

Cancer

The fourth sign, the sign of the Crab and the sacred Scarab and the house of the Moon, where the lesson is to prepare the physical body for practical magic: the lunar influences, conception and return, the Ego and the Being, death, its natives and its practices, in his own words, from the fifty-two books

128 passages · 7 books · 11 practices · 34 sections · 8 parts

Samael Aun Weor · in his own words

Every word here is his. Nothing has been paraphrased or improved. Each passage was cut out of the book it belongs to by reference, and each carries that book and the paragraph it came from, so anything on this page can be found again in the source. Most of it comes from the three books where he gave a whole lesson on the sign, the *Zodiacal Course*, the *Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology* and the *Manual of Practical Magic*; the rest are the paragraphs where he names Cancer in other books. Many of these passages also stand in other works of the shelf, chiefly *Return and Reincarnation*, *Zodiacal Course*, *The Retrospective Exercise* and *The Science of Meditation*. They are gathered here on purpose: the same teaching comes back in several of them because hearing it again is how it settles.

The first part is the house of the Moon: the dates of the sign and its table, its metal, stone, colour and element, the number four, its plants, the Crab and the sacred Scarab, the genii of the sign, and the thymus gland in the living zodiac: *"The metal of Cancer is silver; the pearl is its stone; its color is white." "…since it is the fourth constellation."*

The second is the lunar influences: what the Moon governs in all that lives, the secret planet behind it and the black moon, the Angel Gabriel and the phases of the Moon for the works of magic, the tides, and the seven-year periods of a life, from the Moon round to the Moon again: *"The Moon adjusts the procreation of all that is alive." "…all the sidereal energies crystallize in our terrestrial globe through the lunar forces."*

The third is the sign of the sacred scarab: reproduction and the souls that return, the sickness that bears the sign's name, which he calls the karma of fornication, and conception under the Moon in Cancer: *"In Egypt, the sacred scarab symbolizes the soul." "Conception without the Moon is impossible."*

The fourth is the Ego and the Being: the two roads of the Bhagavad Gita, the luminous and the dark, the five causes of every action, the human machine moved by the planets, the study of the Ego, the Inner Being, and the Avitchi and the second death: *"The Ego is born, the Ego dies." "If we want to dissolve the Ego, we should first study it."*

The fifth is the Moon that carries away and brings the dead: the lunar Ego, who returns and who does not, death and conception, the waves of death and the chromosomes: *"Death and conception are intimately united." "The Vibratory Waves of Death carry the image of the deceased."*

The sixth is the body prepared for practical magic: the practical teaching, the Angel Gabriel who prepares the body, the seal of Solomon at the thymus, the thymus and the mother's milk, and his summary of the lesson: *"The magician's body is different*

from others because it is prepared." "…the Mother's Mammary Glands are intimately related to the Thymus Gland."

The seventh is the natives, those born under the sign: *"Conscious Imagination is advisable." "…like the crab, they prefer to lose a leg than to lose a prey."*

The eighth part is the practice of the period of Cancer: the prayer and the invocation of the Angel Gabriel, the meditation on the seal of Solomon, the Retrospective Exercise, and the perfume: *"…like someone who is watching a movie from the end to the beginning" "…remove all thought from thy mind"*

This is the ninth of twelve, one for each sign, each released as the sun enters it.

What is in it

| a practice — something to do, framed and labelled

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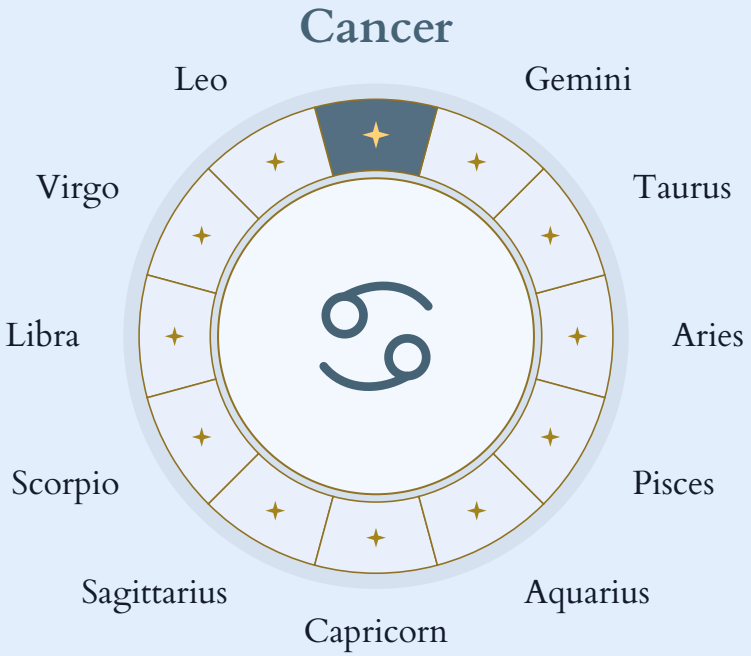
Part Eight — During the period of Cancer

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THE MAP

Eight parts, from the house of the Moon and the lunar influences, through the sacred scarab, the Ego and the Being and the Moon that carries away and brings, to the body prepared for practical magic, its natives and its practice

Above, the twelve signs in the order of his own list, with Cancer lit, the fourth, at the head. Below, the road through the work: tap a part to go to it. The caption is his own sentence, from the passage it links to.





the house of the Moon

part one · 7 passages



the lunar influences

part two · 27 passages



the sign of the sacred scarab

part three · 9 passages



Distinguish between the Ego and the Being

part four · 28 passages · 1 practice



The Moon carries away and brings the deceased

part five · 22 passages



prepare the physical body for practical magic

part six · 15 passages · 4 practices



The natives of Cancer

part seven · 12 passages



During the period of Cancer

part eight · 8 passages · 6 practices

"Cancer, the sign of the Crab or of the Sacred Scarab, is the house of the Moon."

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Part One — the house of the Moon

3 PASSAGES

1 From the 22 of June to the 22 of July

The lesson of Cancer in the Zodiacal Course opens with this table: the dates of the sign, what it rules, and its metal, stone, perfume, plant, flower, planet, colour, element, key word, day and ruler. Beside it stand what the Tarot and Kabalah says of the number four and Cancer, and what the plants of the sign are like.

PART ONE



CANCER

Cancer, the sign of the Crab or of the Sacred Scarab, is the house of the Moon.



From the 22 of June to the 22 of July

Rules	the Stomach
Metal	Silver
Stone	Pearl
Perfume	Camphor
Plant	Eucalyptus, Cherry tree and the Violet
Flower	White Rose
Planet	**the Moon**
Color	**Silver**
Element	Water
Key Word	**Fecundation**
Day	Monday
Ruler	Gabriel

Planet: the Moon Color: Silver

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

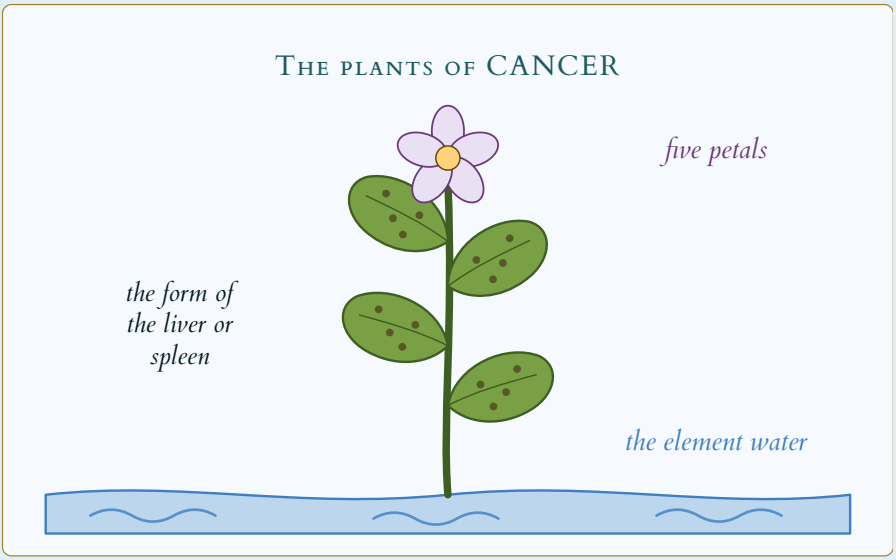


Number 4

- *the Tetrad*
- Uranus ♅
- *the constellation of Cancer*
- *the fourth constellation*

Number 4 is the Tetrad, the planet which corresponds to it is Uranus and obviously also the constellation of Cancer, since it is the fourth constellation.

from Tarot and Kabalah, 1978



The plants of CANCER have in their leaves the form of the liver or spleen.

from Occult Medicine and Practical Magic, 1978

From the 22 of June to the 22 of July Rules: the Stomach Metal: Silver Stone: Pearl Perfume: Camphor Plant: Eucalyptus, Cherry tree and the Violet Flower: White Rose Planet: the Moon Color: Silver Element: Water Key Word: Fecundation Day: Monday Ruler: Gabriel

Zodiacal Course, 1951

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Tarot and Kabalah, 1978

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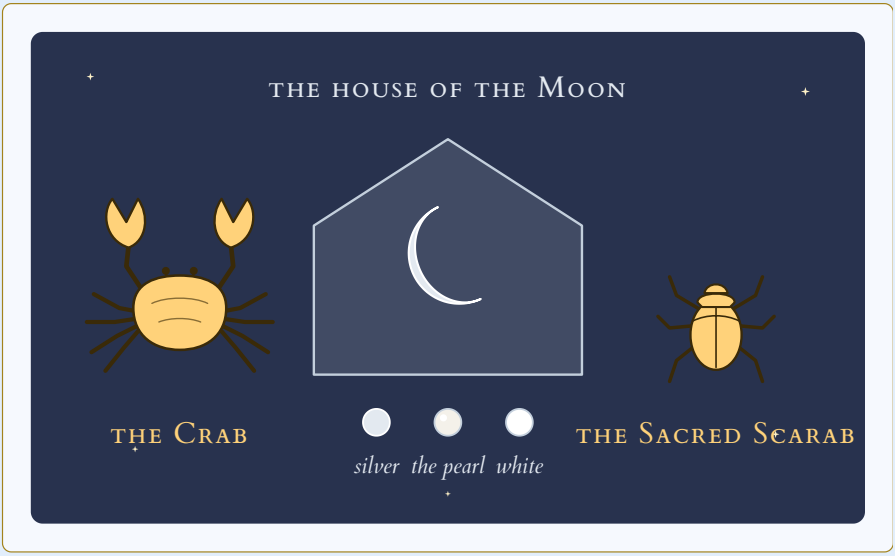
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II Cancer, the sign of the Crab or of the Sacred Scarab, is the house of the Moon

The Hermetic Astrology gives the metal, stone and colour of the sign in one line, and its two emblems and its planet in another.

THE CRAB OR OF THE SACRED SCARAB



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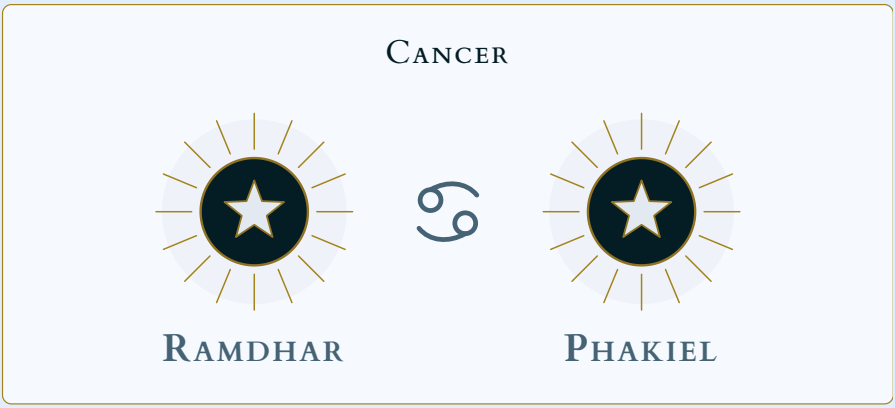
Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

I PASSAGE

III Cancer: Ramdhar and Phakiel

A line from his list of the twenty-four elders names the two who rule Cancer.

