

Fortnightly Letters of Inspiration drawn from literature of the School and other sources, curated by Golden Rosycross Ireland

A glowing, ethereal figure stands within a stone archway, emitting a bright, golden light. The figure is semi-transparent, with a luminous core, and appears to be holding hands with the surrounding light. The archway is constructed from rough, weathered stone blocks. The ground in the foreground is covered with green moss and small plants. The overall atmosphere is mystical and divine.

- The Gospel of John

Gnostic mysteries of the Pistis Sophia, ch. 44, p 337

Rebirth of the Soul

Let us assume that after many thorough preparations the new electromagnetic fluid of the Gnosis becomes part of us. This will be the result of our application of the fivefold universal Gnosis.

Firstly: pure insight.

Secondly: true yearning for salvation.

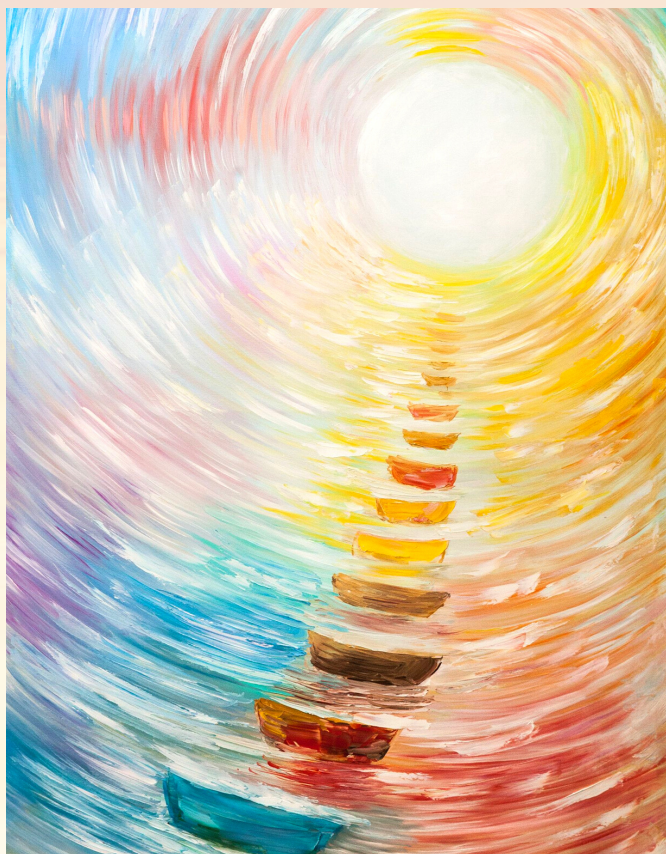
Thirdly: complete self-surrender.

These three define the quality and the magic of our state of faith.

This leads to, fourthly: the new attitude of life which, owing to its magic and quality, results in the opening of our personality to the imperishable light of the Gnosis.

The result of this is, fifthly: our admission into the new lifefield, our passing into the state of the new race, the people of God.

It must be stated as an axiom that from the very second the brain-system inhales this new magnetic fluid, the new life becomes a fact.



At that moment the pupil is born into the new life-field and the great process of regeneration, transfiguration, begins. As soon as this happens there is question of an exodus. A departure out of the old life-field and an entrance into the new one. There is nothing in between, at the most a split second. There is not something like the passage through the red sea of blood passions or a wandering through the desert as described in the old Testament.

Through these experiences the candidate struggles during the preliminary process in the first three phases of the Universal Gnosis. In the preliminary process the candidate stands in a rational-moral comprehension of the purpose of the Spiritual School. He understands its significance, he desires to comply with its purpose and, consequently, he must open the door of his soul to the light by means of the new attitude of life.

This new attitude of life, this breakthrough to what Lao Tse calls "Tao", costs perhaps much blood, many tears and great exertion. For it represents the journey through the desert, the passage through the red sea of blood passions.

But the candidate can put an end to this struggle immediately by taking corrective measures without any compromise regarding the attitude of life. He must consult his own heart-sanctuary for that. There lies the task, and he will know what to do or what not to do.



