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DEVOTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND MYSTICAL ENLIGHTENMENT OF MAN



Dear Companions:

In our last Liber, I said I would say a few words about "Seed Atoms" so we will begin with this. Just what **are** "seed atoms" and what is the need for them? Any one who has made even a superficial study of biology has discovered that everything in nature has its birth from seed of some kind. It may be an organic cell -- or it may be the nucleus of energy in an atom. No matter how minute or gigantic a creation, it originates in a seed of some kind. Even man, a reflection of the divine Mind, originates in a seed, the form of which only a high-powered microscope will reveal.

Now, just what is a seed? Humble as it appears, a tiny seed contains the complete structure and blue print of what it is to be when and if placed in the ground, in proper soil. That seed will not be anything you want it to be. *It will only be what it is already* and you cannot alter that fact. The negative or blue-print of the tree-to-be is in that seed and even its species is predetermined. This points to one salient fact: the order and plan in nature.

I will endeavor now to define in simplest terms the other half of the word "atom". While making great strides, science as yet knows comparatively little about the true nature and purpose for the atom and its sub-atomic structures that hold the secrets of life -- because it is a **carrier** of life -- but not life itself. Science is finding out that an atom is almost a little universe or world in itself, so minute in fact that it cannot be seen even with the most high-powered optics. So how does science know all that it has learned about these marvelous structures? Simply by observing what they do -- just as we mortals are judged by what we do.

Everything in nature is made up of these infinitesimally tiny particles. The Inestimable ocean of ether or space is composed of countless particles of etheric substance and so from the most rarefied phase of matter to the grossest plane that we analyze with dynamite -- **all is one**, everything has the same organic or inorganic base, and in every instance: the same identical seeds of building and growth. While things may differ in **manifestation**, their foundation blocks are identical. And this is true throughout the cosmos.

In moments of humility we sometimes feel that, compared with the vast creation about us, we are so microscopic, constructed as we are of comparatively few cells, that we must be of little real importance and that surely God cannot be particularly interested in us as individuals. God cannot be other than interested in man simply because, right or wrong, good or bad, man is the species reproducing the image of its Creator. Each human being is a temple of God by itself. Each of us is a Divine Cell in the Cosmos and is one of the building blocks of the intelligent part of the Cosmos.

Until recently, the atom was regarded as the smallest particle of matter; indivisible and final. Now, thanks to the electron microscope and other modern instruments, it is known of course, that atoms **are** divisible, capable of being analyzed and their constituents broken down into

still more mysterious units of energy.

An atom is an etheric particle of the Body of God. It is through the atom that energy is transmitted to physical or visible life, from an etheric or superphysical plane of being and consciousness. The atom holds tremendous power because it is a carrier of life, just as our bodies are carriers of the Divine Spark or Fragment. The least modicum of life has powers beyond man's ability to duplicate by himself. Let nature show you great trees growing straight up through immense boulders, an operation man could not duplicate. The atom displays wonderful intelligence, an intelligence that is almost supernatural but which is merely unquestioning obedience to nature's laws. This is because, as a carrier to life, it must render strict obedience to the Source of Life and therefore of its own existence. So by induction, it takes on the nature of the Divine attributes of that which it carries. All atomic energy responds instantly to etheric vibration or frequency and is, therefore, most sensitive to all etheric currents.

When we consider the atom, we are in a world of light and motion. It is the motion that produces the light. Try to visualise this picture if you can. Everything that has existence, anywhere, develops a frequency all its own. There is nothing in cosmos that does not do this. This radiation and frequency varies in every element. All wood (for example) does not show the same vibratory frequencies. But were you able to count their vibrations you would discover that while one species differed from another, all plants of the same species would have the same basic frequency. A trained biologist could tell by the vibratory frequency of a given piece of plant structure, to just what species it belonged, its nature and habitat.

Why is vibration necessary at all? Vibration is necessary to life and growth because it is the primary activity of life in manifestation even though it be a rate too low or too high to be perceived by man. Vibration is a phase of growth; the act of expansion we call growth is a slow vibratory process. No organism merely lengthens out in a single movement. Growth is a series of exceeding fine "short-wave" processes, each overlapping the other like waves, hence the use of the term. In its highest aspect, vibration is the Breath of God, or the Logos in manifestation, i.e., his creative manifestation. Vibration makes it possible for motion, growth and life not only to manifest, but to register their manifestations in relative permanency. Without vibration there would be no manifestation of life. Without frequency we should not be able to see those manifestations, for it is the status of vibration under certain limited frequencies that gradually effects the development of the faculty of sight. So, without vibration & frequency, creation would not manifest but would remain merely the image in the Divine Mind of the Absolute, the Unmanifest.

Vibration is a result -- not a cause -- yet it is a result that produces further results. Frequency is the status of the astral constituent of cosmos. It is what determines growth, motion and other activity in cosmos.

Even stones have their life and the guidance of the Group Spirits of the Mineral Kingdom through frequency. We have been told that

the original natal cell of an elephant, a chicken or a man are practically identical. Were we able to examine the atomic structure of either of these cells closely enough, we would discover the difference to lie in the rate of frequency of the atomic orbits and the resultant vibratory status of a given cell, somewhat like those of plant species. Thus far, man has not been able to do this; eventually he will. When the cells in our body step out on their frequency, there is **disorder** or **disease**.

It is the atoms in our system that are the propelling influences, physically, because the cells are our physical structure, whereas the atoms are etheric and act as the carriers from the spiritual to the physical world. It is through our atomic structure that we express on the other planes of being. Why then, you might ask, do not the other forms of life which have atomic structure show as much intelligence as man? Simply because their vibratory rate or frequency is lower. The higher the vibration, the more light or intelligence.

Now what has all this to do with what we call "seed-atoms"? Just this: man's physical, etheric, & astral bodies, and mental sheath -- each vibrate at different rates of frequency. A man may have very well developed physical and etheric bodies yet his astral may be quite deficient. Or he may have a very well developed astral body yet his physical body may not be strong and healthy. This definitely shows that these bodies have had an unequal development. One has progressed faster than the others. This has been due, of course, to progress made in a given field during an incarnation. Some persons are very careful of themselves physically but when it comes to their emotions and thoughts, they are careless and negative; drifting with the tide. Result: an undeveloped astral body.

If all the rest of nature is preserved through a seed, including man, is it difficult to understand that his spiritual vehicles are likewise preserved through the same means, -- seed? A seed does not have to be *visible* in order to be a seed! Chemically we have discovered this to be so.

Let us fix some thoughts in mind.

1. All organic life, except those protean organisms that reproduce by fission, grow from their own seed.
2. Alchemists, in fact all esotericists, agree that everything from metals to man, inclusive, grows from its own seed.
3. It is obvious that seed is merely the body or sustaining vehicle for something far more important, far more potent. Seed in solid form is an aggregate of chemical matter containing in latency certain properties. Seed, as viewed in the cells of organic structure, is predominantly protoplasm; semi-liquid matter. Neither the genes nor chromosomes are seed. They are the active principles through which seed works.
4. No one has ever seen a true seed -- any more than one has seen an atom, for TRUE SEED IS A MATTER OF ATOMIC STRUCTURE, its results being determined by established atomic valencies, which produce specific

types and species under the condition of systematic, identical processes; the only variants being those developed by climate, geographical locale, food supplies and safety.

