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## Do Your Share, — and Prosper.

BY KHEI, X<sup>o</sup>, 32<sup>o</sup>.



AND in every work that he began in the service of the House of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart AND PROSPERED. 2 Chron. xxxi, 21.

Nominally this passage from the Old Law refers to Hezekiah and extols his sincerity in his work for Judah.

Esoterically, it is almost cosmic in its scope, for it refers to ALL Humanity.

"He" means *every* human being.

The "House of God" means the world of Humanity which is God thinking Himself into manifestation.

"The law" is the constructive code formulated for the protection, advancement and improvement of Humanity, everywhere.

"The commandments" are the moral and ethical fundamentals upon which the superstructure of all civilization is necessarily built.

"God," in the sense of our text, is the Over-Soul, expressing individually as the "Inner Self," the "God Within."

Paraphrased, the passage will read—"And in every work that Man begins in the service of Humanity, in the upholding of constructive and progressive acts and concepts, obedient to the fundamental principles of natural morality, seeking thru his own Higher Self the Over-Soul—if he does that work WITH ALL HIS HEART, He *WILL PROSPER*."

*Mercury uses some accepted forms of simplified spelling.*

It doesn't matter so much what *kind* of work we do, if it be a *good* work, a *right* work and in accordance with the essential conditions of our paraphrase.

John Ruskin and Elbert Hubbard both agreed on one notable beatitude:

"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO HAS *FOUND HIS WORK.*"

Many people today are not accomplishing very much simply because as they variously express it—they "have not found their work," "have not found themselves," or they "have not found their proper niche."

The man who finds his work, will also find himself. The man who finds himself will also have found his work.

The principal thing is to be ACTIVE. *Then you will find your work.*

Work is simply activity. *Good work is simply constructive activity.*

No man ever died from hard work. Thousands of men have died from worry and the immediate consequences of moral laxity and destructive activity.

Nature works and *works hard.* Man is not entitled to be an exception.

Go into the forest or field; note how from one tiny seed a root has forced its way upward to the light and so all intent has it been in its work that instead of taking the "easiest way" around it has often bored its way up right thru the largest boulder, rending the solid rock in its passage.

Note also how the tender, clinging vine has wound itself around the nearest tree support until it has actually strangled even a forest monarch. In both illustrations the life principle is intent upon one thing only and IS DOING IT WITH ALL ITS HEART AND PROSPERING ACCORDINGLY.

Man does not need to prosper to the destruction or detriment of that which furnishes him his living or support but he does need to profit by the examples of tenacity, integrity and singleness of purpose afforded him by the lower Kingdoms.

Broadly speaking, the work we do *cheerfully* is constructive; the work we do under *compulsion* is destructive. But we MUST ALL work. That is the law, which also decrees that whoso will not work, neither shall he eat. The latter part does not always *seem* to be borne out by obvious fact, but that is because we are judging only by externals. The eating referred to here, means partaking of the mental and spiritual nourishment that comes from increasing intellectual expansion and this is gained only by actual, personal, individual work and experience.

Every man and woman in this world is NEEDED.

The existent population of our planet is made up at all times of the same classes in Life's School and all members are interdependent upon

each other altho they may not know it and furthermore may individually have only a very limited personal acquaintance.

YOU exist as the result of the work of many others.

Hundreds of others whom you do not know, are dependent upon YOU for their mental, spiritual, physical or intellectual progress, according to whatever way YOUR particular talents may best express themselves.

Do YOU dare to FAIL in your responsibility to *them*?

The BIG lesson, is, that whatsoever we do should be done WITH ALL OUR HEARTS. It is only in this way that our work—and ourselves WILL PROSPER.

If you are a member of a business house, church, or fraternity, work FOR it, not against it, nor for merely what can be gotten FROM it. BOOST, don't knock. Knocks will hurt only the knocker, never the knockee and the knocker lays his good judgment open to serious criticism when he fails to boost that with which he is associated.

Some people knock their business, their wages, the methods of employers, the policy of their House, their employees, friends and almost everything with which they are personally dissatisfied. That is the destructive way.

If you have a better plan, a better way or a more constructive method of doing things WORK HARD and OPENLY for the improvement. The world needs every additional bit of constructive effort.

