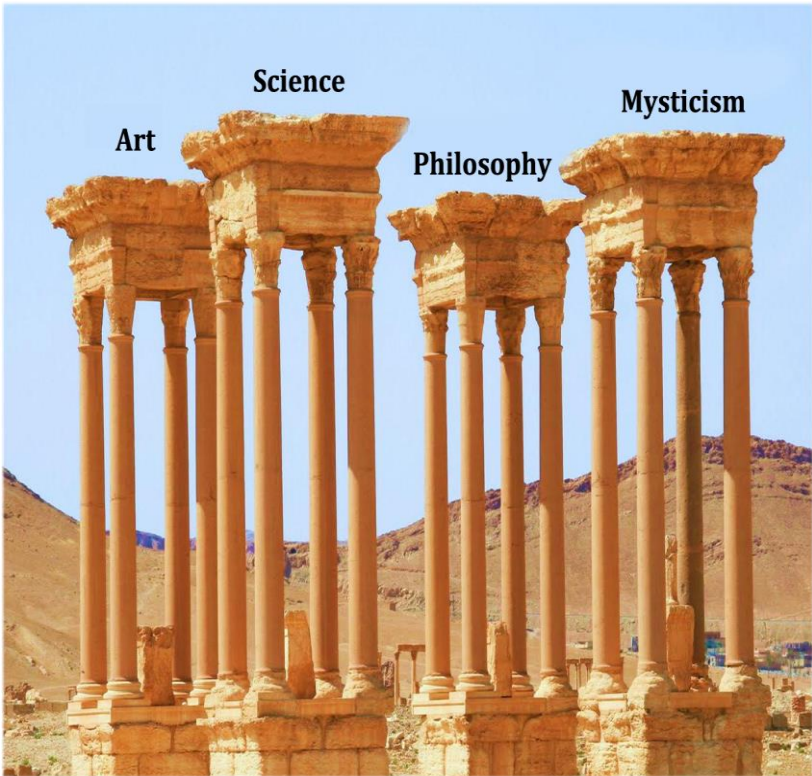


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## *Universal And Timeless Knowledge*



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### **MODERN LIFE**

What is life? Why do we exist? Is there something after death? So many difficult enigmatic questions to answer...

And yet, great beings, women and men, have come throughout the centuries: sages, scholars, masters and philosophers of all nations. But the majority of the inhabitants of our planet remain enslaved by daily life. In the poor countries, there is the struggle for survival, to eat, each day; in the rich countries, a life centered on consumption.

Generally speaking, the rich and the poor have forgotten... forgotten the great cities of old, forgotten the ancient Knowledge, forgotten what it is to experience "Reality". The starving continues to die by the thousands, beneath the helpless gaze of the masses. "What can we possibly do?" we say. Not to mention our defiled planet Earth, our Mother...

Our education no longer teaches the mysteries of life, the superior mysteries: Knowledge of the self and of the universe.

Today, our bodily needs are made a priority: survival for some, consumption for others. We have lost contact with the hidden dimensions of Nature, with the Divine in us, and around us.

The great, singular universal Religion is no longer taught; so many horrible wars, so much ignorance and fanaticism in the name of the Truth.

The current global context tends to put the consciousness to sleep.

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What remains of the science and wisdom of the builders of the Aztec, Egyptian and Mayan pyramids? What remains of the knowledge and medicine of the Amerindians, the Druids and the African shamans? What remains of the ancient philosophy taught in the Buddhist temples of Asia and of the glory of the ancient Indian kingdoms? What remains of the sacred music and arts? Much remains, much more than we can imagine. We need only do a little research.

Beyond epochs and locations, beyond races and beliefs, beyond our limited knowledge, there exists a universal Knowledge; a Knowledge

of ourselves and of the world and cosmos that surrounds us. It is a superior Knowledge that answers our questions concerning life and death, the mysteries of the Being and the non-Being, of Creation and of all that exists.

This Knowledge can never belong to anyone in particular; no one will ever be able to claim exclusive rights or claim to include it entirely in his or her books or teachings. This Knowledge, named Gnosis by the ancients, greatly exceeds us. Like the Truth, we can aspire at best to discover certain aspects.

Gnosis is the life that palpitates in each atom, in each flower, in the planet that spins, in the sun that illuminates, in the man-woman microcosm like in the macrocosm universe and, ultimately, in the entire universe of infinite space.

Gnosis is the universal science that seeks to explain Reality. Gnosis is the philosophy that aims at teaching humanity of all eras how to awaken their consciousness and their faculties. Gnosis is the mysticism of rites and prayer of the singular Religion that offers the doors to the Divine, through love of our neighbor. Gnosis is the royal art; the art that once was the vehicle for science, philosophy and mysticism, in a time where they were unified.

Gnosis is the Truth that eludes us in each moment, within us and around us.

Gnosis is the mechanism of Consciousness.

## **GNOSTIC ANTHROPOLOGY**

It is very difficult for us, in our era, to become aware of the extent of the knowledge of the ancient peoples. Because our society has made great technological progress, we have the impression of being more advanced, of having “evolved”. The theories on which modern anthropology is based have always supported the idea that the ancients were more naïve and ignorant, barbaric even, and that we are at the apex of human evolution.

But these theories, based on certain anthropological hypotheses, are criticized more and more today. Numerous scientists, anthropologists, archeologists and historians have written books in which they demonstrate:

1. The true origins of the human being.
2. The superiority of the Wisdom of the ancient peoples.
3. The common root of the great cultures of the world.

These are the foundations of gnostic anthropology. We will do a brief overview of this in the following lines.

There exists an impressive quantity of giant bones found in North and South America, in Europe, Asia and Australia; humans that would have measured 3,4 and even up to 5 meters in height. They have been the subject of numerous recent publications.

