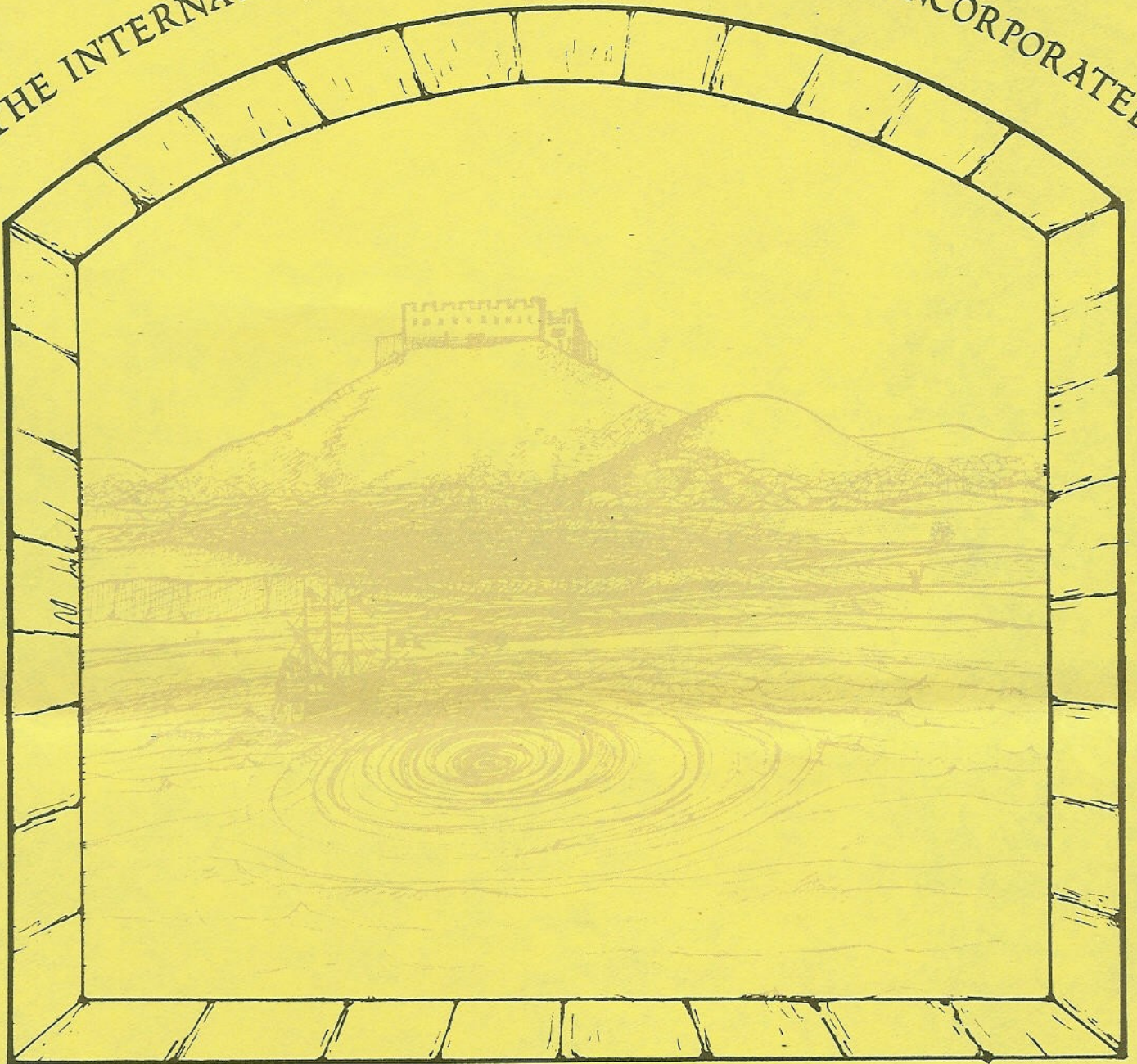


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*THE GREATEST REALIZATION OF ALL
IS THAT WHICH COMES FROM
WITHIN YOUR OWN SELF.*

LIBER 31

Dear Companions:

Greetings and welcome to Liber 31! Over the past several months we have been considering, among other things, the Martinist Doctrine as it was espoused by Saint-Martin and Martines Pasqualez. This has prepared and placed us in the required position whereby we can now receive the series of 10 lectures given by Saint-Martin to the Elus-Cohen Lodge in Lyons. Because the work of the past months has been quite heavy, however, we think it would be a good idea to have a little change of pace before presenting the lectures, and so we will give the first of Saint-Martin's lectures in Liber 33.

Among the material that has been passed on to us is a series comprising five lectures which were given by Dr. Julia Seton, M.D.. The series was/is entitled **FIVE VICTORY KEYS**. Needless to say these are five excellent lectures and we will give the first two or three in this Liber and the remaining in Liber 32. We are also beginning in this Liber, the history of the Martinist Order! (Wow, I can hear the applause!) This history, along with *Sâr Hieronymus* and the **FUDOSI** which we are currently carrying, will complement each other and comprises information making its debut in English. Along with all this will be the second Alchemic lecture taking us a step past the introduction given in Liber 30.

We thank all Companions for their encouraging letters.

Sincerely yours in the Work,

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THE FIRST VICTORY KEY RELEASING THE LAW OF ABUNDANCE AND SUPPLY

(Editor's Note)

Dear Fellow Student:

You have in your hands the First Victory Key Releasing the Law of Abundance and Supply. This is the very heart of the message of the New Civilization which Doctor Seton has proclaimed from hundreds of platforms and to multitudes during the past thirty years. (We do not know the date when these lectures were given - Saccas).