RAMDHAR AND PHAKIEL



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from Zodiacal Course, 1951

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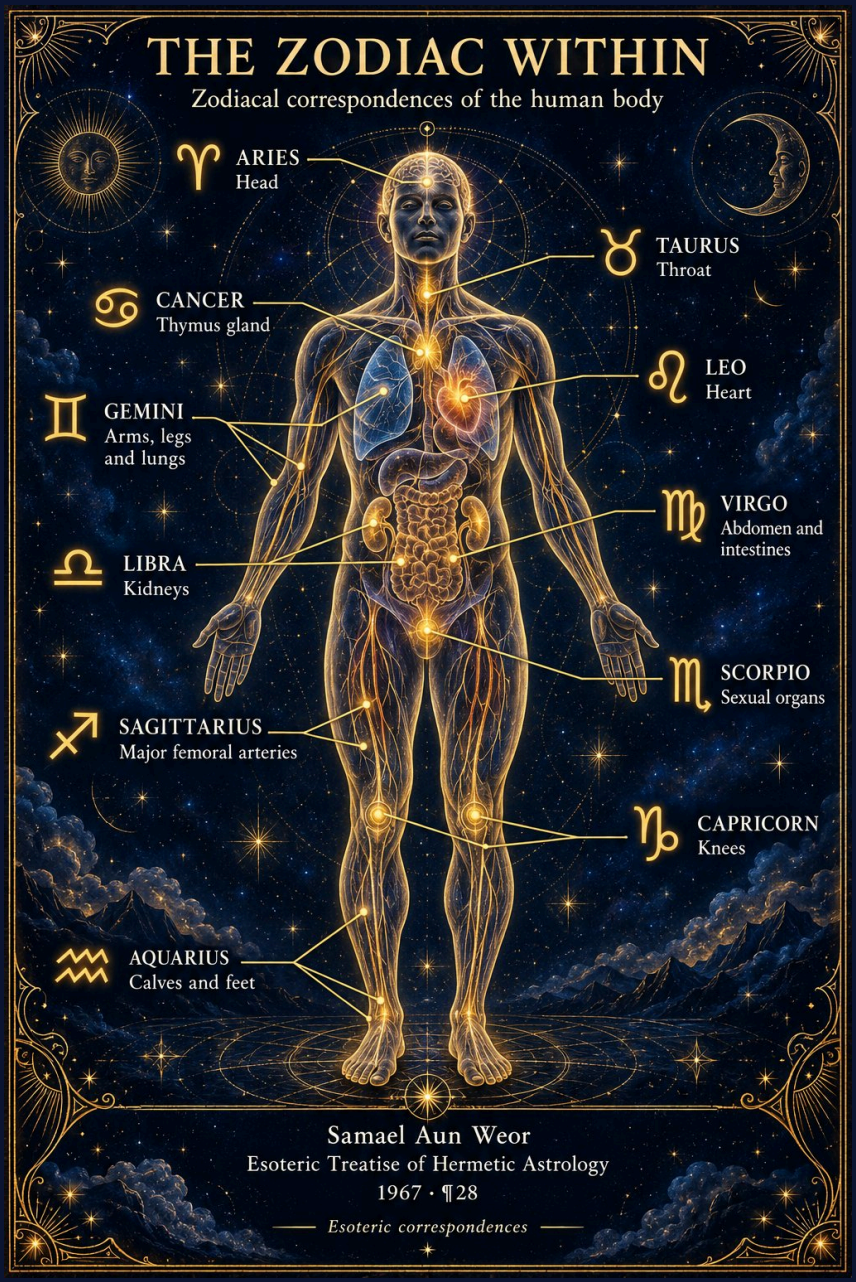
I PASSAGE

IV Cancer, the thymus gland

The Hermetic Astrology names the part of the body each sign governs; Cancer governs the thymus gland. The poster The Zodiac Within shows it.

Aries governs the head; Taurus, the throat; Gemini, the arms, legs and lungs; Cancer, the thymus gland; Leo, the heart; Virgo, the abdomen, the intestines; Libra, the kidneys; Scorpio, the sexual organs; Sagittarius, the major femoral arteries; Capricorn, the knees; Aquarius, the calves, the feet.

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FROM ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

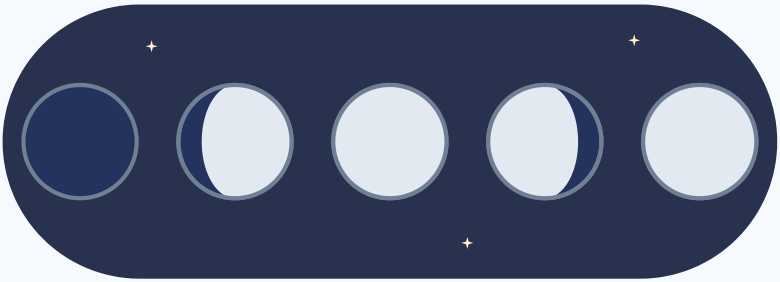
Part Two — the lunar influences

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I The Moon adjusts the procreation of all that is alive

What the Moon governs in living things: the thymus and growth, the milky juices, procreation, the sap of plants, the tides and the salts of the body.

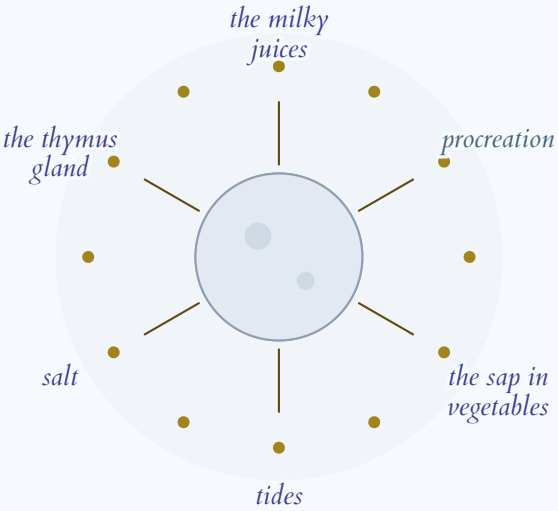
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THE LUNAR INFLUENCES

The new Moon is very weak and the full Moon is very strong and serves to carry out all works of practical magic successfully.

THE MOON GOVERNS



The Moon has power over salt and salt is the base of all that is alive.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

The Moon influences the thymus gland and regulates the growth of the human being. The Moon influences all the milky juices of all living things.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

Existing within our organism are twelve salts of the twelve zodiacal signs.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

The Moon adjusts the procreation of all that is alive.

Zodiacal Course, 1951



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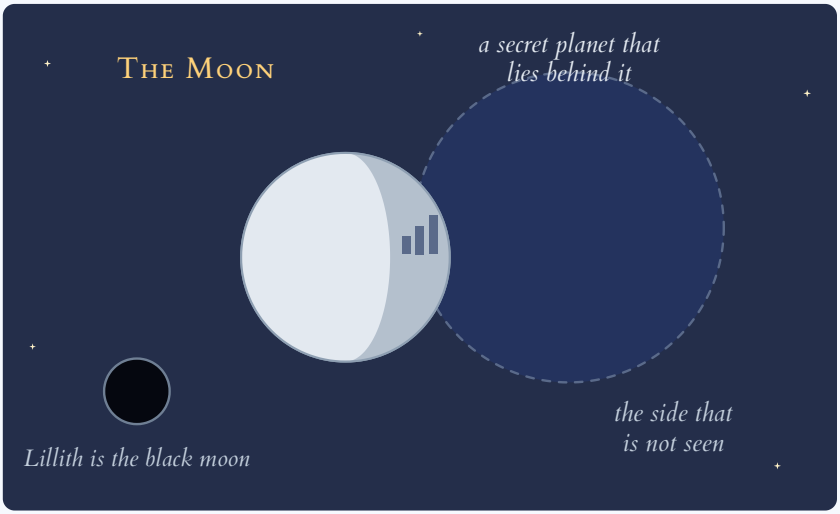
Zodiacal Course, 1951

4 PASSAGES

II The Moon is the symbol of a secret planet that lies behind it

The Moon stands for a hidden planet behind it, and its hierarchies gave man the vital body. He says who lives on the side of the Moon that is not seen, and what the black moon Lilith is.

THE SIDE THAT IS NOT SEEN



The Moon is inhabited on the side that is not seen.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

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The 'helemites' are the most vulgar and laggard beings of our earth: there was a need to confine them there. Almost all the inhabitants of that city are women. These beings are neither good nor bad, but simply "laggards". As they evolve, they are given a body here on earth once again and at last, they will all have a body again. Another small moon called Lillith by astronomers also exists. Lillith is the black moon. The souls that have already totally separated themselves from their superior ego formed by Atman-Buddhi-Manas, go there. Those souls are of an indescribable perversity and there, have to go through the second death to which the Apocalypse refers and of which the Christ spoke to us about.

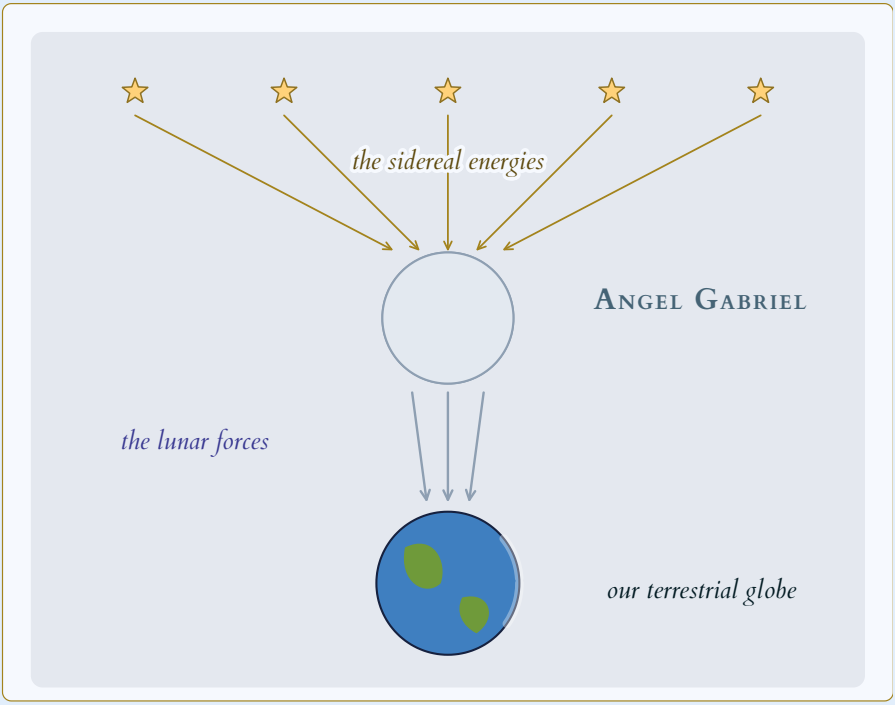
Zodiacal Course, 1951

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III The magician should pay close attention to the lunar influences

Gabriel governs our Moon, and every sidereal energy reaches the earth through it. So the magician watches its phases: what each one favours, and when to begin a work or a business.

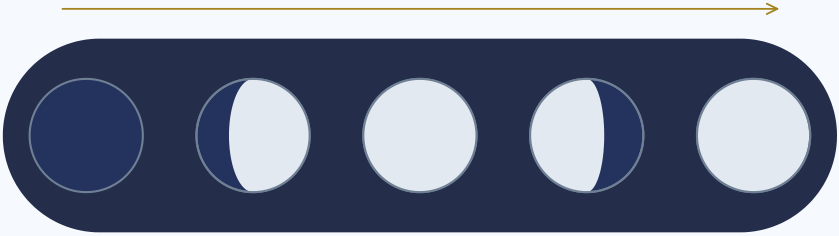
ANGEL GABRIEL



All the moons of the solar system are governed by Jehova, but our terrestrial satellite is directly governed by the "Angel Gabriel".

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

THE LUNAR INFLUENCES



new Moon	crescent moon	full Moon	waning moon	The last day of the Moon
very weak	*progresses quickly*	*very strong*	*fails*	*abortions and failures*

Always do your business in crescent moon so that you may succeed.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

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Zodiacal Course, 1951

The magician should pay close attention to the lunar influences because all the sidereal energies crystallize in our terrestrial globe through the lunar forces.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

All that is began during the crescent moon progresses quickly.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

All that is done in the waning moon fails.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

All that is done in the waning moon fails.

Zodiacal Course, 1951



The new Moon is very weak and the full Moon is very strong and serves to carry out all works of practical magic successfully.

Zodiacal Course, 1951



The last day of the Moon means: abortions and failures Always do your business in crescent moon so that you may succeed. Hitler launched himself on Russia in the waning moon and failed.

