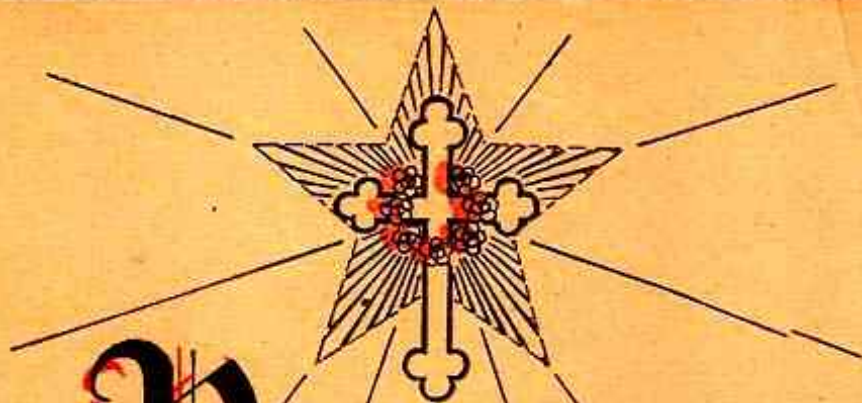


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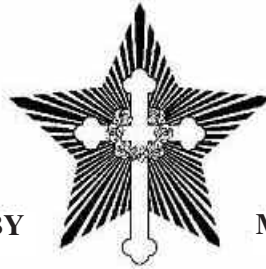


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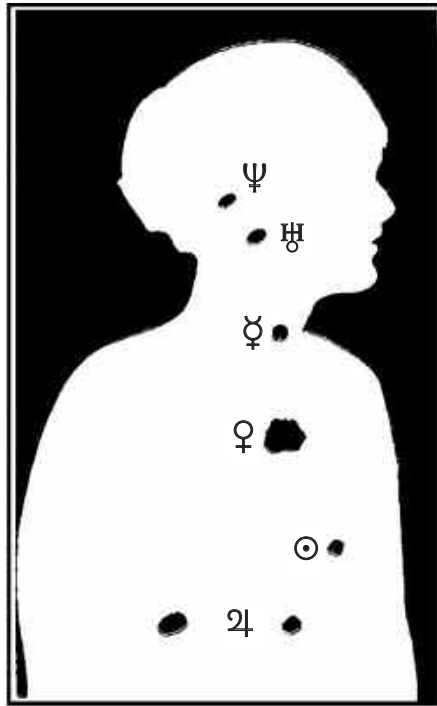
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## The Ductless Glands

THEIR ROLE AND RULERS

IT is well known to the Esoteric Astrologer that the human body has an immense period of evolution behind it and that this splendid organism is the result of a slow process of gradual upbuilding which is still continuing and will make each generation better than the previous until in some far distant future it shall have reached a stage of completion of which we cannot even dream. It is also understood by the deeper students that, in addition to the physical body, man has finer vehicles which are not yet seen by the greatest majority of human beings, though all have within them latent a sixth sense

whereby they will in time cognize these finer sheaths of the soul. The Occultist speaks of these finer vehicles as the *vital body*, made of ether, and the *desire body*, made of desire stuff, the material whence we draw our feelings and emotions, and, with the addition of *the sheath of mind* and the physical body, these complete what may be termed the personality, which is the evanescent part distinct from the immortal spirit that uses these vehicles for its expression. These finer vehicles interpenetrate the dense physical body as air permeates water and have particular dominion over certain parts thereof because the physical body, itself is a crystallization of these finer vehicles, in the same manner and upon the same prin-



ciple that the soft fluids of a snail's body gradually crystallize into the hard and flinty shell which it carries upon its back. For the purpose of this dissertation we may say broadly that the softer parts of our bodies, which we commonly call flesh, maybe divided into two kinds, glands and muscles. The vital body was started in the Sun Period. Crystallization from this time on in that vehicle has developed what we now call glands and to this day they and the blood are the special manifestations of the vital body within the physical vehicle, and therefore the glands as a whole may be said to be under the rule of the life-giving

Sun and the great benefic, Jupiter. For it is the function of the vital body to build and restore the tone of the muscles when tense and tired by the work imposed upon them by the restless desire body, which was started in the Moon Period. The muscles are therefore ruled by the wandering Moon, which is the present vantage point of the Angels, the humanity of the Moon Period, and the impulsive and turbulent Mars, where the so-called "Fallen Angels," the Lucifer Spirits, dwell. That is to say, as a whole, for the student must carefully note that individual glands and particular groups of muscles are under the rulership of other planets as well. It is as when we say that all who live within the United States of America are citizens of that

country, but some are subject to the laws of California, others to those of Maine.

