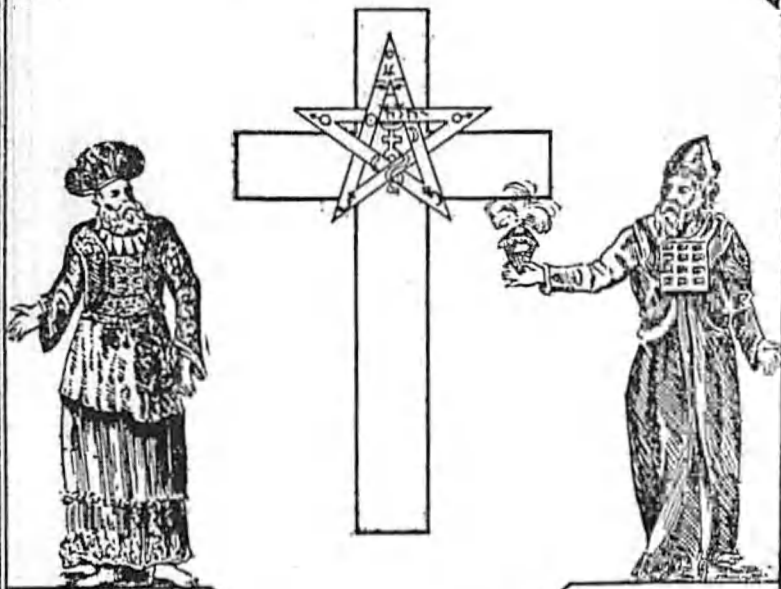


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THE MAGI

OFFICIAL REPORT

OF THE CONVOCATION OF THE ORDER "PRIESTS OF MELCHIZADEK," AND A RESUME, BY THE IMPERIALIST COUNCIL OF THE MAGI, OF THE PRINCIPLES AND INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ORDER

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Heretofore when a Convocation of the Order of the Magi was held, it was customary to permit all members present to receive the Degree "Priest of Melchizadek."

However, with the publication of this notice an entirely new ruling will go into effect and this will be an absolute Law in its nature and binding upon all members of the Magi.

All who are members of the Magi and have one or more of the private text books, will be permitted to sit in Convocation with the Priests of Melchizadek, and receive all the privileges, Provided:

First. That they have the books: "Interpretation of St. John," "Interpretation of St. Matthew," "Way to Godhood," "Way to Life and Immortality," "The Divine Law," and "Christisis."

Second. That they have given careful study to these books in order to be able to pass a creditable examination in the Mystical Interpretation of the Bible and the Laws of God as taught by the Church of Illumination through the books named.

The Degree "Priest of Melchizadek" will henceforth be in the nature of an Ordination of the Candidate to the Ministry (see the book "The Rose Cross College"), and for this reason it is necessary that each one who desires to accept the privilege, will, on his part, have to become "truly and fully" prepared.

The Imperialistic Council of the Magi remains a part of, and under the jurisdiction, of the Royal Fraternity Association, Inc., and therefore has the full right and authority to confer the Degree "Priest of Melchizadek" and to Ordain its men to the Ministry.

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THE MAGI

A manifestation of the existence of the Magi has not been made during the past few centuries, owing to psychic, philosophical and spiritual causes. That time is now past and the Hierarchy is again established. Many are enrolling, taking upon themselves the Sacred Vows, and undergoing the training necessary to make Masters of men.

The Supreme Order of the Magi called a secret Conclave, October 13, 1916, and conferred upon the neophytes present the degree "Priests of Melchisadek." The ceremony followed that of the most ancient Brotherhood and was of a purely Invocative Form.

We state in parenthesis that the Order of the Magi has nothing to do with Spiritualism or any other negative, destructive teaching. It has nothing to do with those exoteric bodies who have taken unto themselves the title of Melchisadek. Magi of the Melchisadek are exponents of the esoteric doctrine and their instruction rests upon a Science-Religion basis.

Occult philosophy has been the nurse, or god-mother, of all intellectual forces, the key of all divine obscurities. It was the prerogative of priests and kings. It is from the ancient body that the present Council of the Magi received its religious, scientific system of training. In conferring the degree "Priests of Melchisadek," the ritual is taken from the ancient manuscripts.