We are introduced to the finer forces controlling all life. We meet with the Law of Spirit, which, cooperated with, brings Wealth, - Health, and the satisfactions of the Good Life.

"Health, wealth, freedom and happiness, are our birthright -

we claim all - possess all - distribute all - in our divine almightyness
..... We are the guests of God - we are kept by the love of good - we
walk in happiness, prosperity and worship Peace - Peace - Peace -
Peace."

The student will gain most who prepares his mind for the
reception of this great message.

If possible, be alone as you take up these lessons. If this
is not possible, consciously shut out any awareness of the presence of
others - of all outside noises or interferences.

Be still.

Forget your likes, dislikes, - even your wishes.

Just - BE STILL.

When quite composed, we will take up the

FIRST VICTORY KEY
or the
"CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE DIVINE UNION"

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THE PASS KEY

to the understanding of the inexorable, invariable and never-changing Law
of Abundance and Supply is found in the words of Jesus, The Christ, "For
unto everyone that hath (The Positive Pole of the magnet of life) - shall
be given, - but to him that hath not, (The Negative Pole of the magnet of
life) shall be taken away even that which he hath."

THE NEW CIVILIZATION

finds Five Keys of Victory, opening hitherto shut doors, which, when once
opened, no man, (other than yourself) can shut.

These Five Keys are:

- First: Consciousness of Divine Union.
- Second: Consciousness of the Abundance of Universal Supply.
- Third: Conscious USING of the Power of Infinite Opulence.
- Fourth: Conscious DOMINION over all forces of the Finite World.
- Fifth: Complete Realization of our identity with the Life of God
here and now.

. . . THE FIRST KEY . . .

The inscription on the Arch of the New Civilization is

GOD IS ALL

We know there is but ONE universal substance. That ONE Universal Substance is in all things great and all things small.

It IS all things.

Everything which IS, is Universal Substance in some form. Substance is composed of atoms. These atoms form localized centers attracting other atoms. These atoms so attracted classify as forms.

MAN is the highest form of localized atoms. MAN is an attracting center. MAN'S THOUGHTS are the power with which he calls together the atoms from out of formless Universal substance. By the sheer power of THOUGHT he calls together the atoms out of the formless universal substance, lifting them aloft into objective form. It is thus that MAN and his ENVIRONMENT become the expression of his thought world.

Life in all its differentiations is only a "becoming" until the plane of consciousness is reached, then it passes into "being."

Most of humanity at the present point of unfoldment, recognizes only consciousness and self-consciousness. Unconsciousness is the condition of the mineral, the vegetable, the animal, and reaches into the infant life on the human plane.

Self-consciousness is faintly begun in the mineral, when the molecules arrange themselves into geometrical forms in answer to enforced vibration. It is again hinted at in the vegetable kingdom, in the walking trees of Australia, in the sensitive plants, the morning glories, four o'clocks and night-blooming Cereus of our own gardens.

On the human plane it begins in infancy, varying according to the race, country and individual, and reaches its fullest expression in the adolescent period of each life.

Self consciousness is the first knowledge which the soul has of its separate existence. It is the beginning of the pole of being. Consciousness commences at any point in the cycle where the soul makes union, and brings itself back into harmony with the Universal.

When we go into the parks of the City we see examples of unconscious and self-conscious life. On one hand we see the beauty of the trees, the flowers, the shrubs, the water of the lakes, and all the glory of the natural world.

On the other hand the crowd of human beings are living, hoping and walking amid all this unconscious grandeur. These express the same life force. One is the harmony of the unconsciousness, the other is the inharmony of self-consciousness. Within both there rests the germ of a yet higher unfoldment. All of life is on its Godward journey, and out from unconsciousness, through self-consciousness it passes into Divine consciousness where it stands face to face with its own "I AM."

Those who have learned the power of Soul at-one-ment, need no longer compete or strive.

Each day they draw nearer their desires. They have entered that divine atmosphere where achievement is made easy, because accomplished through their own creative power in the field of conscious creation.

The life that drinks from THIS fountain of Immortality becomes the master of every negative condition on earth, - for that life, limitation has ceased, - that life has been set free from the law and has become the Son of God or Good.

In every age men have searched for God. No other search compares with it in interest. In its fascinating grip men have ever found themselves searching for that FIRST GREAT CAUSE, whether they consciously willed it or not.

When the eye of man first became aware of the facts and beauties of life surrounding him, when his reason told him that he lived in the midst of an orderly and systematic universe, he began his search for the FIRST GREAT CAUSE.

Different peoples have given this FIRST GREAT CAUSE different names. The Anglo Saxons called it God. All are in agreement that there must be a great Original Source from which everything proceeds. With the early Greek philosophers we believe that "God is One," that God is all there is; that God is the Great Universal Intelligence, manifesting in all things seen and unseen. There is only one thing in existence, - GOD - "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be."

God manifests as consciousness, force and substance - or intelligence, action and form. Form is God consciousness expressed, differentiated, diversified. The formless is God consciousness in form so high that it does not appear as form to human intelligence.

There is but One Life in all and through all, and this One Life manifests in its own way from atom to man, - and on up to higher expressions.

The OLD CIVILIZATION said, "There is no life or intelligence in matter."

The NEW CIVILIZATION says there is nothing in this or any other world but intelligence in some form, and that the material - the things we sense - are but the grosser forms of Divine expression.

All matter is alive with Cosmic intelligence. It is radiantly alive in mineral, vegetable, animal and human life. Every grain of sand, every leaf, every tree, plant, flower, bird or beast stands forth a resplendent point of intelligent expression of Divine Consciousness.