5. True seed, therefore, is always invisible.

You do not deny the existence of your physical body. You concede it grows from seed. But neither the ovum nor the spermatozoon are seed. It is the *active principle within them*, always invisible, that is the true seed. It is atomic in its nature and properties and the valences established by a long line of evolutionary developments ensure that this particular atomic frequency will always produce a human organism. That is all this particular atom and its inherent properties will do. It is the seed-atom of the body and it will produce only a physical body. Blood, bone, tissue, cannot think; they cannot feel, they only furnish organs or instruments for thinking and feeling.

So then, how do we feel and think? Obviously with something other than the physical body. There must be some sort of organism that is purely mental in its own nature that can contact the physical and produce the phenomenon of consciousness. Let us call it our mental sheath, or mental-body-in-the-making.

Let us call the factors that enable us to function consciously in the directions we have mentioned, "bodies". No matter if you have not seen them. You know you have a physical body. But you know it has no consciousness of its own. It is your other bodies that enable you to function in the different phases of consciousness.

Just as everything must grow from its own seed, and just as the seed of the physical body is invisible, so it is with the invisible bodies. Their seeds are what we call "seed-atoms" and each according to its atomic attainments, produces the same sort of vehicle each time it is planted.

The human embryo grows from the seed-atom of the physical body, planted in the prospective parents at the time of insemination. That seed-atom finds its habitat in the embryonic heart. But that is not birth. Real birth occurs, like all things of transcendent importance, in the spiritual world. When the Ego desires new birth expression, it emerges from the 3rd Heaven or the Region of Abstract Thought on the Mental Plane. That emergence, from the 3rd back to the 2nd heaven or Region of Concrete Thought on the Mental Plane, is the moment of real birth, turning back to earth and expression in matter. In the Region of Abstract Thought the Ego rests, inert, assimilating and digesting the spiritual stimulus it has received in these realms, and then with the equally inert but latent seed-atoms of its bodies-to-be, it emerges, as stated, into the Region of Concrete Thought where it awakens and invigorates the seed-atom of the Mental-Sheath-to-be and attracts to it the matter for its mental nourishment and substance. The desire for rebirth is here made permanent. This descent back into Matter is effected by the Law of Attraction, here set into operation by the constructive effects of the Astral World into which the Ego and Awakened Mental Seed Atom now emerge. In due time, in this Astral World, the seed atom of the Astral Body-to-be is planted in the Astral Matter.

At this time, the Ego, with its germinating seed atoms of the Mind and Astral Body, is close to the mundane world, namely: the three divisions constituting the Etheric World where the seed-atom of the Etheric Body-to-be is planted and receives the germs of soul-power -- revived memory through the Reflecting Ether, sense perception through the Light Ether, and desire and power for procreation through the Life Ether. Finally, by chemical assimilation, made possible by the Chemical Ethers, the group is brought, by the Lords of Destiny, to the parents to be, where the Etheric Body is moulded to "fit" the womb of the prospective mother, and the seed-atom of the new Physical Body is enshrined in a spermatozoon of the father.

All this time, birth has been going on, and at the end of nine months the physical body emerges into the light of day. This makes us realize the truth of what the Gnostic Apostle, Paul, wrote to the Church in Corinth (Cor. 4:38) "And to every seed (atom) his own body". Man's bodies are built in the invisible spiritual world to function in the visible world of matter.

Birth in the spiritual worlds is a series of progressive steps. "As above, so below". Birth on earth is likewise a series of progressive steps. Each spiritual step was the planting of a seed-atom. Each step on earth is the blossoming and fruitage of that seed-atom.

At about 7 years, the Etheric Body is matured. It is the period of formation of permanent physical characteristics and a tense struggle for existence.

At 14 or thereabouts, the Astral Body is matured. This is the age of adolescence.

At 21, the Mental faculties are supposed to mature and the law of the country steps in and proclaims the new individual personally responsible and morally accountable for his or her subsequent activities.

From 21 to 28 constitutes what may be called the settling age when one is expected to know what the purpose of life is to be and is well on his/her way to it.

From 28 to 35 is the beginning of the prime of life, when endurance is put to the test in the battle of life.

From 35 to 42 is the turning point, from which time on the change of life may be expected at any time and the journey back to the tomb begun. Yet it is also in most noted instances, the period of greatest and best productivity. From 42 to 49, all other things being equal, man's resourcefulness is at its best.

Now, WHAT ARE THE SEED-ATOMS OF MAN? They are the essence or soul of the atomic constituents of each vehicle or body, that we carry over with us as the Biblical "Treasure in Heaven" and which hold, in their established valencies, that which expressed in physical life as principles, emotions, attributes, on the physical, mental and spiritual planes. They are substantive but impalpable beyond any sub-atomic potencies known to present day science, although science is getting close upon their track and

has already partly run them down under other names.

In the completed and developed human organism, the seed-atoms inhere as follows: the seed-atom of the physical body in the heart; the seed-atom of the astral body in the liver, and the seed-atom of the etheric body in the spleen.

What are valencies? Valence is that property of an atom by virtue of which it has powers of combining with or replacing other atoms in definite, constant and established proportion. This makes possible the phenomena and usefulness of chemistry. The degree of this property is expressed by the number of monad elements, represented by hydrogen, with which the atom can combine or replace. Thus valence is a unit of combining capacity and nowhere is this combining capacity better shown than in the human organism with its complex vehicles operating synchronously. Just as the physical vehicle alone, gaseous, (breath and breathing apparatus), liqueous, (blood and body fluids), and the solid or bony structure shows the harmonious mutual interdependence.

In the valence of the seed-atoms, in their capacity for combining or replacing, we see the blue print or working plan of the plant, animal or man-to-be. In those possible combinations and replacements are enshrined the essence of our past thoughts, and our karmic record, also part of our cosmic memory faculties. Yet the seed-atom is invisible. Not only that -- it is not even the whole of an ordinary atom. It is the essence or soul of a single dense atom. Do you wonder that the possibilities of a whole human incarnation can be so confined and wrapped up? If so, just see what happens on the ordinary chemical plane. One micro particle of certain poisons taken on the tongue causes instant death. Potency is revealed in infinitesimals my friends!

I said that seed even predetermines the species. How does this apply to man? Man **usually** incarnates in his recurrent births in the same race but not necessarily in the same nationality. Race in the human kingdom is comparable to species. Each race has a "race consciousness" of its own, or a race frequency and it is this frequency that predetermines the race through which we shall express in a given incarnation.

Therefore, the way we follow is determined by what we are. We carry our consciousness and our accumulated experience in the various seed-atoms we possess. Our etheric seed-atom contains, at death, the essence of all our etheric experience up to that time. It is the seed of what we are so far as our etheric body is concerned. It is the seed of what we are so far as our etheric body is concerned. The seed-atom of our astral body contains the essence of all the experience of our emotional life thus far. The mental sheath has as yet no true seed-atom, although it has the germ of one because it is not yet a fully developed body. Therefore, the major part of our consciousness is, as yet, carried over in the astral seed-atom. You may wonder just where and why these seed-atoms are so necessary, even in view of the explanations already given. It is because all nature preserves and conserves all that she has ever produced. Nothing is wasted, even over many aeons. All man's experiences are etched into his consciousness from times even before he functioned consciously. How else, do you think, could man derive the ability to even conceive of such things as eternity past and to come, or of any state of consciousness above or beyond

that required by his daily needs? Yet he does possess such a consciousness or ability.