The Magi, under different names, have exercised great power, and their influence is apparent in the history of this planet. As priests they reigned in Persia for centuries. The order perished because they abused their power. Through this hierarchy India was endowed with a wonderful religion-philosophy of incredible wealth of grace and power. They civilized

Greece, bringing art and literature to the apex of human endeavor. They concealed the principles of all sciences and human progress in the calculations of Pythagoras, whose instructions are now used by the Order. They shook, or strengthened, empires, caused tyrants to tremble, and ruled human groups, called society, by either fear or curiosity. Men believed in them because of the knowledge displayed in astrology, astronomy, mathematics and the science of life and evolution. Action founded on Law was called miracle and, as time passed, was confused with fable. The ignorant deified the power of the Magi, ascribing to them the direction of the planetary system, the raising of the dead, the disposal of heaven and hell, the transmutation of metals, the elixir of life.

These assertions were not made by the Magi. The truth may be found midway between that which deified the cult and that which ridiculed and sought to destroy it. When churchism, with its pernicious doctrine of atonement, its mere belief in salvation, launched its anathemas against Magian philosophy, the Magi retired more and more behind the occult and mysterious.

The claims of the school, of the Magi, were not false, as science now attests. They were the forerunner, the promulgator, of medicine, chemistry, pharmacy, the arts, philosophy, literature. This school taught the development and use of the power of mind, now called by various names, New Thought, Mysticism, Theosophy, Christian Science. They taught that man was a three-fold being to be developed harmoniously into a four-square. Not only a mental being, but a soul being. They gave due regard to the physical, the mental, but centered their effort and philosophy on the soul of man.

The Council of the Magi of today stands upon the foundations built in the long past. It possesses the sacred Mantrams, Invocations, Rituals, Degrees, all that belongs to that great philosophy. They condemn, not men, but negative, destructive doctrines. The tenets of their philosophy are positive, upbuild-

ing, creative, in all departments of body, mind and soul. The importance of one is as great as that of the other. The body, mind and soul is the holy trinity.

In a brief treatise only an outline of its work, beliefs and instructions can be given. Of first importance is the school's desire that the world shall know of its existence, and its methods in the development of the good for all humanity.

LIFE

Without life, the Spirit of God, nothing can be accomplished. It is the first consideration of the Neophyte. While life is universal, its expression is comparative. The more of life we possess, the greater the possibility of successful life. Millions exist with just enough of life-energy to produce motion. But the same Force that enables us to exist will, if called upon and developed, produce sufficient power to accomplish anything the heart desires. Life, Spirit, Force, Energy, lived abundantly bestows upon us initiative, incentive, power to reach the highest goal. Men may become like the gods in achievement.

Existence is sordid, selfish, debasing, merely keeping body and soul together. Life, beautiful life, is high-minded, unselfish, creative, desirable and profitable. Life is rich when it contains the power to do good, to heal the sick and give to the needy; when it dispels ignorance, produces ideals and instructs in the art of motherhood; when it expands in work, growth and gratitude; when it secures gratification in flowers, growing things, and art; when it can demonstrate for itself health, wealth and love. These are the things that feed the soul, the possession of which is possible to those who follow the training of the Magi.

WEAKNESS

As the Magi were bereft of their power, in ages past, because of the weakness of some of its members, so is man deprived

of power and advantage thru weakness of capacity, lack of knowledge, inability to plan and execute. A desirable condition of life is the result of effort, training and accumulation. Will is the key to the storehouse of accomplishment.

Poverty is the excuse of the weakling or the sluggard. Men who traduce environment, malign opportunity, envelop themselves in self-pity, are bondmen, slaves to their own petty, narrow, weak negative selves. He deserves misfortune and its shadows will darken his sun until he seeks, positively, for enlightenment, strength, knowledge.

It costs nothing to breathe in air, and to aspire to freedom and self-conquest. Air, exercise and right selection of food are first in importance in preparing for success. Until this is done, physical power and energy is lacking. So interwoven are the planes of being, physical, mental, spiritual that one is dependent upon the other. Physical health is the foundation upon which is built success in all departments of life. Can an unclean, shallow-breathing glutton expect to command the pure and lofty hierarchic powers of the Magi? There is only one limit, the one we decree ourselves.

DEATH

The Magi declare that death is simply the penalty of wrong living. Men live a dying life and laugh to scorn any attempt of religion or philosophy to induce a change. Ignorance and death are synonymous. Men invite death daily, hourly because they are dullards. Modern science, tho a laggard, is recognizing the fact that the Rosicrucian axiom is not a dream. That the Elixir of Youth is demonstrable, something to be had, not swallowed like a potion, but taken hold of, and grown into, through a correct mode of living, thinking and breathing.