At the present time the world is pestered with all sorts of uplift and pulldown organizations whose name is legion and there is another class of misguided folk who are so intent upon purifying other peoples morals that they would even tie a tin can to Michael Angelo for his alleged indelicate masterpieces if they could.

But Michael's name is fixt in history and will remain imperishably, while the names of his captious critics will be forgotten even before their present life expression terminates. So it is with all such. Work and work hard and be ACTIVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY in whatever you find to do. In being active you will be drawn by the law of Attraction to the work Nature and Destiny intend you to perform and accomplish, and therein you will find *yourself* and—your God.

IT IS ONLY WHEN YOU ACTUALLY FIND YOUR GOD, THAT YOU WILL PROSPER.

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### **The Zodiacal Cycle of Incarnation.**

By ARTHUR GORDON EAMES, (C. of the O. London.)

NOTE: Childbirth was never intended by nature to be a painful process. If Humanity synchronized its powers of fecundation and propagation with the Nature forces as outlined in the following article, it would soon return to its original standard of vigor and equilibration of the Fisical and Spiritual potentialities.

The Sun is to us a symbol of the Spirit, and its annual journey round the Heavens symbolizes the pilgrimage of the Virgin Spirit thru involution and evolution, the various stages of which are denoted by the Zodiacal Signs.

On or about the 21st of each month the Sun enters a new Zodiacal Sign and, it is at the Vernal Equinox (about the 21st of March) that the Sun enters the first degree of the first sign Aries.

In this sign the Virgin Spirit feels within itself the first impulse toward activity, the beginning of desire for expression. The entry into the second sign, Taurus, denotes that this desire for expression or activity has become formulated into an objective and separative (i. e. earthy) idea. Both these signs denote purely spiritual conditions before the crystallisation process has begun.

The third sign Gemini (the twins) is a dual sign, for here the first two signs unite and the Principle of Polarity first becomes apparent. This is the sign when activity begins, for the Cosmic Intelligence here plans the details of the future system. It therefore denotes intelligence and may perhaps be better thot of as the principle of mind, the base of all that is to be carried out in the following signs. Aries symbolizes Will. Taurus symbolizes Wisdom, and Gemini symbolizes Activity.

On or about June 21st the Sun begins its entry into Cancer and involution properly speaking begins. The Virgin Spirit here has implanted into it the spiritual consciousness of its future objective life which in Leo becomes sensational, that is to say, the Spirit feels within itself its ability for future self expression.

In Virgo the consciousness and feeling of the form of life that is to be, has become involved into the Realm of Thot which in Libra is crystallized and projected as an objective creation. The Sun enters this sign on or about September 21st; when it recrosses the celestial equator beginning its descent into darkness and winter, symbolising the descent into Matter. At this stage Man receives the rudimentary dense body.

The separate forms acting and re-acting one upon the other produce the beginning of feeling and sensation denoted in Scorpio.

Feeling and sensation eventually lead to reflection upon the different sensations produced by varying occurences and objects leading to Thot, shown by the sign Sagittarius.

Now as the human ability to think becomes more perfected in the course of millions of years and Man is less subject to his personal sensations and emotions in his reflective powers, reason tells him that there must be an object in his existence, and if an object in his then there must be one in that of all other creatures and things. That will give him a consideration for and better feelings toward other beings, the necessity and reason for which he had not previously recognized or even suspected.

This brings us down to December 24th, ushering in the day on which Christ was born into the world, meaning in this case that the better nature of man or the Christ Spirit has been born in the individual by reason of his recognition of his responsibilities to others.

This date synchronises with the entry of the Sun into the sign Capricorn, the great virtue of which is Service. It is midwinter and the point of greatest density for as soon as the Christ Spirit is born in Man he begins on his upward path towards light and the summer which is to come.

The sign following Capricorn is Aquarius, which is the perfected man, and Pisces, the last sign is that of devotion and self sacrifice. The Sun passes out of this sign about March 21st soon after which comes Easter. At this time the regenerated Spirit having completed the whole process of involution and evolution dies the death of and on the Cross of Matter, to be born again into a greater and wider form of existence symbolised by the beginning of a new Solar Year.

By correspondence this annual solar journey is also the story of one incarnation of one human Ego.

Aries is the stage in which the lessons of the previous incarnation have been absorbed and the time approaching for a new one.