This permanent etching into man's consciousness has to have manifestation or expression somewhere, at some time, so it must also have preservation for future use, and nature wisely provides for this in seed. This ensures the preservation of our personality and individuality. By personality, in this instance, I refer to those peculiar traits that are regarded as part of us and of no one else.

For example: the energetic and ambitious person, who is often bombastic and arrogant, will carry these traits with him in the seed-atom of his astral body, until these qualities are transmuted and corrected. We may +++ and often do +++ blame some so-called ancestor for our temper, etc., but were we to actually follow our previous life-expression we would find that the causes inhered solely within ourselves and no one else. This so-called apparent inheritance of temperament is only **apparent**. *The truth is, that vibrationally we were attracted to where the spiritual valance was appropriate to, and attuned to our attainment and our need.* We cannot get any more than we have earned. Each time we go on from where we left off, and the choice of the work laid before us is **largely**, though not completely, in the charge of the entities called the Lords of Destiny, one of the Scriptural groups of "Thrones, Powers and Principalities."

Remember that all permanent character changes we effect upon ourselves during a life-expression are carried over by the seed-atoms for our future use. Therefore, any self-improvement is not wasted but is utilized to the very limit and to such an extent that a person having a complete reversal of thought and feeling just prior to death, can transmute and help the evolution of its seed-atoms even at that late moment, for, if the transmutation is genuine, just as chemically we can make great changes in an instant of time; alchemically we can transmute ourselves so that the seed-atoms carried over will be different from what they would have been had death overtaken us sooner, and before the instant reformation had occurred. Evidently, this was the lesson intended to be inculcated by the example of the penitent thief on his cross at Golgotha, where the Nazarene Master met his fate.

It may seem to some of you like a contradiction, that a life-expression of so-called "sin" or error can be wiped out by an act of instantaneous remorse or understanding. But it appears less of a contradiction when you understand that the error has not been wiped out and that karma will exact payment for it. *It means that our **consciousness** has become aware of the futility of that error, the lesson has been learned and consciousness has been awakened to that which is real.* So we carry over the consciousness of truth and reality instead of the consciousness of unreality, and when one has learned his lesson, one does not merit the severity of punishment that comes through ignorance.

The purpose of life is to learn, not to punish and when we have learned we have fulfilled the purpose for existence. This learning may require years or an instant in time. The thing that matters is: whether we know. Not how long it takes us to know. When we pass on from the physical world all that we leave behind us is the physical body, but the seed-atom of that physical body is carried over with the etheric body by the Ego for

its future use. At so-called "death" the etheric body plays a greater part than it ever has done before. It has in its keeping for nourishment and rehabilitation the seed-atom of the physical body. During physical life expression its duty was to preserve and maintain the flow of life through the physical channel; on the etheric plane it has a similar function and duty -- only here it uses the seed-atom.

If the physical body has had an ailment it is because the contact with the etheric body, its source of supply, has broken down somewhere. The real cause for the disease is still there in the etheric body and has to be corrected. When someone who has been ailing for a long time passes on to the other side, that one is cared for as carefully over there, until the etheric body has been restored to complete harmony and strength as in the prime of life. By this process, the seed-atom of the physical body, by the same induction the etheric body possessed over the physical body, is able to restore that seed-atom to a healthy, normal condition. Its ability to do this work well will determine whether a healthy physical body will be developed during the next incarnation. Some Egos are careless, being too anxious to go forward in the spiritual realms without adequately providing for their future needs.

After the etheric body has thoroughly rehabilitated itself to the extent of its own capacity, then the so-called second death takes place, in the etheric realm. By this is meant that the physical seed-atom as well as the etheric seed-atom, are both ready to be released from etheric contact and can be carried over by the astral body to the astral plane.

During the "rehabilitation period" the Ego has been going through an "educational period" or "experience". During this experience the Ego has been reviewing its recently terminated journey through mortality and is etching the memory consciousness of that journey upon the seed-atoms of its vehicles. This etching process is most important for it is the essence of our earth experience. In its turn it nourishes the Ego and determines what we have become up to date -- and what we therefore ARE.

It is the seed-atoms that carry the vibrational frequencies of each vehicle. If an individual vibrates on a low plane of consciousness while on earth he most certainly is not going to vibrate any differently on the other side -- at least not until he earns the ability to do so. Likewise, the individual who has led a constructive, useful life here and lived in harmony with his fellow human beings will find the same conditions wherever he goes for he is the personification of these qualities. Not until we begin to fully realize that we create our own situations by our attitudes toward them, will we begin to make the decided progress we seek. Man is prone to blame everything that occurs to him, to others -- rather than to the reality of himself.

Knowing then, that all you do, feel and think is truly important to your growth and happiness -- can you (if you do) continue to take life indifferently? Can you not see that our station in life or social position is of no real value and that **what truly matters is what WE are OURSELVES?**

Those who are forever dwelling on the other side of life in

their speech and thought and neglecting the opportunity to be useful while right here ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE A SAD AWAKENING WHEN THEY PASS ON. Responsibility and its acceptance are indications of spiritual growth. Those who shirk responsibility are avoiding the opportunity to learn, to acquire strength and spiritual power. Let us regard our individual life, regardless of age, position, nationality or race -- as a period of divine opportunity -- and use it accordingly, wisely, happily and constructively.

Q U E S T I O N S

Can an atom think? Do atoms have free will?

Is vibration necessary? If "yes" -- why?

What is a seed-atom? And what is its purpose?

How is the experience of this incarnation carried forward to the next?

What important part does the Etheric Body play, after the demise of the physical body?

What happens to the Ego when the physical body "dies"?

Who in the Bible are known to the Rose+Croix as the "Lords of Destiny"?

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Dear Companions: #153

Continuing with my promise in Liber 37, I will now share some ideas on the subject of At-One-Ment in this alchemical lecture.

"I and my Father are One", said Jesus. (John 10:30)

You will recall that in previous alchemical lectures, the subject of WISDOM was brought up and discussed most thoroughly. Now, in this lecture, we will give our attention to the method by which we can make Divine and Cosmic Wisdom our very own, by personal participation. That method is the attainment and accomplishment of what has so often been referred to in the R+C as AT-ONE-MENT.

"That all may be ONE; as thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be ONE in us; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in ONE". (John 17:21-23)

The struggle for AT-One-Ment brings to mind almost immediately, our origin from the one Universal Source, as expressed in the motto "Omnia ab Uno". (All from One). This motto "expresses the idea that ALL has been evolved from ONE; or in other words that God or Deity is one and indivisible, and that the multifarious activities of Life which we see in the Universe are merely various forms of manifestations of God; or to express it more correctly: of the Creative Power, The Light and Substance of Life, which emanated from the eternal Cause of all Existence in the beginning of our Day of Creation, and which has been called the Logos, Verbum, Word, or

the Christ."