(As soon as the new consciousness fluid pours into the head sanctuary, it becomes visible in a clear shining light. The Bible speaks of the sign of the Son of man; this sign radiates from the mirror, from the open space behind the frontal bone. It is called "the sign of the Son of man" because this consciousness fire is the true, original human fire. It radiates outwardly when the original astral fire can be inhaled by the brain-system and the seven cerebral cavities are filled with it.

The focus of this radiation is formed at the place mentioned, behind the frontal bone. This point is the sign of the Son of man. As soon as this sign starts radiating, the total transformation of your entire nature, indicated by Christ as "the rebirth by water and spirit", takes place. First, there is the transfiguration of the soul. Second, owing to this, a whole series of new consciousness-abilities are going to develop. The nature of the astral fire that touches us defines our entire state of being. Body, thinking, etheric vehicle, state of desire, blood, nerve-fluid, in short the entire state of being is defined by and grows out of the consciousness-fire that glows in you. Therefore, when that fire is renewed, the result must be an entire change of being.



The Three Crosses

One aspect of such a change is a completely different consciousness faculty which, thirdly, results in a different sensory state. For your sensory faculties also have their basis in the head sanctuary. This new sensory state will lead to a wonderful series of events in your life. Fourthly, a modification develops in the cell structure of all the cell groups of your body, owing to which, as the Bible expresses it, "the old vesture of matter is swallowed-up in victory" and replaced by a personality structure which harmonizes with the new soul-state. Thus, fifthly, death is completely conquered. In fact this entails disappearance out of the old field of nature.

To summarize: liberate the path within you for the light by means of the twofold magic of faith and life. Be absorbed by the merciful rebirth of your entire soul-state. Then you no longer need to be anxious about the rebirth of the entire state of being, as that will be an automatic result of the rebirth of the soul.)



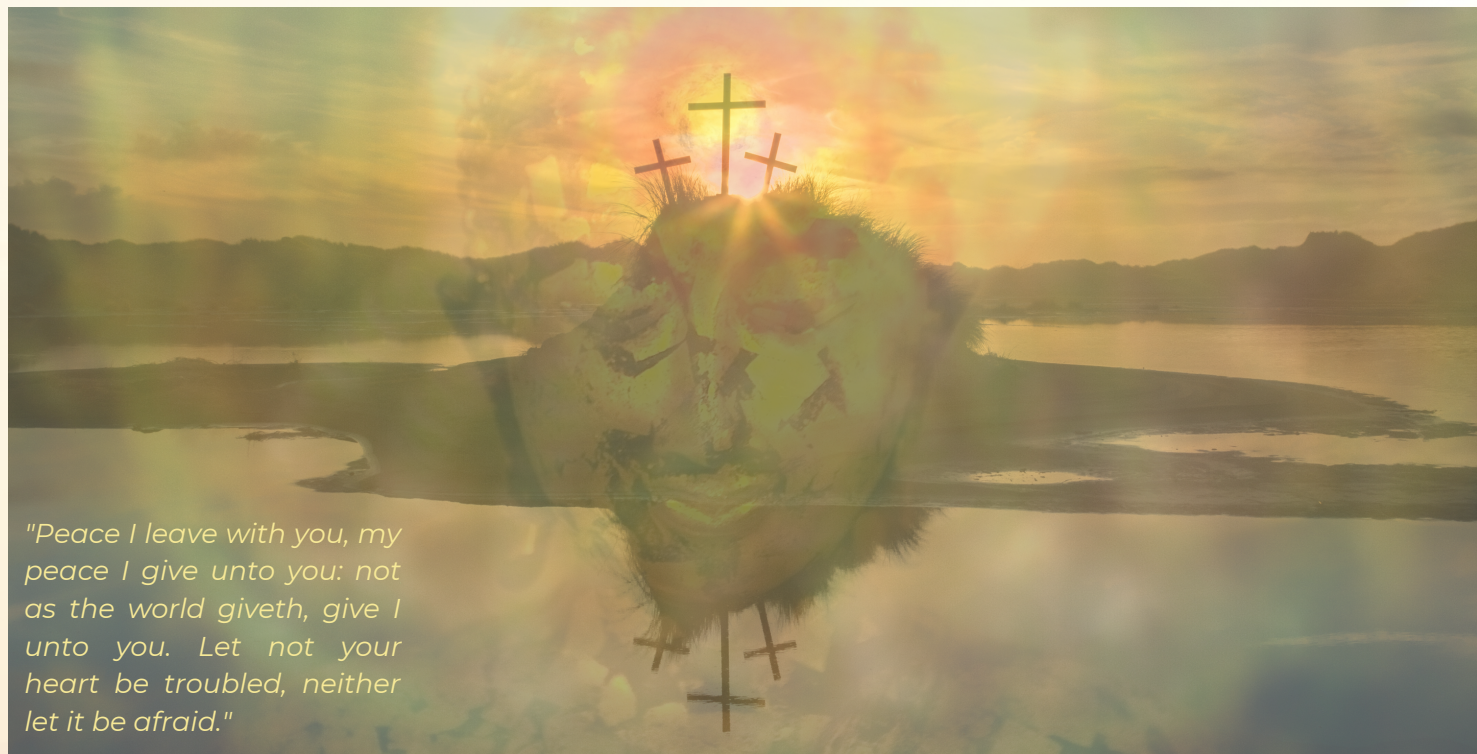
Gnosis in present-day manifestation, Ch. V, The rebirth of the Soul