From the very rim of matter, to the very center of Cosmic Life, each atom links with every other forming a body of intelligence which links all kingdoms, worlds and dominions into one vast undivided whole.

This is the Truth Spinoza tried to teach to his blinded age. It is the Truth of the glory and greatness and majesty in the world, which is projected from himself. But the world of Spinoza's day, as multitudes today, interpreted God to fit their own unfoldment, and lost the centralized point of consciousness and followed the diversified expressions of intelligence and form.

The New Civilization is calling the race mind back to the center. While it still maintains cosmic consciousness in the atom, linking these with the center, the infinity and diversity becoming one.

The Sun of this planet is the center of the atomic intelligence and through the sun man connects with the centralized currents of Cosmic intelligence, which is in kingdoms, worlds and dominions. We have here an intelligence so high that man is incapable, at his present point of unfoldment, of entirely transmitting it into terms of consciousness, so he calls it light and heat.

The whole universe has become to the man of the New Civilization, simply God consciousness, and he contacts God at every turn of his path. God has only one thing out of which to make the universe and man, and that is Himself, so all that is seen or unseen is God. With this knowledge man reaches out to the atomic mind of his material universe and speaks to God, touches Him, - knowing that "in Him we live and move and have our being."

Then, turning to the center of his own mind he contacts the transcendent lines of communication between him and his source, and he is consciously face to face with his own "Father."

In the New Civilization men worship God face to face. They have immediate and direct inspiration. There is nothing between God and man, - neither priest, king, prophet nor seers. Man has risen to the Christ conscious plane where Christ stood in conscious at-one-ment.

With the new idea of God, we take a new position with regard to all of life. The New Civilization knows but ONE substance, ONE action, and ONE intelligence, the several manifestations or grades of life as different degrees of God consciousness expressing in their own way and plan, so that the "works of God may be fulfilled."

With this fundamental concept established, there is nothing in this world of which men need fear.

With this new idea of God, we become free, whole and perfected individuals. God is love. Man, therefore, is love. As God is justice, so man is justice.

Man lives in a realizing sense of Life's eternal laws. As the days pass he expresses more and more fully the privileges and perfections which come to him in his unity with the divine.

So the Son of Man becomes the Son of God.

He walks each human pathway in his true God consciousness, with God as his constant companion, friend and guide. God is not lost in diversity, or swallowed up in infinity. God is real and tangible, a never changing entity. Man has an abiding sense of the indwelling overshadowing presence - he is always and ever ONE with his source.

- The End of Lesson One -

NEXT WEEK: "Consciousness of the ABUNDANCE of Universal Supply."

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The student is asked to read and reread this Lesson until its text is well understood. Then proceed to a self examination. Do not send your answers in. Preserve them for personal reference. If there is some problem personal to you, which you do not understand, put your questions into simple language and mail it to headquarters. If Dr. Seton is in the City she will answer directly. If not, one of her helpers will answer.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the inscription on the Arch of the New Civilization?
2. Is there more than One Universal Substance?
3. What is the first knowledge the Soul has of its separate existence?
4. What theory does the New Civilization accept concerning life?
5. How does God manifest?
6. What is matter?
7. To what point is the New Civilization calling man?
8. How does the New Civilization worship God?
9. What effect upon us has the new idea of God?
10. What are the Five Keys Releasing the Law of Abundance?

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Dear Companions:

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#114(A)

In this lecture we will study **The Three Principles and the Four Elements**. As we go along you will be introduced to the exact verbiage of Alchemy. *Keep it firmly in mind that you are dealing with spiritual qualities and principles --- otherwise the entire significance of the Instruction will be lost.* The reason for this will be found embodied in the Instruction itself. The exegesis of the Magnum Opus will be developed to a further conclusion, and the nature and characteristics, as well as the activities of the Four Elements and Three Principles of Alchemy, will be given. (You will remember that early in the Works we

already touched this topic.) This instruction requires your closest attention and deepest concentration; for to those who skim lightly over it, it will be meaningless. But to those who seek earnestly and sincerely *to see beneath the surface*, a new Light will be given. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith. ... To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Hidden Manna, and will give him a White Stone, and in the Stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." Rev. II-17

In our first lecture (#111A), we observed that although the **Great Work** is not alone a mere chemical operation, it is, nevertheless, a search for the knowledge of the power to transmute baser metals into Gold.

And Gold was defined as "an emblem of perfection upon the terrestrial plane, as the Sun is a symbol of perfection upon the celestial plane."

"To make Gold," said the celebrated Alchemist Raymond Lully, "one must HAVE Gold and Mercury, and to make Silver, one must HAVE Silver and Mercury. I mean by Mercury that mineral spirit so fine and pure that it guilds even the seed of Gold, and silvers that of Silver," meaning by this either electricity or OD, the astral Light.

Referring to the previous instruction, Mercury it will be remembered, is the most important principle in the magical process. There Mercury was defined as the Astral Light, the Principle of Mind, the Spiritual Quintessence of all things. Alchemically we are instructed in the transmutative process to prepare our Mercury by the aid of Salt and Sulphur. Salt being Will and Wisdom, and Sulphur being the Principle of Love, the Invisible Fire, we find then that our process consists in the utilization of the Astral Light, the tremendous power of the Spiritual Quintessence of all things, with strength of Will, Wisdom to apply, actuated by the Principle of Love, energised by the Invisible Fire.

In modern renditions of ancient truths, we are taught to seek and find God or Good in all things; that God is Good, all things are in God, therefore all things must be Good. This is a confused expression of an Alchemical Principle that "there is Light in Gold, Gold in Light, and Light in All things." Therefore, the Hermetic Process is essentially magical and of the highest order since it has to do directly with the essence of the Absolute itself.