We know the Hermetic axiom, "*As above, so below,*" which gives the master key to all mysteries, and as there are upon the earth, the macrocosm, a great many undiscovered places, so also in the microcosm of the body do we find unknown countries that are a closed book to the scientific explorers. Chief among them has been a small group of the so-called "ductless glands," seven in number, namely:

- The Pituitary Body, ruled by ☿
- The Pineal Gland, ruled by ♀
- The Thyroid Gland, ruled by ♃
- The Thymus Gland, ruled by ♀
- The Spleen, ruled by ☉
- The two Adrenals ruled by ♃

They have a great and particular interest for Occultists, and they may be termed in a certain sense "the seven Roses" upon the Cross of the body, for they are intimately connected with the occult development of Humanity. Four of them, the Thymus Gland, the Spleen and the two Adrenals, are connected with the personality, the Pituitary Body and the Pineal Gland are particularly correlated with the spiritual side of our nature, and the Thyroid forms the link between. The astrological rule over these seven glands is as follows:

The Spleen is the entrance gate of the solar forces, specialized by each human being and circulated through the body as the vital fluid, without which no being can live. This organ is therefore governed by the Sun. The two Adrenals are under the rulership of Jupiter, the great benefic, and exert a calming, quieting, and soothing effect upon the body, to maintain its balance when the emotional activities of the Moon and Mars or Saturn has destroyed the poise. When the obstructive hand of Saturn has awakened the melancholy emotions and laid its restraint upon the heart, the Adrenals' secretions are carried by the blood to the heart and acts as a powerful stimulant in its effort to keep up the circulation, while the Jovial optimism struggles against the Saturnine worries, or

against the impulse of Mars, which stirs the desire body into turbulent emotions of anger, rendering the muscles tense and trembling with rage, dissipating the energy of the system; then the secretion of the Adrenals comes to the rescue, releasing the glycogen of the liver in a more abundant measure than usual to cope with the emergency until the equipoise has been again attained, and similarly during whatever other stress or strain. It was the knowledge of this occult fact that prompted the ancient Astrologers to place the kidneys under the rulership of Libra, the Balance, and in order to avoid confusion of ideas, we may say the kidneys themselves play an important part in the nutrition of the body, which is under the rulership of Venus, the Lady of Libra, but Jupiter governs the Adrenals, with which we are now particularly engaged.

Both Venus and her higher octave, Uranus, govern the functions of nutrition and growth, but in different ways and for different purposes. Therefore Venus rules the Thymus Gland, which is the link between the parents and the child until the latter has reached puberty. This gland is located immediately behind the sternum or breast bone; it is largest in antenatal life and through childhood while growth is excessive and rapid. During that time the vital body of the child does its most effective work, for the child is not then subject to the passions and emotions generated by the desire body, which comes to birth at or about the fourteenth year. But during the years of growth the child cannot manufacture the red blood corpuscles as does the adult, for the unborn, unorganized desire body does not then act as an avenue for the martial forces which assimilate the iron from the food and transmute it into hemoglobin. To compensate for this lack there is stored in the Thymus Gland a spiritual essence drawn from the parents, who are symbolized by Venus, the ruler, and with this essence provided by the love of the parents the child is able to accomplish the alchemy of blood temporarily until its desire body becomes dynamically active. Then the Thymus Gland atrophies and it draws from its own desire body the necessary martial force. From that time, under normal conditions, Uranus, the octave of Venus,

and ruler of the Pituitary Body, takes charge of the function of growth and assimilation in the following manner:

It is well known that all things, our food included, radiate from themselves continuously small particles which give an index of the thing whence they emanate, its quality included. Thus when we lift the food to our mouth a number of these invisible particles enter the nose and by excitation of the olfactory tract convey to us a knowledge of whether the food we are about to take is suitable for this purpose or not, the sense of smell warning us to discard such foods as have a noxious odor, etc. But besides those particles which either attract or repel us from food by their action upon the olfactory tract through the sense of smell, there are others which penetrate the sphenoid bone, impinge upon the Pituitary Body, and start the Uranian Alchemy by which a secretion is formed, which is injected into the blood, and it also furthers assimilation through the chemical ether, thus affecting the normal growth and well-being of the body through life. Sometimes this Uranian influence of the Pituitary Body is eccentric and therefore responsible for strange and abnormal growths which produce the unfortunate freaks of nature with which we occasionally meet.