Traces of human foot prints imprinted into stone in Mexico for example, dated at 1.3 million years... whereas the official theory states that the modern human being (*homo sapiens*) began appearing about 160,000 years ago in Africa and that they travelled to America around 13,000 years ago.

Multiple traces such as these exist in the world, in the United States, in Africa, in Australia, all dating back to the time of the dinosaurs, which is millions of years before the official version of when the human being first appeared on Earth.

We have even discovered paintings of humans standing alongside dinosaurs in tombs belonging to the Nazca culture in Peru.

We have found objects in America, bones and settlements dating back more than 200,000 years, and proving that the Amerindian peoples were present on the American continent far before the last ice age (13,000 years or even the previous one dating around 30,000 years.) In fact, some of the giant bones found belonged to these peoples.

Not to mention the surprising discoveries made in the Atlantic, on the Bimini islands and Cay Sal; remains of the enigmatic civilization of Atlantis that would have disappeared 12,000 years ago.

Numerous researchers have dedicated their lives to accumulating archeological and ethnological evidence. Entire books have been written. Vegetal fossils and volcanic rock, wherein their structures prove that they were formed in open air, have been found at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean; "flash frozen" mammoths found in Siberia with their meals still intact in their stomach; entire forests, instantly frozen lie under hundreds of meters of ice in Antarctica... the concept of a pole change that we

scoffed at until recently is now a scientific reality. No one can continue to doubt this.\*

Who were the Ancient peoples? What knowledge did they have? What was their wisdom?

What can we say about the famous crystal skulls? There are many in existence around the world: In the British Museum, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, etc. Some are older than others. Specialists (like those from Hewlett Packard, HP) have studied these skulls extensively, and they are stupefied, particularly over the most ancient ones. The skull named Anna Mitchell-Hedges, for example, which is several thousands of years old, is a veritable enigma to the scientific world. They say that even with our most modern tools, it would take at least one year to polish it, and that the vibrations and heat would most certainly break it. They have concluded that we would need to develop laser technology in order to create something so perfect and beautiful.

The quartz crystal has in the last while been at the forefront of scientific progress: telecommunications, radar systems... According to the Mayans, the crystal skulls were ancient computers dating back more than 15,000 years. They contained important information on the origins of humanity and on its destiny. Here are some more surprising cases...

During the 1960's in Egypt, after the construction of the Aswan dam, the best English, French, German and American engineers were brought together in a joint program directed by UNESCO, to save the Abu Simbel temple from the flood. They cut the temple into pieces and raised it 60 meters higher, but they were unable to align it the way it had been before, in the sense that, on the 21 of February, the birthdate of Ramses II, the first rays of sunlight would penetrate to the depths of the temple. This same effect is now produced on the 22 of February, and the tourist guides know this.

When the American scientists from NASA visited the anthropological museum of Mexico City, they discovered an engraved rock dating back to the time of the Mayans and that had strange inscriptions. After having studied it, they found that it was a very precise map of the dark side of the moon (not visible to the Earth).

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\* Researchers even affirm that it has happened hundreds of times since the formation of the Earth.

It is thanks to the Dogons, a tribe from Mali, that astrophysicists discovered the star Sirius had a twin sister, Sirius B, completely invisible to telescopes until recently. The Dogons also affirmed that there exists a third star, Sirius C; maybe we will discover it one day. There are enough examples such as this in existence that many books could be written.

Who were the architects and geometers of the ancient Egyptians, the Mayans, and the Aztecs? What do we know of their astrology, their calendars, their perception of the world, their natural medicine, their life philosophies, their science, their experiences beyond and of Creation? It is true that all the great civilizations, whichever they may be, declined after a long climax or peak; no one can deny this. Unfortunately, history and anthropology particularly insist on the periods of decline to uphold their theories. In reality we know very little about their periods of “glory”, on their hundreds, sometimes even thousands of years of peace, prosperity and harmony. If this applies to the solar civilizations, and even the kingdoms of the Middle-Ages, then what about the lost continents?

What can our current civilization truly brag about? Atrocious wars in the name of money, power, religion... ethnic cleansing, massacres without precedent... massive weapons of destruction, terrifying and cruel: atomic bombs, chemical and biological warfare... Entire people roaming in search of a piece of bread, a sip of water... weaponry, the Third-world, economic colonialism, pollution... And what about the crimes that are no less horrible such as child slavery, pedophilia, rape, mental cruelty of all kinds. Are we really better?

The ancient peoples venerated the Mother-Earth who carries us, they adored the Creator beneath the vault of the heavens, they respected life, and all living beings that they considered their brothers and sisters. They marveled before Nature and its secrets.

Very fortunately, Gnostic Anthropology appeared in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Great thinkers and sages, psychologists and humanists, anthropologists of all nations salvaged the treasures of past Knowledge; Carl G. Jung, Mircea Eliade, Helena Blavatsky, Samael Aun Weor... All agreed: The ancient Knowledge is unique, universal and the same in all traditions.

Since then, numerous researchers have published results from their comparative studies and continue to do so. They have all arrived at the

same conclusion. It is no longer possible to ignore the gnostic roots of the great people, not only those from the Mediterranean Basin but also those from Asia and America, Northern Europe and Africa.

The goal of Gnostic Anthropology is thus to unveil, through comparative studies of the ancient cultures, this unique Knowledge, or Gnosis.

Science, religion, philosophy and art are the four pillars of Gnosis. We will briefly study them in the following pages.

## **SCIENCE-RELIGION-PHILOSOPHY-ART**

### **SCIENCE**

The science of the sages of antiquity was a very pure science that always sought harmony with the human body and with Nature, and harmony with the Cosmos.