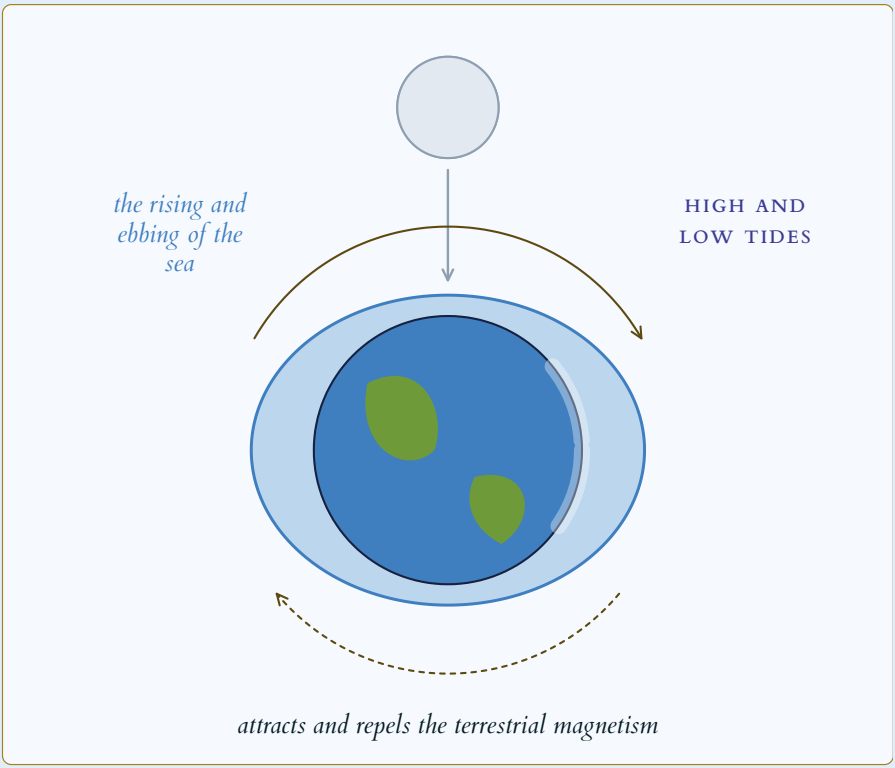
Zodiacal Course, 1951

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IV The Moon produces high and low tides

A sign in the sky read as an omen, and the Moon's hold on the sea and on the magnetism of the earth.

HIGH AND LOW TIDES



The Moon produces the rising and ebbing of the sea.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

When a star shines within a nimbus of the moon, it is a sign that a General is surrounded by enemies.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

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The Moon attracts and repels the terrestrial magnetism.

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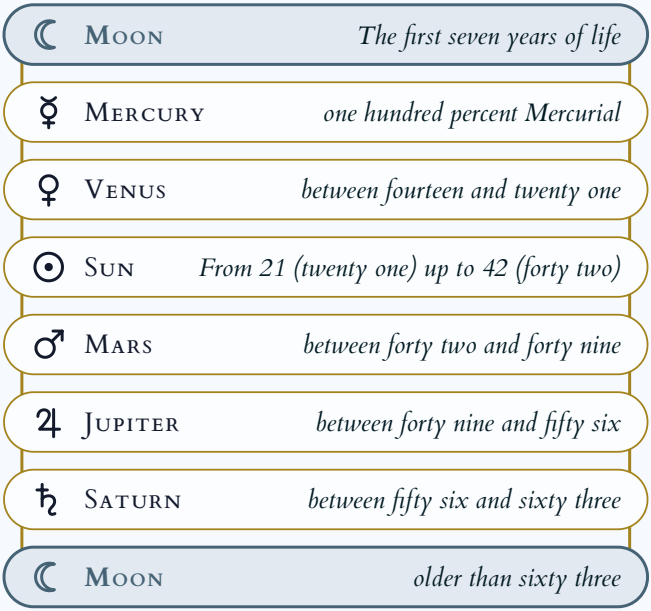
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Zodiacal Course, 1951

V The first seven years of life are governed by the Moon

Life runs in periods of seven years, each under a planet in turn, from the Moon in childhood through Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, and back to the Moon in old age. A line from a later chapter looks back on this lesson.

THE SEPTENNIUM



THE MOON RETURNS

the entire life of all persons is processed under the influences of the Moon, Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, with life closing with a Lunar end.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The first seven years of life are governed by the Moon. The second seven years of Life are one hundred percent Mercurial, the child then goes to school, is restless, is in incessant movement.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The third septennium of life, tender adolescence between fourteen and twenty one years of life, are governed by Venus, the Star of Love; that is the age of the sting, the age of love, the age in which we see life rose-colored glasses.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

From 21 (twenty one) up to 42 (forty two) years of life, we have to occupy our little place under the Sun and to define our life. That period is governed by the Sun.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The septennium comprised by the period between forty two and forty nine years of age, is one hundred percent Martian and life then becomes an authentic battlefield, because Mars is war.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The period between forty nine and fifty six years of age is Jupiterian; it is clear that those who have Jupiter well situated in their horoscope, during that period of their life are respected by the whole world and if they do not possess the unnecessary worldly riches, they at least have what is necessary in order to be able to live very well.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Once the period of Saturn has passed,
the Moon returns; it brings the Ego
to Birth and it takes it away.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Another is the fate of those who have Jupiter badly situated in their horoscope; those persons then suffer the unutterable, they lack bread, clothes, shelter, they are ill treated by others, etc., etc., etc.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The period of life comprised between fifty six and sixty three years, is governed by the ancient of the heavens, old Saturn.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Really, old age begins at fifty six years of age. Once the period of Saturn has passed, the Moon returns; it brings the Ego to Birth and it takes it away.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

If we carefully observe the elders of very advanced age, we can verify that they certainly return to the age of children; some old men and women once again play with little cars and dolls. Elders who are older than sixty three and children under seven years are governed by the Moon.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

We have already seen in the lesson of Cancer that the entire life of all persons is processed under the influences of the Moon, Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, with life closing with a Lunar end.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

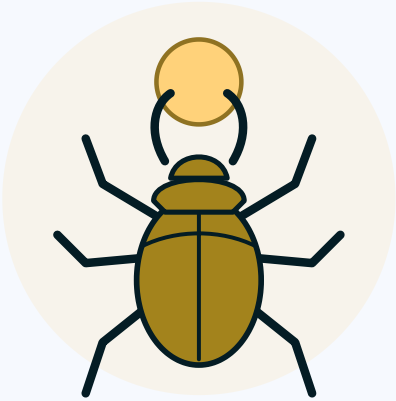
Part Three — the sign of the sacred scarab

3 PASSAGES

1 Cancer is the sign of reproduction

Conception takes place under the rays of Cancer, which is why the scarab, the Egyptian emblem of the soul, belongs to it. The souls that return pass through the sphere of the sign before taking a body.

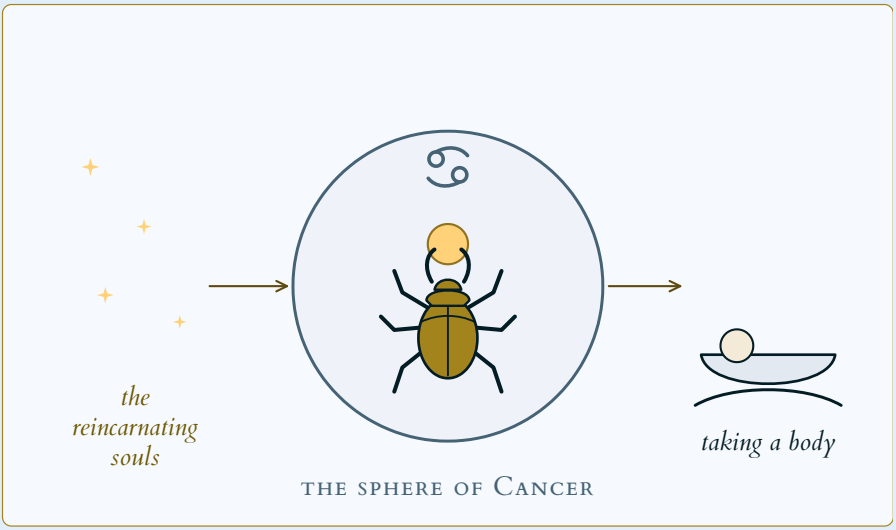
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THE SACRED SCARAB

Cancer is the sign of the sacred scarab.

THE SACRED SCARAB



In Egypt, the sacred scarab symbolizes the soul.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

Cancer is the sign of the sacred scarab.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

Cancer is the sign of reproduction. Fetal conception is verified with the rays of the sign of Cancer and because of it, is the sign of the sacred scarab.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

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Zodiacal Course, 1951

4 passages

11 Cancer is the Karma of Fornicators

In three books he ties the sickness that bears the sign's name to the constellation and calls it the karma of fornication. The Aquarian Message reads it in a verse of the Apocalypse.

Cancer produces the sickness that carries its name.

38 Zodiacal Course, 1951

Cancer is the Karma of Fornicators.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

"And the third angel (Uriel) poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood." Thus, this is how the constellation of Cancer will strike all the fornicators of the earth with its plague (cancer).

The Aquarian Message, 1960

It is ostensible that this fatal germ arrives to the planet Earth submerged within the electromagnetic currents from the Constellation of Cancer. By all means, cancer is the karma of fornication. It is obvious that ancient wise men knew in depth this very special type of Nemesis.

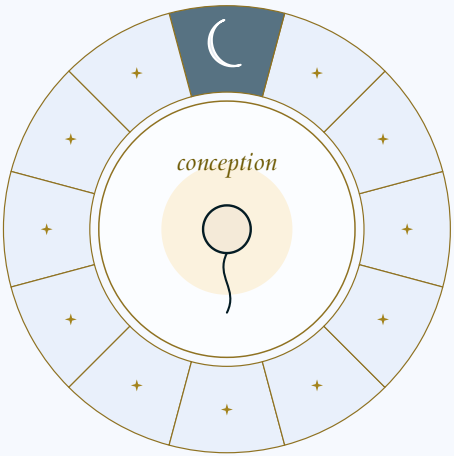
Occult Medicine and Practical Magic, 1978

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III The Moon brings Egos to the womb and the Moon takes them away

Conception always takes place while the Moon is in Cancer, he says in two books.

THE MOON IN CANCER



THE MOON IN CANCER

Conception without the Moon is impossible.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

from The Mystery of the Golden Blossom, 1971

The Moon brings Egos to the womb and the Moon takes them away. Max Heindel says that conception is always carried out while the Moon is in Cancer. Conception without the Moon is impossible.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

It is written with fiery coals in the pages of the Book of Life, that all conception is achieved under the cosmic influences of the Moon in Cancer.

The Mystery of the Golden Blossom, 1971

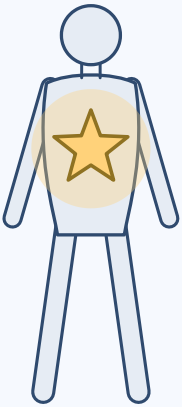
Part Four – Distinguish between the Ego and the Being

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I These two paths, the luminous and the dark, are considered permanent

The fourth chapter of the Hermetic Astrology opens with verses of the Bhagavad Gita on the two roads after death, the bright one that frees and the dark one that leads back to birth, and on the Being who is never born.