We, of the present order, as our brethren in the past, teach the Neophyte to understand, and use the AEthic Forces, Powers, Energies. The forces and energies of life are necessary that his

days may be long enough to accomplish the purposes of spirit, mind and body. Preparation for life, not death, is the key to Magi instruction.

REGENERATION

The result of generation is birth. The result of re-generation is also birth. It is the transmutation of the weaknesses of the physical, mental and soul being, into the strength of a Magi.

Without regeneration the art and possession of the higher realms is impossible. Mastership is a growth, a transmutation, a regeneration. Transmutation may be applied to every plane and condition of life. The poor may be transmuted into the rich, the weak into the strong, the ignorant into the learned, the imperfect into the perfect, the sinner into the saint. Regeneration is the basis of holy work. Transmutation is the door into the Magic, *Will* the key that unlocks it. Without regeneration a man, through will, may be able to command hierarchic power, but the end is degeneration. It is Black Magic and brings about destruction.

Regeneration does not necessarily refer to religion, tho religion, in its highest meaning encompasses regeneration. Religion is man's "highest conception of highest good," a growth, a transmutation. A man's growth in goodness is the measure of his power, the foundation of White Magic. The result of it all is religion, for it brings him to the door of immortality.

The religion of the Magi is interwoven with science and philosophy. Their system of training is the regeneration of the student, and concerns the soul, mind and body. They build the three-fold man into a four-square being, a trinity in unity, a perfect square. The triangle squared transmutes man into a god, bestows upon him the power of the Magi.

MAGIC

Magic, through its invocations, is all-powerful. The strength

of the magician is developed in the Neophyte through careful training and guidance. As he draws toward God, the Father, the Great Cause, through the understanding of His laws, he incorporates within himself lasting and desirable power. This power is the basis of all religion, for it demands the living of the White Life.

ACTION

The axiom, "We must act in order to be," is a brief statement of the formula of the Magi. It applies to every step of advancement of the Neophyte. Belief and aspiration are helpful only in so far as they induce the spirit of work. Instruction falls short of its purpose if not acted upon. The Ancient School has been of great service to all time. It teaches *how* to act in order to *become*. The student is taught how to come into touch with the Hierarchy, how to establish communication, that they may be with him and assist in the development of the powers he desires to possess. The Magi have ever taught this in their private instruction.

DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening the house in which the Soul awakens is the first step in development. Unless the house is prepared, freed from weakness and illness, the Soul, the Imperial Potentate, is deprived of necessary assistance. Physical well-being is of supreme importance for the Soul develops in harmony with the body.

THEORY

Theory is not action, nor action theory. The instructions of the Magi are not so many speculations, but a system, a working basis, upon which to build. A horse trainer studies food and exercise principles relative to animals that he may prepare his horse for competition on the track. The Magi understand

the principles of body development and prepare the student for the Path. The student must express harmony in all body functions. The causes of inharmony are various. That state of mind, fear, negative in its action, is but one illustration of the havoc adverse thought can produce. Worry, ingratitude, impatience, hate, criticism, selfishness, all these effect the body detrimentally, as much, or more than improper food and alcohol.

"AS ABOVE SO BELOW"

states a law. Fundamentally, that which governs the body, governs the soul, that mighty potentate resident in all men. Correct habits of thought reflect equally on soul and body. Exercise and discipline are applied impartially to soul and body.

LAW AND ORDER

Experience demonstrates that law and order are unalterable facts. The universal government of God is unchangeable. All effects produced by individuals, or groups of individuals, are in accordance with the Law of Causation. All operations of the Magi are in harmony with Divine Law. What seems magic and miracle to the many is comprehensible to the few. They have developed through work, prayer, thought, exercise, under the guidance of a Master, until they have placed themselves in harmony with God, and therefore His laws, and are creators with Him.

There is nothing supernatural. That word, and its accepted meaning, indicates the state and understanding of the user. A cause may be unnatural and consequently the effect is unnatural, but the law operating it is natural or perfect. One may take poison and bring about an unnatural condition, because the thing is unnatural, but the result is natural. It accords with law.

The Magi understand the Law of Cause and Effect. The effect desired will indicate the cause and the result will accord with law, in other words, it will be natural.

ALWAYS A MYSTIC

A Magus is always a mystic in its highest term. Things unknown and incomprehensible to the ordinary human being are component parts of the knowledge possessed by him. The world looks upon such a man as a dreamer for the faculties, qualifications and training of a Magus set him apart from the commonplace. In spite of the world's verdict it is a most desirable condition and brought about only through arduous training and perfect obedience to the Master. The inert, negative mind cannot conceive of the positive, exalted state reached, and maintained by the mystic. Through noble aspiration he consorts with the gods, receiving inspiration for great and enduring achievement. *This is a broad statement, but absolutely true.* The churchman prays to a Higher Intelligence and believes that he establishes communication between himself and God. The Magus does not stop at belief, he *knows*. How does he know? Through positive, personal experience, a result only obtained through development.