Franz Hartmann says, "As the Universal ONE manifested itself, it assumed various aspects, and it therefore appears as a great variety of Powers, and as innumerable forms of various substances, although all powers and substances are essentially and fundamentally one."

The various terms used in occult science are consequently not intended to describe powers and principles radically different from each other, but merely the various aspects of the One Universal Principle; and as the aspect of things changes according to the point of view from which they are considered, so a name applied to a power, if considered from one point of view, may not be applicable if the same principle is considered from another point of view.

The four sides of a Pyramid originate in One Point and end in one, each side appearing to have a distinct individuality of its own. But the higher we rise toward the summit, the more does this differentiation disappear, and the more does the Unity of all things and their identity with each other become apparent, until all difference is absorbed in the ultimate ONE.

"He who knows the ONE, knows ALL; he who believes to know many things, knows nothing". The ONE is the starting point for all Occult Science and all Spiritual aspiration and progress.

This illustration of the Pyramid gives us the direct clue to the true process of the attainment of At-One-Ment; the process of aspiring or rising to the higher consciousness or realization of one's unity with one's Divine Source.

Returning therefore to our alchemical exegesis, we may say this process is the manifestation and expression of the activity of the Jupiter principle within the aspirant, termed by the sages, the Aquila, or Eagle, the symbol of the Spiritual Soul.

The motif by which the Spiritual Soul energizes the aspirant toward this high ideal is two-fold: the Pure Spiritual Love of spiritual things and the sincere desire to discern them; and secondly, the fiery substance of the spiritual soul itself, which vivifies and animates each human Ego.

This pure spiritual Love and Fiery Substance of the Spiritual Soul was termed by the Alchemists, the Gluten of the White Eagle. It is called Gluten from the power of adhesion it gives to the aspirant regarding the ideal cherished and the attainment of which is sought persistently.

The word At-One-Ment has been distorted by theological formularies into meaning something quite foreign to its original intent. There is a vast difference between the meaning of At-One-Ment and atonement. With the orthodox concept of atonement, we, as spiritual scientists have nought to do, for the inexorable Laws of Karma and Compensation will ensure atonement in the shape of restitution on the part of each individual, for every transgression against the Laws of Nature and the Divine Will. But Atonement in the shape or sense of restitution made by **one** man for **all** men

is unthinkable, impossible, illogical and unscientific, and nowhere will it be found to be insisted upon by the generic principles of any of the recognized world religions.

At-One-Ment means first and last: unification. It is the art or process of uniting into One. Unification with the eternal One is the only aim and object of all true religion. All things were originally one; they are all states of one Universal Divine Consciousness; they merely appear to be different from each other on account of the Illusion of Form.

Differentiation and Separation exist merely at the surface of the periphery of the All. The Center is ONE. To become reunited with the **Center** is to enter the **REAL**, and to become Divine and Immortal. After a man has become united with his own higher self, he may become united with Christ, the Christos, or Sun Principle.

The Sun Initiate is well known to Initiates of the R+C. But the use of the word "Sun" requires our deeper consideration. As explained previously, it is the Symbol of Wisdom, the Center of Power, or HEART of things. The Sun is a center of energy and a storehouse of Power. Each living being contains within itself, A SUN, or center of life which may grow or be developed into a sun. In the heart of the regenerated man, the Divine Power stimulated by the Light of the Logos GROWS INTO A SUN WHICH ILLUMINATES THE MIND. This Logos or **CHRIST** is the Spiritual Sun of Grace, and as the Natural Sun is the center of all powers contained in our Solar System, so the Spiritual Sun or Christ is the center of all the spiritual powers inherent in each human individual.

The terrestrial Sun is the image or reflection of the invisible celestial Sun; the latter is in the realm of Spirit, what the former is in the realm of Matter, but the former receives its power from the latter.

The process of regeneration and unification is taught in all the religions of the East, but -- although the whole Christian religion is based upon this truth -- it is nevertheless universally **misunderstood** by modern Christians, who expect to obtain salvation through the merit of another, rather than by their own exertions. To understand the process of regeneration and unification requires an understanding of the real nature of man and his relations to Nature; a science which in our modern times is nowhere taught in schools because our theologians and scientists are themselves ignorant of the true nature of man, and because *mankind finds it **EASIER** to accept a belief than to acquire knowledge.*

The attainment of At-One-Ment or complete unification is the application of the principles of *right living; right thinking; right speaking and right acting to the individual life*. Such application reacts upon the three cardinal principles of man: Soul, Body and Spirit -- all three of which in their crude, unawakened state are termed by the alchemists The Dragons, and are described as of various colors according to the status of each; thus the Red Dragon, Green Dragon, etc., and are often confused with the Red Lion, Green Lion, etc., which as previously explained are the metals in a state of ebullition.

These dragons in terms of various colors are, of course, not to be taken literally but describe the Human Principles in what the alchemists

called "Tinctures" or "Tinctura". A Tincture may be defined as an ethereal or spiritual substance which, by impregnating another substance endows or tinctures it with its own properties. Thus, if a gross principle is penetrated by a higher one, the former is said to be tinctured (or colored) by the latter.

Such terms as the above are used in accord with the generalised practice and usage of the alchemists in keeping with their concept of man as an alembic, retort, cucurbite, in which the allegorical processes of fermentation, distillation, extraction of essences and spirits, the preparation of salts, is supposed to take place. The head of man was termed the PHILOSOPHER'S EGG.

Alchemically, the attainment of At-One-Ment is to be reached first by transmuting Dead Matter or Caput Morticum, which as you learned earlier was the name applied by Initiates to all living bodies in a State of Nature, into Corpus Solis or the Matter or Body of the Sun or Gold, a process raising the vibrations of the lower vehicles or Dragons by the intense desire to discern and understand the higher consciousness. This desire must be born from the Philosophical Egg, which must be, as Swedenborg says, in the Highest Heaven, or the philosopher will see nothing. It is the raising of the Terra Mortua, or dead earth, sometimes called by alchemical writers Terra Dammata, and by the Gnostic St. Paul, the "body of sin".

The Philosophical Egg is the head of the philosopher and *it is from the action of the spiritual centers of the highest intelligence, not from mere religious emotionalism that the desire for the higher consciousness or At-One-Ment must be born.* This is shown in the words of the Apostle, in fine alchemical language, when he writes (I Peter 2:2-4) "As newborn babes desire the sincere Milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby. If so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. TO WHOM COMING AS UNTO A LIVING STONE, DISALLOWED INDEED OF MEN, BUT CHOSEN OF GOD AND PRECIOUS".

In the language of the alchemists, the "Sincere Milk of the Word", the Virgin's Milk, the mercurial Water or May Dew -- all mean the Waters of Everlasting Life, -- on which, if a man lay hold, he shall not perish but have life abundantly. Hence, as the initial motif and desire for the At-One-Ment of the regenerated man with the Universal Source or One must come from the **Higher intelligence** of man, or the greatest, best, and truest product of his awakened cerebral faculties and intellection, so we are not surprised to find the alchemists referring to his spiritual activity as the Volatile spirit of the Human Skull.