In the old Dispensation, by paradox, the Ancients used to worship and adore the Sun under the symbol of a Black Stone, named Elagabalus, or Heliogabalus. In the new Dispensation we are told by John the Seer, in Revelation, that to those who overcome, will be given a White Stone. (Rev. 2:17).

This is the **Philosophical Stone** sought by the Alchemists since the passing of the ancient dynasties and the renaissance of the Hidden Wisdom Religion of Hermeticism in modern Alchemy.

This Philosophical Stone is the TRUE Salt of the Philosophers, and forms one-third of the composition of Azoth, the Universal Creative Principle of Life. It was represented under the symbol of a CUBICAL STONE.

The Philosophical Stone, therefore, as one-third of the Creative Principle of Life, is the basis of Absolutism, the science of supreme and unalterable Reason. This Supreme Reason is the touchstone of Truth. Albert Pike, the Masonic Sage, has well said: "A man who is the slave of prejudice will never become a King of Nature and a Master of Transmutations."

How shall we attain this Supreme Reason? From the Smaragdine Tablet we learn that we must "Separate the subtile from the fixed, with great care and extreme caution (attention)." In other words we should separate carefully but certainly, and with extreme caution, attention or concentration, our certainties from our beliefs, and it has been very finely stated that "Science rests on Reason and Experience and Faith rests on Reason and Sentiment."

Let us consider some of the known properties of the Philosophical Stone.

1st. Its stability is derived from the Sun and Moon, or Gold and Silver. The sun is the symbol to man, of Truth, because it is to him the Source of Light. The Stone itself, especially the Rough Ashlar of Masonry, is the symbol of Stability. Thus, our medieval Brethren taught that the Philosophical Stone was the first necessity in the production of Philosophical Gold, meaning thereby, the transmutation of the vital powers of man, six in number, figured or symbolized by the six alchemical metals, into Sun; in other words into Truth and Light. This was called the first operation.

Whoever is able to accomplish the philosophical, spiritual and living Gold can by application of the analogies of Nature, discover also the natural and palpable Gold.

Whoever discovers the Philosophical Stone will also find the Absolute, the immutable; that which is without error; is Fixed, not Volatile, is the Necessity of Being; in which all Being IS; is Reason and Truth; IS ALL THAT IS.

This is the real Magnum Opus, to find the Absolute in the Infinite; in the Indefinite, and in the Finite. This is the work called by Hermes, - the "Work of the Sun."

THE HERMETIC SECRET IN ITS ENTIRETY IS THE DISCOVERY OF THE IMMUTABLE AND UNALTERABLE BASE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH: OF PHILOSOPHICAL TRUTH, AND OF METALLIC TRANSMUTATION.

2nd. Our Stone must express Unity in Diversity. Thus it may be decomposed by Analysis, and re-composed by Synthesis. In Analysis it is

a Powder; the powder of Projection. In Synthesis it is a Stone.

- 3rd. It must not be exposed to the knowledge of the curious or the profane, nor to the atmosphere. It must be kept under lock and key in strictest privacy at all times, the medieval Brethren insisting often that it be preserved in a leaden box.
- 4th. The work of the Philosophical Stone consists entirely in projection; the motif is Attraction, the Law of the Magnet, as given by Paracelsus, and the signal and single operation of importance is sublimation, which, according to Geber, is described as the elevation of dry matter by means of FIRE, with adhesion to its proper vessel.

Sublimation, alchemically speaking, means the rising of a lower state into a higher: thus vices may become sublimated into virtues. Take the example of lightning:

"Lightning, at first only a dry and earthly exhalation, united to the moist vapor, by self-exhalation, takes on a fiery nature, acts on the humidity inherent in it, which it attracts to itself and transmutes in its nature; after which it precipitates itself rapidly towards the earth, whither it is attracted by a fixed nature like unto its own."

Alchemically this again defines Azoth. Put in alchemical verbiage it would read, MERCURY fecundated by SULPHUR becomes the Master and Regenerator of the SALT, and is the Azoth, the Universal Magnetic Force, the Astral Light of Life, fecundated by the Mental force, the Intellectual Energy.

Now in the light of previous definitions of both terms, note the following further definition: SALT IS ABSOLUTE MATTER. All matter is the precipitation or manifestation of Absolute Will and Wisdom. All matter is Salt. Therefore Salt is Absolute Matter. And all Salt or Matter may be transmuted into pure Gold by the assistance of Sulphur and Mercury, through the necessary operation.

The length of time required depends upon the operator.

There are in Nature two essential laws, which by opposition maintain equilibrium. These are **FIXEDNESS** and **MOVEMENT**.

Alchemists denote as **FIXED** everything ponderable and the nature of which tends to repose and immobility.

They denote as **VOLATILE** everything that obeys readily the laws of movement.

Thus, in the process of forming our Stone, we must form it first by analysis, which is the volatilization of the fixed, and then by synthesis, which is the fixation of the volatile.

This is accomplished by applying the Sulphurated Mercury to the Fixed, or Salt, the sulphurated Mercury or light of Life being directed, energised and made almost omnipotent by the power of Sovereign Will.

Thus, even the vilest Matter, or the vilest Character may be changed into pure Gold, for each contains the original Salt Principle symbolized by the Cubic Stone.

To extract from Matter the PURE Salt that may be contained therein is a more difficult process. Our Stone being a Saline Stone, this is accomplished by the action of OD Force or Universal Light (astral). Dissolved by this Force and analyzed, it is known as the UNIVERSAL SUBLIMATE, AND WHEN CONSIDERING THIS STATEMENT, REMEMBER THE DEFINITION GIVEN HEREIN OF SUBLIMATION.