CHARACTER

A Magus never departs from tranquility, calmness, control. Intemperance, gluttony, egotism, selfishness, harshness, unkindliness, are states unknown to him. He is the possessor of passion, fully controlled, the foundation of power. He directs the course of passion, knowing full well it is a fire that either destroys or regenerates.

THE SECRET OF ELIPHAS LEVI

"By means of persevering and graduated athletics, the powers and activities of the body can be developed to an astonishing extent. It is the same with the powers of the soul. Would you reign over yourself and others? Learn how to will. How can one learn to will? This is the first Arcanum of Magical Initiation, and it was to make it understood fundamentally that the

ancient depositories of priestly art surrounded the approaches of the sanctuary with so many terrors and illusions." Are you looking for the secret of the Art? With the Magi of today you will find it.

Will is a magician. The development of will is the mighty work set before the Neophyte. It cannot be attained without positive instruction from a Master. The Magi, the Masters of the White Art, in all times, have taught the drills, mantrams, invocations, that system of training that has enabled students to pass the Threshold.

THE REASON OF FAILURE

"I can't" is the destroyer of power, success, attainment. He who aspires and then capitulates before condition, environment, finance, is a failure. All men are tested. Those who cannot, and do not overcome obstacles never pass the Outer Door. Overcoming generates power.

"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HIM WHO TRULY WILLS

A Magus is never idle. God is forever creating. Man must also create. Action is the password to the storehouse of power, the very temple of the gods. Transmutation is the quintessence of man's creative power. He never finds himself in possession of new "atoms of environment;" never faces ideal conditions. Always the cross presents itself. Overcoming is creation, divine in opportunity. Recognizing the fact that whatever comes into life, comes for a purpose, we must meet it cheerfully and trustingly. Trials are benefactions, but the benefit depends entirely upon *how* we bear the cross, in what spirit we meet unhappy conditions. By accepting the obstacles of environment, finance, family relationships; by admitting that these conditions are presented merely as lessons; by grappling with them and *overcoming*, we create, remould, we *act*. This is mastery of self and

condition, a gradual development, a becoming one with the Active Principle, the drawing in of power from the Universal Source.

CONTINUITY OF THOUGHT

To become a Magus it is necessary that the mind, the whole desire be centered upon one idea, one ideal, one work to be accomplished. No matter how seemingly diverse the duties of life may be, one thought is held steadfastly. "When you see a falling star, think of that which you wish to accomplish, and it shall be so." Events, accidents, chaos itself need not interfere with fixed thought. Visualize your desires then work with hand, heart and soul. Failure is impossible.

Arrested desires, deserted hopes, variable plans, are causes for the stagnant lives about us. A firm, resolute, constant thought is like a stream of running water, refreshing, life-giving, flowing onward to an ocean of fulfillment, of success, of achievement. Such an one continually draws to him new powers, continually renews himself.

A MEANS OF POWER

Through the use of every faculty, ability, capacity, talent, power is generated. Spiritually, mentally, physically, all faculties demand recognition and right use. Non-use leads to stagnation, death, damnation. The right use of every part of our being leads to growth, attainment, beauty. Being necessary to the life of a Magus, this department of the Holy Art is taught by the Masters in this school.

WEALTH IS NOT POWER

The doors of the Temple are not closed to those who lack money. Poverty is an incentive, not an excuse. The greatest Masters of all ages could well have made the plea of poverty. But did they? No. Though the poorest of the poor, they were

rich in ambition, in tenacity, and possessed the spirit that asked no favors. They would accomplish or die in the attempt. All the powers of heaven and earth are in league with such a purpose, and the heights of attainment were reached.

A STUDENT ON THE PATH WILL NOT PLEAD POVERTY

To do so, is to deny the Allness of God. To acknowledge lack of any good is an admission that there are places and conditions where God is not. God is affluence as much as He is power, love, health. He is an abundance of all things, the *All*.

GREAT MASTERS REPRESENT THREE CLASSES

Boehme was a poor cobbler. Tolstoi was a man of wealth but renounced both money and title to become a laborer in the fields, that he might objectify the Great Work. Giounotti, born to great position, retained his wealth and princely title, using them in furtherance of the work of the Masters.

