

The Two Castles

Symbolic Tale on Knowledge

There is a vast plain of Knowledge which extends from the infinity of the North to the infinity of the South and from the infinity of the East to the infinity of the West.

This vast plain divides in two areas with a castle each:

- The land of Niter with the castle of the Wizard of Oz,
- The land of Salt with the castle of Ignotus.

In Niter land, the castle of the Wizard of Oz appears as magic with its towers and dungeons. It is not surrounded with fortifications, but is at the top of a steep mountain. The ascent is painful but the castle is open to all. We can freely enter or leave, without much effort. It is necessary to say that the plain of Niter at the bottom of the mountain is lush and all we find there makes us think that life in the castle must be very pleasant.

On the other hand, the plain of Salt presents only a stunted and dry vegetation. Never in the plain of Salt do we hear birds singing. Its castle is sad, it is in the form of a square of 4 ramparts flanked by a tower in every corner. On the other hand, its access is easier because it is on the level of the plain. The door is always opened and we enter and leave without much effort. Its inhabitants do not generally behave nicely with visitors, in particular with those who come from the plain of Niter.

If in the castle of the plain of the Salt we find many things concerning material practical life, on the other hand there is a curious state of mind there, let's say rather sectarian. The inhabitants of this castle say there is nothing outside. They say that the plain of the Salt is without interest and that Niter does not exist. If a traveler ventures to say: "I come from Niter", they ask for no description, no explanation. Their answer is "liar".

One of the curious phenomena in the relationship between both castles is that sometimes the inhabitants of Niter (those who think of the Being) are going to ask for a kind of approval, a prestige crown in the castle of the Salt. Every wise man can wonder what the real value is to ask for such approval.

There is however reason for hope that this misunderstanding will weaken and at last disappear. This is because Niter activates the growth of flowers, and those flowers at the foot of Oz's castle begin to spread in the plain of Salt and little by little approach its castle.

Furthermore, amongst all the flowers, Niter acts especially on a small Gold-yellow flower which will solve the problems of the plains because the small Gold-yellow flower is the flower of the heart of Man.

PS: in alchemy: -Niter: realm of the spiritual -Salt: realm of matter

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