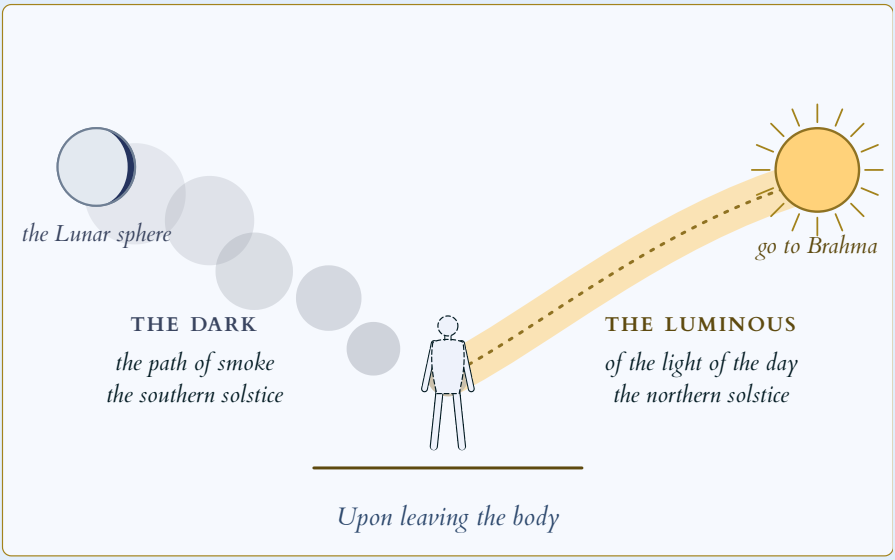
PART FOUR



THE BEING (ATMAN)

Only the Being, Atman, is perfect

THESE TWO PATHS



One becomes emancipated on the first one, and is reborn on the second one.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"Upon leaving the body, taking the path of fire, of the light of the day, of the fortnight of the Moon and of the northern solstice, those who know Brahma go to Brahma" (Verse 24, chapter 8, The Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"The yogi who upon dying goes on the path of smoke, of the dark fortnight of the Moon and of the southern solstice, reaches the Lunar sphere and is then reborn." (Verse 28, chapter 8, The Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Being is not born, nor does He ever die

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"These two paths, the luminous and the dark, are considered permanent. One becomes emancipated on the first one, and is reborn on the second one." (Verse 26, chapter 8, The Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"The Being is not born, nor does He ever die; He does He reincarnate; He has no origin; He is eternal, immutable, He is before everyone and does not die when the body is killed." (Verse 20, chapter 2, Bhagavad Gita).

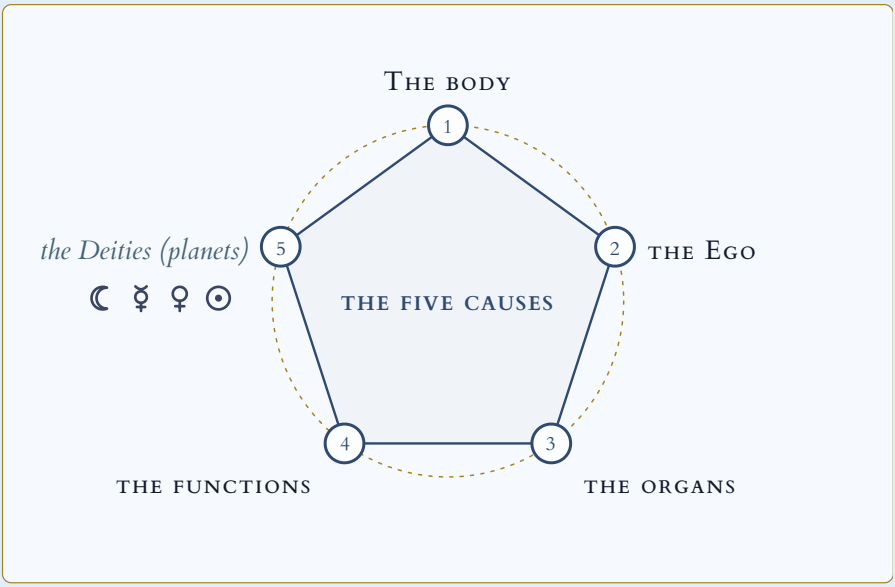
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11 Distinguish between the Ego and the Being

The Ego is born and dies; the Being does not. More verses of the Gita give the five causes of every action, among them the planets.

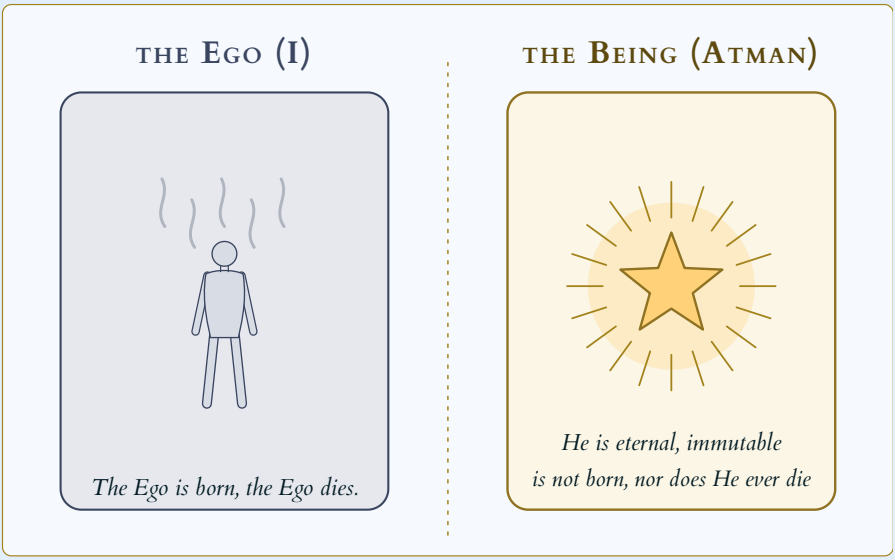
THE FIVE CAUSES



The body, the Ego, the organs, the functions and the Deities (planets) are the five causes.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

THE EGO AND THE BEING



The Bhagavad Gita makes, therefore, a differentiation between the Ego (I) and the Being (Atman).

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Ego is born, the Ego dies. Distinguish between the Ego and the Being. The Ego is not born, neither does it die, nor reincarnate.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"Three are the types of fruits of actions: unpleasant, pleasant and the mixture of both. Those fruits become adhered, after death, to those who have not renounced, but not to the man of renunciation." (Verse 12, chapter 18, The Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"Learn from me, oh, mighty armed one, about these five causes, related to the fulfillment of actions, according to the highest wisdom, which is the goal of

every action." (Verse 13, chapter 18, The Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Any proper or improper act, whether it be physical, verbal or mental, has those five causes.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"The body, the Ego, the organs, the functions and the Deities (planets) are the five causes." (Verse 14, chapter 18, Bhagavad Gita).

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"Any proper or improper act, whether it be physical, verbal or mental, has those five causes." (Verse 15, chapter 18, Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"Now, such being the case, the one who due to defective comprehension considers Atman, (the Being), the Absolute, as an actor, is stubborn, does not see Reality." (Verse 16, chapter 81, The Bhagavad Gita).

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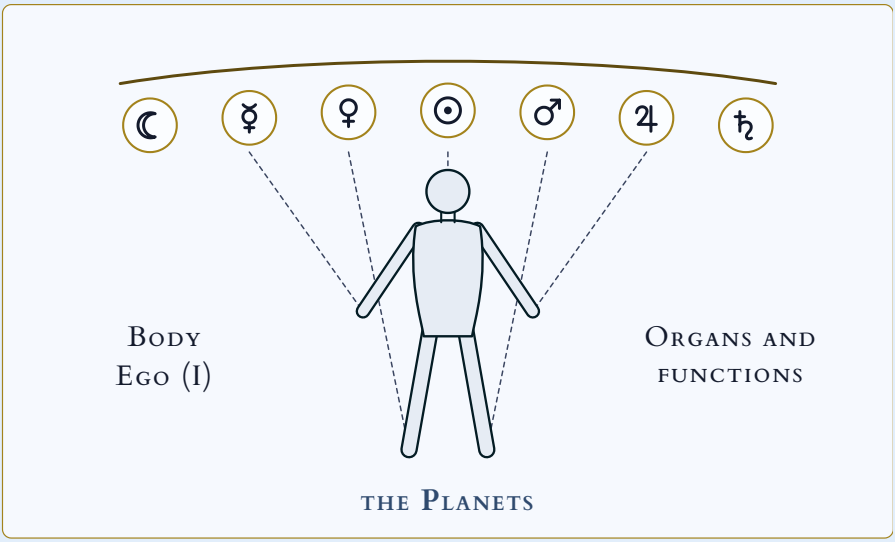
Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

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III It is a machine moved by the Deities

The human being as a machine moved by the planets, and what a cosmic wave can do to millions of such machines asleep.

A machine



The intellectual Animal erroneously called Man, is a compound of Body, Ego (I), Organs and functions.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The intellectual Animal erroneously called Man, is a compound of Body, Ego (I), Organs and functions. It is a machine moved by the Deities or, we should better say, the Planets.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Many times, any cosmic catastrophe is enough for the waves that reach the Earth to launch those asleep human machines to the battlefields. Millions of asleep machines... against millions of asleep machines.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

5 PASSAGES · 1 PRACTICE

IV If we want to dissolve the Ego, we should first study it

The Retrospective Exercise lets one remember this life and the ones before and become conscious of the Lunar Ego. Only the Being is perfect.

Exercise will permit us to remember our present life and the previous one and the past existences.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

The Retrospective Exercise permits us to become conscious of our own Lunar Ego, of our own errors. Let us remember that the Ego is a bunch of memories, desires, passions, anger, covetousness, lust, pride, laziness, gluttony, self-esteem, resentments, vengeances, etc.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

The Ego is the root of ignorance and pain.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

If we want to dissolve the Ego, we should first study it. The Ego is the root of ignorance and pain.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

Only the Being, Atman, is perfect, but he is not born, neither does he die nor reincarnate; this is how Krishna said it in the Bhagavad Gita.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY, 1967

A PRACTICE

If the student falls asleep during the Retrospective Exercise, so much the better, because in the internal worlds, he will be able to know himself, remember his entire life and all of his past lives.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

5 passages

V This can also be done by the Internal God of any of thee

He answers those who mocked his teaching on the abyss: such works are done not by his person but by the Inner Being, and the same Being dwells in each disciple.

In her sixth volume of "The Secret Doctrine", H.P.B. refers to the avitchi and the second death.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

The Bhagavad Gita talks to us about the abyss also, but it was enough for us to talk about this topic, for the spiritualists of Columbia to laugh at us.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

God is the only one who has those powers.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

I have never said that my physical person is occupied in confining the perverse souls in the abyss. This would be out of tone, since I am a man like any other: God is the only one who has those powers. Marvels of that nature are only done by "Atman", the great Universal Spirit of life; "Alaya", the super soul of Emerson, the great soul of the world. These marvels have only been done by my internal God, my "Purusa", my "Superior Being", my Inner-Self, my Internal Master, my Monad, my Internal Angel, before who, I have to kneel, because he is Atman, the Ineffable.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

This can also be done by the Internal God of any of thee, because "Atman" is the Omnipotent and the Ineffable.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

Masters are many, but the "Soul-Master" is one: The Soul of the World, the divine "Alaya" that seems to be many. Samael Aun Weor is the authentic name of a flame of the great blaze, before whom I must prostrate myself.

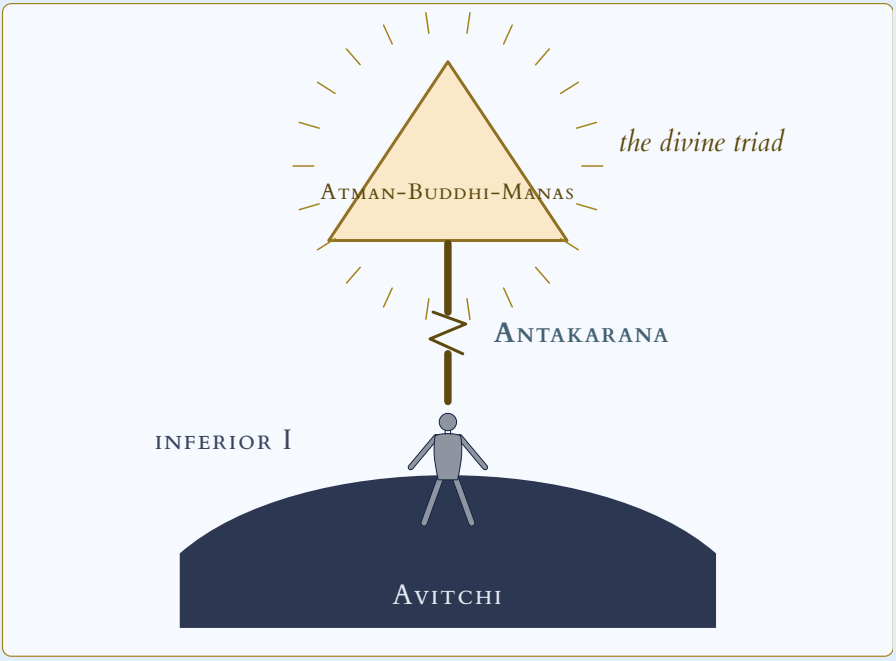
Zodiacal Course, 1951

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VI The Avitchi is a very old subject

Others before him wrote of the Avitchi and the second death. When the bridge between the divine triad and the lower self breaks, the lower self sinks into the abyss and the triad goes on with new bodies.