"Where there is a will, there is always a way." Not from the ranks of the rich have the Magi been recruited. Most of them, born in obscurity, by nature noble and majestic, suffered, slaved, endured, that they might accomplish.

THIS SCHOOL NOT FOR WEAKLINGS

Those students, shallow in nature, resentful of criticism and correction, easily offended, are quickly weeded out. The accepted Neophyte must take suggestions, gladly; must admit wrongdoing (and consequent punishment) cheerfully; must receive correction gratefully. To be censured, reprimanded, wounded, is as necessary as praise, approval, encouragement. Sharpness, moroseness, sullenness, revenge, close all paths to Mastership, while good-will, obedience, enthusiasm, hasten the student toward the goal.

FAITHFULNESS

"Finally, we may and should fulfil the duties and practice

the rites of the Cultus to which we belong. Levi.

How great the word *faithful*. Verily they receive the crown of life. Students who are true and loyal to the School, to its invocations and mantrams, its inner and outer instructions, reap power and dominion. Like placing money in a bank, the investment brings interest and compound interest. All Orders demand faithfulness, not only for the welfare of the fraternity, but doubly so for the success and happiness of the student. A chain is not stronger than its weakest link. An Order is not stronger than its weakest pupil.

WORSHIP

"Of all forms of worship the most magical is that which most realizes the miraculous, which bases the most inconceivable mysteries upon the highest reasons, which has lights equivalent to its shadows, which popularizes miracles, and incarnates God in all mankind by faith."

Nothing can be more sublime, deeper, greater, yet simple, than the prayers, mantrams, and instructions of this Order. A Master among the Magi wrote the complete textbook on invocative exercises and they are of the highest type.

The magic of the Magi is opposed to the geotic and necromantic class of magic. White magic is a science and a religion, a sublime Occultism, which provides the world with leaders and teachers.

The Magi have always retained the highest form of invocative worship, a form not dependent upon faith but upon knowledge. Invocative worship is more than exaltation and reverence. It is a direct appeal to, or a demand upon, the promises of the Highest Power for those things necessary to the growth and well-being of the Neophyte.

The world-at-large has little conception of the power of invocative mantrams. Men are taught that sincere prayer reaches

the Godhead. They supplicate, then doubt an answer. The Magi, through inspiration, knowledge and formula, demand and receive.

See chapter "Invocative Prayer" in book entitled "Sixty-Eighth Convocation of the Rose Cross Order."

HIERARCHIC POWERS

It has been stated that the work of God and Nature is done by men and angels. The Infinite is no more indispensable to the finite, than the finite to the Infinite. The needs of God and man are interlaced. The universe is supplied with fields to be sown and harvested. All departments, science, mechanics, medicine, philosophy, chemistry, forestry, all things on land or sea, need men. It requires but a step to suppose, and admit, that as the earth plane needs men, so are there other planes whose needs demand other beings. These Beings are definitely recognized by the Magi as Hierarchic Powers and Potentates. These angelic beings, above us in realm and knowledge, have much to do with the affairs of men. To the dwellers of this Hierarchic Sphere the Magi, through sacred invocations, appeal.

THE LAW OF HERMES, "AS ABOVE, SO BELOW,"

is absolute. The ruler of a nation is represented by men, subordinates. The governing Power of the invisible universe is likewise delegated to subordinates. When we wish to make an appeal to the head of a government, it is seldom that we are admitted to his presence. We reach him through those delegated to serve in that particular capacity. We do not accomplish our mission through silence but by written or spoken word, passed through subordinates to the higher power. One cannot reach any ruling power by silence. It is just as necessary to speak, write, or act, when we desire anything from the Supreme, as it is from a temporal, power. Intermediaries, on the higher planes,

are co-workers with God, as the legislature is co-worker with the president.

The Initiates, the Magi, are those initiated into the so-called mystery of approaching the representatives of higher powers. This initiation is brought about through the practice of the instructions given by the Magi to the Neophytes. As knowledge is acquired, these invocations and their uses are given the student.

Invocations are productive of undreamed-of power to the Neophyte willing to believe, live and act. They join together all the powers of the Soul. They increase the creative forces of the imagination. It is the gymnastics of thought in training for positive realization that makes the result of these sacred practices infallible. Invocations are fulfilled by those whose duty it is to execute them. The power of the Magi has always been believed by men in ordinary walks of life. The story of the birth of Jesus makes its strongest appeal from the part played by the three Magi.

