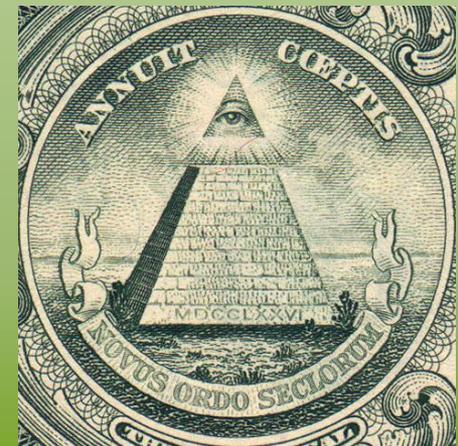




Tracking the Ancient Mysteries from Egypt to the Founding of America

Lecture 4: The Temple Legend



Outline



- **Lectures 1 – 5:** Conceptual foundations, Egypt, Greece, The Temple Legend, Vanishing of the Mysteries
- **Lectures 6 – 10:** Early Christian Mysteries, Faith versus Knowledge, Charlemagne, Knights Templars, Cathars, Rosicrucians
- **Lectures 11 – 15:** Renaissance, Leonardo, Founding of America, Freemasonry, Mysteries for the Future

Review



- Foundations
 - What is the Human Being? Macrocosm – Microcosm
 - Battleground: The Soul; mythologies as stories of each soul
- Egypt
 - Use of blood to trace back to Lemurian times
 - Osiris – Isis – Horace
- Greece
 - Balance between Spiritual World and Earthly
 - Enter Age of Aries (Lamb), Fading of the Mysteries
 - Mythologies: Jason, Daedalus & Icarus, Prometheus
 - (not mentioned: Eleusinian story of Demeter and Persephone)

3 Keys To Remember



1. Masonry traces its roots to Cain – why?
2. Masons bring spirit to rock (Earth element)
3. Priestly stream and Kingly stream

Role of Sacrifice

- Exchange: God(s) \leftrightarrow People
- What about Abel's offering? What did he *do* for it?
- Melchisedec – high priest of Salem (foreshadowing)



Lunette, Church of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

Creation of Mankind, Genesis



- 1:26 “Then the Elohim said ‘let us make Man in our image, after our likeness, ... In the image of Elohim, they created him; male-female they created them’
- An Elohim created a human being whom he called Eve
 - That Elohim united himself with Eve and she gave birth to Cain
 - Cain is a *direct* descendant of the gods
- Another Elohim, named Yahveh, created Adam
 - Adam was simply called man, not yet sexually defined, asexual
 - And how was he created? In the likeness of the Elohim (God)
 - Adam also united himself with Eve and from this union came Abel
 - Abel is a descendant of Adam and Eve who are human
- **3rd chapter:** Serpent, wife named Eve as mother of all living, clothes made, Fall
- **4th chapter:** Story of Cain and Abel
- **5th chapter:** ‘This is the book of the generations of man. In the days that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; **male-female** created he him; and blessed him, and called his name Adam, in the day when he was created. When Adam had lived an hundred and thirty years, he begat a son *in his own likeness*, after his image; and called his name Seth ... ’
 - In the beginning of the time of Adam we have men *in the likeness of God*
 - At the end of Adam's time after the likeness of Adam, after a human likeness , Adam begat a son Seth, after *his* likeness

Human Form and Propagation



- We have, to start with, human beings who are **all similar** in appearance and all created *after the image* of God, the Elohim
 - They were propagated then by **asexual** means
 - They all **retained the same form** which they had at creation
 - Father looked like son and grandson also looked like son
- What first caused mankind to change, to become differentiated?
- Through the fact that *two, not one*, were engaged in propagation
 - The offspring looked like the father **and** like the mother

Adam and Eve



- To start: a race of people which were originally similar to God in appearance
 - The descendants are all *similar in appearance* to their forebears
- The differentiation first comes about in the Seth period
- Mankind continues to be not only a physical being but is spiritually both male and female at the same time
- Between the times of Adam and Seth something else occurred: two others were born
 - They represent **a transitional stage**
 - They were not born at a time when propagation had already taken on a strongly marked character of sexuality – we can infer this from the meaning of the names Cain and Abel
 - Abel is the same as ‘pneuma’ in Greek, which means ‘spirit’ it denotes female character
 - Cain means almost literally ‘the masculine’
- Cain and Abel, the masculine and feminine principles, confront one another
 - Not yet on an organic level: they begin to differentiate on a spiritual level
 - ‘Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.’
 - Cain learnt to live on the physical plane, he became a man on the physical plane. That was the male characteristic. It consisted of being strong and robust in order to cultivate the soil and then retire again from the physical to the higher planes
 - ‘Abel was a keeper of sheep.’ As a shepherd one accepts life as the Creator has presented it. One does not cultivate the herds, one tends them. Receives.