Pure Salt found by Synthesis is what was termed by the ancients the Panacea.

In the secret knowledge of the combination and transmutation of substances it is stated that "All matter and all material substances are composed of combinations of Three Several Substances, extracted from the Four Elements, which Three Substances in combination are SALT, SULPHUR, and MERCURY."

Salt produces SOLIDITY.

Sulphur produces SOFTNESS.

Mercury produces Spiritual, Vaporous particles, or SPIRITUALITY.

"These thee compound substances work potently together; and therein consists the true process for the transmutation of metals."

God Creates, Nature produces, Art multiplies. God created Chaos and out of it brought Order. Nature produces Forms. Nature and Art multiply and perfect those forms. Nature and art are symbolized alchemically by two figures surmounted by a cross, signifying the marriage of the White Woman with the Red Servitor from which marriage will come a MOST POTENT KING. This last forms an excellent subject for meditation for every student of the Hermetic Tradition.

Chaos is Universal Matter, formless, but containing potentialities of all form. Form is the supernal Light enclosed in the seeds of species, its home being in universal spirit.

It must not be assumed for one moment that the nomenclature of Hermeticism is meaningless. The terms employed are, as stated in the first lecture in this series (#111A), for the purpose of misleading those who are not by right entitled to receive them. *And in this class, they will be meaningless to those who seek to interpret them literally, and in any other manner than the spiritual.*

Therefore, in continuation of the preceding paragraph on Chaos we are instructed by the Masters of the Art, that to work on Universal Matter we must use the Internal and External Fire. Hermetically, the Four Elements will result, namely, Fire, Air, Water and Earth; the Principia Principorum and Immediata.

These Four Elements have Four Qualities; -- the Warm and Dry, and the Cold and Moist. We have come into contact with these qualities in our readings of the Divine Pymander. They apply as follows:

To the Fire Warm and Dry
To the Air Moist and Warm
To the Water Cold and Moist
To the Earth Dry and Cold

From these we see that Fire connects with Earth all the Elements, as stated by Hermes, in Circles.

From the compounding of these Four Elements and their Four Qualities result the Three Principles or Substances, Mercury, Sulphur and Salt -- Philosophically.

"From these three Principles result the Four Elements duplicated, or the Grand Elements -- Mercury, Sulphur, Salt, and GLASS."

Two of these Elements are Volatile -- Mercury; (Water); Sulphur, (Oil). For all substances liquid in their nature avoid Fire which takes the one (water) and burns the other (oil).

The other two are dry and solid, to wit -- Salt, wherein Fire is contained, and the Pure Earth, which is the Glass, on both of which the Fire has no other action than to melt and refine them, unless one makes use of the liquid alkali; for, just as each element consists of two qualities, so these great duplicated Elements partake, each of two of the simple Elements, or, more properly speaking, of all the Four, according to the greater or less degree of each, -- the Mercury partaking more of the Water, to which it is assigned; the Oil or Sulphur, more of the Air; the Salt, of the Fire, and the Glass of the Earth; which is found pure and clear, in the center of all the elementary composites, and is the last to disengage itself from the others.

These Four Elements and Three Principles reside in all the Compounds, Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral, but more potently in some, than in others.

Fire gives them Movement; Air, Sensation; Water, Nutriment; and Earth, Substance. * * * * *

(All of this may seem rather recondite at the moment but will clarify soon... Principal.)

SELF-EXAMINING QUESTIONS

1. In what does the process of preparing "our Mercury" consist?
2. What is the Philosophical Stone?
3. What is the complete or real Magnum Opus?
4. What may be given as the "entirety" of the Hermetic Secret?
5. What are the "Grand Elements"?
6. What does Fire give? Air? Water? Earth?

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Fellow Student:

We have now in our hands the Second Victory Key Releasing the Law of Abundance and Supply.

We are conscious of the Divine Union.

Our next Key is the Consciousness of the Abundance of the Universal Supply.

Let us again, BE STILL.

When quite composed we will take up and examine

THE SECOND VICTORY KEY
or the
"CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE UNIVERSAL SUPPLY"

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"Where God is, there is no need".

As we make conscious and continuous contact with the universal energy it manifests for us all along the way of life's expression.

When we touch the universal energy, the work is done. We lift formless universal substance aloft in our life in any form in which we may desire to express it. We can demand that it shall be health, wealth or any other attribute of our environment.

Opulence is the natural physical expression of life. Everything in nature bears witness to this self-evident Truth.

There is nothing in the natural life, of which we can conceive, that does not overwhelm us with its profusion. The billions upon billions of blades of grass, - the seeds, the trees, the shrubs, the flowers, the weeds, - everything is prodigal to the very last degree.

There are millions of seeds and eggs scattered every day, - to ONE that is employed in the scheme of production.

ABUNDANCE - OPULENCE - is the natural law of the infinite Life. Man alone recognizes economy, and man alone is conscious and capable of personal creation.

Reason as we will, we are brought back to see that because of this same personal power, man has made his own laws, and in so doing has departed from universal opulence.

There are three laws under which humanity works.

One of these laws is the law under which Supply is always unequal to the demand.

Another of these laws is the Law of Equality between Supply and Demand.

The third is the Law of Over Supply, to the Demand. THIS is the Law of Abundance and the natural Law of Universal Life.

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We all know multitudes of lives working under the first law. It finds expression in ignorance and under-development. Such often never have enough of material things for their actual needs. They seem shut away from supply. They seem never to learn the truth of Attainment. They seem never to understand, or to make the proper effort to bring themselves into union with the natural Law of Universal Life.