In Gemini this has been mentally recognised and the Ego descends through the Worlds of Thot, Cancer, the Astral world, Leo, and the Etheric world regions Virgo, to be born again into this world denoted by Libra. Then to evolve his abilities. First comes his consciousness of self or personality, Scorpio; secondly, intellect, Sagittarius. So far as the last three Zodiacal signs are concerned he will reflect just as much of their nature as he has evolved out of himself. Consequently he may not be able to grow into that condition denoted by Capricorn, where he will recognise the virtue of Service, if his evolutionary status is not sufficiently advanced, but will return again to continue his evolution.

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## The Story of Prince Agib.

*Second Kalendar's Tale, "Arabian Nights."*

By MATTHEWS DAWSON VIII<sup>o</sup> (Washington College).



GIB, like Sinbad the Sailor starts on a voyage of discovery, but driven by contrary winds our hero's ship is drawn to the Loadstone Mountain, of which it is said "On that mountain is such a quantity of iron as no one knoweth but God, whose name be exalted." Upon approaching this, every nail and piece of iron on board is drawn irresistibly to it, the ship falls asunder and all its crew and passengers are drowned save Agib. The Prince grasps a plank; is saved, but is thrown by wind and wave upon the base of the mountain. He finds steps cut in the rock, which lead to the summit, and climbing, all the while repeating "in the name of God" he reaches the top, upon which stands a cupola of brass, supported by ten columns, and surmounted by a horse and horseman of brass, bearing a brazen spear. Upon its breast is a tablet of lead engraved with mysterious names and talismans. After offering up grateful prayers to God, he falls asleep, and sleeping hears a voice saying: "O Son of Khasib, when thou awakest, dig beneath thy feet and thou wilt find a bow of brass and three arrows of lead whereon are engraved talismans; take the bow of brass and the arrows, shoot at the horseman, and relieve mankind of this great affliction. When thou hast shot at the horseman it will fall into the sea, the bow will also fall, and do thou bury it in its place." He is also told that the sea will then rise to the top of the mountain after which a man of brass with breastplate of lead will appear, paddling a boat, who is convey Agib back to his own dominions. All this will come safely to pass if he does not utter the name of God while in the boat. He obeys the voice, down falls the horseman, the sea rises, the boat appears and he comes near his kingdom, but gratitude to God is welling up in his heart, he praises God, upon which the boat overturns and he is left struggling in the water, but finally manages to reach a small island.

This is indeed a mystifying allegory, but some things about it stand out. The Loadstone Mountain is said to contain enormous quantities of iron. It is in the sea. Evidently it refers to Mars and to Scorpio, night home of Mars, for the mountain is black. Agib is launched on a voyage of (self) discovery, of life—as we all are. Every desire, element or "nail" in his ship or body is attracted to sense—desire or the Loadstone of Materiality. All but the Ego or I AM are lost, but it survives, and overcomes (rises above the lower self) by taking the "practicable steps to the summit" where his Inner Self tells him in his sleep just what to do. Digging beneath his feet he finds the bow and leaden arrows, and shoots then at the brazen horseman, the symbol

of worldly pride, riches, elevation and fame. It is not of gold, but of brass, composed of tin, Jupiter, or worldly pride and ambition and copper Venus, or love of pleasure, but nevertheless is subject to the Law of Karma as typified by the leaden (Saturnian) plate on its breast, engraved with names and talismans (the names and seals of Saturn and of his ruling archangels and angels). *Continued in January.*

## Studies in Hermetic Philosophy

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By KHEI, X°, 32°.

### "Sanctificatio"



SANCTIFICATIO or Sanctification as it is known in orthodox verbiage, is the third in our series of doctrinal exegeses by the light of Hermetic Truth and Wisdom.

The academic definition and description of this important fundamental, which occupies a prominent position in all essentially Christian and, in fact, all world religions even tho not specifically indicated as such, may be briefly given:

*SANCTIFICATION* is the act or process of sanctifying, or the state of being sanctified. Theologically, it is said to be the gracious work of the Holy Spirit or Spiritus Sancti whereby the subject is freed from so-called sin and exalted to holiness of heart and life. In this it is distinct from *Regeneration and Justification*."

The orthodox Protestant concept is that Sanctification is a gradual work of Divine grace.