A most active factor in the stimulus of such high desire is the direct result of the activity of **conscience**, called by the alchemists, the White Woman, Vinegar, Oil, Honey, Wormwood, etc., according to the state of the individual and the action of conscience in approving, warning, condemning, admonishing or chastising.

Under the urge of conscience the activity of the supernatural or elemental fire takes on renewed vigor, purging the dross and gross matter, conquering the Dragons and effecting a new mental and spiritual Creation or Universe, in which "all the old things (concepts) are passed away, and behold, all things are become new."

Hence Bacon says, "Just as a supernatural or elemental fire is that which disintegrates and fuses the elements of the whole world, and as the new creation will be born from the mortal, molten elements, and will be an equal Creation; even so has the Holy Trinity in the Celestial Stone also revealed unto us a supernatural fire. My son, philosophers in their books have concealed this Fire, describing it in parables and by countless names; in particular they call it Mary's Bath, Horse Dung, Menstruum, Urine, Milk, Blood, Aqua Vitae, etc. (Virgin and blessed Water, Heaven, Celestial Water, Heavenly Rain, Water of Paradise, Aqua Regis, Corrosive Aqua Fortis, a Sharp Vinegar and Brandy, a Quintessence of Wine, White Arsenic, Silver, a Moon, an Humour of the Moon, a Woman and a Woman's Seed and many other names).

By the action of **conscience** and the purging of the invisible Fire, is produced the Panacea, one great essence, composed of the Lion, and the Lamb, or the union of Meekness and Strength.

The Panacea individually applied as a curative of the Soul and a stimulus to the higher plane of consciousness results in five definite steps of progress in the spiritual life of the aspirant. They are:

- 1... Conviction
- 2... Contrition
- 3... Confession
- 4... Consecration
- 5... Communion

Reducing all alchemical formulae to the vernacular, these five steps are the grades and the path by and through which the aspirant may attain At-One-Ment with the Universal Source or Principle and enter consciously into the amplified, expanded consciousness and realization of his Divine Parentage.

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Conviction brings home to the aspirant, with compelling force, the knowledge and realization of his misdirected energies, dissipated powers for constructive accomplishment and their consequent destructive and disturbing effects upon his own environment and necessarily upon that of so many others, known and unknown. No one while clothed with the garment of flesh can see the ultimate results of even his most unconscious or inconsequential acts, but by meditation and the arrest of his attention, he may be convinced of their potentialities and thus know that results far beyond his physical ken must necessarily have ensued.

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Contrition brings to the aspirant the truest and most poignant sorrow and regret at lost or neglected opportunities, wasted energies, destructive results and effects upon others as well as upon himself, and above all: the consciousness of the invisible disaster he may have caused in etheric and astral realms of being directly traceable to his ignorance, carelessness, selfishness and thoughtfulness. Such contrition lead invariably to a desire for restitution which prompts -

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Confession. This comes easily to the true aspirant, for nothing in this world is so effective to clear the oppressed mind and spirit as complete confession of so-called wrong doing. It is for this very reason that we are advised, nay commanded in Holy Writ to confess our errors one to another, in the words "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". (James 5:16) And again "For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation". (Romans 10:10)

Above all, the value of confession to the spiritual scientist is that he knows that by utterance of his thoughts he concretes them, and thus his desire for restitution which finds its manifestation in the confession of his faults, when spoken aloud become concreted, and fixated in the astral worlds; a permanent testimonial to his sincerity and a constant, ever-present stimulus to right action, right thought and right speaking in the future.

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After confession, the aspirant is then in a position to seek consecration. That which is weighed down by the burden of error, and guilt is not in a position to receive spiritual consecration, no matter if it is given with all the pomp and authority of imposing ecclesiastical ceremonial. Consecration comes only from within, and outward ceremonial is but the symbol of the inward grace which comes only from the Divine Source of all grace. When, after freeing one's mind from the weight and burden of error, so that one can truly join in the great sursum corda (lift up your hearts) and really lift up his heart unashamed, then the outpouring of Divine Power will be felt and cognized as never before and the aspirant will realize the truth embodied in the words of the seer who wrote that he was lifted up into the third heaven and there saw unutterable things of which it was not lawful for him to write.

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After consecration comes the greatest of all, communion, the goal of all aspirants whether alchemists, illuminati, R+C, Magians, or any others. Communion means reapproachment, mental & spiritual union, mutual understanding, complete harmony of purpose and thought. At rare intervals we approach this lofty state in the mundane world among proven friends, yet rarely indeed. When thought responds eloquently to thought through the unbroken silence; when an illumination that is not of this world pervades the mind of the aspirant; when things undreamed of in his individual philosophy come freely to his mind, showing him those things which have been, are now and must shortly come to pass -- it is AT-ONE-MENT, conscious unity with the Over-Soul.

Even though at first it be with the lowest of the celestial hierarchies, nevertheless it must be remembered that such is the beginning of the chain of correspondences that lead directly to God and through him to the very Throne and Being of the Absolute Itself -- not far off in

space, but here, wherever we may be, WITHIN OURSELVES. If you look elsewhere for the Kingdom of God you shall be doomed to intense disappointment.

It makes no difference what system or school the aspirant may elect to study in, *nor does it make that much difference what method be employed or recommended*. If he succeeds in attaining At-One-Ment, he will have passed successively through all these steps. He may not at the time be conscious of the exact line of demarcation between each, but each nevertheless will have been accomplished. **There is no other way, nor can anyone hope to approach the higher life without the preparatory steps leading thereto.** Call them by which names you will, each of these steps will have been traversed by the aspirant if he ultimately attains his goal. If knowing them in advance, you approach them intentionally and consciously, with the intent purpose of making each step as thoroughly efficacious as possible, you shall save time, energy and strength that may be profitably devoted to the assistance of others whom you shall undoubtedly encounter on the same path.

These five steps to At-One-Ment constitute the "more excellent" way referred to in previous instruction. We have been taught that the object of the work of the Rose+Croix is the Perfection and improvement of man. This reaches its culmination and epitome in the At-One-Ment process which is the subject and purpose of this instruction. It means the **Unity of the Human Nature with the Divine Nature.**

For this, the greatest sacrifice in the world was made, the LIVING sacrifice -- note, NOT A DEAD SACRIFICE, was made by the Star of the Pleroma, at which time was enacted the greatest of all alchemical transmutations, whereby the Human Initiate Jesus rose to the sublime height of offering his corpus, that of the Sun Initiate or Christos might perform its mission; that Great Initiate who by vouchsafing to become a partaker of our humanity, raised us to become partakers of His Divinity.

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Simply put, the quality of the instruction and teachings being given you in our Libers is most excellent and unsurpassable. In Libers to come, you may expect to find continuing material of the highest quality and import.

But it is my fervent hope that you are putting the principles to active and practical use. It would be a dark day indeed, if the rays of this light are being shut out. "Unto him whom much is given -- much is expected." I could speak on this at great length but I believe my injunction is clear.