"The poor ye have with ye always", seems to be the mosaic of life. As soon as one is lifted above the plane of want, there are dozens ready to slip into his place. They pass on as they become fit and make way for the evolving mass beneath them.

Then come those who are living just within the Law of Supply for limited demands. They learn to have exactly enough to get on with, but they see a limit of what they consider necessary. They pinch down in their money spending. They are afraid of their desires. They never learn to look a big want in the face, feeling they dare ask for it with the expectation of receiving.

You hear them saying, "I know I shall never want. I shall always have what I really need." But they deceive themselves. The truth is, they are hourly living with wants they dare not name, and much less dare to boldly declare for.

Life for such is a long, long trail of economy, and trimming down to fit what they believe to be their supply.

This is NOT real life.

This is NOT the Law of Abundance.

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ABUNDANCE is the everlasting birthright of every child of Life.

We no longer make the mistake that Abundance means the same to everyone. Give a beggar of pennies ten dollars and he is affluent. To

you it may be a pittance.

ABUNDANCE rings true to its name ONLY when it gives us what we need and want and some LEFT OVER.

It is a waste of time to talk of spiritual unfoldment to one who cannot pay his rent. It is a waste of time to tell him to "Seek first the kingdom of God" and all good things will be added. The essential fact IS true ... but it is only words and idle talk *until he understands the Law of his own POWER of Attraction and is taught how to open his Soul to a real union with the Law of Universal Life.*

It is entirely senseless to tell anybody about our own spiritual unfoldment, and our sense of Divine Union, and then go among our friends borrowing money with which to pay our actual living expenses.

"Where God is - there is NO NEED".

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Poverty is not a companion to true Spiritual Union. It is a sign-board declaring separation, personally and intellectually, from the Law of Universal Life and Supply.

This sign board tells all who read that that life has not yet made union with the Divine Attraction.

AT THE CROSSROADS

Whether you are eight or eighty -- irrespective of your environment -- you may change the operation of these negative laws.

Get this -

THERE IS NO LAW BUT THE ONE WE MAKE THAT HOLDS US RELATED TO POVERTY AND LACK.

No matter where you are - when you awake to this truth, you then and there begin building new causes, the effects of which will connect you with the condition you desire.

Have you lost money?

Are you loaded down with debts?

Have you met with what the world calls failure?

Are you, with it all, getting on in years?

Recall this: There is NO LOSS in the Universe of God.

There is no lack in the Kingdom of God.

That which manifests loss and lack on the physical plane is there only because of your mistaken efforts.

Our job is to stand firm in the knowledge that the I AM within us wants us to have whatever we want and will help us to get it.

Then, sensing the Truth of Divine Abundance, take your desires into our Soul and walk each day in the knowledge they WILL BE REALIZED.

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Begin right where you are to build new conditions. Place them in the cosmic energy. SEE the perfected picture of the new conditions fully realized. That is what imagination is for. Finish this picture in your mind to the very last detail. Water these thoughts with your constant conviction: Then Opulence and Abundance will slowly begin to manifest for you. And this new Opulence and Abundance will be yours forevermore unless you again separate yourself from it in your own ignorance.

There is no use in giving up and laying down in despair. There is no sense in accepting the law of undersupply, when our birthright calls for the Law of Abundance.

Time has no meaning but to the human mind. If we do not know how to build it into conscious union with the Law of Universal Life all in a day, then take the needed time to do it. Don't hurry. Don't blame the law because others have plenty and we have nothing.

There is never anything wrong with the Law of Supply. There may be much that is wrong with our application of the law in our lives.

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We all live under the same laws.

The starving -- and the bloated aristocrats with folly and millions -- all live together under their own law.

There is no difference in the universal supply. It is for all. THE LAW IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

We can all break into the field of Universal Abundance the moment we understand it, and our lives and circumstances will react to this divine union.

"All that I have is thine", saith the Father.

Satisfy yourself as to the truth of infinite abundance and the fact of universal supply.

Shut out all the old thoughts which relate you to the world of lack. Begin your new building in the direction of the Law of Abundance. Connect yourself with the Divine Opulence. Put your faith into works in your everyday business life. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, BELIEVE, and the thing you think will come unto you.

THEN - whether you are under the first or the second law of demand and supply, we may pass in one conscious leap from all limitations and stand free in Divine Abundance!

NOW - let us turn to the Silence - that we may listen ... to the voice ... ever ready to direct ... out of all chaos and limitation ... into the open spaces of Divine Opulence.

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SO IS IT.

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(End of Lesson Two)

(NEXT WEEK: "Conscious Using of the Power of Infinite Opulence.")

COMMENT TO STUDENT

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QUESTIONS

1. Can we make conscious contact with universal energy without corresponding expression in life?
2. Where may we find the law of profuse supply expressed? Illustrate.
3. Who, alone, recognizes "economy"?
4. Under what three laws does humanity work?
5. Do you know persons illustrating the operation of these laws? Describe.
6. Do the "poor" always have to remain "poor".
7. What is the birthright of every child of life?
8. If you could not pay your rent are you a subject for spiritual unfoldment? In other words - are poverty and the truly spiritual ever companions?
9. What law has held us in poverty and lack?
10. Is there anything wrong with the Law of Supply?

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MARTINIST HISTORY *

INTRODUCTION

We shall now start with the History of Martinism and of the Martinist Order. We make this distinction because Martinism as a great spiritual movement is much older than any organization of that name. The early organizations connected with Martinism had other names and we must emphasize that neither Martinez Pasquales nor Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin intended to create Orders called after them.