Cain and Abel



- While man was still male-female, it was impossible for him to separate spiritual wisdom and scientific knowledge
- Only through a definite separation into the two sexes could mankind's brain be brought to the pitch where it could function – the brain became male – the deeper human nature became female
- Cain and Abel are the representatives of two kinds of thinking
- Through this separation, propagation of the human species ceased to be merely identical copies of the parents; became differentiated
- Variation only comes about when a mixture occurs.
 - How was this mixture made possible? Through the fact that the masculine element committed itself to the earth
 - The physical plane and the effect it has on man is the mark set upon Cain
- The principle of struggle, of opposition, is added to the principle of love; now egoism is born: “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

Summary: Cain and Abel



- ‘Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.’ (Genesis 4, 2)
- The male, the more material race, was represented in Cain – the female, the more spiritual, in Abel (then Seth)
- Hebrew Abel is the same as Greek ‘pneuma’ or ‘spirit’
 - From the point of view of sexuality, it denotes female character
 - Shepherd accepts life as the Creator has presented it
 - One does not cultivate a herd, one tends it
 - Receives revelations of God and then merely tends them
 - **Abel’s sacrifice** is what God recognizes and accepts

Summary: Cain and Abel



- Cain means almost literally ‘the masculine’
 - Learnt to live on the physical plane, to be strong and robust in order to cultivate the soil and then to retire to the higher planes
 - **His sacrifice** is foreign to the nature of God, because it is something which man has achieved out of his own freedom
 - Aspires to Art and Science
 - The physical plane and its effect on man is the mark set upon Cain
 - Heredity, egoism: “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

Building Solomon's Temple

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Solomon's Historical Situation



- Priest-Kings or Initiate Kings
 - Egypt, Sumeria, Babylon, Persia, Assyria, Scythia, all of Mesopotamia
 - Kingship “descended from Heaven”
 - King was ‘needed” to be able to rise to their folk-god
 - King as high priest – a medium of the divine (for that folk)
 - Coronation was an annual rite of initiation
 - Reenactment of mythological drama
 - King to be humiliated by next-highest priest; king atones for the people through his suffering and then is enthroned again as “son of the god”
 - Israel: Saul, David, Solomon
 - Capital Jeru-Salem (formerly Salem)
- Who can be King changes later

Who Was Solomon?



- King of Israel whose reign was circa 970 to 931 BC
- Talmud: Solomon was one of the 48 prophets
- Qur'an: a major prophet named Sulayman, son of David
- Builds the First Temple in Jerusalem
- Great in wisdom, wealth, and power
- But also succumbs to idolatry, turning away from Yahweh
- Resulting in the kingdom being torn in two during the reign of his son Rehoboam

How Solomon Became King



- 1 Kings: when David was old, "he could not get warm"
- So they brought to him the most beautiful young woman in the kingdom Abishag
- The old king "knew her not" but she became part of his harem
- While David was in this state, his 4th son Adonijah, heir apparent after the death of his elder brothers, acted to have himself declared king
- Bathsheba, one of David's wives and mother of Solomon and the prophet Nathan, convinced David to proclaim Solomon king
- Adonijah then fled and took refuge at the altar later receiving pardon *from Solomon* on the condition that he show himself "to be a worthy man"

How Solomon Became King



- Adonijah asked to marry Abishag, but Solomon disallowed that, although Bathsheba now pleaded on Adonijah's behalf
- Adonijah was later seized and put to death
- David's general Joab was killed, in accord with David's deathbed request to Solomon because he had killed generals Abner and Amasa during a peace (2 Samuel & 1 Kings 2:5)
- David's priest Abiathar, a descendent of Eli, was exiled by Solomon because he had sided with Adonijah