It is held by "Perfectionists" to be an instantaneous act.

The Pelagians regard it simply as moral reformation.

Others consider it to be the maintenance of holy or sacred exercises.

In Catholic theology, it is regarded as the cleansing of the Soul from so-called sin, together with the in-pouring of sanctifying grace, and the three theological virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Dr. Francis L. Patton says, (*Summary of Christian Doctrine*, p 292) "The Soul's new life *begins* at Regeneration, its development in strength and stature is Sanctification."

Sanctification is also defined as "to make holy, render sacred, or morally or spiritually pure; to cleanse from so-called sin; theologically to cause to be sanctified."

In the Rosicrucian doctrinalia, while agreeing with the essential concepts of all the foregoing definitions, Sanctificatio takes on a much greater importance when it is seen to be vastly more than a mental concept or a generalized conclusion and becomes a veritable active process, effecting organic changes in the vehicles of manifestation, as well as in the life of the individual undertaking it.

Sanctificatio may in truth be said "to render holy or sacred" but it is also the active PROCESS OF SPIRITUALIZING, or, to invent a term—"HOLIFYING." And what is more—

SANCTIFICATIO CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ONE LIFE TIME OR INCARNATION, BUT IS A PROCESS CARRIED ON THRU MANY INCARNATIONS.

Again—Sanctificatio is a process begun in the homo or human when it first emerges from the lower evolutionary waves and becomes a true human. In this stage it is begun under the guidance of certain of the Celestial Hierarchies who thus assist each human being to a fair and equal start along the Human Pathway. At this time, the beginning of the process and the guidance of the Higher Powers is carried on unconsciously to the subject.

Yet the result of the operations of these Higher Powers will be seen in the activities of even the lowest aborigines, who thru the use of amulets, charms, votive objects, etc., under the idea of making themselves sacred or holy before their personally created and constructed god, are in reality acting in obedience to the impulse resulting from the process of sanctificatio, holyfying, or spiritualizing going on unconsciously to them within.

As evolution progresses, and the evolving human conceives the idea of one thing set apart as sacred in comparison with ordinary things, the concept of a special sacredness or sanctity evolves around the thing set apart, and the idea of a special sanctity of a personal nature attaches to the person under whose care or charge the thing set apart, is placed.

In due course, the position of guardian of the sacred or sanctified thing or object, (and in later evolution, idea) becomes one of peculiar honor, to which others aspire, and the necessity of sanctifying one's self in order to qualify for the position, medicineship, or priesthood becomes an accepted fact.

With the development of a definite ministry or priesthood, from heathen idol to Christian personification of an Impersonal Deity, the necessity for personal Sanctification on the part of all who desire to be accepted as followers of the particular idea of Deity in question, is promulgated by the ministry, and thus Sanctificatio, the process, becomes an accepted doctrine.

With this personal acknowledgment and acceptance, the guidance of the Invisible Celestial Hierarchies ends, and the homo or human takes up the work personally, and tries to continue what seems to him like a new spiritual discovery by the aid of conflicting theological dogmas and doctrines. This personal assumption of the responsibility for the work of Sanctificatio, is directly in line with the accordance of free-will power to the individual, as taught in the preparatory Instructions of the Brotherhood.

Now Sanctificatio is not only an ethical process, it IS AN IN-

TENSELY ORGANIC, CHEMIC, AND ALCHEMIC PROCESS: FAR MORE THAN ORTHODOX THEOLOGIAN'S HAVE THE FAINTEST IDEA.

And note carefully, if Sanctificatio could be completed in one life time, under the orthodox concept that one life is all that is accorded to each homo, then we should see a phenomenon barely comprehensible to us in our present stage of evolution. For we should see ordinary, solidly material men and women become so sublimated and etherealized, that if the process were actually completed they would ultimately disappear beyond our ken, and death would cease to be a physical act, state, or condition. And what is more, in view of the average length of the physical life-span, it would have necessarily to be effected with such speed that one would hardly reach maturity before one would be well on the way beyond material or visible expression.

The logic is surely founded. No gross matter can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom. Neither can true holiness exist in impure or gross Matter. Yet the Kingdom of Heaven is here, and dwells among men.