Let us take for example Amerindian medicine. The pharmaceutical companies and researchers in this domain confirm that four out of five new pharmaceuticals are discovered thanks to the plant remedies of the shamans and healers. Where did they get this science?

Modern science postulates that life appeared by “chance”, after the big bang. It claims that living cells, as complex as they are, appeared from nowhere. And that ultimately, the human being, with such a perfect body, with its marvelous systems, circulatory, digestive, nervous, cerebrospinal, immune, respiratory, etc., a miracle of nature, gifted with intelligence, reason, emotions, love... is the fruit of chance.

The pure science of the ancients recognizes the diverse dimensions of Nature, those of which even Einstein proved existed. They are the parallel worlds that all peoples have spoken of: the tree of life of the Hebraic Kabbalah, Yggdrasil the tree of the Vikings, the Eons of the Christians, the nine Skies of the Aztecs...

The ancient science recognizes the intelligent Principles of Nature, the regents, energetic principles that organize matter, that structure all things: the particles within atoms, the atoms within cells, the cells within organs, etc.

Today, science and religion are divorced. Einstein said that, “Science without religion is lame and religion without science is blind.” And

Rabelais, the French author and doctor said, "Science without consciousness is but ruin for the soul".

Many people today know that we need a science that is in harmony with the human body, with Nature and the Cosmos, for example:

Ancient Alchemy, which through its axioms explains the processes of "divine chemistry" in the kingdoms of Nature (mineral, vegetal, animal), in our psychosomatic nature and in the Cosmos.

The Kabbalah, which explains the multidimensional structure of space-time and the means to rediscover our place within all of Creation.

The science of the octaves, whose origin is lost in the mists of time and that Pythagoras learned in Egypt. It is the same science we find at the heart of primitive Christianity and that, for thousands of years, was safeguarded in the temples of the Middle-East and Asia. It is the same science that the spinning dervishes express through their art, the science of the Sufis and Mohammedan mystics.

The school of Pythagoras, moreover, united mathematics, music, poetry and mysticism. The school of Pythagoras studied the structure of the Cosmos and the dimensions of Nature thanks to the mathematical law of the octaves they taught and retransmitted via poetry and music, inspiring mysticism. So many splendors ignored nowadays...

## RELIGION

*"O Egypt! Egypt! there will remain of your religions only vague legends which posterity will refuse to believe; only words graven upon stones will witness to your devotion!"* (Hermes Trismegistus, Discourse of Initiation or Asclepius).

The religions of today have lost a lot. The word religion in itself is associated more and more with sectarianism, and sometimes even with fanaticism. "Believing or not believing" becomes an act of faith based on interpretations of writings, sometimes difficult to understand and almost always incomplete.

True religion was originally based on direct experience, on mystical contact with the forces of Nature, the cosmic Intelligences.

But our faculties have atrophied and we no longer see spiritually. We no longer perceive the divine realities. And even at the spiritual and

religious level, we are lost in a labyrinth of theories and beliefs, a labyrinth of all that seems real, but rarely is.

Strictly speaking, only a religion that can be experienced directly by each individual can be called unique and universal. By using precise scientific techniques, the ancients perceived and knew what we call “the Divinity”. Even more, they experienced these realities in the superior dimensions. Thanks to the strength of the human body, we can also do this in our present day and age.

The angels, the archangels, the cherubim, the saints of Christianity are none other than the gods, demi-gods, goddesses, devas and messengers of the so called “pagan” religions.

The universal religion is unique because the true men and women who taught it were awakened. The goal of their teachings was always to show the Path that leads to our deep inner Being, our superior Consciousness, the most divine part of us.

Furthermore, the word religion comes from the Latin word *religare* meaning “to unite,” “to make one.” And the word yoga has the same meaning: we make one with our interior God, awakening our consciousness and our faculties. It is what we call in the modern Gnostic language, “Autorealization”.

Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, etc., have always had the same root, the same teaching at their base. It is also the same religion as that of the ancient Egyptians, Mayans, Aztecs, Nordic peoples, etc.

All of the religions have rendered, for example, a cult to the Divine Mother and have adored her under many different names: Marie, Maya, Isis, Shakti, Diana, Kwan Yin, Tonantzin...

And how is it that thousands of years before Jesus, the Egyptian artists sculpted small statues of Isis offering her breast to her son Horus, and that centuries later, the Christian artists painted the famous *Maria Lactans*, that is to say the Virgin Mary offering her breast to her son Jesus?

How is it possible that the Buddha was born in the year 563 B.C., from a virgin to whom the Holy Spirit appeared in a dream to announce the divine birth of a child?

The theologians count, in the symbolism of the different traditions, more than ten virgins having brought into the world a Savior and this all being before the Christian era.

Here is what anthropologist and humanist Samael Aun Weor states, *“In Persia, the Christ is Ormuzd, Ahura Mazda, the terrible enemy of Ahriman (Satan) that we carry within ourselves. For the Hindus, the Christ is Krishna, and the Gospel of Krishna is very similar to that of Jesus of Nazareth. For the Egyptians, the Christ is Osiris, and whoever incarnated him was in fact Osirified. For the Chinese, the Cosmic Christ is represented by Fo-Hi, who composed the Yi-King, a book of laws, and appointed Dragon ministers. For the Greeks, the Christ was named Zeus, the Father of the Gods, Jupiter to the Romans. For the Aztecs, in Mexico, the Christ carried the name of Quetzalcoatl. In the Germanic Edda, the Christ is Balder, who was assassinated by Hoder, the God of War, with an arrow made of mistletoe wood. We can therefore find the Cosmic Christ in a multitude of archaic books and ancient traditions that date back thousands of years before Jesus. All of this invites us to accept that the Christ is a Cosmic Principle contained within the substantial principles of all Religions.”*

All the Religions of the world have a Trinity\*: Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva-Shakti for the Hindus; Osiris, Horus, and Isis for the Egyptians; Odin, Thor and Freya for the Vikings; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for the Christians; Kether, Chokmah, and Binah for the Hebrews.