Sincerely yours in the Work

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LE MARTINISME



C'est dans la région de la vie et de
la lumière que réside le soutien et le
restaurateur des humains...
Il faut être ressuscité comme lui. D'entre
les morts pour le connaître, et ne vouloir
plus s'en séparer...
(Louis. Claude de Saint-Martin...
l'homme de désir, 56)

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BLOOD



THE young man or woman just entering upon the study of elementary physiology in the common school grades, is instructed to nearly fill a glass bottle with water and then fill the bottle with red beads of as small a size as possible. Then he is told to view this arrangement from a reasonable distance and the bottle will appear to be filled with red liquid and this, he is assured, is an excellent illustration of the general nature and appearance of blood.

This *was* a good illustration twenty years ago, when much less was known by the medical fraternity regarding human blood, than now. At the present time we can agree most sympathetically with Mephistopheles, when he remarkt, "blood is a most peculiar essence." It has been called the "River of Life," and while this title is usually applied in the exoteric and common sense of being a body builder and sustainer, nevertheless, on examination, blood will be found to be a true River of Life in the highest esoteric and spiritual sense as well.

We will give as briefly as possible a simple scientific statement regarding the composition of blood. This fluid is red in all vertebrates except the *amphioxus* and is usually colorless in all invertebrates. It consists of a transparent, colorless fluid or "Plasma" in which are suspended the Corpuscles.

In mammals, the red corpuscles are bi-concave, non-nucleated disks that give the blood its characteristic color, and show a wonderful affinity for free oxygen. The white corpuscles or "leucocytes" are less in number and so far seem to be "masses of free formative protoplasm," assuming various shapes and having the power of locomotion. It is estimated that in a cubic millimeter of human blood, there are at least 5,000,000 red corpuscles and from 5,000 to 7,000 white corpuscles. Blood is bright red or scarlet in the arteries and bluish-red or purple in the veins.

The first constituent of blood that engages our attention is the Haemoglobin; (Gr. *Haima*—blood) an amorphous compound that forms the solid coloring matter of red corpuscles. "It carries oxygen from the lungs and is a mixture of hematin and globulin. Arterial blood contains oxyhaemoglobin and venous blood haemoglobin. From its mission, message and burden to the bodily economy, we will note that it has a markt analogy to the chlorophyll we have previously studied in connection with the vegetable kingdom.

The next constituent that engages us, is the substance in the blood that becomes and produces the Hormones, or secretions of glands that have excitatory properties.

Third, the Opsonins, regarding which the medical fraternity is not unanimous in its agreement, but which are the substances present in the blood, having a specific effect upon the ingestion of pathogenic bacteria by phagocytes.

Fourth, there are the haematoblasts or minute, colorless disks,, smaller than either the red or white corpuscles, which, with the haemaleucin or fibrin and the haematoidin or crystalline substance, play most important parts in the process of haemapoiesis or the formation of blood.

The blood has its living tenants, too, in the Haemameba or *ameboid* parasites, corpuscular in their characteristics.

Two more features are to be noted,—the haemoconion or small granules found in the blood and thought by pathologists to be the detritus of white corpuscles; and the process of haematosi, or the conversion of chyle and venous blood into arterial.

Now let us for a moment review the properties of the four ethers; The Chemical Ether is both positive and negative in its polarities. The forces of assimilation work along its positive pole and the forces of excretion work along the negative. In the Life Ether the forces work along the positive pole in the female, manifesting in the creative and gestative forces, while the impregnative forces work along the negative pole in the male. The Light Ether is also both positive and negative, the forces that generate blood heat work along the positive pole and the forces by which our senses become active work along its negative pole. In the Reflecting Ether a medium is found thru which the forces operative in the Thought World manifest in the homo.

It is obvious to all, that the blood, a nourishing, vitalizing, sanitary and constructive factor that must contact every conceivable portion of the human economy, must and does contain within itself all the elements and conditions that will make possible the operation of the forces thru these four ethers, for tho we may be surrounded or immerst in these very ethers, unless they have some avenue and vehicle of contact and application their mission and functions would be futile.

And while their activity began aeons ago in the development of nascent man or man-in-the-making, it is equally obvious that, in that process, the development of blood as the vehicle thru which they could function as the organism became more and more complex, was also in progress.

We have also learned as Rosicrucian students that the Ego, while occupying a specific position known to the Alchemical students, also extends itself thruout the entire circulatory system, the blood forming the express vehicle thru which it exercises control of and directs the bodily development and attains the requisite experience for which it incarnated.

Blood is indeed "a most peculiar ESSENCE," for it contains not only the EGO, but, that Ego being a Spark of the Absolute or Infinite, it is, residually, of the very Nature of the Divine, while of purely human organic origin and formation.

This is why the Blood is such an important part of the Sublime Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. For in the Blood of the Master Jesus was essentially incorporated the Personality of the Divine Initiate, the Christos, and in the corpus of the Master were thus co-mingled the Divine and Human Elements. Thru the mystic power of the Blood, the human took on the Divine, and the Divine condescended to be come human.

The Mystery of Golgotha includes the great Sacrifice whereby the Earth Regent discontinued his guidance of the planet from without and INDREW into the same, the entrance being effected by the outpouring of the Blood at the Crucifixion and its absorption into the Earth, forming by this process the avenue thru which the Great Entrance into His Kingdom could be made. Prior to this entrance and while the guidance was from without, the process of crystallization had attained its greatest extent in the earth, an extent which was noticeably prominent in the Humanity on its surface.

Had this crystallization been permitted to proceed unchecked, Humanity would have become so clogged by the impurities of materialism that it would have been doomed to remain an organism of the purely mortal status in endless incarnation without approaching nearer to that at-one-ment which is the union with God.

But this tendency toward abnormal crystallization and the consequent destruction or thwarting of the Divine Plan was checked by the Great Sacrifice of the Earth Regent. This Sacrifice was not the mere surrender of his life or rather of the life of the Master Jesus, for as we now know, Jesus did not lose his life on the Cross, nor was it possible to blot out the life of the Christos who had triumphed over physical death long ages before. Many men have since been sacrificed, even crucified, but such deaths while sublime on the pages of history have not possess the same merit as the Tragedy of Golgotha. The real Sacrifice at that time was the Sacrifice of his estate of freedom and his resigned acceptance of immurement in what was thenceforth to be his kingdom until the mission of that kingdom was completed; the entering into and remaining within, the Earth itself, so that the Real Presence of Divinity amongst Humanity objectively, should thenceforth be an accomplished FACT.

And the same sacrifice is repeated microcosmically in every human birth, when the Ego, hovering around the womb of the mother, INDRAWS into what is to be its future kingdom until that kingdom or microcosmic earth has served its purpose of incarnation. It is furthermore to be observed, that this indrawing takes place only when the foetal circulation is so well established that the Ego can begin to occupy it and from that position of occupancy, direct the further formation of its future habitat, building along the lines for which it prepared the archetype while in the heaven world.

The Ego as we know, functions thru four specific vehicles, the physical, etheric and astral bodies and the sheath of Mind Stuff which is not yet, but will sometime be, likewise a true body. We have also learned that each of these four vehicles functions consonantly with the four ethers.

It is the teaching of the Brothers of the Rosy Cross, that just as the Ego functions in the four vehicles thru the blood, so the four ethers carry on the functions of those vehicles thru the blood also.