POWERS IN NATURE

All Hierarchic Powers are conscious powers, and must be appealed to consciously and definitely. Each Power, or Potentate, superintends, or directs, some one department, and has no authority, or power, over any other part of the universe. These Superiors never make a mistake. They award, or grant, to the petitioner the exact result of his prayer according to the knowledge displayed in the appeal. The Magi know how to direct, and formulate, this invocation and consequently receive positive answers. The possession of one thought, or ideal, is more effective than the division of one's thought-power over several desires and ambitions. The giving, the focusing, of the whole attention toward one end inevitably brings about the consummation of that desire.

There are lesser powers operating under the Hierarchic

Rulers, not placed over any particular department, but like citizens of a city, belong to the Community of Power. To them are delegated certain energies and agencies for definite purposes. They are not only at the command of the Powers, but of the Magi as well.

A Magus, with his knowledge, can direct these denizens for the attainment of any legitimate purpose. Knowing that a selfish or evil design may be exploited, but like a boomerang return in defeat and disaster, he uses his acquired power for God-like ends only. The Neophyte is taught the right use of every mantram and invocation.

FEAR

In the attainment of any power, the first requisite is the elimination of all fear. If the student's heart is free from evil, and he bears in mind that through the enrollment with the Magi he has thrown about him a mantle of protection, he will know absolutely that he need not fear anything.

Fear is but another name for ignorance. When a subject, or condition, is understood, we cannot fear it. Knowledge neutralizes fear.

THE FOUR ELEMENTALS

The four elements of nature are ruled by four different entities, called Elementals, by the Magi. The process of obtaining the assistance of these is one of the most important lessons taught in the past and present. Those who fear water can never rule and direct Undines, the elementals of water. Those who fear fire cannot control Salamanders, and so on. The moment man fears any element he loses all power over it.

These four elementals and their department in nature are intimately related to four vices, or weaknesses, in mankind. A fickle, capricious mind; a cold, callused, unfeeling nature; gross, sensual passion; avariciousness, greed, these four must be overcome whether elemental forces are used or not.

A SECTOR OF MAGICAL POWER

Eliphas Levi was trained in the Order, but failed to reach the highest development. Realizing this he wrote: "To will well, to will long, to will always, but never lust after anything, such is the secret of power; and this is the magical arcanum which helps to overcome all things."

A trained mind can focus its powers on any object and bring the object into its possession. Will, drilled and disciplined, can accomplish all things. It grows, draws unto itself continually added power, in the exercise of good and noble designs. A Magus never uses his powerful will except for great and positive good.

CONSTANT CONCENTRATION PROHIBITED

Seekers after occult knowledge are not required to devote all their time and attention to the Holy Art. The duties of the earth-plane demand care and consideration. To neglect these prevents one from meeting a glowing success. The performance of every duty is the first requirement on the Path.

The Neophyte should have a schedule and be faithful to it. The day is naturally divided into three eight hour periods. Work, sleep, study and recreation. The early morning or evening is best for study and practices. Thirty minutes given daily will guarantee success, if one adheres to systematic, loyal principles, and keeps his word with himself.

IT IS IMPORTANT

that the Neophyte perform useful labor; that he seek recreation in innocent pleasures; that he cultivate his taste in some department of art. The culture of flowers, animals, development of any living thing from a lower to a higher state, is rich in reward. The striving after perfection in the thing undertaken is an incentive to perfection in himself. This urge is direct from the Soul.

MASTERSHIP

Through toil, perseverance, endurance, mastership is attained, mastership of self. When one becomes master of himself he is then master of others, of conditions, of things. In the abstract, one man is not supposed to master another, to control another. But in actual life, in this state of evolution, mastership is recognized. The majority of men are subject to something, either men or conditions, usually both. It is an element of weakness in men that they voluntarily surrender. The Mastership of the Magi, subjects no one to force or tyranny. It is like love. Through the love of one, the lover radiates love and unconsciously draws others to him, to the well-being of all. So the master of self and the occult forces radiates peace and good-will, and in directing and assisting others, he helps all onward to the heights.

MEN MUST BECOME MEN

not merely male animals. Through transmutation men-animals may become men-gods. This does not infer that men should be without passion. The passionless man is the soulless man. There is a distinction between lust and passion. The first is of the body, earthly, the second is the combination of bodily sensation and soul love. Lust is passion without love and an instrument of destruction.

OBEDIENCE

is a royal virtue, and absolutely necessary at every step on the way to Mastership. Until the Neophyte is admitted as an Initiate, he is under orders which must be obeyed. To be a Master, one must first have been a servant.