THE SECOND DEATH



This is the second death of which the Apocalypse talks to us about

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

Samael Aun Weor means "Will of God" and the Will of God is what has written this work. Therefore, when we talk of Avitchi, we do not say anything new, almost all the better spiritualists comment, describe, mention it. So what?

ZODIACAL COURSE, 1951

Spiritualists grieve deeply that "Atman" the great universal spirit of life is acting through one of his flames to accomplish a cosmic mission. Yes, so and so are amazed, because ignorance in its bold simplicity is a celestine beggar, with whom one cannot have immaculate contact! Where is the wisdom of all those fools who criticize me? What became of it?

Zodiacal Course, 1951

The Avitchi is a very old subject: even the very Doctor E. Adoum (Mago Jefa) talks to us about the second death in "La Zarza de Oreb". So what?

Zodiacal Course, 1951

In ancient times, the totally separated personalities from the divine triad (Atman-Buddhi-Manas) remained in the Avitchi of our earth. (See the sixth volume of "The Secret Doctrine" of H.P.B.)

Zodiacal Course, 1951

Today, the times have changed: we are beginning the New Aquarian Age and we have to isolate from this terrestrial globe those personalities that are already separated from their divine triads to cleanse the atmosphere of all evil. That is all, if this is reason for mockery on the part of lecture-hall spiritualists and occasional readers, whose fault is it? When the bridge called "Antakarana", which communicates the divine triad with his "inferior I" is broken, then the inferior I is left separated and is sunk in the abyss of destructive forces, where it disintegrates little by little. This is the second death of which the Apocalypse talks to us about; that is, the state of consciousness called "Avitchi". In these cases, the divine triad (Atman-Buddhi-Manas) is clothed with a new mental and astral body to continue its evolution, and the discarded personality is submerged in the state of "Avitchi", into the most inexpressible suffering.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

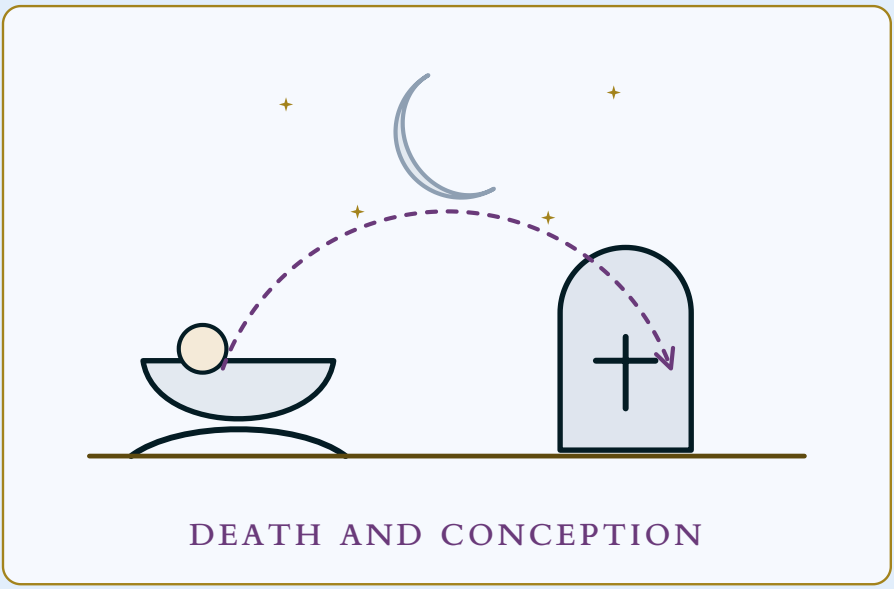
Part Five – The Moon carries away and brings the deceased

3 PASSAGES

I The Ego is Lunar

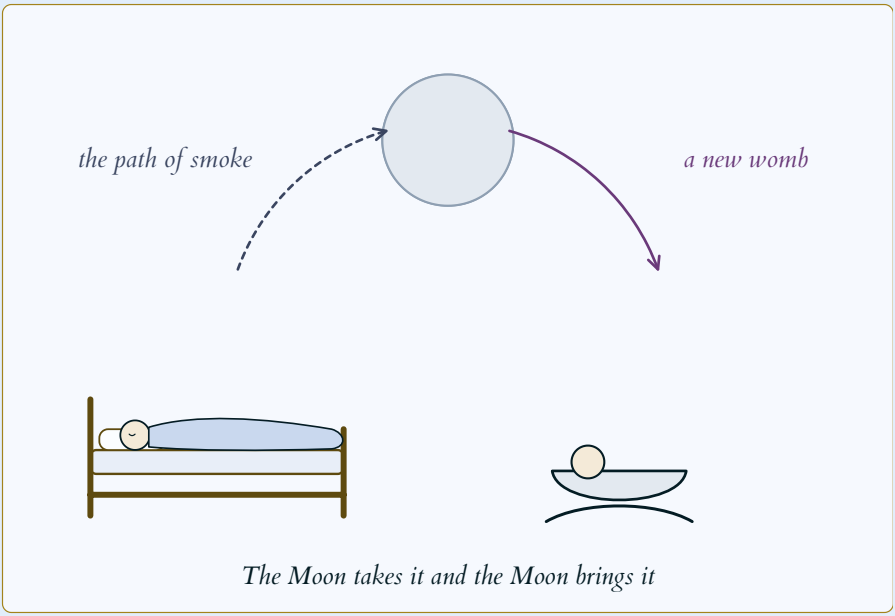
After a verse of the Gita on the few who reach perfection: the Ego is lunar, clothed in Lunar Bodies, and leaves by the dark road to return to a new womb.

PART FIVE



The extremes touch each other.

THE EGO IS LUNAR



The Moon takes it and the Moon brings it, that is the Law.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

"Among thousands of men, perhaps one will strive for perfection; among those strivers, one possibly achieves perfection, and among the perfect, perhaps one knows me perfectly." (Verse 3, chapter 7, The Bhagavad Gita).

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Ego is garbed with Lunar Bodies.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Ego is Lunar and upon leaving the physical body, it goes on the path of smoke, of the dark fortnight of the Moon and of the southern solstice and soon

returns to a new womb. The Moon takes it and the Moon brings it, that is the Law.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Ego is garbed with Lunar Bodies. The internal vehicles studied by Theosophy are of a lunar nature.

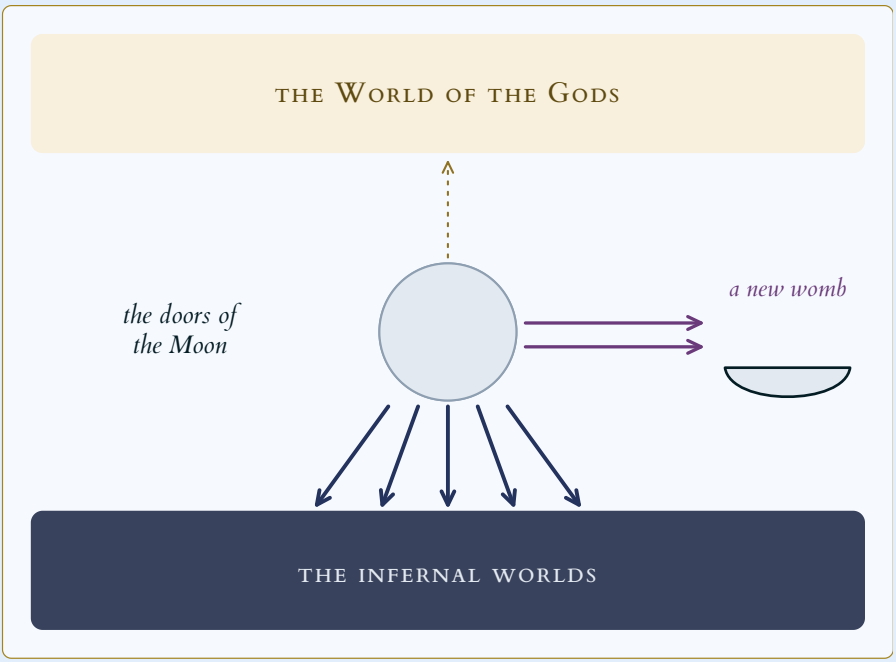
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6 PASSAGES

11 The Moon carries away all Egos, but does not bring them all back once again

Not everyone returns, and few rest in the world of the gods first. The Perfect leave by the road of light, and for each age there is a precursor and an Avatar.

THE DOORS OF THE MOON



Few are the disembodied that can today afford the luxury of some vacations in the World of the Gods before returning to a new womb through the doors of the Moon.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The sacred scriptures of the Jains says: “The universe is inhabited by different creatures existing in Samsara, born from different families and castes. Due to having committed several actions and depending on what they are, they

sometimes go to the world of the gods, other times to the inferno, and sometimes they become Asuras (diabolic persons). This is how living beings, who are incessantly born and reborn because of their evil actions, do not despise Samsara."

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Moon carries away all Egos, but does not bring them all back once again. During these times, the majority enter the infernal worlds, the sub-lunar regions, the Submerged Mineral Kingdom, the exterior darkness where only crying and the gnashing of teeth are heard.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

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Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Many are those who return immediately, carried away and brought by the Moon, without having enjoyed the delights of the superior worlds.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

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Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Perfect, elected ones, those who dissolved the Ego, fabricated their Solar Bodies and Sacrificed themselves for Humanity, are Blessed; upon leaving the

physical body with death, they take the path of fire, of the light, of the day, of the luminous fortnight of the Moon and of the northern solstice; they have incarnated the Being, they know Brahma (the Father who is in secret) and it is clear that they go to Brahma (the Father). Jainism says that during this Great Day of Brahma, twenty four Greater Prophets who have attained Total Perfection descend to this world.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Gnostic scriptures say that there are Twelve Saviors, in other words, Twelve Avatars, but if we think of a John the Baptist as precursor and of Jesus as an Avatar for Pisces, the age that just passed, we can then comprehend that for each of the twelve zodiacal ages there is always a precursor and an Avatar, a total of twenty four Great Prophets Mahavira was Buddha's precursor and John the Baptist was that of Jesus.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

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III Death and conception are intimately united

Death and conception touch each other, and the breaking up of the dead body sends out a vibration of its own.

The Sacred Raskoarno (death) is full of inner beauty. The Truth about Death is only known by the one who has experienced its deep significance.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Moon carries away and brings the deceased. The extremes touch each other. Death and conception are intimately united. The path of life is formed by the tracks of the hooves of the Horse of Death.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The disintegration of all the elements that constitute the physical body, originate a very special vibration, which invisibly passes through time and space.

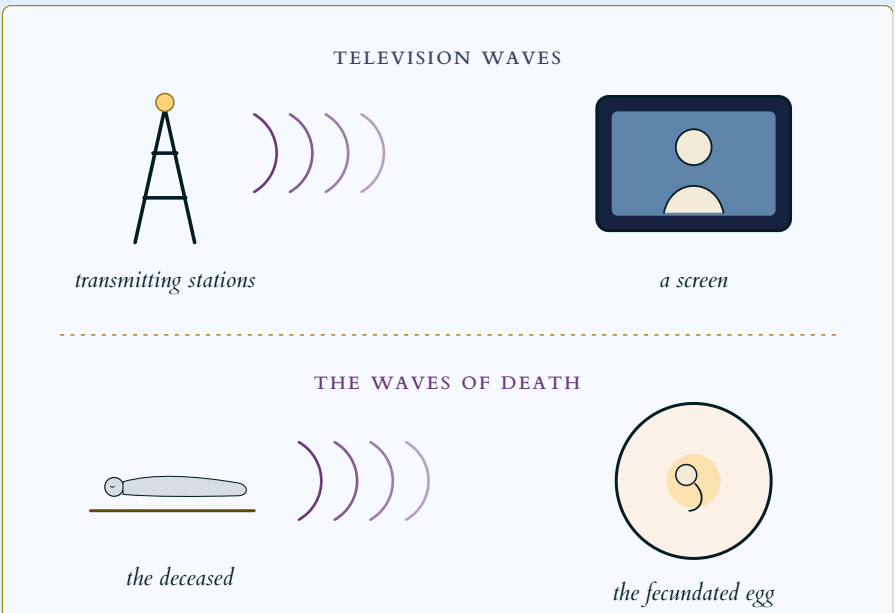
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IV The Vibratory Waves of Death carry the image of the deceased

The waves of death carry the image of the one who died to the fertilised egg, as a screen receives a broadcast, and under the Moon the design of the dead takes form in the embryo.