This Trinity is none other than the Three Primary Forces that create and penetrate the entire Cosmos: The Affirmation, the Negation, and the Conciliation; or the positive, negative and neutral in modern science (present in the atom and in magnetism); the Yin, the Yang and the Tao (or Tai Chi); etc.

All the great Masters known to humanity have taught the reincarnation of the soul, and the possibility that the soul has to perfect itself (Autorealization). The Fathers of the Christian Church called reincarnation the “preexistence of souls”, and Autorealization, “apocatastasis”. Origen, St-Augustine, St-Valentine, St-Jerome, St-Basil... all taught these. But on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 553, despite the protests of Pope

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\* Even if it is sometimes misunderstood today; we should not see three distinct parts, but rather an "All" consisting of three sub-parts or aspects, thus resolving the dispute between Christianity and Islam.

Vigilius who refused to participate, A council wrongly considered as ecumenical\* was held in Constantinople. Emperor Justinian the 1<sup>st</sup> wanted to break away from the ancient religions and create a state religion. During an extra-conciliar session, that is to say non-official, he imposed fifteen anathemas on the popes (laws permitting their excommunication), and the first and most famous was, "If someone believes in the mythical preexistence of souls and in the reprehensible apocatastasis, may he be anathema." (See: *Catholic encyclopedia*).

The theologians and exegetes recognize a total of 34 authentic Christian gospels; only 4 are officially accepted today by the Church. The other 30 were listed as "Apocrypha", or in other words, secret. The gospels according to Thomas, Judas, Mary-Magdalene... the Dead Sea scrolls, the papyruses of the Nag Hammadi entitled *Pistis Sophia*... books like Kersey Graves' *The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors*, the book by Annie Besant entitled *Esoteric Christianity*, and like dozens of more recent books demonstrating the common root of the great religions and cultures of the world.

Jesus, Buddha, Hermes Trismegistus, Krishna, Rama, Quetzalcoatl... have all transmitted to us the same Message.

The founders of the great religions taught the mysteries of the soul, of its incarnation into the body, the mysteries of life, the mysteries of death and beyond...

#### PHILOSOPHY

Why are we on Earth? To eat, sleep, reproduce? Is that the only goal to life?

Philosophy means "love of wisdom". The ancients were lovers of wisdom. They sought to live in harmony with the planet that they loved, in harmony with themselves and with others, and in harmony with the omnipresent energy of the Creator. Through their actions, they attempted to maintain this subtle equilibrium that unites all things. This was part of their daily attitude towards life.

This harmony that the ancients sought was not only the fruit of their veneration for the Creator, but also the fruit of a certain "state of being" that they cultivated from instant to instant.

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\* Of the 165 bishops present, 159 belonged to the Church of the East.

The ancient sages had discovered something revolutionary, wherein the repercussions are immeasurable: the philosophy of the moment, that is to say the present moment. Here is the basis:

Our consciousness, at each moment, identifies itself with the objects that surround us, with the people, the places, etc., and ultimately with life. It is what the Hindus know as *Maya*: the illusion. Plato called it *Eikasia*, the slumber of the consciousness, the dream. Jesus expressed on numerous occasions in his parables the necessity to remain “awakened”. It is written all over Buddhism.

The human being dreams of his consumer goods, he dreams of his projects, his future, his preoccupations, his frustrations... and he sees his dreams as realities. He thus forgets the true meaning of life.

While we are sleeping, we react with our defects: we insult our insulter, we get drunk when given a bottle of alcohol, we preoccupy ourselves with thousands of things for no reason. Anger, greed, jealousy, pride, laziness, lust, gluttony, fear... are well known to everyone.

These negative states are the consequence of our slumber. The result is that in each instant that passes, our vital energies are “deviated” from their natural course, like a river that is diverted. And so, the consciousness, the Being, is no longer nourished. This is when the need arises to learn the science and art of contemplation.

What we are saying here is not simple poetry, but a scientific reality. Our vital energies, deviated and absorbed by the unconscious, are crystallized into different “I’s”, into different “Selves”, the Ego, the defects called psychological aggregates by the Tibetans. And so what obviously follows is the forgetting of divine things and the loss of our superior faculties; and in the long run, the loss of contact with the superior dimensions and with Reality.

It is what the great writer and philosopher Shakespeare resumed in the famous following phrase, “To Be or not to Be, that is the question.”

This is why the great Masters and Initiates insisted on the question of awakening: the body relaxed, the mind calm, while simultaneously cultivating the superior emotions.

The philosophy of the moment teaches us to not be identified, to live in a state of “self-remembering”, without “forgetting oneself”, without

forgetting the Divine, from instant to instant, and by fighting against the negative manifestations of our psyche: the defects.

The Buddhist, Zen and Christian monks, the Yogis of India, have always transmitted by example this Philosophy.

Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, Mohammed... all insisted on the urgency of awakening.

## ART

Who is not marveled by the majestic pyramids of Egypt? Teotihuacan, the city of the Aztec gods; Machu Picchu, sacred city of the Incas; Stonehenge; the gothic cathedrals, the Sistine Chapel, the Taj Mahal, the ancient mosques, the Buddhist and Hindu temples...

And what can we say about the frescos, the paintings, the statues, the reliefs, of the Mayans, Aztecs, Egyptians, Hindus, the Middle-Ages... Such unequaled beauty, heritage of the centuries, vehicles of wisdom...