Therefore, if sanctificatio is the process of spiritualizing or holifying, and can be completed in one life time, then it means that the sanctified one must necessarily emerge from the material and soar to the purely spiritual within the compass of our physical cognition and vision.

The logic and evidence of facts is against this, otherwise we shall be regretfully obliged to conclude that no persons yet known on this earth have ever attained true sanctification.

But when we realize that Sanctificatio is a process continued thru all of man's involuntary incarnations, which is their ultimate purpose, and is an actual, active chemical and alchemical process, then we have hope that our present status is justifiable by our present incarnation, and faith to look forward to the assistance of the Higher Powers who never relinquish their attention to humanity, to give us—no further *personal help*—but *knowledge* and *understanding* of the mysteries that we may continue in all good works to do the will of Him whose mental concept and Expression in Manifestation, we individually are.

The Chemical and Alchemical Process of Sanctificatio is the process of the laboratory, the dissolution of compounds and the aggregation of affinities.

Our bodies, and practically all that we are except the Ego are the product of the *four elements*, Earth, Air, Fire and Water, and the Ego is not excepted on the higher understanding of these Elements. These Four Elements have combined in Chemical process to produce and furnish the substance for, not only our physical body or vehicle, but our Etheric and Astral vehicles as well. For all Matter is homogeneous, differing density, not in kind.

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In the formation of these vehicles, into which the process of crystallization enters most actively, the compounds are formed in such a measure that the effect is to hold the homo to earth or material concepts, preventing him from rising to the higher spiritual status.

From the interaction atomically of these Four Elements, a specific number of elements as understood by chemists, are formed. By the combination of these Chemical Elements, over 250,000 compounds can be produced.

The effect of these compounds on man in his earlier evolutionary state is to hold him crystallized in a given status. This is the reason why we see the aborigines make so little progress, and why they are so slow and in some cases even impossible of accepting and conforming to so-called civilized customs.

Sanctificatio is the breaking down of these compounds under the unconscious stimuli supplied by the celestial Hierarchs, and then effected by the conscious co-operation and operational effort of the individual himself. This breaking down is effected, little by little in each incarnation, by the Ego attracting to itself and its vehicles an increasing percentage of the more highly spiritualized atoms, that have been used by higher beings in former life-waves, and now await usage by Egos arriving and striving to arrive at the same vibratory ratio of spiritualized energy.

This is a spiritual work which must be done by the Ego. The Physical, Etheric and Astral vehicles have no volitional power of their own in this direction. And the result of this activity of the Ego, is to draw by the powers of Attraction mentally exerted, a larger and larger number of these spiritualized atoms, and with them gradually replacing the structures of its vehicles, supplanting the crystallized material or earthly compounds with the higher spiritualized atoms; a process carried on thru our *Mercury Water*, or universal menstruum.

Thus, life by ifle expression, the Ego attracts a constantly increasing percentage of these more highly spiritualized atoms, until when the course of the involuntary incarnations has been completed, the homo has attained Sanctificatio—not in completion or perfection—but in sufficient measure to enable him to become in rapport with beings of a higher spiritual grade and status than those of this planet, he passes onward to higher phases of expression and manifestation.

This fact, that it is impossible for man to attain at any time complete sanctificatio, but only relatively, in comparative values, is the reason why we see no perfect homo or human.

This is why the Christos or Sun Initiate represented to us *comparative* perfection;—because He had attracted to Himself all the more spiritualized atoms possible in association with this Earth Status, and thus represented a much more highly evolved state of evolutionary progress, and it was only by *coming back* to this planet after having com-

pleted its evolutionary processes, and assimilated all the experience that this planet can offer to man, that He could furnish us with an illustration and example of what it is the destiny of man to accomplish and acquire as the final result of Earth Evolution. The Sun Initiate had his attraction of the spiritualized atoms in a long prior evolutionary wave on this planet.

Thus, Sanctificatio is far more than an orthodox theological doctrine; it is a COSMIC SPIRITUAL PROCESS, Chemical in the breaking down of the crystallized compounds, and Alchemical in the transmutation of the gross, material homo into the actual spiritualized being of verifiable higher vibrational activity than the unawakened man.