The Chemical Ether works thru the haemoglobin in the process of construction and destruction, assimilation and excretion;

The Life Ether works thru the haematoblasts in crystallizing the creative powers, and in the dissolution of the crystals releases the life force which vitalizes the organic structure;

The Light Ether works thru the opsonins, in the production and release of the necessary heat for the bodily organisms and the vivification of the sensoria;

The Reflecting Ether works thru the Hormones, transmitting thru them the impulses from the Thought World.

The Chemical Ether and the haemoglobin make possible the functions of the physical body.

The Life Ether and the haematoblasts make possible the operations of the etheric body.

The Light Ether and the opsonins make possible the functions of the Mind and sensoria.

The Reflecting Ether and the Hormones stimulate by impulse the Astral body.

All work together in the process of haemopoiesis or blood formation to produce the "River of Life," the haemalucin holding the entire constituent mass in perfect suspension so that each is free to discharge its own individual function and purpose.

Thus, in the blood of the human organism we have the key that locks in complete union the visible and the invisible worlds in the microcosm Man.

In the blood of the human Master Jesus, the Personalities of the Human Initiate and the Divine Initiate met and mingled. Jesus while "occupied" by the Christos, did not lose or surrender his consciousness or individual personality. It was, so to speak, a condition of conscious trance. This is our great example of a demonstration against ordinary mediumship. The Master proved that he could become an instrument of the highest spiritual forces, while still preserving his own personality and consciousness and this he was able to do by virtue of the blood as the vehicle. His blood, while holding his individual personality, was by his perfected incarnations brot to a vibratory status that enabled the Christos to invest it temporarily with Divine attributes and powers, yet Jesus informed his Disciples and followers that greater things than they had seen him do, should they do also after he had departed from their ordinary vision. Later Biblical records bear witness that this was literally true and that the Apostles raised even the dead.

Now we have the promise of a great Initiate that all these things are possible to him who becomes a true follower; a promise which, in the vernacular, we may say has been "made good." And the fact that it is true and a possibility within reach of all is demonstrated in the appearance from time to time of men living exemplary lives, who possess the powers of healing to a remarkable degree and of spiritual insight to a very high extent. And it is a criticism on our times that the reason we see so few of such men is because the race has so far departed from the simplicity and purity of life originally intended by Nature, acting as the instrument of Divine Creative Wisdom.

The main point we wish to emphasize in this lecture is, however, that it is chiefly thru the blood that such attainment is possible. The Christos is ready and waiting for instruments today, as he was 19 centuries ago, and sometimes is able to partially utilize advanst Egos. All systems of development that are constructive and desirable will be found to have the effect of cleansing, purifying and raising the vibratory status of the blood of the aspirant, just as the blood shed on Golgotha had the spiritual power of cleansing from too great crystallization the earth and its evolving humanity. And this, in passing was the real mystery of what is or has been called, "the cleansing blood."

The truth that the blood is the most important factor involved in genuine attainment is shown by the fact that it responds to the dictates of the Ego. Students of schools of occult science which work principally along physical lines assert and with truth, that the persevering student or neophyte can, by act of will alone, raise or lower the vibratory status and pressure of his blood. This is true but it is not necessary to engage in Yoga to accomplish it. You may increase

your blood pressure by walking upstairs, and the rate of increase will depend upon the rate of speed with which you make the ascent. Having demonstrated this to your satisfaction, you will find by experiment that you can also raise the blood pressure merely by thought. 20 millimeters rise has often accompanied a sudden unpleasant thought, even 30 millimeters in the case of a young woman on learning of her mother's death. Voluntary holding of the breath will raise the pressure; voluntary relaxation will lower it. Dr. Dearborn cites a case of a physician whose normal pressure was 135 and who lowered it in fifteen minutes to 111 by relaxing his body and mind, and raised it in 2½ minutes of breath holding to 230. Raising the blood pressure naturally and logically increases the vibratory rate. What then does this prove?

First, we must remember that man is a microcosm, a fact emphasized thruout all mystical study. If he is a microcosm he must contain and reflect the powers and attributes of the Macrocosm in a microcosmic degree. The notable basic attributes of the Macrocosm are Will, Wisdom and Activity, and these, it will be noted are essentially the attributes of the microcosm, Man. Thru the Activity of God, under the impulsion of the Divine Will, guided by Divine Wisdom, Man was started on his long involuntary and evolutionary journey. Thru his microcosmic inherence in the Divine Nature, Man thru activity under the impulsion of the trained will, guided by developing wisdom will effect his return journey to God.

The blood is the key interlocking both the seen and the unseen, thru which this complete cycle is made possible. Man cannot, by any act of will or wisdom known to him at present add to or decrease his stature nor can he grow new bone or delete the old. He CAN, as shown merely by an act of thought, produce definite changes in his blood. He CAN by act of will, control his nerves which depend absolutely upon the blood most closely for their very life. If, by ordinary, untrained thoughts, Man can effect such remarkable changes in his blood pressure, reflect what he could do by the exercise of thought constructively applied. In our blood lie all the possibilities we can desire. The morbid, unsocial, hermit type of being will be found to have thick, sluggish, partially vitalized blood. The optimistic, care-free, even over-social type will be found to have normal, healthy, vital blood, even to such an extent that it is a common phrase in the vernacular to speak of the ultra gay type busily engaged in sowing a splendid crop of wild oats, as "gay young bloods," and the blood inherited in families having a long line of ancestors noted for attainment will be found in markt contrast from the great mass of humanity that has not succeeded in rising from the more ordinary conditions of life. The man or woman of so-called "good blood" has every reason in the world to be proud of it, but to such come great responsibilities toward their fellow men; responsibilities which, alas, are not always recognized or assumed.

That the blood is the essential habitat of the Ego and personality is shown by the action of the thymus gland itself. In infancy this gland supplies most of the corpuscles. As the child grows, the gland decreases. At the age of fourteen the child is making his own blood and begins to think as "I". During periods of loss of control, in anger, or passion, we hear the expression, "it made my blood boil" etc., demonstrating the actual state of intense heat present. Abnormal states or conditions of the blood have the power of actually driving the Ego therefrom, and this also is evident in ordinary usage when we speak of a person who has totally lost control of himself, as "being beside himself." The Ego cannot work in the blood when it is too hot or too cold. Therefore, it is the full-blooded person of normal temperature who is most active, while the anemic person is dull, listless and sleepy.

Ordinarily, the bodily processes are directed unconsciously to the normal senses by the Ego within, who accomplishes its purpose by its power of directing the blood. Thus for digestion, the Ego sends the blood to the stomach, and during the initial stages of that process it is difficult to engage in intellectual labor. When it is desired to engage the mental faculties, the Ego sends the blood to the brain, and then the digestive processes slow down. When sexual activities are called for, the blood is sent to those particular organs, and during such times both digestive and mental faculties are in abeyance, and it is for this very reason, that the sex powers so often seem to act without reason, beyond its guidance and with sorrowful results, for once aroused as in processes of seduction, reason flees and only the strongest minded can hold their balance. In the state of Fear, the Ego draws the blood to the bodily center, as a barrier protecting the vital organs; therefore, the exterior presentiment of the person appears pale and bloodless.