The Holy Art applies the same rules to growth as music, painting, or any other art. Opinionated, conceited, egotistical people lack the first requirement of success. Failure is certain. To become as a little child at the father's knee; to accept all

instruction as truth; to obey every rule and precept, such an one may become a shining light in this world of darkness.

To mix the instructions of the School with those of others, to dabble in isms, is another fruitful way to woo defeat. Singleness of mind, obedience, daily striving, these will produce the Master, one who can consort with the gods.

ANCIENT INITIATION

Eliphaz Levi states: "He (the candidate) entirely abandoned his life and liberty to the masters of the Temples of Thebes or Memphis; he advanced resolutely through unnumbered terrors, which might have led him to imagine that there was a premeditated outrage intended against him; he ascended funeral pyres, swam torrents of black and raging water, hung by unknown counterpoises over unfathomed precipices. Was not all this a blind obedience in the full force of the term?" Where the Neophyte implicitly obeyed and doubted not, was there one failure? There are no records of such in the history of the Order. The substances entering into the composition of a man willing to trust and obey are of the kind that create the Master.

The tests of the ancients are not required today. But strength, steadfastness, honor, courage, are always needed. Those possessing not these requisites can never hope to pass the tests. "Is it not the most absolute exercise of liberty to abjure liberty for a time so that we may attain emancipation?"

The mind of small calibre holds tenaciously to what it defines as freedom, little knowing that it is an abject slave to that personal self, the most treacherous of all masters. It seems the law that one must be bound in order to gain the larger freedom. "This is precisely what must be done, and what has been invariably done, by those who aspire to the Sanctum Regnum of magical omnipotence."

This does not refer to liberty of thought concerning religion, morals, friends, labor, family, occupation or aesthetic tastes, in

so far as these are not inimical to the Great Work. It has reference to the keeping of the oath of allegiance, of secrecy, of obedience to instructions, of the use of mantrams and invocations.

POWER MUST BE WON

"Life is a warfare in which we must give proofs if we would advance; power does not surrender of itself; it must be seized and held." The little, fearful, mistrustful mind has not the power to seize. The broad, trustful, liberal, willing mind can seize and hold.

FREEDOM

Freedom belongs to those who have earned it. Give the ignorant property and power and they are no more free than when in poverty and serfdom. Ignorance united to property and power develops the tyrant and the oppressor. This is an effectual barrier to growth. To have earned freedom through study, experience and trial is the only way to have and hold possessions on any plane.

Freedom will never be gained through dogma, superstition, belief. Enlightenment, illumination will be possible when knowledge, rationalism, wisdom are accepted. This the Magi are endeavoring to bring about through instructions given the Neophyte. The Masters and teachers capable of assistance in this great undertaking have taken upon themselves the sacred vows in the secret Conclave, and according to ancient formula, have been made Priests of Melchisadek.

THE WHOLE MAN

The philosophy of the Magian School does not center about the acquirement of power, to the neglect of other qualities. To produce a well-rounded man, a system must include instruction relating to all planes of being. The student finds, as he develops the whole of himself, he contacts with the whole of the universe.

THE MAGUS DOES NOT STAND ALONE

After the appetites have been overcome, the will trained into a faithful servant, and the student become an Initiate, then he is admitted as a link into the Magnetic Chain. Not until this has been accomplished, not until he has become one with all, does he receive his greatest power. To unite with the Chain is not, and never has been, an easy matter. Woe unto him who, standing upon the Sacred Stone, pledges himself, then breaks his vow. As the Circle blesses, it can curse; as it exalts, it can ignore; as it endows, it can deprive. The pendulum of a clock swings both ways. The disloyalty and unfaithfulness of a member destroys in part the effectiveness of the whole. But where every member individually is strong and powerful, their united strength develops an almost *Infinite Power*.

DESIRE

Desire is a magnet that draws to us the results of our strongest thought. Whether good or evil it is equally effective. The power of desire, as any other power, is of itself neutral and unmoral. Like a cannon ball, it follows the course directed, the force back of it being responsible for the mark chosen. The desire to accomplish some great good, some great talent, should be to every one a consuming fire. If this feeling can be aroused, every obstacle in its path is pushed aside, and the desire reaches its goal, attains success.

THREE-FOLD

The Magian system of unfoldment is three-fold. It is religious, philosophical and occult. All these are developed in harmony with the physical. As a religion, it dates back to the ancient Magi; as a philosophy, to the School of Alexandria and to Pythagoras, the founder of the present school known as the Magi; as a science, to Paracelsus, Flammel, Lully and other Masters.