We should be sufficiently conversant by now with the difference existing between the system of Martinez and the philosophy of Saint-Martin not to confuse them anymore. We shall therefore revert for the purpose of this study to the use of the word *Martinism* to designate the whole movement, leaving the members to make the necessary distinction in their own mind.

Martinism began with Martinez Pasquales and with his Order of Elus Cohen or Elect Priesthood. It evolved in different directions to come down to us in a modernized form that owes much to Papus and his associates. We shall follow the historic evolution of each branch of the movement and we shall also study the question of the doctrinal and initiatic origins of Martinism. All this should be of great interest to everyone but especially to those of us who are members of the Martinist Order, who are the links in the Initiatic Chain which ensures the transmission of the Light.

MARTINES PASQUALEZ AND THE ELUS COHEN

We may say that no Masonic movement has exerted more influence in 18th century France than that initiated by Martinez Pasquales which became loosely known as Martinism. We saw earlier that Martinez' full name was Jacques de Livron Joachim de la Tour de la Case Martines de Pasqually, and that he was born in Grenoble, France, presumably in 1727. His father was born in Alicante, Spain, and held a Masonic patent delivered by Charles Stuart, "King of Scotland, Ireland and England", dated 20th May 1738 and granting him as Deputy Grand Master the power to erect Temples to the Glory of the Grand Architect. This patent and the powers it conferred were transmissible at death to his son, "the powerful Master Jochim Don Martinez Pasqualis aged 28". We see therefore that at 28, Martinez was a Master Mason.

Martinez spent all his life working at the creation of a great spiritualist movement within the ranks of Freemasonry. When he eventually organized this movement as an Order, not strictly speaking masonic but composed exclusively of Masons, he gave it the name of

"Ordre des Chevaliers Macons Elus-Cohen de l'Univers"
(Order of Knights Mason, Elect Priests of the Universe)

(*KINDLY NOTE THIS IS THE AUTHENTIC AND OFFICIAL HISTORY)

Martinez' spiritual mission began probably around 1758 but there is no doubt that prior to that period, he had worked actively at the promotion of the Freemasonic Order as such. This was the time when the so-called High Degrees were being introduced into Freemasonry, to complement the three basic degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry: Apprentice -- Fellow-Craft -- and Master Mason.

The introduction of further degrees (the "High Degrees") was often resented and disapproved of by the Masonic Authorities controlling the Symbolic Degrees. Martinez himself was not actively engaged in creating Masonic grades as such ... but worked at forming a kind of "side" organization which would have a more spiritual character than Freemasonry itself. To this organization however, he would only admit Master Masons who had taken the additional degree of "Elect". *(Although this seems to be the general position in the early days, in the book Martinist Tradition Vol. 1, among the letters of correspondence given, there is one dated October 12, 1773 which speaks of special instructions for the reception of women into the Order).*

We said that before setting up the Order of Elus-Cohen, Martinez had worked in the vineyards of Freemasonry. Thus, in 1754, he had founded in Montpellier the masonic chapter "Les Juges Ecosais" (The Scottish Judges).

Between 1755 and 1760, we find Martinez travelling extensively through France, recruiting followers for his own system. In 1760, he is in Toulouse where he is received in the United Lodges of St. John. (Loges de St. Jean Réunies). Later the same year, he is received in Loge "Josué" (Joshuah) of Foix where he initiates several Masons and forms a chapter called "Le Temple Cohen".

In 1761, Martinez is in Bordeaux where, on the strength of his Stuart Patent and with the recommendation of the Comte de Maillial d'Alzac, of the Marquis de Lescourt and of the brothers d'Auberton, he is received in Lodge "La Française".

It is here that he opens his "Particular Temple" under the name of "La Perfection Elue Ecosaise". The founder-members are: Comte M. D'Alzac, Marquis de Lescourt, the two brothers d'Auberton, de Oasen, de Bobié, Jules Tafar (ex Major Grenadiers Guards), Morrie and Lecombarde. On May 26th 1763, Martinez forwards his Stuart Patent to the Grand Lodge of France and informs them that he has "erected in Bordeaux, to the Glory of the Grand Architect, a Temple housing 5 Degrees of Perfection of which I am the Trustee under the Constitution of Charles Stuart, King of Scotland, England and Ireland, Grand Master of all Lodges spread over the face of the Earth". The name of this lodge is then changed to "La Française Elue Ecosaise".

On February 1st, 1765, the Grand Lodge of France approves and charters this Lodge.

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Dear Fellow Student:

We now come into possession of the THIRD VICTORY KEY releasing the law of Abundance and Supply.

We have established our consciousness of the Divine Union.

We are conscious of the ABUNDANCE of the Divine Supply.

We are ready to USE the Third Victory Key enabling us to consciously avail ourselves of this Power and supply of the Infinite Opulence.

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Listen! It is Dr. Seton speaking.

"Where do we go when we go into the Silence?

"We go into the transcendental part of our consciousness.

"There is a place within each one of us ... where ... our localized spiritual consciousness LINKS us with the Universal Consciousness.

"THAT is our SOURCE.

"THAT is the 'Secret Place of the Most High.'

"THAT is the indwelling Presence of the Spirit of God within us.

"THAT is the CHRIST in us - 'Our hope of glory.'

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"Close your eyes ... have the sense of a great stillness ... and a White Light ... If you can see a Great White Light, dissolve yourself into it.

"HERE is a plane of consciousness higher than thinking. Here is something the physical life cannot give ... the Divine Exaltation!

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"Be still.

"Breathe deeply.

"AFFIRM that the DIVINE SUPPLY is yours to use - NOW."