The art of the great Civilizations of the past's main goal was to elevate the soul and to teach it about the great mysteries.

The marvelous cities, in all of their glory, decorated with so much beauty, piety, wisdom, inspired the universal Knowledge in their inhabitants. It was the time when the four pillars of Gnosis, art, science, philosophy and mysticism were united.

Art elevated the vibratory, emotional state of the individuals. Art was therefore a source of inspired Knowledge.

Modern art, in comparison, generally draws from the unconsciousness of the artist, and thus from the inferior dimensions of Nature rather than being inspired by the marvels of Creation, with the goal of transmitting a superior message via the emotions.

The royal art of Nature, the art of the alchemical engravings, the hieroglyphs, the archeological finds, the obelisks, the temples are all carriers of precious cosmic truths.

Let us take for example the dances of the whirling dervishes: throughout their precise movements, the dervishes sometimes reproduce the movements of the planets in the solar system, sometimes the formation of the cosmos, from the Absolute until now, all the while scientifically illustrating the Law of the Octaves (also known as the Law of the Seven).

In Ancient Egypt, Greece, Babylonia, India, Asia, the sacred dances and cosmic dramas reproduced on stage, as well as transmitting Gnosis in an inspired fashion, were also a vehicle for archaic and initiatory teachings.

The ancient sages knew how to instruct the intellectual brain, the emotional brain and the motor brain in order to communicate knowledge in an integral fashion.

Music, like dance and theatre, was also sacred. In ancient Babylon, for example, “profane” music was forbidden. The musical instruments were only used with spiritual intention. The classical musical instruments that we use today came to us from Babylonia.

It is interesting to note that the music of the great composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Wagner... wonderfully activate the Superior Centers of the Consciousness.

Paintings, sculpture and literature were all, in antiquity, sources of knowledge and of beauty. The Egyptian tombs of the valley of kings and queens, the tantric temples of Khajuraho in India, of Borobudur in Java, the Mayan temples of Yucatan, the gothic cathedrals of Notre-Dame de Paris... are but a few examples.

## **TEMPLES**

The ancient temples, with their orientation, their architecture and their decorations, were not only places of prayer, but also living schools where the Sages retransmitted cosmic Teachings.

It is difficult to imagine what really happened in the temples of antiquity. In fact, the modern Egyptologists and anthropologists, and even the esoteric researchers and spiritualists, can barely get an idea of life during the time of the great Civilizations\*

The greatest difficulty is due to the fact that the modern human being generally projects his own psychology and view of the world on the ancient peoples. We believe that the ancient peoples’ actions were motivated at a level of base passions and inferior desires equal to our own.

It then becomes difficult to imagine the world view of human beings from remote epochs, and how this view was reflected in each of their actions, in their words, and in their way of perceiving nature and life.

All of this reinforces our belief that our level of consciousness is more elevated today. The “psychological ambiance” that reigned on Earth during the distant past is not accessible to us. And if that was what corresponded to the epoch of Jesus or Buddha, then how much more for the epoch of Pharaonic Egypt, of Ancient India or even further, of Atlantis and the other great races that have preceded us.

Some hieroglyphs engraved in stone, some scattered bones here and there, and even the most sacred texts can barely clarify for us what the true thoughts and psychology of the ancients were, and what exactly went on in their day to day life.

It is therefore impossible today to assemble the sum of knowledge that was taught in the ancient temples. Jesus said, “If I have told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?”

But not all has been lost because there still exists two groups, or circles, within humanity known since antiquity: the Outer temple and the Inner temple.

The Exterior temple is comprised of humanity in general, with its beliefs and dogmas, and with exterior or cultural religious forms, that are pre-gnostic.

It is in the Interior temple where the authentic Knowledge was kept secret. Even if it is no longer “visible” like it was in antiquity, the Interior temple is no less alive; it has survived time and ignorance.

The architects of the cathedrals, the Templars, the ancient Rosicrucians, the ancient Freemasons, the Alchemists, Theosophy, etc., are but a few examples of the fraternal societies and orders that have retransmitted the essence of Gnosis throughout the centuries, following the closing of the ancient temples and after the decline of the great civilizations.

Today this Teaching is presented publicly.

### **AUTOGNOSIS**

The key to human existence is found in Autognosis. Each person is born with values belonging to them, this is undeniable. Certain people, for example, have aptitudes for art, music, while others have them for

sciences or social sciences, etc. Some have more intellectual values, while the others have more emotional values, or motor values, and so on.

All of the values that we bring to life are reflected first at school in the fields of study that correspond to us, and later on, by exercising different trades according to these same aptitudes.

Ancient Knowledge, whose origins are lost in the mists of time, teaches that each individual corresponds to a specific “Ray of Creation”, also known as the Ray of the Being.

The different fields of human activity – politics, mathematics, medicine, education, art, mysticism, communication, agriculture, construction, engineering, etc. – are in a way the manifestation of the different Rays of Creation.

The values that a Tibetan monk brings to the world, for example, are not the same as those of a physician, or of a musician... no one doubts this. This is all related to the Ray of Creation that our inner Being belongs to.

What is marvelous is that all the values of our Being rise up from our innermost depths as we slowly but surely annihilate the non-Being, that is to say the negative values, the defects that inhabit us.

Once liberated, the consciousness awakens and not only do the universal values (humility, compassion, love, inspiration, intuition, intelligence, wisdom...) bloom within us, but also all of the qualities that correspond to the Ray of our Being.

As we destroy the negative energies that correspond to the “I”, the “Me”, the ego, the consciousness awakens and our true Identity appears; this is the key.

The idea that the awakening leads to the loss of individuality, which comes to us from the pseudo-spiritual current, is totally false.