And as Sanctificatio is carried on thru all involuntary incarnations, the very term itself may be considered as a *synonym FOR EVOLUTION, for exactly like the latter, it never ceases.*

Students should always keep in mind the two processes involved in the complete general process, namely:

- a The breaking down of crystallized materialistic compounds, and the raising of the atomic structure of each of the vehicles of the Ego, to the next higher spiritual status.
- b The attraction of a greater percentage of spiritualized atoms to the regenerated and regenerating structures in each succeeding incarnation.

Nor should we fail to mention in this connection, the excellent description of this attraction of the spiritualized atoms, as given by Soror Francese I. Rogers, in the Hermetic Brotherhood of A. L. & E. which closely approximates our own teachings.

"The life of an atom is identical with the life of a man. The life activities of many atoms make up the physical life expression OF a man. Investigation of the composition of the atom reveals the perfect analogies to the composition or vehicular make-up of Man."

Atoms in the aggregate, through molecule and mass, compose Metals. Man is composed of metals, and this fact has been often emphasized in previous Hermetic lessons. The destiny of ALL metals IS ULTIMATELY TO BECOME GOLD. *THE DESTINY OF ALL MEN IS ULTIMATELY TO BECOME GOLD. In every natural thing is the seed of Gold, which will ultimately, in aeons more or less remote transmute the substance into Gold, for Gold like all other things, grows from its seed.*

The destiny of man and metals is therefore identical, and the structure of their atoms being identical, this must perforce be true.

In the earth, or mineral kingdom, from *Lead* or *Saturn*, up thru the metallic grades, all are gold in varying phases of transition, but all ultimately destined to become *pure GOLD*.

In the Human kingdom, all grades from the aborigine to the highest cultural type are destined to become ultimate *GOLD*.

The metals in the Mineral kingdom will attain the status of metallic Gold on the material plane first, as terrestrial Gold.

The humans will become *Gold* on the celestial plane, when their vibrational status permits their return to the mother sphere, the Sun.

For *GOLD* whether deep down in the womb of Mother Earth, or high in the Great Central Sphere of our Solar System is not a matter of nomenclature, but of atomic status, and when our atomic and corpuscular vibrations attain the highest possible grade pertaining to this particular Solar System, then shall we become celestial *GOLD*.

And when the atomic and corpuscular vibrations of lead and all succedent metals have increast to those accorded chemically to *Gold* as now understood by science, then all the metals in the bosom of Mother Earth will have become *GOLD* in truth, and then shall the Golden Age become renaissant, and restored to mankind, and then shall we know the *New Heaven and the New Earth* described in the Apocalypse, for behold all other things shall have passed away.

Sanctificatio is therefore the attainment of *Alchemical Gold* on the Spiritual Plane, as the Sanctificatio (or increasing vibrational powers) of metals is the Attainment of *Chemical Gold* on the Material or Physical Plane.

By referring to alchemical definitions we shall see how the esoteric and exoteric exegeses of Sanctificatio agree; it being understood that it is a process of spiritualizing, i. e. the action of spirit upon substance or matter and the raising of Matter to higher spiritualized atomic vibration.

Spirit, or Spiritus, is alchemically defined as "God in his aspect as an eternal, universal principle or power, invisible, and in a state of greatest purity and comparative perfection." "The Divine Element in Nature." "The antithesis of Matter, yet, "material" in a transcendental sense. *Spiritual substance*. A conscious, organized, invisible principle. The Substance or Body of Christ. The term "Spirit" is also used to signify the essence or character of a thing, the sum of the highest attributes or powers."

Similarly, the term "Spirits" literally refers to "Powers," but the modern application of the term to "disembodied astral forms and souls of men and animals has originated in the modern misconception of the true nature of man."

Substance is alchemically defined as "that unknown and invisible something which may manifest itself either as Matter or Force; in other words, that substratum of all things which is *ENERGY* in one of its aspects, and *MATTER* in another."

As students have already been instructed, Hermetists comprehend *THREE* Substances, or rather three aspects of the *ONE* Substance; *Salt, Sulphur, and Mercury*. "They are the basis of all existence, and in each of these three substances the other two are contained.

They form an inseparable Trinity in Unity, and a Unity in Trinity,

differing however in its aspects and manifestations. Consequently in some things the Salt, in others the Sulphur, and in still others the Mercury is predominant. They represent

- a Thought, Word, and Form.
- b Body, Soul, and Spirit
- c Earth, Water, and Fire.
- d Fire, Light, and Heat, etc.