But besides being responsible for the spiritual impulses which generate the before mentioned physical manifestations of growth, Uranus, working through the Pituitary Body, is also responsible for the spiritual phases of growth which aid awakened man in his efforts to penetrate the veil into the Invisible Worlds. In this work it is, however, associated with Neptune, the ruler of the Pineal Gland, and it will therefore be necessary, in order to properly elucidate, that we study the functions of the Thyroid Gland, ruled by Mercury, and of the Pineal Gland, which is under the domination of his higher octave, Neptune, simultaneously.

That the Thyroid Gland is under the rule of Mercury, the planet of reason, is readily realized when we understand the effect which the degeneration of this gland has upon the mind, as shown in the diseases of Cretinism and Myxedema. The secretions of this gland are as necessary to the

proper function of mental activity as ether is to the transmission of electricity; that is to say, upon the physical plane of existence, where the brain transmutes thought into action. Contact with and expression in the invisible worlds depends upon the functional ability of the Pineal Gland, which is altogether spiritual, and is therefore ruled by the octave of Mercury, Neptune, the planet of spirituality. But Neptune operates in conjunction with the Pituitary Body ruled by Uranus, the planet of wisdom, as already stated.

Scientists have wasted much time in speculation upon the nature and function of these two little bodies, the Pituitary Body and the Pineal Gland, but without avail, and principally because as Mephistopheles says so sarcastically to the young man who wants to study science under Faust:

Whoe'er would know and treat of aught alive  
Seeks first the living spirit thence to drive,  
Then are the lifeless fragments in his hand,  
*He lacks, alas, the vital spirit band.*

No one can really and truly observe the physiological functions of any organ under such conditions as exist in the laboratory on the operating table, in the dissection or vivisection chamber. To arrive at an adequate understanding, one must necessarily see these organs exercising their physiological functions *in the living body*, and that can only be done by means of the spiritual sight generated by the organs which are either atrophying or developing; the former show the path we have already traveled during our past evolution, the latter are fingerposts, indicating our future development. But there is still another class of organs which are neither degenerating nor evolving; they are simply dormant at the present time. Physiologists believe that the Pituitary Body and the Pineal Gland are atrophying because they find these organs more developed in some of the lowest classes of life, such as worms; but, as a matter of fact, they are wrong in their ideas, they are only dormant. Some have also suspected that the Pineal Gland is in some way connected with the mind because it contains certain crystals after death and the quantity was much less in those who



were mentally defective than in people of normal mentality. This conclusion is right, but the Seer knows that the spinal canal of the living is not filled with *fluid*, that the blood is not *liquid*, and that these organs have no *crystals* in them when the body is alive. These assertions are made with full knowledge of the fact that the blood and the spinal essence are liquid when drawn out of the physical body, living or dead, and the contents of the Pituitary Body and the Pineal Gland *appear* crystalline when the brain is dissected, but the reason is similar to that which causes steam drawn from a steam boiler to condense immediately upon contact with the atmosphere, and molten metal drawn from a smelter's furnace to crystallize immediately upon withdrawal therefrom.

All these substances are purely spiritual essences when inside the body; they are then ethereal and the substance in the Pineal Gland, when seen by the spiritual sight, appears as *light*. Furthermore, when one Seer looks upon the Pineal Gland of another who is then also exercising his spiritual faculties, this light is of a most intense brilliancy and of an iridescence similar to but transcending in beauty the most wonderful play of the Northern Lights, the Aurora Borealis, ever witnessed by the writer, and he has seen them many times. It may also be said that the function of this organ seems to have changed in the course of human evolution. During the earlier epochs of our present stay upon the earth, when man's body was a large, baggy thing into which the spirit had not yet entered, but was there only as an overshadowing presence, there was an opening in the top and

the Pineal Gland was within it, it was then an organ of orientation, giving a sense of direction. As the human body condensed, it became less and less able to endure the intense heat which prevailed during that time and the Pineal Gland gave warning when the body was brought too near one of the many craters and active volcanoes which were then erupting the thin earth crust, thus enabling the spirit to guide it away from these dangerous places. It was an organ of direction which operated by feeling; but feeling has since been distributed over the whole skin of the body and this is an indication to the Occultist that some day the senses of hearing and sight will also be similarly distributed so that we shall both see and hear with our whole body and thus become still more sensitive in those respects than we are now.