David and a Temple



- David conquered the Jebusite fortress of Salem, and made it his capital
- Hiram, king of Tyre, sent messengers, cedar trees, and carpenters and masons to build David a house
- David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, intending to build a temple, but God, speaking through the prophet Nathan, announced that the temple would be built at a future date by one of David's sons (Solomon)
- God made a covenant with David, promising that He will establish the House of David: "Your throne shall be established forever"

Biblical References



1 Kings 5-6

- When **Hiram** king of Tyre heard that Solomon had been anointed king to succeed his father David, he sent his envoys to Solomon
- “within the temple [was] an inner sanctuary, the Most Holy Place [:16]
- He prepared the inner sanctuary within the temple and set the Ark of the Covenant there [:19]
- It took 7 years to build the temple

2 Chronicles 3

- Then Solomon began to build the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah
- He overlaid the inside with pure gold
- For the Most Holy Place he made a pair of sculptured cherubim and overlaid them with gold
- The pillars of JACHIN and BOAZ on each side of the entrance

The dedicatory ceremonies commenced on a Friday, the 30th of Oct.

Building Solomon's Temple



- Solomon decides to build a temple and calls upon Hiram, the descendant of Cain, to be his master builder
- It was at the time when Balkis, the Queen of Sheba, was visiting Jerusalem because she had heard of the wisdom of Solomon
 - She was certainly impressed and charmed by the exalted and clear wisdom and beauty of the King when she first arrived - when he made love to her she consented to be his bride
- When the temple was almost complete, only Hiram's masterpiece, the Molten Sea, was left -- was to represent the ocean cast in bronze and was to have adorned the temple
 - All the necessary mixtures of ores had been prepared by Hiram in a most wonderful manner, ready to be cast
- There were three apprentices that Hiram had found so lacking in skill that he had been unable to promote them to become masters

Building Solomon's Temple



- The 3 had therefore sworn to be revenged on him and desired to prevent the casting of the Molten Sea
 - A friend of Hiram, who got to know about these plans, confided them to Solomon, so that he should prevent their realization
 - But Solomon, through jealousy, did nothing to stop them, because he secretly wished to destroy Hiram
- The result was that Hiram had to look on while the whole casting disintegrated due to the addition of a wrong ingredient in the mixture by the 3 apprentices
 - He tried to quench the bursting flames by pouring water over them, but this only made matters worse
 - Just as he was on the point of despairing about the work ever being completed, Tubal-Cain, his ancestor, appeared to him and told him that he should not hesitate to cast himself into the fire, as he was invulnerable to the flames
 - Hiram did as he was advised and came to the center of the earth
- He was led by Tubal-Cain to Cain, who resided in a condition of pristine divinity
 - Hiram was then initiated into the Mystery of Fire and into the secret of bronze casting
 - He receives from Tubal-Cain a Hammer and a Golden Triangle
- Then he returned and was able to complete the casting of the Molten Sea and to put everything in order again

Building Solomon's Temple



- He, however, was set upon by the 3 apprentices and murdered
 - He was only just able to write the secret word on the Golden Triangle and hide it in a well
- As no one knew where he had disappeared, a search was made.
- Even Solomon was afraid and was anxious to find out what had happened
- It was thought that the ancient Master Word could be betrayed by the apprentices, and therefore another one was devised
 - The first word to be spoken when Hiram was discovered should be the new Master Word
- At last Hiram was found and was able to utter a few last words
 - He said: 'Tubal-Cain had promised me that I shall have a son who will be the father of many descendants who will people the earth and bring my work — the building of the Temple — to completion'
 - Then he pointed to the place where the Golden Triangle was to be found
 - It was retrieved and enclosed in a stone shaped in the form of a cube
 - The Ten Commandments are inscribed on this stone that conceals the hidden word
 - This was then brought to the Molten Sea and both were preserved in the **Holy of the Holies**
- It is said that they are only to be discovered by those who can understand the meaning of the legend of the Temple of Solomon and its Master Builder Hiram

