spinning disk, I had not reflected upon it. All I saw at that time was the Community Cross; however, since 2008 other geometric designs have appeared to me—all at one time in a darkened room. And over time they began to rotate and seemed to meld in my head.

In the past few weeks, I have been seeing the solar orb and cross surrounded by a large white ring with symbols, which itself is surrounded by a dark reddish ring with rays coming from it. It appears quite suddenly and crosses my vision at the same time the solar cross is spinning. I do not understand this. I can't understand at this time what it all means, but

it seems to be evolving. (Since then, as these events have appeared, I have found again in my dresser the set of archetypal symbol cards, each with a different symbol of the sun.) When I can catch a better look at it I will share this.

M.J. May

“The Wormhole of Evolution”

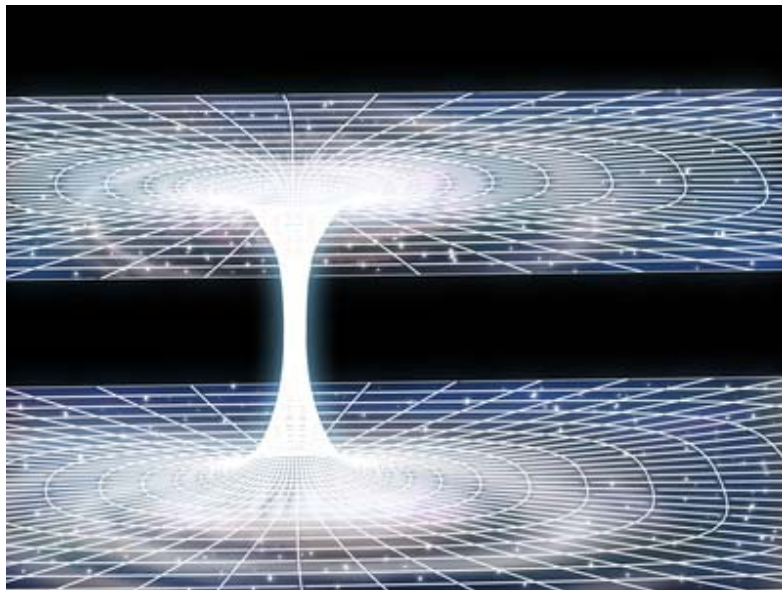


Illustration of a wormhole ripping
its way through outer space

*“On the outgoing arc of evolution Initiation is performed by
contact with the life of a swarm on the returning arc. Thus*

Initiation enables the Initiate to cut across the arc of evolution, and to obtain the reactionary capacities by sympathetic induction, instead of the lengthy process of experience.

"The function of Initiates on the outgoing arc is to enable their swarms to adapt themselves more speedily to the conditions of a newly achieved plane, because they have acquired some concept of the nature of these conditions."

~Dion Fortune

"I had not thought of spiritual development in quite this way, but it is an interesting approach. In Science Fiction and Fantasy novels, we hear of worm holes often and scientists are taking the idea more seriously these days. Ms. Fortune is saying that the spiritual Initiate, the mystic or adept, is creating a kind of wormhole on a spiritual level. This wormhole allows one to move from the downward path to the upward one, to reverse direction on the path of spirituality and consciousness.

"In Fortune's theory, there are, in a sense, two kinds of "evolution" happening simultaneously. She explains it in details over several chapters, but for our purposes we can simplify it to one downward path, more appropriately called "devolution" and an upward path of true evolution."

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“The Most Wondrous Light”



**Oh Light of all Lights,
May Your Divine Word speak to our hearts.
Oh Splendor of all Splendors,
Open wide the gates of Your Life upon
This corpuscent world, and heal your children.
Bring us back to thee, Oh Mighty Breath of Life.**

**May Thy Light and Love strengthen us
As we shine forth upon this Earth,**

**This we pray as we find fulfillment in Thy infinite Fountain
Of Divine Grace and Light. Through Your Word,
Most Bountiful Illuminator, and the intercession of
All those most wondrous bearers of your Christ Light.
We give you our Eternal Thanks.**

Mary J. May
2006

“Earthly Wisdom VS Divine Wisdom”



Way to heaven. Resurrection

concept, empty grave.

“Though thou lovest the Earthly Wisdom now, yet when thou shalt be clothed upon with the Heavenly Wisdom, then wilt thou see that all the wisdom of the world is folly; and wilt see also that the world hates not so much thee, as thine enemy, which is mortal life. And when thou thyself shalt come to hate the will thereof, by means of a habitual separation of thy mind from the world, then thou also wilt began to love that despising of the mortal life, and the reproach of the world for Christ’s sake. And so shalt thou be able to stand under every temptation, ...” ~Jakob Boehme

“It is understandable that when the material world is all one knows, he finds many things to love in that world. You can hardly expect people to be anything but materialist when all they are taught in the schools is the material world (not that I am suggesting we teach spirituality in state-run public schools, but they should at least acknowledge that there is more than the low level of matter to the complete universe.)

“Boehme says that we will lose that love of matter and materialism once we have been, “clothed with heavenly Wisdom,” or, as we prefer to call it, Divine Wisdom or Gnosis. He is correct in saying that, but the statement can be misleading.”

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“The Solar Triad”



“In his Hymn to the Royal Sun, the Emperor Julian gives a theory of the triad which is almost identical with that of the illuminated Swedenborg. The sun of the divine world is the infinite, spiritual and uncreated light, which is verbalized, so to speak, in the philosophical world, and becomes the fountain of souls and of truth; then it incorporates and becomes visible light in the sun of the

third world, the central sun of our suns, of which the fixed stars are the ever-living sparks. The Kabalists compare the spirit to a substance which remains fluid in the divine medium and under the influence of the essential light, its exterior, however, becoming solidified, like wax when exposed to air, in the colder realms of reasoning and of visible forms.” ~Eliphas Levi

There are many sacred triads including the well known Christian one of three Gods in one. The quoted passage is about another one that is of great importance to us: the triad of the sun or Light. This triad consists of the physical sun, the spiritual sun, and us because we are greatly affected by the sun.

Science completely agrees on the importance of the physical sun to life on Earth, but go no further than that. Like the foolish ship's captain who sees only a small part of the iceberg sticking out of the water and refuses to believe that there is even more of it hidden below the surface, the scientist can't accept anything his material tools can't measure as real, so he simply ignores them.

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“Cosmic Equilibrium”



Yin and Yang fantasy with the angels
on the clouds

“The forces of the Cosmos tend to maintain equilibrium compensating each other, nevertheless, at irregular intervals, conditions which require compensation, and these give rise to varying degrees of irregularity to the movement of Great Entities, and hence to the presence of positive evil, sin and disease within their spheres.

“The Cosmos itself has to strive to attain adjustment at the commencement of each phase of its evolution, and the irregularities which occur before adjustment is effected. ... Cosmic evil is a limitation, an opposition, and is the prime condition of manifestation. For without limitation,

finiteness, there can be no manifestation, and without death or discarding of the outworn, there can be no progress. These elements then of Cosmic opposition are always present in a manifested universe.” ~Dion Fortune

“The forces of the material universe need to maintain a balance or the whole thing may fall apart like a house of cards caught in a sudden gust of wind. But maintaining the equilibrium continuously is a difficult, and possibly impossible, job. Things do get out of balance in areas and may seem to say that way for quite a while to us humans, but to Nature, correcting such difficulties in twenty, thirty, even fifty years is like the blink of an eye. It may seem to us that things are regularly out of balance, but such imbalances do get corrected over time.”

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