TELEVISION WAVES



The vibratory waves of the deceased are similar to television waves that carry images.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The vibratory waves of the deceased are similar to television waves that carry images. The embryo is, to the waves of death, what a screen is to the waves of transmitting stations.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The Vibratory Waves of Death carry the image of the deceased. This image remains deposited in the fecundated egg.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

This is how the Design of someone who agonized and died, comes to crystallize in the embryo.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Under the Lunar Influence, the spermatozoa penetrates the egg's covering which instantly closes once again, imprisoning it. There it generates a very interesting field of attraction, attracting and being attracted towards the feminine nucleus, which silently awaits in the egg's center.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

When these two capital nuclei fuse into a single unit, the chromosomes begin their famous dance, intertwining and re-intertwining themselves in an instant. This is how the Design of someone who agonized and died, comes to crystallize in the embryo.

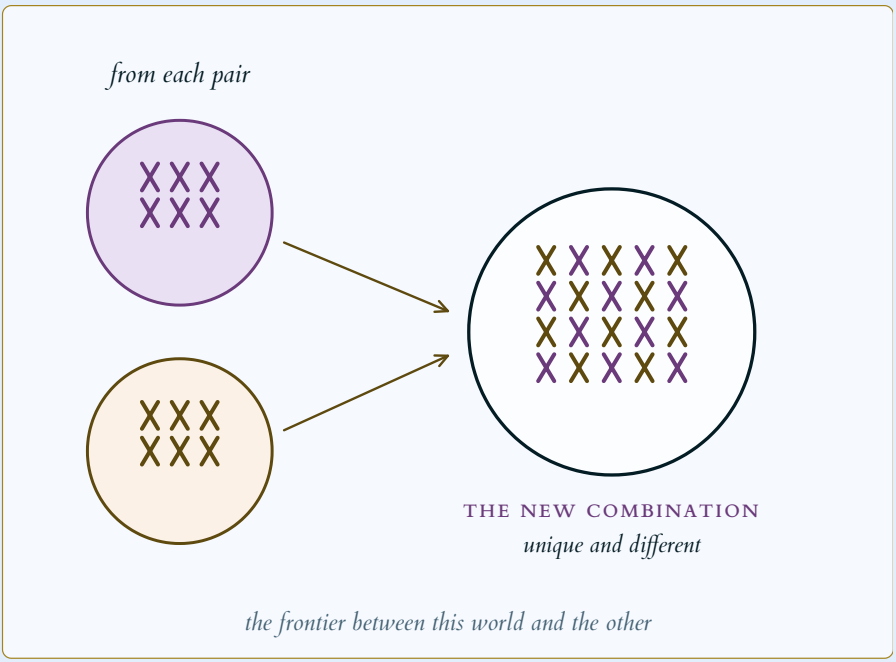
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6 PASSAGES

V the Genes constitute the frontier between this world and the other

The chromosomes, the pair that decides male or female, and the genes on which the waves of death set the lost body in order again.

THE CHROMOSOMES



Each chromosome carries in itself the seal of some function, quality or special characteristic

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

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Each ordinary cell of the human organism contains forty chromosomes; this

reminds us of the forty-eight laws of the world in which we live.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The reproductive cells of the organism only contain a single chromosome from each pair, but in their union they produce the new combination of forty-eight, which cause each embryo to be unique and different.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Every human form, every organism, is a precious machine. Each chromosome carries in itself the seal of some function, quality or special characteristic; one pair determines the gender, since the duality of this pair is what makes females.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Every human form, every organism, is a precious machine.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The odd pair of chromosomes originates males. Let us remember the Biblical legend of Eve who was made from Adam's rib and having, therefore, one rib more than him.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The chromosomes themselves are made up of genes and each of the latter, by a few molecules. Really, the Genes constitute the frontier between this world and the other, between the third and the fourth dimension.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The waves of the dying, the waves of death, act upon the genes, putting them in order inside the fecundated egg. This is how the lost physical body is

reconstructed; this is how the design of the deceased becomes visible in the embryo.

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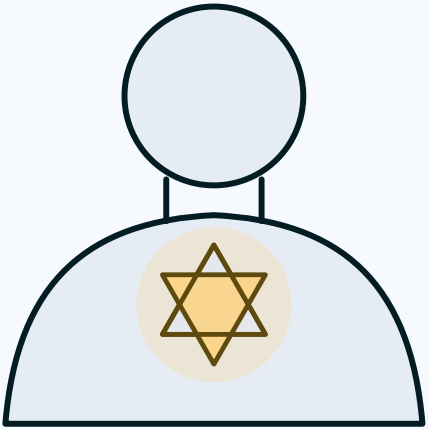
✡ Part Six — prepare the physical body for practical magic

3 PASSAGES

I we, the Gnostics, are essentially practical

The lesson opens: the Gnostic teaching is practical and leads its disciples into the higher worlds in the astral body and even in the body of flesh and bone.

PART SIX



THE SEAL OF SOLOMON

The magician's body is different from others because it is prepared.

You have already studied and practiced the lesson of Gemini. Today we enter the constellation of Cancer.

ZODIACAL COURSE, 1951

Throughout thy studies, thou have realized that we, the Gnostics, are essentially practical. We frankly do not like to spend our lives theorizing; we get down to brass tacks, we are tired of so much theory. We are essentially "realistic". We want deeds, not theories nor morbid intelligences. We like effective realities. We head towards great realizations. All the spiritualist schools talk to you about

supra-sensible worlds, but we go beyond that because we are more practical. We teach our disciples how to enter those worlds in the astral body and even with the very body of flesh and bone, in a totally conscious and positive manner.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

This entering of the physical body into the ultra-sensible worlds appears to be strange to the theorists because they know nothing else but how to theorize; but to the comprehensive, this does not seem strange. It is, of course, as old as the world. In not too remote times, the physical body moved and developed within the astral world, so what? After this short preamble, let us enter in full into our present lesson of Cancer. Cancer is the house of the Moon. Its metal is silver, its stone, the pearl, and white, its color.

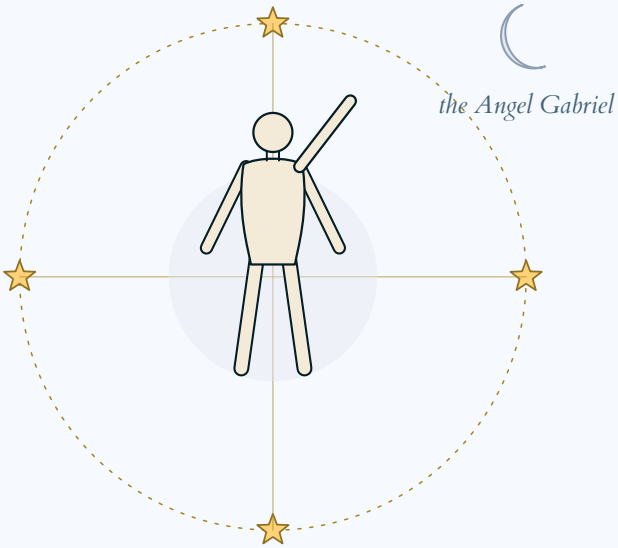
Zodiacal Course, 1951

5 PASSAGES · 4 PRACTICES

11 When the theurgist has his body well prepared

The magician's body is prepared, and that is what sets it apart. Gabriel treats the spleen and centres of the spine, and with a prepared body the theurgist can make the sidereal Gods visible; the work lasts a lifetime.

THE FOUR CARDINAL POINTS



THE FOUR CARDINAL POINTS

The invocation will always be done blessing the four cardinal points.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

A PRACTICE

The Magician should "prepare" his body for the exercise of practical magic. The magician's body is different from others because it is prepared.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

A PRACTICE

The disciple will pray to the Angel Gabriel to prepare his body to become invisible, or to transform his face, stop a bullet or knife in a moment of danger, or to materialize any superior entity, Lamblichus, the great theurgist, made the sidereal Gods visible in the physical world because he had his body well prepared.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

These exercises, to prepare the body, are practiced our entire lifetime.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

A PRACTICE

The Angel Gabriel will occultly treat the spleen and certain centers of the spinal column in the disciple. When the latter can already make visible and tangible the Angel Gabriel in the physical plane, it is because his body is "prepared". Then, in a moment of danger he will do the invocation of the Angel Gabriel and if the disciple wants to become invisible, the Angel Gabriel will erase him from the sight of the enemies, or will transform his face if the disciple so desires. The invocation will always be done blessing the four cardinal points.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

A PRACTICE

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Zodiacal Course, 1951

When the theurgist has his body well prepared, he can make the sidereal Gods visible in the physical plane. This requires patience and perseverance, because nothing is obtained like a gift. Everything costs struggle and sacrifice.

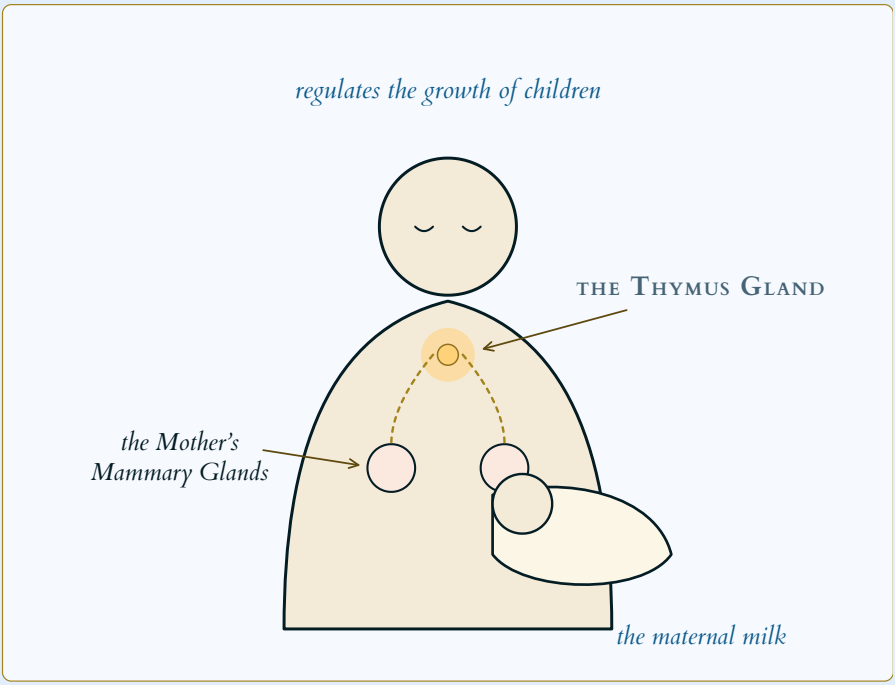
Zodiacal Course, 1951

3 PASSAGES

III the two triangles of the superior and inferior forces interlace to form the seal of Solomon

The forces from above and below meet at the thymus and form the seal of Solomon. In Cancer the energies gathered in the lungs under Gemini pass to the thymus, the gland of growth that is joined to the mother's breast.

THE MOTHER'S MAMMARY GLANDS



That is why the maternal milk can never be substituted by any other food for children.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The forces that descend from heaven, on arriving at our "thymus gland", meet the forces that ascend through our organism from the earth, and there, in the

"thymus gland", the two triangles of the superior and inferior forces interlace to form the seal of Solomon.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

In the same manner that the medical surgeon needs to study a cancerous tumor before extirpating it, likewise the Gnostic needs to study his own Ego before extirpating it. During Cancer, the energies accumulated in the bronchi and lungs by Gemini, should now be passed on, in Cancer, to the thymus Gland.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

We have been told that the Thymus Gland regulates the growth of children. It is interesting that the Mother's Mammary Glands are intimately related to the Thymus Gland. That is why the maternal milk can never be substituted by any other food for children.

