

SUMMER SOLSTICE

(E.S.S.G) 2 = 9 Rituum Officium - Seasonal

I Consecration of the Quest

II Installation of the Gate

A) Opening the Temple

III Seasonal Ritual

In Memorium: Justinus, the Gnostic. Second Century C. E.

This is the Seasonal Ritual which shall establish a structured definition of the Epithumian Gnostic System of Justinus, the Gnostic. Nothing remains at all to determine who Justinus was, where and what time period he flourished. All that has come down to us are the writings of Hippolytus in the Philosophumena, written around 230 C.E. and some fragments that have been unearthed in recent years. It can be proposed that the Justinian system of Baruch the Blessed had already been in existence more than a century before the Philosophumena. The basic tenets of the system of Baruch is the definition of cosmic error being the unnatural separation of opposites, wherein the incompleteness torments the soul of God and Man alike. Desire (Epithemia) is the solution to this split in the self and also the path of redemption, for it fosters union between opposites.

1. Introduction

Prior to working these rituals, the Temple members must say a Mass (Low) and set the Four Angles with the Host fragments.

The members must have read and discussed the character of the Epithumian Gnostic System and this becomes the subject of an initial meditation which shall set the atmosphere for the following.

2. Introit

The Celebrant bows and gives salute to the Southern Watchtower, in honor of the season of the Summer Solstice. All members bow in following and the celebrant says:

The cycle of spiritual light turns again, and at each quarter a new philosophy is declared, a new Gnosis is revealed, a different magick is expressed: all unto the endless and eternal spiral of the evolution of consciousness.

I reveal the Gnosis of the Epithumia (desire) which absolves the differences between

the archetypal polarities and fosters union.

3. Gnostic Exegesis

The Celebrant begins to circumambulate the magick circle deocil, slowly while saying the following.

In the original state there was union which consisted as three unbegotten principles in eternal fusion. The first was the male principle, father of all spiritual beings, without foreknowledge, without selfconsciousness, invisible. The second was the female principle, mother of all material being, without foreknowledge but knowing of itself and of life and its exalted perfection within simplicity. The third was the desire which through foreknowledge caused the male and female principles to unite, and therefore joining forever spirit and matter.

For the male principle was called Elohim, the female principle was called Aden (the paradise of bliss exalted) and the love which peacefully resolves their differences is called Epithumia.

From this union issued forth the manifestation of the physical embodiment of the spirit, namely the spirits of the zodiac and the spirits of the zones of power. For Elohim is like the tree of life which stands between heaven and earth wherein he raises his hands to touch the zodiacal stars and his feet grip the hosts of the underworld. And Aden is like a woman with a serpent's body and she is coiled around the roots of the tree of life in eternal embrace with Elohim.

From this center poured forth the four great rivers called Phison, Geon, Tigris and Euphrates which have divided the land into four quadrants. Thus did this place become a paradise, for from mutual satisfaction of elohim and aden and the pouring forth of sweet waters came forth a mixture of all spiritual and material things culminating in the emergence of humanity. Yet the desire of union has always drawn the disparate together.

But in addition, Elohim, while contemplating the zodiacal stars, sought to embrace their pure spirits and to be free of the involvement in material manifestation. This created the primary imbalance called Naas, (the desire for the unobtainable) which caused all polarities to part and to contend with each other. The breakeing of mutual satisfaction destroyed the dream of perfect union and paradise was lost. Humanity awoke and became self-conscious. And Aden strived with Elohim, and the war of opposites ensued, spilling blood and tears, yet also building, and then destroying what was built.

However, Epithumia sent forth the spiritual emissary called Baruchiel, the blessing of the desire for union. And this wise being has caused a great hope to begin to heal the differences between the polarities, to cause self-consciousness to be modified with love and the desire for union with one's opposite. In this fashion was the imbalance checked and although the differences cannot be forgotten, there exists a method for a final solution through love and the fulfillment of desire.

3. Seasonal Vortex

The Sentinel in the Eastern Watchtower makes the sign of the Rose-Ankh cross and vibrates the letter **Theta** and intones the word **Thalia** (to Flower) and says:

[2nd Book of Baruch: Vision of Ramael]

When Epithumia has brought everything together and when upon the foundation of this world, for that whole age, we find the final peace of love, then joy will be revealed and also rest.

The Sentinel in the Southern Watchtower makes the sign of the Rose-Ankh cross and vibrates the letter **Upsilon** and intones the word **hUbris** (to be Wanton) and says:

Healing will descend in dew, disease will withdraw, and worry and pain and lamentation will be unknown to humanity. Felicity will cover the earth.

The Sentinel in the Western Watchtower makes the sign of the Rose-Ankh cross and vibrates the letter **Iota** and intones the word **hImeros** (to Charm) and says:

No one will die untimely, nor will adversity strike. Judgements, reviling, contention, revenge, blood, passion, envy, hatred will be confounded and controled.

The Sentinel in the Northern Watchtower makes the sign of the Rose-Ankh cross and vibrates the letter **Mu** and intones the word **Makar** (Bliss) and says:

For those are the imbalances that fill the world and trouble all humanity. Wild beasts will leave the forest and minister to mankind, and asps and dragons will come out of their holes and serve the little child. Women will no longer feel pain when they bear nor suffer torment when they yield the fruit of their womb.

The Celebrant in the Center of the circle makes the sign of the Rose Ankh cross and vibrates the

letter *Alpha* and intones the word *Aphrodisios* (Love) and says:

And in those days reapers will not grow weary, nor builders feel toil, and their labors will advance swiftly and serenely. For in that time the corruptible will vanish and the incorruptible will have its beginning, to which good things belong, far from imbalance and near the immortal.

The Celebrant joins the East, South, West and Northern nodes to the Ultrapoint in the center of the circle. He says:

**Theta, Upsilon, Mu, Iota, Alpha;
Thalia, Hubris, Makar, Himeros, Aphrodisios, Th. U. M. I. A.!**

Desire is the solution for all discord and the union of love is the final pristine state of grace!

[This is the bright lightening who came after the last dark waters!]

All members complete the ritual with meditation upon what has been revealed.