Since then the Pineal Gland and the Pituitary Body have become temporarily dormant to make man oblivious to the invisible world while he learns the lessons afforded by the material world, but the Pituitary Body has manifested the Uranian influence sporadically in abnormal physical growth, producing freaks and monstrosities of various kinds, while Neptune, working also abnormally through the Pineal Gland, has been responsible for the abnormal spiritual growth of medicine men, witches, and mediums of spirit controls. When they are awakened to normal activities, these two ductless glands will open the door to the inner worlds in a sane and safe manner, but in the meantime the Thyroid Gland, ruled by Mercury, the planet of reason, holds the secretion necessary to give the brain balance.

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## Freemasonry and Catholicism

### Part V

#### THE MYSTERY OF MELCHISEDEC

Among all the characters mentioned in the Bible, none is more mysterious than Melchisedec; said to be without father, mother, or earthly kin, and holding the dual office of king and priest. Paul, in his epistle to the Hebrews, gives us the most information showing the connection between

Christ and Melchisedec, both of them Kings and High Priests of different dispensations.

“God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the Prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all

things, by whom also He made the world. No man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an High Priest, but he that saith unto Him 'Thou art my Son, today have I begotten Thee,' as he saith also in another place, Thou art a Priest for The Age after the order of Melchisedec, who in the days of his flesh when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save him from death and was heard in that He, though He were a son, yet learned He obedience by the things He suffered, and being made perfect became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him, called of God an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec, of whom we have many things to say and hard to be uttered, for this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being by interpretation king of righteousness and after that also king of Salem, which is king of peace, without father, without mother, without ancestors, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually. And here men that die (the Levites) receive tithes, but there he receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that He liveth. If, therefore, perfection were by the law and its priesthood, what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec and not be called after the order of Aaron? For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah, of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning the priesthood, and it is yet far more evident for that after the similitude of Mechisedec there ariseth another priest who is made not after the law of carnal commandments but after the power of an endless life, for he testifies 'Thou art a priest for The Age, after the order of Melchisedec.' By so much was Jesus made the surety of a better testament because He continueth ever and has an Age-lasting priesthood, for the law maketh men High Priests who have infirmities, but the Word of God which was since the law maketh the Son who is consecrated for

evermore. Now of the things which we have spoken, this is the sum; we have such a High priest who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord made and not man. Almost all things are by the law purged with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no remission; it was therefore necessary that the pattern of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves were better sacrifices than these, for Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. And now has He obtained a more excellent ministry by how much also He is mediator of a better covenant which was established upon better promises, for if the first covenant had been perfect, then there should be no place for a second. But finding fault with the old He saith 'Behold, the days come when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt, because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not,' saith the Lord. 'For this is the covenant that I will make to the House of Israel after those days,' saith the Lord. *'I will put my laws into their minds and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people and they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother saying 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know me from the least to the greatest.'*"

The foregoing quotations from Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews are not found there consecutively, as here arranged, but it is necessary to intelligently piece the Bible narrative together so that we may obtain an outline of the trend of future development which has been sketched out by the divine Hierarchs to guide our evolution. Comprehension of this plan is essential to the correct understanding of the Cosmic relationship of Freemasonry and Catholicism; it is also necessary to fully appreciate the purpose of the Molten Sea and to

learn how to intelligently make this wonderful alloy. As Paul says, these things are hard to say but we shall make an attempt to present the mystery of Melchisedec and the Molten Sea in plain language so that we may aid in the expressed purpose to enlighten all men, that all shall know from the least to the greatest what is the purpose of evolution, and thus give them a chance to align themselves with the trend of Cosmic events.

To understand the mystery of Melchisedec we must revert to the earlier epochs of man's stay upon the earth during the age called the Hyperborean Epoch, because the earth was then in an extremely heated condition. Man in the making was then double sexed, male-female, like so many of our present plants, but he also resembled the plants in being inert and lacking in desire and aspiration. At that time man was the tractable ward of the Divine Hierarch who guided him physically and these are darkly referred to in the Bible as "Kings of Edom." Later, during the Lemurian Epoch, when the body of man had crystallized and condensed somewhat more, mankind was divided into sexes physically, but as their consciousness was still focused in the spiritual world they were unconscious of the physical act of generation, as we are now of digestion. Neither did they know birth or death, but were in fact totally unaware of the possession of a physical vehicle, until in time they sensed it during the generative process, and it was then said that "Adam *knew* Eve." At that time the Lucifer Spirits, fallen Angels and inhabitants of the warlike planet Mars, taught them how to eat of the tree of *knowledge*, which is the symbolical name of the generative act. Thus by degrees their eyes were opened and they became aware of the physical world, but lost touch with the spiritual and with the Guardian Angels, who had previously been their benevolent guides. Only a few of the most spiritual among them retained their higher vision and the communion with the Divine Hierarchs and these were then known as prophets, who acted as messengers between the invisible divine leaders and their respective people. But in time mankind desired to select their own leader and demanded visible kings; at least we know that

