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An Allegory

ND IT WAS MORNING as God stood before his twelve children and into each of them planted the seed of human life. One by one each child stepped forward to receive his appointed gift

"To you Aries I give my seed first that you might have the honor of planting it. That for every seed you plant one million more will multiply in your hand. You will not have time to see the seed grow for everything you plant creates more that must be planted. You will be the first to penetrate the soil of men's minds with My Idea. But it is not your job to nourish the Idea nor to question it. Your life is action and the only

to question it. Your life is action and the only action I ascribe to you is to begin making men aware of My Creation. For your good work I give you the virtue of Self-Esteem."

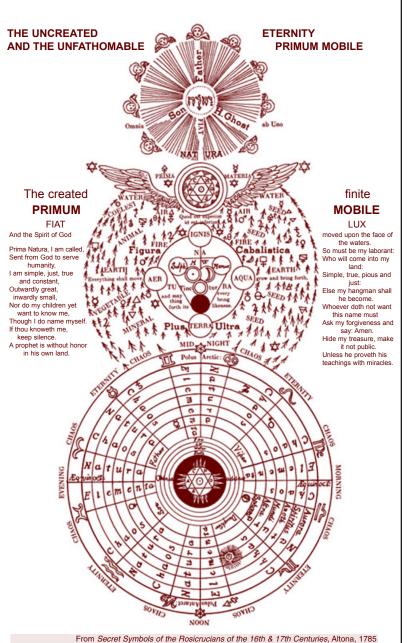
Quietly Aries stepped back to his place.

"To you Taurus I give the power to build the seed into substance. Your job is a great one requiring patience for you must finish all

that has been started or the seeds will be wasted to the wind. You are not to question nor change your mind in the middle nor to depend on others for what I ask you to do. For this I give you the gift of Strength. Use it wisely."

And Taurus stepped back into place. "To you Gemini I give the questions without

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Three-Personed God is pictured as emanating from the unnameable, unfathomable Absolute, here signified by the Hebrew Tetragrammaton. The Creator aspect of Divinity, the Father, issues the Fiat, by which Creation comes into being. The four elements refer not only to four states of physical matter, but to the four grades of ether and the three (two regions of the Physical, Desire, and Thought) Worlds in which man's present evolution principally takes place. Chaos, we recall, is the "seed-ground of the Cosmos," the "Cause of all we see in Nature." It is a holy name for the Spirit of God (Cosmo, p. 252) and works through the creative Hierarchies designated by the Zodiac.

answers so that you may bring to all an understanding of what man sees around him. You will never know why men speak or listen, but in your quest for the answer you will find my gift of Knowledge."

And Gemini stepped back into place.

"To you Cancer I ascribe the task of teaching

men about emotion. My Idea is for you to cause them laughter and tears so that all they see and think develops fullness from inside. For this I give you the gift of Family, that your fullness may multiply."

And Cancer stepped back to his place.

"To you Leo I give the job of displaying My Creation in all its brilliance to the world. But you

must be careful of pride and always remember that it is My Creation, not yours. For if you forget this men will scorn you. There is much joy in the job I give to you if you but do it well. For this you are to have the gift of Honor."

And Leo stepped back to his place.

"To you Virgo I ask for an examination of all man has done with My Creation. You are to scrutinize his ways sharply and remind him of his errors so that through you My Creation may be perfected. For doing this I give you the gift of Purity of Thought."

And Virgo stepped back to his place.

"To you Libra I give the mission of service, that man may be mindful of his duties to others. That

he may learn cooperation as well as the ability to reflect the other side of his actions. I will put you everywhere there

is discord, and for your efforts I will give you the gift of Love."

And Libra stepped back in place.

"To you Scorpio I give a very difficult task. You will have the ability to know the minds of men, but I do not permit you to speak about what you learn. Many times you will be pained by what you see,

and in your pain you will turn away from Me and forget that it is not I but **7** the perversion of My Idea that is causing your pain. You will see so much of man that you will come to know him as animal and wrestle so much with his animal instincts in yourself that you will lose your way; but when you finally come back to Me, Scorpio, I have for you the supreme gift of Purpose."

And Scorpio stepped back.

"Sagittarius, I ask you to make men laugh, for amidst their misunderstanding of My Idea they become bitter. Through laughter you are to give

man hope, and through hope turn his eyes back to Me. You will touch many lives if but only for a moment, and you will know the restlessness in every life you touch. To you Sagittarius I give the gift of Infinite Abundance, that you may spread wide enough to reach into every corner of darkness and bring it light."

And Sagittarius stepped back into place.

"Of you Capricorn I ask the toil of your brow, that you might teach men to work. Your task is not an easy one for you will feel all of man's labors on your shoulders; but for the yoke of your burdens I put the responsibility of man in your hands."

And Capricorn stepped back into place.

"To you Aquarius I give the concept of future that man might see other possibilities. You will have the pain of loneliness, for I do not allow you



to personalize My Love. But for turning man's eyes to new possibilities I give you the gift of Freedom, that in your liberty you may continue to serve mankind whenever

he needs you."

And Aquarius stepped back into place.

"To you Pisces I give the most difficult task of all. I ask you to collect all of man's sorrow and return it to me. Your tears are to be ultimately My tears. The sorrow you will absorb is the effect of

man's misunderstanding My Idea, but you are to give him compassion that he may try again. For this the most difficult task of all I give the greatest gift of all. You will be the only one of My twelve children to understand Me. But this gift of Understanding is for you, Pisces, for when you try to spread it to man, he will not listen."

And Pisces stepped back into place.

... Then God said, "You each have a part of My Idea. You must not mistake that part for all of My Idea, nor may you desire to trade parts with each other. For each of you is perfect, but you will not know that until all twelve of you are ONE. For then the whole of My Idea will be revealed to each of you." And the children left, each determined to do his job best that he might receive his gift. But none fully understood his task or his gift, and when they returned puzzled God said, "You each believe that other gifts are better. Therefore I will allow you to trade." And for the moment each child was elated as he considered all the possibilities of his new mission.

But God smiled as he said "You will return to Me many times asking to be relieved of your



mission, and each time I will grant you your wish. You will go through countless incarnations before you complete the original mission I have

prescribed for you. I give you countless time in which to do it, but only when it is done can you be with Me." \Box

-Martin Schulman

The Spirit of Liberty

The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, nearly two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest. -from *The Spirit of Liberty*, an address by Judge Learned Hand, May 21, 1944

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