In this connection, the great secret of the selective power exercised by the various organs of the body in choosing out from the nourishment provided, just what each requires for individual needs, will be found to be due to the state of Ego consciousness and personality inherent in the blood, which, the moment it contacts the food taken into the mouth sends to the stomach the indications for the exact digestive fluids required. During sleep, the blood leaves the brain where it is no longer required in the phenomena of waking consciousness and is centered in the region of the organs which are the physical counterparts of the psychical centers.

Further evidence of the fact that the blood is the habitat of the directive powers of the human economy is given in Leviticus, the 17th chapter and the 14th verse. Therein we find:—"For it (the blood) is the life of *ALL* flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whoso eateth it shall be cut off." In the Hebrew the word "life" is not found for the corresponding word is "*neschamah*" meaning "soul". Thus we see that among the ancients it was recognized that the blood was the habitat of the group spirit of the lower kingdom, as in the human it is that of the Ego. And it was in the blood that the consciousness

of ancestors of the race was perpetuated, giving rise to the idea of advanced ages so often met with in Scripture.

Warm red blood is an essential to the human kingdom, for it is thru the heat of the blood that the Ego works. When the blood of a higher kingdom is transferred to an organism of the lower kingdom, the spirit of the higher imposes itself dominantly upon the spirit of the lower and destroys the form resident in the blood of the lower. When the blood of the lower kingdom is transfused to an organism of the higher kingdom, the spirit of the lower is ejected and the spirit of the higher assimilates the blood thus furnished, for its constructive purposes. And the blood insures the integrity of the higher kingdom or species, for it will not permit the propagation of hybrids. By ejecting the spirit of the lower it prevents the power of propagating from becoming operative.

This truth of the personality residing in the blood has further corroboration in an interesting demonstration made by a patient, Mrs. A. B. in the St. James Hospital, Newark, N. J., within the past few years. In this case transfusion of blood became necessary and a quantity was supplied by her husband. After a month she underwent a complete mental change, losing or abandoning her own former mental attributes and acquiring all the mental attributes, peculiarities and states of her husband. This was true even to change of voice. The lady had suffered from a tumor which had made such progress that the surgeons feared to operate unless a fresh supply of blood could be had. A pint of her husband's blood was injected through a silver tube into the wife's wrist. Quoting from the record:—"Until then Mrs. B. had been a morose, despondent woman, who saw little cheer in the world. She was of a quiet disposition and did not care for the gaieties of life. She seldom laughed. She did not care for amusements. Also, she was partial to dark purple and a dead slate, or a dark brown as colors. She abhorred bright colors, and especially was her antipathy to green. Her husband was of a gay disposition. He liked amusements. He was of a jolly disposition and very strong was his taste for green as a color.

The doctor paid little attention to Mrs. B. for three weeks following the transfusion of blood. Then, a week ago, when they found her strong enough to undergo the difficult operation for the removal of the tumor, they were surprised to note the great change which had come over her mind. She was happy—almost gay—and she laughed as she assured the doctors she was ready for the knife. And, strangely enough, after the operation, she rallied quickly, and when her husband asked her what he could do she asked him to bring her some green plants, some ferns—plants with plenty of green foliage. She had hated green before.

And since then she has been planning to have two green dresses made when she leaves the hospital, and she has spoken about the places of amusement to which she desires to go, and seems to have acquired her husband's happy, almost joyous disposition. She cannot

stand the sight of sombre purple now. Her mind seems to have undergone a complete revolution since her husband's blood was transfused into her veins, and she seems to have lost her own former mental characteristics and to have assumed those of her husband.

Leading physicians and scientists now propose to debate the question if a person's mental attributes may not be completely changed by transfusing blood from a person of a different temperament.

Such change is undoubtedly possible, but it is to be noted that it was the imposition of the stronger, more positive temperament over a weaker, and to mystics, the karmic commingling involved will present a serious problem, for it is really the subjugation of a weaker personality and a type of obsession in part, by a stronger. Nevertheless, the incident is interesting as a demonstration of the truth that the blood is the home of the Ego and personality, a fact that was so well known among ancients and aborigines, who used it as a ceremonial custom in establishing what was known as blood brotherhoods, where the blood of individuals was mingled.

The blood is the crystallized solar essence, the liquid fire of the body, the active factor of the Four Elements operative in Man. It cleansed the Earth at the entrance of the Regent, the Christos, by raising the earth vibrations, and under examination microscopically by a competent psychic of independent development, will reveal the life history of a given individual, from the cradle to the grave, as has been on many occasions experimentally demonstrated by the writer. In the condition of haemolysis, or abnormal change of the blood involving destruction of the haemoglobin and blood corpuscles, the effect is obvious in the individual physiologically, psychologically, and spiritually. The blood is the vehicle for the functions of the Mars elements—IRON—particularly, blood deficient of this element being notably weak and ineffectual, producing pale, weak, anemic people. Strongly fortified by the Mars elements, in association with the Vitamins containing the requisite proportion of both water and fat solubles, a strong, healthy, vital organism is assured.

The supply of blood to the brain is regulated by the Pineal and Pituitary bodies, just as the adrenals similarly act for the kidneys, and it is noticeable that hyperaemia or anaemia both seem to be favorable conditions for the morbid visions, as often observed in the dying, when the circulation is altered.

Among the horrors invented by the Germans in the recent war, was a form of bomb which exploded laterally. It was called liquid fire but did not openly flame. A man struck on the arm, was not immediately disabled, and on the second day thought lightly of his burn, but on the third, or at latest fourth day, he died. It was found that this invention produced clotting and congealing of the blood, with consequent death. Mystically, it lowered the vibration so that the Ego could no longer tenant it.

This wonderful serum, the human blood, is a universe in itself. Like the drop of water that journeys from the clouds to the ocean and becomes merged therein, the ocean of human blood unites in perfect harmony countless millions of tiny cells thruout the human organism, and with which it must necessarily be in the most intimate contact. Each cell has its own individual consciousness. All together constitute the Human Lodge. When the Ego as Worshipful Master steps out at death all the activities of the bodily Lodge continue, but, lacking the guidance of the Master Mind they do not co-ordinate and their activity soon results in the disintegration and destruction of the form. Confusion in the Craft has occurred. But so long as the mystic River of Life remains pure and undefiled, the Master is in the East and the microcosm works along the plans laid down on the Macrocosmic Trestle Board in perfect harmony and Hermetic Unity—Hermetic because securely sealed from the intrusion of cowans and eavesdroppers of the outer world.

N O M E N C L A T U R E

<u>THE ROSE+CROIX</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN</u>	<u>MARTINIST</u>
1. Divine Spirit (E))		
2. Life Spirit (G))	Spirit	Ame
3. Human Spirit (O))		
4. Mental Sheath)		
5. Astral Body)	Soul	Plastic Envelope
6. Etheric Body)		
7. Physical Body)	Body	Body

The "Ego" (spelled with a capital "E") in the terminology of the R+C, is the Divine Spark in Man. Please review lecture Supernumerary #15, about this and study again the diagrams on the inside cover of Liber 15.

Ego spelled with a capital E is not to be confused with ego spelled with a small "e", which refers to a person's selfish pride and everything connected with the words egoist, egotist, egotistical, etc..