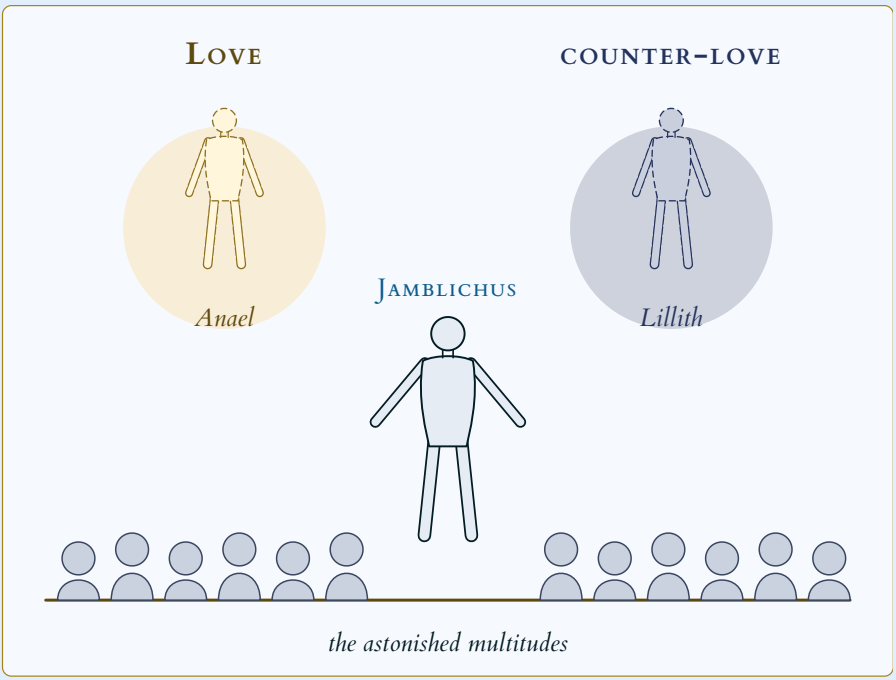
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4 PASSAGES

IV In this lesson of Cancer we taught our disciples to prepare the physical body for practical magic

His summary of the fourth lesson: the theurgist who made two genii appear before the crowds, what a prepared body allows, and what will happen when mankind learns to handle the lunar forces.

TWO GENII



Jamblichus, the great theurgist, once made two genii appear before the astonished multitudes: Love and counter-love (Anael and Lillith).

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

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Zodiacal Course, 1951

The day mankind learns to manipulate the lunar forces, the Moon will fall on the earth because man will no longer need it.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

Jamblichus made the sidereal Gods visible and tangible and this, too, can be done by our disciples if they "prepare" their physical body.

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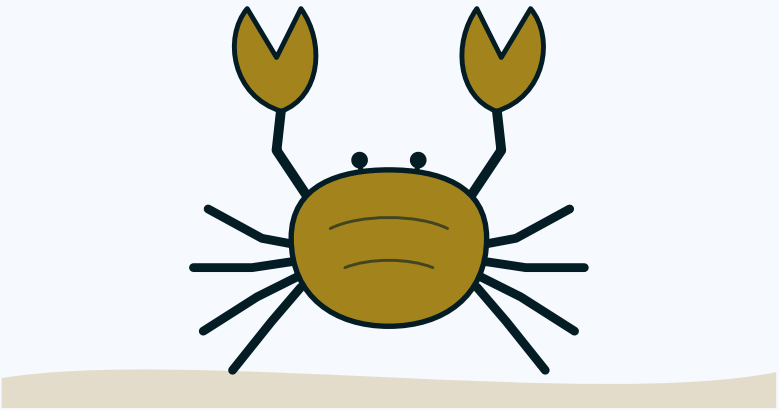
Part Seven – The natives of Cancer

I PASSAGE

I The natives of Cancer are peaceful, but too wrathful at times

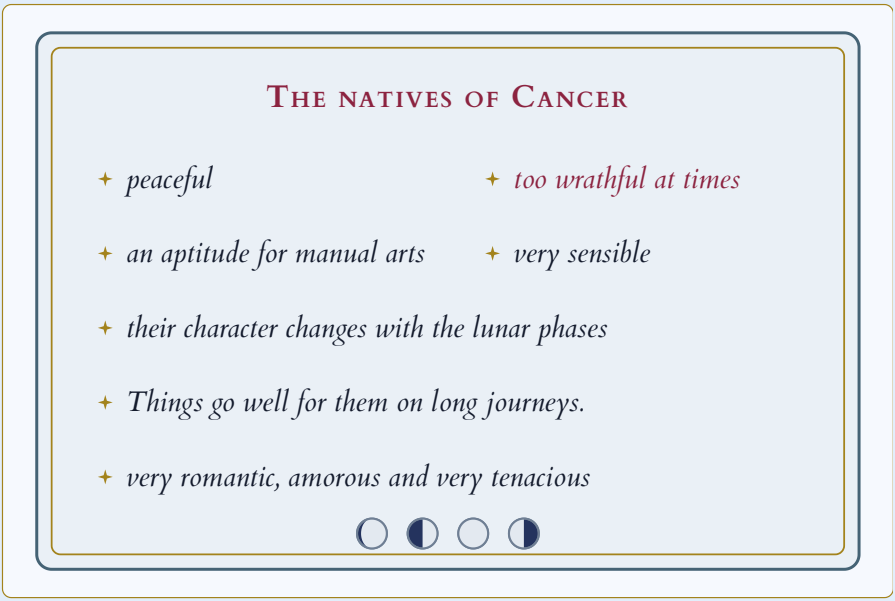
The Zodiacal Course on the natives: peaceful but quick to anger, skilled with their hands, changing with the phases of the Moon, fortunate on long trips, romantic and tenacious.

PART SEVEN



LIKE THE CRAB

The natives of Cancer are peaceful by nature, but they are terrible when they become angry.



They have an aptitude for manual arts, are very sensible and their character changes with the lunar phases.

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

The natives of Cancer are peaceful, but too wrathful at times. They have an aptitude for manual arts, are very sensible and their character changes with the lunar phases. Things go well for them on long journeys. They are very romantic, amorous and very tenacious.

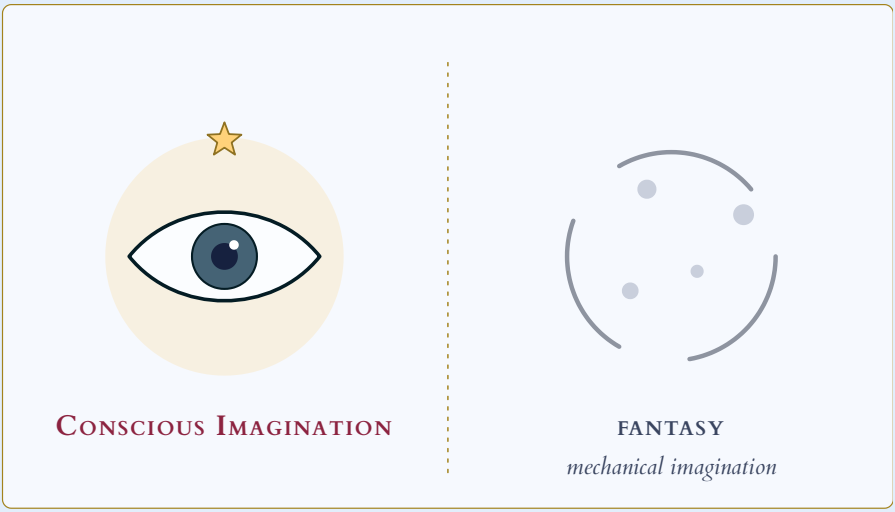
Zodiacal Course, 1951

5 PASSAGES

11 The natives of Cancer have a vivid Imagination

The Hermetic Astrology on the natives: their changeable character, their manual skill, their imagination and the fantasy they should beware of, and their weaknesses.

CONSCIOUS IMAGINATION



Conscious Imagination is advisable.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The natives of Cancer have a character that is as variable as the phases of the Moon. The natives of Cancer are peaceful by nature, but they are terrible when they become angry.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The natives of Cancer have a disposition for the manual arts, practical arts.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

Cancer people have a soft, shy and timid nature, homely virtues.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The natives of Cancer have a vivid Imagination, but they should be careful of Fantasy. Conscious Imagination is advisable. The mechanical imagination called fantasy is absurd. Cancer people have a soft, shy and timid nature, homely virtues.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

In Cancer we sometimes find some individuals who are too passive, slack, lazy.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The natives of Cancer are very fond of novels, movies, etc.

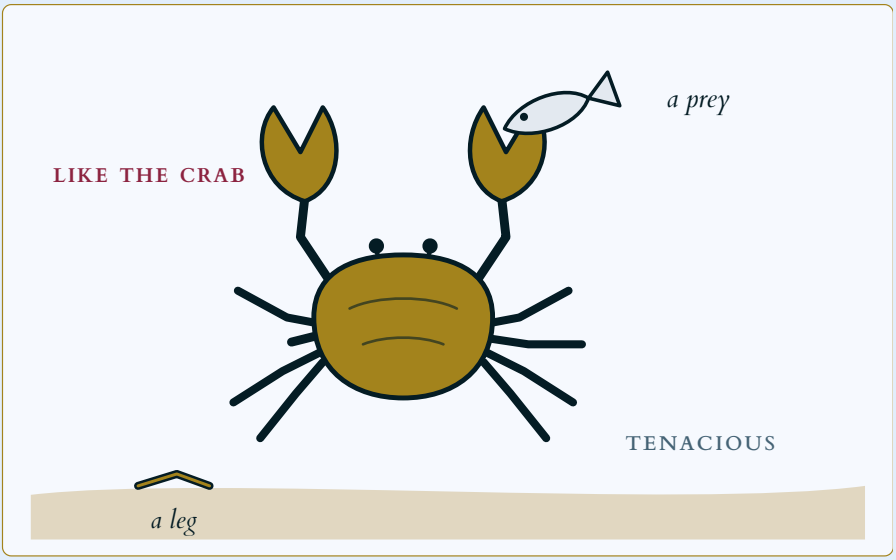
Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

6 PASSAGES

III they prefer to lose a leg than to lose a prey

The Manual of Practical Magic gives the dates and the traits of the sign in a few numbered lines.

LIKE THE CRAB



The natives of Cancer are tenacious, and like the crab, they prefer to lose a leg than to lose a prey.

from Manual of Practical Magic, 1954

66. CANCER: June 22nd to July 22nd

MANUAL OF PRACTICAL MAGIC, 1954

67. Dressmaking, tailoring, etc.

MANUAL OF PRACTICAL MAGIC, 1954

68. The natives of Cancer are tenacious, and like the crab, they prefer to lose a leg than to lose a prey.

Manual of Practical Magic, 1954

On the first quarter moon and on full Moon they can carry out their enterprises, which culminate with good success.

Manual of Practical Magic, 1954

69. The natives of Cancer triumph on long trips.

Manual of Practical Magic, 1954

70. On the first quarter moon and on full Moon they can carry out their enterprises, which culminate with good success.

Manual of Practical Magic, 1954

71. The character of the natives of Cancer varies according to the changes of the Moon. 72. The natives of Cancer are romantic and sentimental but when they get angry, their anger is terrible.

Manual of Practical Magic, 1954

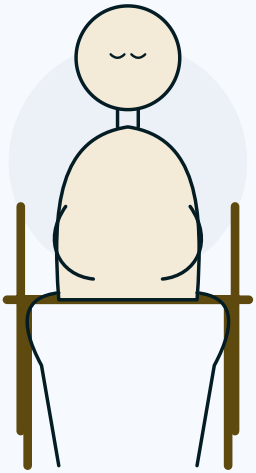
Part Eight – During the period of Cancer

I PASSAGE · I PRACTICE

I focus the mind on thy Inner-Self and pray like this

The exercise of the lesson: seated with the eyes closed, the disciple asks the Inner Being to bring the Angel Gabriel, then blesses the four cardinal points with the invocation.

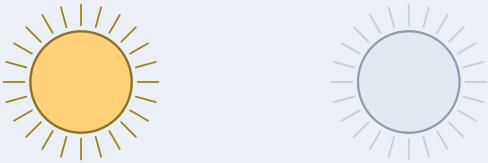
PART EIGHT



CLOSE THY EYES

Sit on a comfortable chair; close thy eyes; remove all thought from thy mind

INVOCATION OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL



Thirteen thousand rays has the Sun,

thirteen thousand rays has the Moon,

thirteen thousand times may the
enemies I have, repent!

NORTH

WEST EAST

SOUTH

Then, direct thyself to the four cardinal points and perform the following invocation of the Angel Gabriel, blessing the north, south, east and west

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

A PRACTICE

Sit on a comfortable chair; close thy eyes; remove all thought from thy mind; focus the mind on thy Inner-Self and pray like this: "Father: you who art my true Being, I beg you Lord to enter the heart-temple of the Moon to bring me the Angel Gabriel. Do the Salutes, my Lord...Amen". Then, direct thyself to the four cardinal points and perform the following invocation of the Angel Gabriel, blessing the north, south, east and west: "Thirteen thousand rays has the Sun, thirteen thousand rays has the Moon, thirteen thousand times may the enemies I have, repent!"