Instead of us “dissolving” into the “all” and the “nothing”, of “melting” into the nothingness or the infinite, on the contrary, we crystallize, incarnate and manifest the Individuality of the Being.

Those who have awakened their consciousness, the Masters of Wisdom, are not walking around with robes and white beards. There also exist autorealized Beings who are arch-physicists, chemists, mathematicians... or who are from the ray of global politics, of literature, architecture, music, etc. And they are not all men; there are just as many women.

Each one must bring forth from their deepest depths the universal wisdom and wisdom of the Ray of Creation to which they belong. Each one must bring forth Gnosis from within themselves, from their most divine part, from their Being; this is Autognosis.

Autognosis is the authentic Revelation; it is inspired Knowledge, the Flash of genius, the intuitive Wisdom of the cosmic truths, profound mystical experiences...

Autognosis has nothing to do with subjective reasoning based on sensory data (that is to say what is received by the five senses).

While Gnosis teaches us about the divine mysteries, Autognosis, being a very intimate process of the Being, permits he or she who has developed it to explain its mysteries.

Engraved above the door leading into the temple of Delphi in Greece is the phrase, "Know thyself and thou will know the universe and the gods" which assumes its full meaning in the light of Autognosis.

The first step is therefore to receive the outer Gnosis, so that one day, the awakened individual may themselves become a living source of this.

Plato rightly said on this subject that, "Knowledge consists of letting out the light that is within us, rather than opening the doors to let in what is outside."

Autognosis, as intuitive Revelation, has always divided the individuals of all the Rays of Creation into two categories: on one side, those that repeat what they have read or heard, and on the other, the founders of authentic movements, schools and thoughts, etc., in the domains of science, philosophy, religion and art.

Newton, Beethoven, Shakespeare, Cagliostro, Paracelsus... Buddha, Jesus, Mary-Magdalene, Krishna, Radha, Mohammed... are all examples of Initiates who have drunk from the pure source of Autognosis, some more than others.

It is the duty of each person to reach Autognosis and to deploy their personal sacred Individuality. No one else can do it for us.

## **THE PATH**

All that we have said up to here brings us to speak in a concrete manner about the Path, the Way. There is actually a concept in each of the religions where in which the human being may "liberate" himself.

A Buddhist may explain that the ultimate goal in life, according to their religion, is to attain, through meditation, liberation from this life of suffering, illumination, Nirvana.

The Hindus believe something similar to this wherein, through the practice of yoga and by praying to the diverse divinities, they can “realize” themselves and leave this karmic world.

The Christians affirm that for them, an act of faith in Jesus and by living a life in accordance with his teachings permits them to attain eternal life and reach Paradise.

Here is the promise of all modern religions, religious sects and schools of all sorts.

Within all of these groups, there are interpretations, opinions, groups and sub-groups; UNESCO counts more than 20,000 religions on Earth. All speak of the salvation of the soul...

However, if our faculties were awakened, we would all see the same things, the same realities, and all the questions concerning the soul, of life after death, angels, devas, gods, etc., would be evident to everyone, as in the days of the one Religion.

It logically follows that any school of thought, any religion, any group that does not fully teach the universal Knowledge and yet claims to offer the salvation of the soul, deceives their followers, often without wanting to unfortunately. We are not against any group, we simply retransmit a message.

The result: the ancient Path has fallen into disgrace, the majority of people no longer believe in it, and ridicule it even.

In the marvelous temples of the great Civilizations, the true key to awakening the consciousness, the harmonious development of the latent faculties and of the integration of the Inner Being were highly valorized and wisely taught.

The Path that leads to the Divine within us, through the death of the “I” (our defects, the non-being), and through the birth in spirit (our divine spark), was the very foundation of all the great Peoples. An almost infinite potential lies dormant within each human being.

The great heroes and heroines of all the myths and stories, the Egyptian pharaohs and hierophants, the mystical Hindus, the Greek philosophers, the Amerindian and African shamans, the Asian sages, the

Buddhist lamas, the masters of the rays of the Aztecs, the Mayans... have all travelled the narrow Path that leads to the best of ourselves, to the intimate Autorealization of the Being.

Not only was there no doubt for the great Peoples that the unique Path existed, but they placed it at the very heart of their cultures and of their most secret and sacred teachings.

### **THE Gnostic MOVEMENT**

The Gnostic Movement was founded in Mexico during the 1950s by a Colombian anthropologist, researcher and humanist named Samael Aun Weor (1917-1977) who wrote dozens of books, theoretical and practical, on the ancient cultures and on Gnosis.

Since its founding, the Gnostic Movement has spread across the five continents and today shelters numerous different associations and institutions that teach Gnosis, each according to its understanding of the Knowledge.

And the books of Samael Aun Weor, originally written in Spanish, have since been translated in multiple languages.

Stating that the Gnostic Movement teaches the true Knowledge, authentic Gnosis, that which was taught in the temples, is not an easy task. It is not easy because of the current global context wherein each person is convinced of knowing the true Path. There is no solution to this difficult problem.

However, we must say that the Gnostic Movement does not claim to hold the Truth. The Truth cannot be expressed in words. Samael Aun Weor said, "The Truth is the unknown from instant to instant".

When Jesus was asked, "What is the Truth?" he did not respond. When the Buddha was asked the same question, he turned around and left.

Gnosis thus teaches the means, the methods by which each person may awaken their consciousness and experience by themselves aspects of the great Truth, of Reality. We advise the seeker to read, to reflect, to meditate and to experiment Gnosis. Once again, direct experience is primordial in this area.