the Israelites repudiated the divine rulership and demanded a king, and thus Saul was appointed. Then the dual office of Ruler and Priest, temporal and spiritual leader, was also divided, for no man sufficiently versed in worldly matters to fill the office of king efficiently had been found holy enough to also undertake the spiritual leadership of his brethren, and vice versa. A true priest, able to lead his flock spiritually, cannot also beneficently dominate their physical fortunes as ruler of a temporal domain. For as *Statecraft*, in its highest phase, aims to rule the masses, with an eye single to their physical welfare, and *Priestcraft* benevolently exercised seeks to guide them solely for the soul's progress, conflict must of a necessity follow, even though both the spiritual and temporal rulers were actuated by the highest and most unselfish motives. Melchisedec was the symbolical name of the divine hierarchs who filled the dual office of king and priest. In the guidance of their double-sexed charges and while they reigned there was peace on earth, but as soon as the office of king and priest were divorced and the sexes divided it is not surprising for the reasons given above that the peaceful reign of Melchisedec has been followed by an age of war and strife, such as has been experienced during the present dispensation. Then the unifying factors of a dual office in the ruler and the double sex of his people precluded the clashing of interest which now obtains, until another divine ruler shall present himself to embody within his own person the qualifications of the dual office of king and priest after the order of Melchisedec and sex generation be abolished. In this connection it is significant that the Bible narrative begins in the Garden of Eden, where mankind is innocent and male-female. Then in the next chapter we are told of the division of sexes, the transgression of the command not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge, and the infliction of the penalty—painful parturition and swift death. From then on the Old Testament tells of war, struggle, and strife and in the last chapter makes the prophesy that there shall a Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Then the New Testament opens with an account of the birth of Christ, who



proclaimed a kingdom of the heavens which is to be established. He is later called King and Priest after the order of Melchisedec, uniting within himself *the dual office*, and it is also said that in that heaven there will be neither marrying nor giving in marriage, for the *soma psuchicon*, or soul-body, which Paul tells us is the vehicle we shall use in the kingdom of heaven (First Corinthians, fifteenth chapter), is not liable to death and decay. Thus there will be no death, and birth of bodies like those generated in wedlock would be superfluous, for Paul tells us that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Hence marriage will be unnecessary, the clashing of interests due to the lust of sex and the love of power will then disappear and the love of souls be hallowed by the dove of peace.

Thus it is plain that the Sons of Cain with their followers, the *Craftsmen*, and the Sons of Seth with their retinue, the *Churchmen*, must finally merge and be unified in the Kingdom of Christ. We have already seen how Hiram Abiff, the Widow's Son, forsook his father, the Lucifer Spirit Samael, after the *baptism of fire* in the Molten Sea, and how he received the mission to prepare the way for the kingdom among the Sons of Cain, his brethren, by developing their arts and crafts as temple builders—Masons, and teaching them the preparation of the Philosopher's Stone or Molten Sea. Thus also the physically negative Sons of Seth must learn to leave their father Jehovah, and naturally the first to take the step must be a great soul

As the superlative skill of the Sons of Seth was focused in Hiram Abiff at the time of his baptism of fire, so the sublime spirituality of the Sons of Seth was centered in Jesus at the time of His *baptism in the water* of Jordan. When He arose from this water He was in the same position as Hiram emerging from the fire; each had left his respective father, Jehovah and Samael, and was ready to serve the Christ. Therefore the Christ Spirit was seen at the Baptism to descend upon Jesus' body, which was inhabited and used by Christ during His ministry; Jesus himself, the spirit, left that body and was given a mission to serve the churches while his body was being used for direct teach-