Balkis, Queen of Sheba



- She was certainly impressed and charmed by the exalted and clear wisdom and beauty of the King when she first arrived - when he made love to her she consented to be his bride
- She heard about the temple which was being built and she desired to make the acquaintance its master builder, Hiram
 - When she first met him she was captivated merely by his glance, a “girl on fire”
 - When she asked for the workers to be assembled, Hiram raised the Tau and all gathered quickly
 - The Tau sign symbolises a totally new power, based on freedom
 - As a result, a certain mood of jealousy arose between Hiram and Solomon and the latter wished to do something or other against Hiram, but he was dependent upon him for completion of temple.
- The heroic deeds of Hiram increase her fiery desire for him

Balkis, Queen of Sheba



- Tubal-Cain explained to Hiram: “Now know the true Jehovah, who is the cause of your being here. Jehovah hates the Sons of Fire, and wants to destroy them; he wants to destroy his own creation. But you need have nothing to fear. To you will be born a son, whom you will not yourself see, but from whom shall spring a race, out of which a new fire worship will develop on the earth”
- With the hammer which Tubal-Cain gave him, he was able to complete the projected Molten Sea, thereby rising still further in the Queen of Sheba's affections
- During a walk, a bird appeared in the air, showing her the mystical Tau sign
- The Queen's nurse realised that the wisdom of the future was hidden under this sign of the Tau
- Hereupon the Queen of Sheba consented to become Hiram's bride
- During a feast, at which Solomon became intoxicated, the Queen of Sheba took the betrothal ring back from his hand

Who are the Sons of Fire?



- Those who could only come into existence after the separation of the sexes, through the penetration of a physical female by a physical male
- Fire is the active principle in the male semen
 - In male semen lives fire, in the occult sense
- Jehovah had to create this basic force, so that this race could propagate itself
 - Jehovah created the Sons of Fire, which was only possible on the basis of this soul fire
 - Jehovah is the opponent of change who cherishes the old kind of propagation
- Therefore he turned again to the priests and made them into his preachers
 - He caused the power and the glory of his own wisdom to be proclaimed through the priests
- Hiram-Abiff is appointed to undertake the Molten Sea, which means the transformation of mineral kingdom through art
- He was also told that a son would be born to him, who — even though he would not himself be able to see him — would bring forth a new race
 - This son is the new race which will one day take the place of the old, the present one; the new race for whom it will no longer be necessary for two sexes to unite with one another, but will again be able to bring about propagation through the one human individual (This, of course, refers to a far distant future)

Propagation through the Word



- Why does Freemasonry exclude women?
 - To them, it is only the man who is appointed to utter the Lost Word at all and to re-establish it
 - Only the male form of the larynx is in a position to say, to know, what can be regained through the Lost Word
 - It was felt the whole female sex had to be excluded
- This hangs together with the link between the organ of speech and gender or sexuality
 - Only the man changes voice when he reaches puberty
 - The change of voice is nothing else than the expression of the former connection between the organs of speech and of sexuality

The Sons of Cain



- They are the sons of those Elohim who, during the Moon Epoch, were slightly retarded in their role of Elohim
- We are dealing with Kama, astrality, during the Moon Epoch
- This Kama, or fire, was penetrated with wisdom at that time
- But there were two kinds of Elohim:
 1. Remained static with the union of wisdom and fire
 - These Elohim created the Sons of Cain
 2. Went beyond - during the creation of man they were no longer filled with desires and so they were able to endow their creation with calm and clear wisdom
 - That is the essential Jahve — or Jehovah, the wisdom of which is quite without *personal* desire.

Comparing Cain and Abel



- Abel-Seth-Solomon Race: possess divine wisdom
- Race of Cain: are conversant with fire and know how to make use of it
 - Not physical fire, but the fire of wishes, desires, and instincts which burns in the astral world, in Kama
- Sons of Abel-Seth: representatives of the religious type of human being with detached wisdom
 - Detached piety and wisdom, lacking enthusiasm, has its origin
- Sons of Cain: those who possess an impulsive nature, are capable of flaring up, showing enthusiasm for wisdom
 - All arts and the sciences originate
- These two types are creative within all races of mankind and in all periods of history