There exist numerous serious modern authors who have expressed the universal Knowledge in their works. Here are some examples of those authors:

- Alice Bailey
- Charles Leadbeater
- Gurdjieff
- The Dalai Lama
- O. M. Aivanhov
- Samael Aun Weor
- Annie Besant
- Dr Krumm-Heller
- Krishnamurti
- Lobsang Rampa
- Ouspensky
- Sri Ramakrishna
- Carl G. Yung
- Eliphas Levi
- Blavatsky
- Max Heindel
- Rudolf Steiner
- Vivekananda

The Gnostic Movement does not claim to be the holder of the Truth with a capital “T”. It also does not claim to have invented something new. Gnosis has always existed and will always exist. Gnosis corresponds to humanity’s highest spiritual aspirations throughout time, and thousands of individuals have drawn from it, or participated and contributed to it.

The International Gnostic Movement (MGI) is thus a group of individuals whose goal is to retransmit the universal and timeless Knowledge that has survived the centuries and growing ignorance. And although several groups around the world denigrate Gnosis because it teaches the authentic synthesis of all religions, all true seekers are able to recognize the benefits.

Knowledge is a fundamental right for all, and no personal interest can ever, voluntarily or involuntarily, impede knowledge, the hereditary wisdom of all time, from being retransmitted to future generations.

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## **SELECTED EXCERPTS**

SRI RAMAKRISHNA

“Four blind people gather together one day to examine an elephant. The first touches the animal’s leg and exclaims, “The elephant is like a pillar.” The second feels the trunk and says, “The elephant is like a club.” The third blind person strokes the stomach of the elephant and claims, “The elephant is like a big jar.” And the fourth moves one of the elephant’s ears and states, “The elephant is like a large fan.” And with this, they began to discuss the subject.

A passerby asked them the reason for their quarrel; they explained to him the situation and asked him to be the mediator. The passerby then declared, “Not one of you has properly seen the elephant. It does not look like a pillar but its legs are pillars; it does not look like a fan, but its ears do; it does not look like a jar, but its stomach resembles one. It is not a club, but its trunk looks like one. The elephant is a combination of all these things: legs, ears, trunk and stomach.”

And so the quarrel only saw one aspect of the Divinity.

The Sun cannot be reflected in muddy waters; in the same way, Knowledge of the Being cannot be reflected in us as long as the veil of illusion has not been lifted, that is to say as long as the “me” and the “mine” exist in our heart.”

THE DALAI LAMA

“Our epoch has already seen remarkable progress in the material plan... We have been forced to become aware that this material growth could not answer to the aspirations of humanity. Even more, this development brings its lot of complications, problems and feats to surmount. This is the reason that I am convinced that the major religious traditions have the possibility to contribute to the betterment of humanity...

To the extent that most of them have developed at different times throughout the history of mankind, I believe it is fundamental to establish a very clear distinction between what I would call the heart and essence of the teachings, and the cultural aspects of the particular traditions...”

GURDJIEFF – As stated by Ouspensky

..."But such pseudo-esoteric systems also play their part in the work and activities of esoteric circles. Namely, they are the intermediaries between humanity which is entirely immersed in the materialistic life and schools which are interested in the education of a certain number of people, as much for the purposes of their own existences as for the purposes of the work of a cosmic character which they may be carrying out. The very idea of esotericism, the idea of initiation, reaches people in most cases through pseudo-esoteric systems and schools; and if there were not these pseudo-esoteric schools the vast majority of humanity would have no possibility whatever of hearing and learning of the existence of anything greater than life because the truth in its pure form would be inaccessible for them. By reason of the many characteristics of man's being, particularly of the contemporary being, truth can only come to people in the form of a lie— only in this form are they able to accept it; only in this form are they able to digest and assimilate it. Truth undefiled would be, for them, indigestible food.

"Besides, a grain of truth in an unaltered form is sometimes found in pseudo-esoteric movements, in church religions, in occult and theosophical schools. It may be preserved in their writings, their rituals, their traditions, their conceptions of the hierarchy, their dogmas, and their rules.

"Esoteric schools, that is, not pseudo-esoteric schools, which perhaps exist in some countries of the East, are difficult to find because they exist there in the guise of ordinary monasteries and temples. Tibetan monasteries are usually built in the form of four concentric circles or four concentric courts divided by high walls. Indian temples, especially those in Southern India, are built on the same plan but in the form of squares, one contained within the other. Worshipers usually have access to the first outer court, and sometimes, as an exception, persons of another religion and Europeans; access to the second court is for people of a certain caste only or for those having special permission; access to the third court is only for persons belonging to the temple; and access to the fourth is only for Brahmins and priests. Organizations of this kind which, with minor variations, are everywhere in existence, enable esoteric schools to exist without being recognized. Out of dozens of monasteries

one is a school. But how is it to be recognized? If you get inside it you will only be inside the first court; to the second court only pupils have access. But this you do not know, you are told they belong to a special caste. As regards the third and fourth courts you cannot even know anything about them. And you can, in fact, observe the same order in all temples and until you are told you cannot distinguish an esoteric temple or monastery from an ordinary one.

H.P. BLAVATSKY

The WISDOM-RELIGION was ever one, and being the last word of possible human knowledge, was, therefore, carefully preserved. It preceded by long ages the Alexandrian Theosophists, reached the modern, and will survive every other religion and philosophy... Among Initiates of every country; among profound seekers after truth - their disciples...

