

Mysteries

The churches say that Mysteries are revealed truths, inexplicable, which must be accepted as is. Great metaphysical questions about the nature of the Creator, the purpose of Creation, the nature of Eternity, and the need for Man and his Becoming were categorized as mysteries and consequently, as inaccessible to man.

Ancient esoteric groups were called Mysteries schools, and their purpose was to access these mysteries. These Mysteries were divided into the Lesser Mysteries and the Greater Mysteries.

Lesser Mysteries were supposed to give man a conscious contact with the three Sefhira immediately above our world. This includes the contact of Qabalistic world of Yetzirah, the lunar world. Greater Mysteries comprised the three Sefhira above, or contact with the world of Briah, the Solar World or, according to others, the Christ World.

Gradually, these mysteries have produced habits of secrecy, of knowledge called occult which means "hidden". Orientation to this false concept of the Mysteries has allowed many people to play enigmatic characters to better hide their ignorance or lack of understanding of the world and of Nature.

Anyone who thinks or meditates knows there are concepts or knowledge inaccessible to the intellectual and cerebral apparatus of man. We can say that a line is infinite but we cannot conceive it mentally. We can say that what is eternal has no beginning nor end, however eternity remains inaccessible to our cerebral reasoning. If such things exist, their nature remains a mystery to us.

Any adept or advanced esoteric student has the solution to the problem of the mysteries. What is a mystery to humans on Earth is knowledge only accessible through levels of higher consciousness. It is therefore not possible to solve these problems by reflection or simple meditation. The solution is to establish a link between the brain consciousness and higher levels of consciousness.

When the self-consciousness of man focuses on higher levels man "knows", he then knows Infinity and Eternity. When self-consciousness re-focuses on the Earth level, man only knows "that he knew", but his temporal language does not allow him to express what is beyond time. This is why we say the real secrets are inexpressible through speech or writing. Only, perhaps, the symbol is able, through resonance, to arouse the intuition of what remains a mystery to another person.

It should also be realized that access to a higher level of consciousness does not solve all problems; it solves only those that match the level reached. Thus, space-time is reduced by step during the ascent of consciousness, but only the experience of Binah, the Sefhirah of Saturn, gives the experience of Eternity.

Only personal work on one's own evolution allows access to higher levels of consciousness and gives gradually the total knowledge of Nature.

Perhaps for reasons of material benefits, this problem is rarely explained. What is worse, the methods of access to these higher planes of consciousness have been suppressed or discredited. The effort of the association "The Philosophers of Nature" focuses on the resurgence or revelation of these methods. But any knowledge that results for each individual remains private, and therefore a mystery to others.

Jean DUBUIS