If you think of the five fluids of which the light-vesture is composed, you will understand that apart from being a process involving the secretions of the endocrine glands and the purification of the blood, this path leading from the heart sanctuary, the birth-place of Bethlehem, to the hill of Golgotha is above all a process involving the nerve ether, which is a process of exceptional significance.

By this we infer that the nerve fluid, the nerve ether, must be absolutely open to such a touch by the light. Imagine how it would be if the heart sanctuary had been ignited by the fire of the spirit and this fire had risen to the place of the skull, to spread from there throughout the light-vesture, but you had polluted your nervous system, your entire nerve ether. And this is by no means beyond the realms of possibility. Just think of the tensions of our times, of the frantic efforts many make to maintain themselves socially or to climb up the social ladder. These things place the nerve ether under the most terrific tension and then it is absolutely impossible to bring about the elevation of your light-vesture.

You cannot serve two masters! You cannot open yourself to the light of the spirit and at the same time cling, for example, to all your social aspirations. You cannot combine the two. If the nerve fluid is insufficiently under control, the blood is generally also polluted and the head sanctuary and therefore the consciousness will offer insufficient possibilities for liberating life. You need to know these things, here at our Aquarius Renewal Feast, because if, during these days, you decide to link yourself completely to the Spiritual School, you will have to purify your light-vesture in one way or another.



"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Think, in this connection, of the fact that three crosses stood on the place of the skull, on the hill of Golgotha: the cross of the Lord in the middle, with the crosses of the two murderers on either side.

This is a beautiful symbolic story of tremendous reality for every human being. If you have completed your way of the cross of roses and the light of the spirit is shining from the pineal gland at the top of the head sanctuary, at the top of the serpent fire, then, if all is well, it will also be possible to distinguish the two murderers.

Who or what are the two murderers?

The first is the I-central self, with its rock-hard I-central behaviour. It must be totally liquidated, never to rise again.

And there is also another murderer, the second murderer, who can be explained from the psyche of present-day man. When, as a young person, you enter this world you are, as it were, kicked and pushed into all kinds of habits. You are forced to don the strait-jacket of this world, the straitjacket of convention. And you trudge along, you jog on. But where to? You do not know. You are only certain of one thing: that death will be at the end of it all. What will happen then, only heaven knows! So it seems to you in that situation. And once, as a young person, you have donned the strait-jacket of convention, many good qualities are stifled, many of the possibilities latent in you are killed, murdered; many aspects of your being in which outsiders see a promise for the future are neutralised.

That strait-jacket, which makes you stand in obedience to the nature of this world, neutralises every higher possibility within you. So if you then decide to walk the path of the Christian revelation, the path of the living Rosycross, the cross of the second murderer is erected alongside the cross of the neutralised I-centrality.

From this second cross, your long neglected higher potentialities confess in deep humility: `Lord, we have recognised you!' And then the words resound: `Today I say unto you, one day you shall be with me in the new state of life.' Do you now understand the meaning of the three crosses on the hill of Golgotha?