Equality



- This worldly element becomes more and more evident in the history of the Greek and current cultural epochs, thus making manifest the entire development of world history at the physical level
- And alongside this worldly stream of materialism, the personal element of egoism is involved
- Even though Christianity had come into the world, it was, in a sense, a secret shared by a few
- But it made people of the Greek and current cultural epochs aware that everyone is **equal in the sight of God**
- That is a basic principle of Christianity, but it cannot be completely understood by man on earth so long as he is enmeshed in materialism and egoism

On to the Founding of America



- “All men are created equal” – The American Revolution!
 - The French Revolution also drew its conclusion from this Christian doctrine in a worldly sense
- The spiritual conception that all are equal *in the sight of God* was changed into the purely earthly precept that all men are equal *here on earth*.
- Temple Legend and Masonic roots:
 - Many books
 - Signs and sayings
 - George Washington, masonic ceremonies
- Rosicrucian roots in the Temple Legend

Summary Points from Tonight



1. Masonry traces its roots to Cain
2. Masons bring spirit to rock (Earth element)
3. Priestly stream and Kingly stream
 - Essene manuscripts, Kabbalah, others

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Additional Material

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From Kama to Buddhi



With the founding of Christianity:

- The earlier piety, which had been bestowed from above on mankind, became passionless and detached
 - It merged with the element which came to the earth through Christ — Christ, who is not only the incarnation of wisdom, but who is also love itself, a supreme being who has so purified his astral body or Kama that it has been changed into Buddhi.
 - A pure flowing Kama which seeks nothing for itself, but turns every passion into unending devotion towards the things outside itself, is inverted Kama.
- Buddhi is Kama that has been changed into its opposite

Goal: Love & Freedom



- A higher kind of piety is thereby *being prepared* among those who are of the pious type, the Sons of Wisdom, the Sons of Seth
- This new kind of piety can also develop enthusiasm
 - It is Christian piety, prepared during the Greco-Roman cultural epoch
- This whole stream is not yet in a position to unite with the Sons of Cain, however; thus they remain adversaries
- Were Christianity to take hold of human beings too quickly, they would certainly become filled with love, but the individual human heart would not become involved – it would not be a piety springing from freedom
 - Christ would not be born within man as his brother, but only as the *ruler*
- It is therefore necessary that the Sons of Cain are active throughout the whole of the current epoch, the 5th Post-Atlantean period
 - They are active in their initiates who build the temple of all mankind, constructed out of worldly art and worldly science

Freemasonry



- The basis of Freemasonry found in the Temple Legend
- Ceremonies of initiation in Craft Masonry: 'Blue' Masonry
- The Master degree and the Temple Legend
- The symbolic proceedings as an image of occult events on the astral plane
- Architecture expressing a knowledge of the universe
- The transmutation of the mineral world by human spirituality as the meaning of the Molten Sea
- The French Revolution and the Count of St. Germain
- Freemasonry has outgrown its real task

From Solomon to Templars



- Solomon's Temple as a symbol that man is a dwelling place of the Divine
- Noah's Ark, Solomon's Temple, and the measurements of man's body
- The interior of Solomon's Temple
- The concept of Solomon's Temple
- The Knights Templar and their teachings
- Sons of God (descendants of Abel-Seth) and the Sons of Man (descendants of Cain)
- The aim of the Rosicrucians, as continuators of the Order of the Knights Templar, the building of the great Temple of Humanity

The New Covenant



- Construction of the three stage World Temple
 - (Corresponding to physical body, etheric body and astral body of man) throughout the time of the Old Covenant by the Sons of Cain, the servants of the world
- Work performed in the service of the Divine World Order by the Sons of God, the servants of the Ark of the Covenant
- Solomon's Temple, an external expression of what the Ark of the Covenant should become
- Man's earthly evolution in connection with the symbol of the Cross
- The Pauline distinction between the law and grace
- The connection of law and sin in the Old Covenant and law and love in the New Covenant

Additional Thoughts



- Whitsuntide, the festival of Mankind's freedom
- Awakening of the Inner Word, the resurrection of the etheric body as the secret of the Whitsuntide Festival
- Saga of the Holy Grail according to masonic interpretation
- Contrast between the male-masonic and female-priestly principles; mastery over inanimate nature and acceptance of God-bestowed living forces.
- The sign of the Cross
- The Holy Grail as a symbol of the mastery over the forces of life to be attained in the future: the Royal Art in a new form