ing by the Christ, and his blood prepared as an *Open Sesame* to the Kingdom of God, a Panacea to be used by His brethren, the Sons of Seth, in the same manner as the Molten Sea serves the Sons of Cain. In the Epistle of the Hebrews where Paul gives us a few hints concerning the Mystery of Melchisedec in the character of High Priest, he emphasized the absolute necessity of blood as an adjunct to the Temple Service; he shows how the High Priest was required to offer blood for his own sins before he was qualified to give sacrifice also for the sins of the people, and that this double sacrifice must be performed year after year. He points to the sacrifice upon Golgotha as having been made *once and for all*, providing away of atonement through the blood of Jesus. During the regime of Jehovah the blood of humanity had become impregnated with egotism, which is the separative factor in this age. From this sin it must be cleansed before mankind can be united and enter the Kingdom of Christ. That was a gigantic task, for humanity had become so impregnated with selfishness that scarcely anyone would do another a favor. Hence the panorama of life at the time of Christ contained nothing that would give them a life in the First Heaven and make for spiritual progress. Almost all their post mortem existence was spent in the purgatorial expiation of their wrong-doings, and even their Second Heaven life, where man learns to do creative work, was almost barren. Then Solomon the King was again called into the arena of life to perform a mission for the benefit and welfare of his brethren, the Sons of Seth. He was peculiarly fitted for this work because at heart he was unselfish, as shown by the request which he made at the time when Jehovah appeared to him in a dream and asked what he would have as a gift when he ascended the throne, and Solomon said unto God "Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father and hath made me to reign in his stead: now, oh Lord, let thy promise unto David my father be established, for Thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. *Give me now wisdom and knowledge*, that I may go out and come in before this people, for who can judge Thy

pie that is so great?" And God said to Solomon: "Because this was in thine heart and thou hast not asked riches, wealth or honor, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life, but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself that thou mayest judge my people over whom I have made thee king, wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee, and I will give thee riches and wealth and honor such as none of the kings have that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like."

It was this characteristic of unselfishness developed in former lives that fitted the spirit of Solomon that inhabited the body of Jesus for the high mission it was destined to fulfill: to serve as a vehicle for the unifying unselfish Christ spirit, for the purpose of bringing to an end the division between the Sons of Seth and the Sons of Cain and uniting them in the Brotherhood forming the kingdom of heaven.

When Faust made the pact with Mephistopheles, as recorded in the ancient soul-myth of that name, he was going to sign it in ink, but Mephisto says, "No, sign it in blood." For this request Faust asks the reason and Mephistopheles says knowingly and cunningly, "*Blood is a most peculiar essence!*" It is said in the Bible that the blood of bulls and calves will not take away sins, and that is reasonable, but how then about the blood of Jesus, which is extolled as a panacea? To understand this great mystery of Golgotha it is necessary to study the composition and the function of the blood from the occult point of view.

When blood is placed under a microscope, it appears as a number of minute globules or discs, but when seen by the trained clairvoyant as it courses through the living body, blood is a gas, a spiritual essence. The heat is caused by the Ego which is within that blood, for as the Bible says the *life* is in the blood and Mephisto was right when he said that it is a most peculiar essence, for it contains the Ego and whoever wants to obtain a power over the Ego must have his blood.

The human Ego is more powerful than the Group spirit of the animal, as we can see when we apply the scientific test known as hemolysis.

Strange blood of a higher animal will kill, if inoculated into the veins of a lower species. If we take human blood and inject it into an animal the animal will be unable to endure the high vibration that is in the blood of the human being. It dies. On the other hand, a human being may be inoculated with the blood of a lower animal. In ancient times it was strictly forbidden anyone belonging to a certain tribe to marry into another tribe because it was known then by the leaders of humanity that the strange blood would kill something; it always does. We read that Adam and Methuselah lived so many centuries. At that time it was the custom to marry in the family, marry as closely as possible, so that the tie of blood might be as strong as it could be made. Then the blood that coursed through the veins of the people in that family contained the pictures of all that had happened to the different ancestors and this was stored in the mind which is now subconscious. Then it was consciously and constantly before the inner vision of all people and each family was united by this common blood wherein the pictures of their ancestors lived. The sons saw the life of their father and thus the fathers lived in themselves, and since the consciousness of Adam and Methuselah and the other Patriarchs lived for centuries in their descendants, they were said to live personally.

It was then as great a crime to marry *Outside* the family as it now is to marry within. Even among the early Norsemen we learn that if anyone wanted to marry within a strange family, he was first obliged to mix blood; it must first be tested to see whether his blood would mix with that of the family into which he desired to marry. And thus hemolysis was known to some in some of its phases at least. If the blood did not mix, it would bring about *confusion of caste*," as the Hindu says, and a straight line of descent must be kept, for otherwise those pictures in the inner vision would not be the same, they would be confused. This was what engendered the selfishness, the clannishness, and the struggle and strife in the world. To break that up, the practice must be discontinued; thus when Christ came He advocated the discontinuance of the practice when He said: "Before