"This Science appears true only to those who accept and understand the philosophy and religion; and its processes are successful only for those who have been strictly obedient to its teachings; and have thus become masters of the elementary world through such experience."

THE SCHOOL

The School of the Magi has never ceased to exist. At times there were but few members, at other times a powerful Chain. Through a decree of the Hierarchy, the School of Initiate Priests shall again be supreme, and the fulfillment of that decree is about to be accomplished.

As this School, and its work, is becoming known, men not trained along this line, men not members of this fraternity, are starting movements under the different names of this School, as the Magi, Melchizadek, Rose Cross and others. It is but fair to warn the public that they are not teaching the great truths of religion and philosophy, but spiritism, and other destructive, and negative doctrines, many of which were unknown to the ancient Magi, or even fifty years ago.

THE POWER OF THE MAGUS

is dependent upon the strength of his will, his knowledge of fundamental laws, and the methods of invocation. When a Magus confers a power or virtue upon a given thing, he transforms it into the substance signified by that name. His knowledge bestows upon him the power to call upon the Hierarchy in control of that special work and they are ever ready and willing to honor and fulfill his commands. Power, faith, knowledge, with the assistance of the Hierarchic Powers, constitutes the force used in transmutation.

Proof of this is supplied in the instantaneous healing of disease, by Jesus, his disciples, and other Initiates. These so-called miracles were based upon the power that knowledge gives.

Cures are effected by transmutation, the changing of the diseased part into a healthy state, the process be instantaneous, or gradual, according to the power of the healer and the faith of the patient.

Nature and the Hierarchic Powers will perform "miracles" for the one *who knows*. A Magus not only cures disease, but other ills in other departments of life and nature. They can charge talismans, oils, and other materials in such a manner that the extreme power claimed for them is possessed by these magical materials.

THE UNIVERSAL MEDICINE

The Magi absolutely know of a universal medicine, a high, potential, spiritual essence. Its efficacy is limited only by the patient, inharmonious vibration being the cause.

For the Soul, this medicine is the light of truth, illumination, which makes man one of the gods. For the mind, it is a practical truth to be applied in the solution of life's problems. For the body, it is healing, making the body a temple worthy of the Infinite.

The Magus uses it for himself, and for others, positively stating that the effect depends upon whether the patient is amenable to spiritual powers and potencies, or subject to the belief in the powers of death and destruction.

NATURE DEMANDS HER OWN

The destruction of soul and body has ever followed unsound and unholy doctrines. The Magi teach the beauty, perfection and power of the physical body, as no materialistic school has ever been able to. But they also teach the student not to think only of body, or of that which pertains to flesh. To unite one's whole thought to any material, of any department of nature, is to become one with it and court destruction.

They teach the beauty, perfection and power of the mind, as no mental scientist has ever been able to. But they also teach

that mind, unduly exalted, will set up a mental image, a Moloch, that will destroy both soul and body, and end in nothingness.

They teach the beauty, perfection and power of the Soul, as neither medieval, or modern orthodoxy has been able to. But they also teach that without mind and body the Soul can do nothing. A weak body and mind are of no assistance to the Soul. Weakness ends in death. The three-fold law holds sway in every department of life and nature.

HIERARCHIC POWERS

"God operates by his works, in heaven by angels (Hierarchies), and on earth by men. Hence, in the circle of angelic action, the angels can perform all that is possible for God, and in the human circle of action men can dispose equally of divine omnipotence."

GOD'S WILL

"Nothing on earth can withstand a free and rational will." When a wise man wills, God wills also, and nothing can prevent the desired outcome.

A Hebrew Magus said: "These are the powers and privileges of the man who holds in his right hand the Clavicle of Solomon, and in his left the branch of the blossomed almond (the Illuminated and Initiated Soul). He beholds God face to face, without dying, and converses familiarly with the seven genii who command the entire celestial army. He is above all afflictions and all fears. He reigns with all heaven and is served by all hell. He disposes of his own health and life and can equally influence that of others for good. He is neither surprised by misfortune, nor overwhelmed by disasters, nor conquered by his enemies. He knows the reason of the past, the present and the future. He possesses the secret of the resurrection of the dead and the Key to Immortality.

FINALE

Men and women determined to secure health, knowledge and power; willing to obey and be loyal; ready to endure all things for the truth, these are eligible to become Neophytes in the School of the Magi. We believe that when the Council meets in June, 1917, many will enter the Inner Circle of the Great Work.

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