The best proof you can have of the fact is that every ancient religious, or rather philosophical, cult consisted of an esoteric or secret teaching, and an exoteric (outward public) worship. Furthermore, it is a well-known fact that the MYSTERIES of the ancients comprised with every nation the "greater" (secret) and "Lesser" (public) MYSTERIES -- e.g. in the celebrated solemnities called the Eleusinia, in Greece. From the Hierophants of Samothrace, Egypt, and the initiated Brahmins of the India of old, down to the later Hebrew Rabbis, all preserved, for fear of profanation, their real bona fide beliefs secret. The Jewish Rabbis called their secular religious series the Mercavah (the exterior body), "the vehicle," or, the covering which contains the hidden soul. -- i. e., their highest secret knowledge. Not one of the ancient nations ever imparted through its priests its real philosophical secrets to the masses, but allotted to the latter only the husks. Northern Buddhism has its "greater" and its "lesser" vehicle, known as the Mahayana, the esoteric, and the Hinayana, the exoteric, Schools. Nor can you blame them for such secrecy; for surely you would not think of feeding your flock of sheep on learned dissertations on botany instead of on grass? Pythagoras called his Gnosis "the knowledge of things that are," or *e gnosis ton onton*, and preserved that knowledge for his pledged disciples only: for those who could digest such mental food and feel satisfied; and he pledged them to silence and

secrecy. Occult alphabets and secret ciphers are the development of the old Egyptian hieratic writings, the secret of which was, in the days of old, in the possession only of the Hierogrammatists, or initiated Egyptian priests. Ammonius Saccas, as his biographers tell us, bound his pupils by oath not to divulge his higher doctrines except to those who had already been instructed in preliminary knowledge, and who were also bound by a pledge. Finally, do we not find the same even in early Christianity, among the Gnostics, and even in the teachings of Christ? Did he not speak to the multitudes in parables which had a two-fold meaning, and explain his reasons only to his disciples? "To you," he says, "it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven; but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables" (Mark iv. 11). "The Essenes of Judea and Carmel made similar distinctions, dividing their adherents into neophytes, brethren, and the perfect, or those initiated" (Ecler. Phil.). Examples might be brought from every country to this effect.

#### SAMAEL AUN WEOR

"We have studied archeological finds, we have profoundly investigated diverse codices, we have analyzed the Wisdom of the ancient civilizations, we have done comparative studies between Mexico, Egypt, India, Tibet, Greece, etc., etc., and little by little, thanks to the knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom, let us say, we were able to decipher codices and old manuscripts...

We have investigated the sources of China, the Sanskrit works of India, the old Tibetan manuscripts, etc., etc., etc., and we have come to the conclusion that the universal Wisdom is always the same; only the diverse representations change, according to the peoples, the nations and the languages."

"We have always thought that there exists a religiosity, of a cosmic type, that takes diverse forms or figures depending on time and place. In the name of Truth, always, we have also thought that the ancient religions contain, in their sacred verses, the Wisdom that the people of today are unaware of... We are absolutely certain that amidst the verses of the Koran, or the Bhagavad Gita, or the Chilam Balam of Chumayel, or the

Egyptian Book of the Dead, etc., there has always been hidden the same cosmic truths of the Universal or Cosmic Religion.”

“Without previous information about Gnostic Anthropology, it would be more than impossible to do the rigorous study of the diverse anthropological findings of such cultures as the Aztecs, Toltecs, Mayans, Egyptians, etc.”

“The Mexican Codex, the Egyptian Papyruses, the Assyrian Tablets, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the ancient scrolls, as well as certain very ancient Temples, the sacred Monoliths, the old Hieroglyphs, the Pyramids, the ancient Tombs, etc., offer via their profound symbolism a Gnostic sense that definitively escapes literal interpretation and that has never had an exclusively intellectual explanatory value.

Speculative rationalism, instead of enriching the Gnostic language, impoverishes it lamentably, given that the Gnostic stories, written or allegorized in an artistic form, are always oriented towards the Being.”

“It is not superfluous in this treaty to insist on asserting that Gnosticism is an intimate religious process, natural and profound.

An authentic and profound Esotericism, developing from instant to instant through very specific mystical experiences, and having specific Doctrine and Rites;

An extraordinary Knowledge that fundamentally adopts a mythical form, and sometimes mythological;

Magical ineffable Liturgy with live illustration for the Superlative Consciousness of the Inner Being;

Unquestionably, the Gnostic Knowledge always escapes the ordinary analyses of subjective rationalism.”

“Auto-knowledge, Autognosis, implies the annihilation of the “I” as preliminary work, urgent, indispensable.

The I, the Ego, is composed of a sum of subjective elements, inhuman, bestial, that undoubtedly have a beginning and an end.

The Essence, the Consciousness, imprinted, bottled-up, imprisoned in the diverse elements that comprise the “I”, the Ego, is unfortunately and painfully manifested in virtue of its own conditioning.

By dissolving the “I”, the Essence awakens, is illuminated, escapes, and is freed; thus arises, by consequence or corollary, Auto-knowledge, Autognosis.”

“The fundamental Principles of the great universal Wisdom are always identical. The Buddha as well as Hermes Trismegistus, Quetzalcoatl or Jesus of Nazareth, the great Kabir, etc., have transmitted a Message. Each of these Messages contains in itself the same cosmic Principles of a totally impersonal and universal type.

The Teaching that we are now transmitting is revolutionary in the most complete sense of the word, but it contains the same Principles that the Buddha taught in secret to his disciples or those that the great Kabir (Jesus) equally transmitted in secret to his disciples. It is the same Teaching...”

“Gnosis is the root of Christianity, the living flame of Buddhism, the foundation of the Koran, etc., etc.”

“The secret Science of the Sufis and the whirling Dervishes is within Gnosis. The secret Doctrine of Buddhism and Taoism is within Gnosis. The secret Magic of the Nordics is within Gnosis. The Wisdom of Hermes, of Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, Quetzalcoatl, etc., is within Gnosis. The Doctrine of the Christ is Gnosis.”

“Within Gnosis is found all ancient Wisdom.”











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