The concept of the Trinity comprehends the idea of the *ALL* to Hermetic students. It is the expression of the *WHOLE* of the Universe. "Everything is a Trinity, and *THREE IS THE NUMBER OF FORM*. Every conceivable thing consists of *Matter* and *Motion* in *Space*, and the Three are forever one and inseparable." "God" is a Trinity, and the Universe being a manifestation of God, every part of the Universe must necessarily be a Trinity. *EVERY THING IS A PRODUCT OF THOT, WILL AND SUBSTANCE (FORM)*, i. e.—*MERCURY, SULPHUR, AND SALT.*"

Soul has been defined as a product or pabulum extracted from the Threefold Body by the Threefold Spirit. Alchemically, it is the semi-material principle connecting Matter with Spirit. "It leads, so to say, an amphibious existence between these two poles of substance, and may ultimately become amalgamated with either one or the other. The Body is the mask of the Soul, the Soul the Body of the Spirit."

Now the real Man, alchemically, is an "invisible, internal power, (spiritual) which, in its outward appearance or manifestation appears like a human being. Man may be considered as a ray emanating from the great Central Sun of the Universe, having become polarized in the heart of an incipient human organism, endowing the latter with life, and stimulates its growth. At a certain state of its development that organism becomes conscious of its existence in the phenomenal world, and with this the illusion of self is created."

There is nothing real and permanent about the being called Man, except this internal, Divine power which is called the Spirit, which is ultimately identical with the universal Spirit—the Christ."

Alchemically, Man is comprehended under two aspects—"Vir"—or the human being in whom the male elements preponderate, and "Woman" or Womb-man in whom the female elements preponderate.

Now let us summarize our definitions. Man, comprehended in his dual aspects, Vir and Womb-man is in reality an invisible, internal spiritual power or ray from the great Central Sun, polarizing in Matter and crystallizing into manifestation its outward or exterior vehicles. This polarization in Matter has produced the compounds of Matter, which the process of Sanctification is to break up, in order that the ray may ultimately return to its true spiritual source, which it may not do until it has recovered its essentially spiritual nature.

By the action of the Powers or Spirits of Man (the Threefold Spirit) directed by Love, Wisdom and Intelligence, our Salt, Sulphur and Mercury, exerting the power of attraction on the more greatly spiritualized atoms, replacing the grosser atomic structure in its dense crystallization with these spiritualized atoms which make up what is termed Spiritual substance, the result is—in view of our definition of spiritual substance—the awakening and birth of the Christ within.

Thus Sanctificatio is a very real, essential, fundamental step and process in the spiritual progress of the aspirant, and it is not an abstraction or merely contemplative mental state but a physical process, as tangible as any known to the scientist in his laboratory. Only by the assistance of the creative hierarchs it is begun for each individual unconsciously to himself, and then relinquished to his own free-will action in later incarnations, to further or retard as his illumination at the time, indicates. But it is a continuous process, and while it may be delayed, it cannot be stopped for it is synonymous with evolution itself.

Finally, it is the awakening and birth of the "Christ within," in a very active degree.

Sanctification is one of the most direct and important steps in the path to comparative perfection, and the constructive application is also extremely simple. It is summed up in the statement of St. James, iii-2,

*. . . . IF ANY MAN OFFEND NOT IN WORD,  
THE SAME IS A PERFECT MAN, AND ABLE  
ALSO TO BRIDLE THE WHOLE BODY.*

Nothing could be simpler in practical application, and the process of attracting the more highly spiritualized atoms to the vehicles of the Ego, is simply the natural concomitant of bridling or controlling the whole body, thereby releasing it from conformity to the laws of materialism, freeing it from the resultant crystallizing power of those laws, and making possible the spiritually constructive work on a greater scale.

All life is a continuous process of sanctificatio, each moment sanctifying the individual to a greater degree and approximating his ultimate spiritual illumination more rapidly. And each incarnation accelerates the process, until when we have drawn to ourselves all the more spiritualized atoms it is possible in this planetary environment, we shall evolve to higher and higher spheres of activity, even as have those messiahs who have at all times appeared unto humanity as examples of the homo or human become comparatively perfect by the ultimate of earthly sanctification.

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By CHARLES NEVERS HOLMES

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