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Just the Facts...

### Welcome

Welcome to another newsletter...

In this series, we move to a more general/esoteric theme; and in this issue, we will review the text of the "Smaragdine Tablet of Hermes", which is the foundation of Veritas esoteric existentialism.

As always, no hugs, just the facts... So let's jump right in...

Kind regards,

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# Lifting the Veil

#### **Text of Smaragdine Tablet of Hermes**

True, without error, certain and most true; that which is above is as that which is below, and that which is below is as that which is above, for performing the miracle of the One Thing; and as all things were from ONE, by the meditation of ONE, so all things arose from this ONE thing by adoption; the father of it is the sun, the mother of it is the moon; the wind carries it in its belly; the nurse thereof is the earth. This is the father of all perfection, or the consummation of the whole world. The power of it

is integral if it be turned into earth. Thou shalt separate the earth from the fire, the subtle from the gross, gently with much sagacity; it ascends from earth to heaven, and again descends to earth: and receives the strength of the superiors and of the inferiors - so Thou hast the glory of the whole world; therefore let all obscurity flee before thee. This is the strongest fortitude of all fortitudes, overcoming every subtle and penetrating every solid thing. So the world was created. Hence were all wonderful adaptions of which this is the manner. Therefore am I called Thrice Greatest Hermes, having the three parts of the philosophy of the whole world. That which I have written is consummated concerning the operation of the sun.

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#### Note

Many commentaries and translations of the *Smaragdine Tablet of Hermes* have been published by prominent persons, including Trithemius, Roger Bacon, Chrysogonus Polydorus, Nuremberg, Georgio Beato, Michael Maier, Aleister Crowley, Albertus Magnus, and Isaac Newton.

Further, C.G. Jung linked *The Emerald Tablet* with a table made of green stone, which he s in the first of a set of his dreams and visions beginning at the end of 1912, and which resulted in his writing the, *Seven Sermons to the Dead* (1916).

Thus far, the oldest documentable source for the text of the tablet is the, *Kitab Sirr al-Asrar* (*The Book of the Science of Government*) - a book of advice for kings and rulers, by Shaikh Abd al-Qadir al-Jilani (1078-1166 AD). Shaikh Abd al-Qadir al-Jilani was a noted Sunni Hanbali preacher.

#### Hermes

Hermes Trismegistus, or 'Thrice Greatest Hermes', was the name given to the Egyptian Thoth or Tehuti - the God of learning, wisdom, and literature. He was the author of the books carried in the sacred processions of Egypt, which were records of ancient events and mysteries. Hermes' books were described by Clemens of Alexandria - a Christian writer of the Second and Third centuries. Clemens believed that the books must be considered as of 'late concoction', and as chiefly of 'Greek manufacture'.

The books noted by Clemens included:

- The two books of Hermes, which were carried by the Chanter.
- The four astronomical books of Hermes, which were carried by the Horoscopus, who also carried a sundial and palm.
- An undesignated book; carried by the Hierogrammatus, who also carried ink and a reed.
- The ten books relating to the 'ceremonies of worship', which were carried by the Stolist.
- The ten books concerning the Gods and the education of the Priests, which the Prophet was bound to learn.

As noted, these books should not be regarded as 'genuine remains' of remote Egyptian antiquity.

Moreover, the total number of 'Hermetic' books are often stated to be 'forty-two', of which, thirty-six are learned by the Ministers of Religion; and the other six books, which contain treatises on medicine, are learned by the Pastophori, or Shrine-Bearers.

#### **Neo-Platonic Philosophy**

HermesTrismegistus is also seen as a personification of the Neo-Platonic philosophy; and is considered to be the 'mystical author' of all wisdom and knowledge - the source of all intellectual light.

He was the result of the union of Oriental and Hellenic Philosophers, and thus the oriental spirit of mysticism and of exaggeration is reflected in the circle of ideas in which Hermes moved and expounded.

Upon the authority of Seleucus, lamblicus attributes to Hermes, some 20,000 books. However, lamblicus adds that Manetho has assigned to Hermes, 36,525 books. As this last number (36,525) coincides with the total number of years of the Egyptian chronology in the Ancient Chronicles, which is arrived at by multiplying the 1461 years of the Canicular Cycle by 25, it is suggested that this is the 'mystical mode' of computing the number of books of Hermes of late date.

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# **Something to Ponder**

#### The Inner Centre

There is an inmost centre in us all
Where truth abides in fullness ... and 'to know'
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light
Supposed to be without.
(Robert Browning - 'Paracelsus')

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