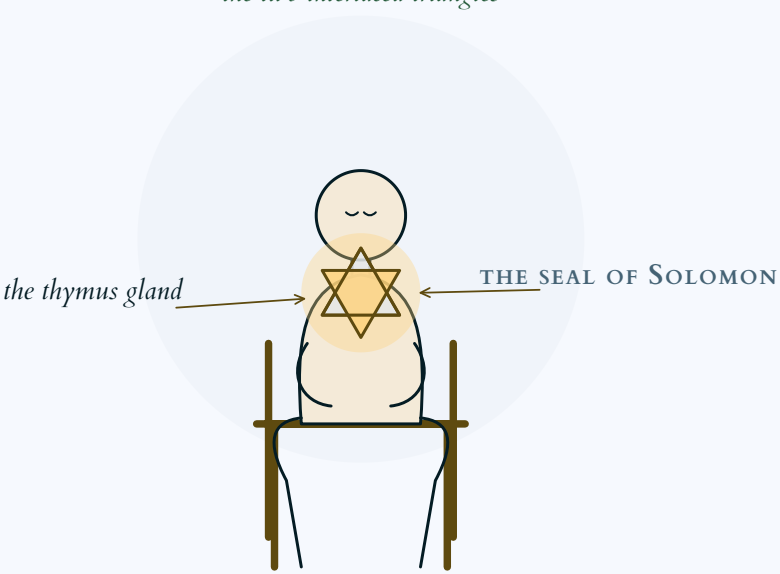
Zodiacal Course, 1951

2 PASSAGES · 2 PRACTICES

11 The disciple should meditate daily on this Seal of Solomon

Seated, the disciple pictures the seal of Solomon forming at the thymus and asks that the hierarchies of Cancer give the gland a treatment, with the letter A sounded each day. The Hermetic Astrology asks for the same meditation daily.

THE SEAL OF SOLOMON



Seated, imagine this marvelous encounter of the cosmic forces forming the seal of Solomon at the thymus gland

from Zodiacal Course, 1951

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

A PRACTICE

Seated, imagine this marvelous encounter of the cosmic forces forming the seal of Solomon at the thymus gland and sunk in profound inner meditation, pray to thy Inner-Self to enter the sidereal temple of the principal star of Cancer, to bring thee the principal hierarchies of that constellation, so that they may awaken thy inner powers and give that gland a treatment. Vocalize the letter "A" one hour daily.

Zodiacal Course, 1951

A PRACTICE

The Cosmic Forces which ascend through our organism meet at the Thymus Gland with the forces which descend and the two interlaced triangles, Solomon's seal, is formed. The disciple should meditate daily on this Seal of Solomon being formed in the Thymus Gland.

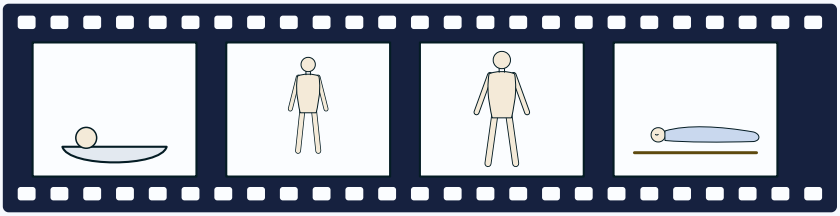
Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

3 PASSAGES · 2 PRACTICES

III a Retrospective Exercise of their own life

Before sleep, during the month of Cancer, the disciple reviews his life backwards, like a film run from the end, to know himself and reach his own birth.

RETROSPECTIVE EXERCISE



from the end to the beginning

OUR BIRTH

the Death of his previous physical body

before falling asleep

like someone who is watching a movie

It is necessary to arrive in a retrospective manner at our birth and remember it.

from Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

A PRACTICE

During the period of Cancer, our Gnostic disciples should practice, before falling asleep in their bed, a Retrospective Exercise of their own life, like someone who is watching a movie from the end to the beginning, or like someone who reads a book from the end to the beginning, from the last to the first page.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

The objective of this Retrospective Exercise of our own life, is to auto-know, autodiscover ourselves, to recognize our good and evil actions, to study our own Lunar Ego, to make Conscious the Subconscious.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

A PRACTICE

It is necessary to arrive in a retrospective manner at our birth and remember it. A superior effort will permit the student to connect his Birth with the Death of his previous physical body. Drowsiness combined with Meditation, with the Retrospective.

Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology, 1967

2 PASSAGES · 1 PRACTICE

IV Sick people must smell their zodiacal perfume on a daily basis

The perfume of the sign, from the table in Occult Medicine. The Zodiacal Course names the same perfume, camphor.

THEIR ZODIACAL PERFUME



Sick people must smell their zodiacal perfume on a daily basis

from Occult Medicine and Practical Magic, 1978

from Occult Medicine and Practical Magic, 1978

A PRACTICE

Sick people must smell their zodiacal perfume on a daily basis:

Occult Medicine and Practical Magic, 1978

: perfume of Camphor

Occult Medicine and Practical Magic, 1978

Where to practise. Each of these works holds his practices in full, with their own books and lectures.

Zodiacal Course — his practice for every sign of the zodiac. mysteryofthefire.org/library/zodiacal-course.html

Scorpio — the first of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/scorpio.html

Sagittarius — the second of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/sagittarius.html

Capricorn — the third of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/capricorn.html

Aquarius — the fourth of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/aquarius.html

Pisces — the fifth of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/pisces.html

Aries — the sixth of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/aries.html

Taurus — the seventh of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/taurus.html

Gemini — the eighth of The Zodiac, everything he says on that sign. mysteryofthefire.org/library/gemini.html

The Retrospective Exercise — going back over the day and the whole life, from the last event to the first. mysteryofthefire.org/library/the-retrospective-exercise.html

Relive All the Incidents of the Day — a guided evening retrospection, last to first, with his words at each step. mysteryofthefire.org/library/relive-all-the-incidents-of-the-day.html

The Science of Meditation — meditation as he teaches it, step by step. mysteryofthefire.org/library/the-science-of-meditation.html

Elemental Magic — the creatures of the four elements and the rites by which they are commanded. mysteryofthefire.org/library/elemental-magic.html

Manual of Practical Magic — his practices, set out as he numbered them. mysteryofthefire.org/library/manual-of-practical-magic.html

Made for this work.

Cancer — the practice, step by step — his practice of the sign, in his order.
mysteryofthefire.org/library/cancer-practice.html

Cancer — cards to print and cut — his table and his practice, on cards.
mysteryofthefire.org/library/booklets/cancer-cards-A4.pdf

How this was made. All fifty-two books were extracted (73,105 paragraphs, 2,157,671 words) and swept for the sign. The sweep took the whole Cancer chapters of three books: the *Zodiacal Course* (1951, ¶258–327, the lesson on Cancer, with the summary of the fourth lesson, ¶1000–1004; 75 paragraphs), the *Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology* (1967 269, 70) and the *Manual of Practical Magic* (1954, ¶452–457, 6). It then took every other paragraph in any book that names Cancer (71), and every paragraph that names the crab or the scarab (10), for the readers to keep only where he ties them to the sign; the lines of his correspondence tables not already in, from *Occult Medicine and Practical Magic* (3); and, where his sentence ran across the paragraph break, the paragraph beside it (26). The word Cancer also names the sickness: every paragraph of the sickness was swept with the rest, and the readers kept it only where his own words tie it to the sign or its constellation. The Moon, silver and the stomach were not searched for on their own: they run all through his books, and the lessons on the sign carry what he says of them under Cancer. That returned **261 candidate paragraphs in 17 books**, 79 of them already printed in another work of the shelf. Every candidate was read **twice, by independent readers** working from a written brief. The two passes agreed on whether to print 99.6% of the time and on the class 98.1%. A third reader, who saw neither verdict, read the one disagreement on whether to print, a paragraph of *My Return to Tibet* on the sickness as the karma of fornication, which does not itself name the sign (¶1755, set aside); the four differences of class, the invocation of the thirteen thousand rays in the *Zodiacal Course* (¶319, printed as a practice), the heading of the zodiacal plants and the bare label of the sign in the list of perfumes in *Occult Medicine* (¶1514 set aside) and the Camphor line of that list (¶1616, printed); and two lines the readers agreed on, the line before ¶1755 (¶1754, printable, and left out in placing as a repeat, below) and the lead-in to the list of perfumes (¶1600), where the readers' verdict stands. 153 were judged printable; one was left out as a repeat, and 24 were joined into the passage before them where his sentence or his list ran across several paragraphs, so **128 passages are printed here.** The rest are recorded with the reason each was set aside.

The practices were not gathered in a separate pass. The eleven passages marked as practices are the ones the readers marked as giving the reader something to do. Six are gathered as the last part, with the two passages that stand among them: the aim of the Retrospective Exercise and the perfume of the sign. The other five stay beside the teaching they belong to: falling asleep in the Retrospective Exercise, in the fourth part with the study of the Ego, and the preparing of the body with the Angel Gabriel, in the sixth.

What was set aside. Of the 108 paragraphs the readers set aside, 69 spoke of the sickness without tying it to the sign: its germ, the experiments on it, the formulas and plants he gives against it, the testimonies of those who were sick, and the headings of those chapters. Nine spoke of a scarab or a crab without tying it to Cancer; of the 10 paragraphs of the crab and the scarab the sweep found, all 10 were set aside, because where he ties them to the sign the lessons on the sign already hold it. Nineteen were headings, salutations, sign-offs, list numbers, tables of contents and the labels of his tables; eleven belonged to the sign before or the sign after, named Cancer only in a list of the signs or in passing, or used the name for something else.

One paragraph left out, seven mends, recorded. *My Return to Tibet* ¶1754 is one sentence, and the same sentence opens *Occult Medicine* ¶827, which is printed here and goes on to say what the sickness is; it is not printed twice. This page prints "Atman-Buddhi-Manas" for "Atman-BuddhiManas"; "(Atman-Buddhi-Manas)" for "(Atman BuddhiManas)"; "pray to thy Inner-Self" for "pray to thy InnerSelf"; "scriptures of the Jains" for "scriptures of the Jams", as the scan has it: the same triad is spelled Atman-Buddhi-Manas in the same lesson of the *Zodiacal Course* (¶301), the Inner-Self in its exercise (¶316), and the same chapter of the *Hermetic Astrology* names Jainism (¶235). The scan breaks one word in *Tarot and Kabalah* (¶2753), printed whole, and two run-in lines are not printed: the heading EXERCISE at the end of the *Zodiacal Course* ¶324, and the closing "Fraternally" of ¶326. Otherwise the passages are printed as the extraction gives them, its remaining slips included ("He does He reincarnate", "Lamblichus", where the same lesson spells it Jamblichus, and "chapter 81" in the citation of the Bhagavad Gita).

No sentence of his is cut in half. Each range was extended against the corpus until his sentence closed, and 11 ranges run over more than one paragraph. The one heading inside a printed range, INVOCATION in the *Zodiacal Course* (¶318), is not printed.

Nothing else was left out. Where he says the same thing in two books in different words, both are printed: the metal, stone and colour of the sign, conception under the Moon in Cancer, the natives in three books, and the meditation on the seal of Solomon in two.

48 passages also stand in a finished work, and every one is marked where it stands, most often in *Return and Reincarnation* (11), *Zodiacal Course* (8), and *The Retrospective Exercise* and *The Science of Meditation* (7 each). The repetition is wanted: this is the vocabulary of the whole teaching, and a reader who meets the same line in a second book holds it better. What is not allowed is an overlap a reader cannot see.

No passage carries an editor's note. Every passage from his early books was read for a line that credits the Kundalini to anything other than the work of the couple, and none does: no passage of the sign names the Kundalini. Its exercises are given for preparing the body, for

the thymus gland and for knowing oneself, and where the road of fire is named it is the road the Bhagavad Gita gives the perfect after death.

Where he speaks of the sickness, only his words are printed. Nothing here is medical advice.

Checked twice over. Every section and part title is a line of his, proved against the passages under it. And every passage was checked word for word against a fresh extraction of its book.

The ninth work of The Zodiac, beside *Scorpio*, *Sagittarius*, *Capricorn*, *Aquarius*, *Pisces*, *Aries*, *Taurus*, *Gemini* and the *Zodiacal Course* booklet on the shelf, which prints his practice for every sign. This one gathers everything he says on one sign. It wears the pale night-blue of the zodiac and the themed works' two hairlines, in the silver of his table for the sign.