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We now take up

THE THIRD VICTORY KEY
or the
"CONSCIOUS USE OF THE POWER OF INFINITE OPULENCE"

How am I to gain the consciousness of anything? This is the first question of the growing soul as it seeks to use the Power of Infinite Opulence. *It all depends upon your position towards the things you do not recognize through the senses.*

We first accept as fact our consciousness. Next, we accept as fact our power of mental application. This application may be forced at first, but very presently it becomes natural and constant.

We can get what we want and keep what we want in life only by becoming conscious of and living consciously the Abundance which we seek. Any other kind of possession is not real. We may secure something today and lose it tomorrow. After we have attained conscious living, things no longer "happen" for us. They ARE, and they continue to be, because we will that they should be. We do not attain consciousness by spasmodic application. We do not allow our minds to accept or think negative conditions, even for a moment.

We think, believe and LIVE just WHAT we desire, until through this thought activity we BECOME the thing itself.

When we desire Wealth, Health, Peace, Love * ANYTHING * everything * we must think of these things. When we lack the goods of life and want supply and abundance, we keep every thought of our minds upon Supply and Abundance and the possibility of possessing it.

We must fill ourselves with Abundant Thoughts and hold ourselves to those thoughts until they permeate our whole being and are felt even in our environment.

Go back again and again to the fullness of life we discussed in our last lesson. Become conscious of the ABUNDANCE of Infinite Supply and its availability to your USE - NOW.

Over and over again you will say, "All that my Father hath is mine." No matter how evident the lack may be to mortal eye, refuse to recognize it inwardly. We thus train our thoughts to abide in the fullness of Universal Opulence.

Of this be sure: There is no condition of lack that long can continue when the consciousness of the richness and fullness of the omnipresent Life enfolds us.

There is always a case to study when life becomes a drudgery or a burden, and its manifestation is disease and poverty. It is a signal of a soul astray from conscious living.

Power, plenty, a calm serene life, and the true inheritance and possession of the soul that has come in touch with this consciousness. It HAS Abundance, for it has passed into the Infinity of Abundance.

"Out of the deeps of ultimate being proceeds the achieving life. The energy behind all evolution, the progressive consciousness, is GOD or GOOD. It touches the tiniest atom and makes it psychic. It breathes upon the air and sets it in rhythmic motion. It draws force to force. It gives birth to activity. It moves upon the formless and LIFTS IT ALOFT INTO FORM.

"All change, all growth, is primarily due to this quickening. Beginning with the very lowest form upward through every phase of activity which the universe knows, all things exist in order and degree, due to this action of divinity upon the individual life of man."

Tomorrow, today, - even this very moment, may be the dawn of our real consciousness. When we train our minds, day after day, to fill our vital centers with the fullness of "life abundant," and then harmonize our daily thinking and existence, so that we are poised in a beautiful creative thought vibration, we will soon become the perfect expression of the Abundance and Supply we are seeking. We will soon live, move and have our being in that great thought world of peace, power, plenty, Abundance and Supply. The spoken word will clothe itself in living manifestation, not only for ourselves, but for all toward whom we direct it.

When we have reached this plane of perpetual illumination, we not only heal our own lack but we can speak the word of power, healing and plenty to others.

We will be blind, deaf and dumb to the absence of ample supply and abundance. At the sound of our voice "life might come gladly back along the veins of our dead (environment) or death stand still and wait an hour upon our will."

Do we want money?

Hold fast to the thought of abundant supply of wealth, until every atom of our being is made over into the image and likeness of the God we worship.

We must not divide our forces. If we charge our atoms with thoughts of money today and poverty tomorrow, both will manifest in the degree we have vitalized them.

Let us look with the all-seeing eyes of our soul upon the boundless ocean of Infinite Supply, THEN, with faith and courage, cast ourselves upon it, letting the fullness of ABSOLUTE ABUNDANCE permeate every atom of our being.

NOW, as we drink from this immortal fountain which our souls know, and to which our lives bear witness, we may turn to the earth life

about us and the "lack" with which we are hampered and see it slowly dissolve before us.

"Barren walls will stretch away into stately halls," and we will live henceforth in a world where everything will clothe itself in the forms of Abundance and Supply.

This does not mean that we can sit down without effort and have Abundance poured over us.

It does not mean this at all.

It does mean that from our own point of contact with supply, we open our lines of transference, and whatever our work may be, it brings us the results we desire.

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No matter how barren our lives may appear today, they may be made glorious tomorrow. The very fullness of existence encompasses us. We have but one single need, - and that is to know how to reach out and grasp it. This is the purpose of these instructions.

Our point of contact with the Universal Substance is our immortal birthright. Nothing and no one can take it from us. Wealth, Power, Happiness, Love, Everything the human heart can hope for, is held for our keeping. To know this is to have grasped the secret of securing it.

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Dear Student, KNOW this great truth beyond all doubting. Know it with every breath you breathe, - Not alone in the things great in your life, but in the little things will be found this Infinite Substance. We call out, and from the Absolute we get expression in form. Utterly rest in this knowledge, and to you will come Peace, Power and Plenty.

Union first, - then REALIZATION.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

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(The end of Lesson Three)

NEXT WEEK: "Consciousness of the Abundance of Universal Supply."

SILENCE

(Dr. Seton speaking:)

"Let us again go into the Silence.

"Be still.

"Here in the Silence the Great Universal Forces flow through us as the current flows in the electric wire. Here we step down Infinite Power to our different levels of consciousness.

"Do not think of anything.

"There is no 'you' just now.

"There is nothing at all but God - or Universal Light ... Light ... Light.

"Have a sense of Great Stillness.

"Take long easy breaths, as if you were a child asleep.

"Breathe through your nostrils.

"Be still!

"Breathe!

"Infinite Peace!

"So be it.

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(Comment to student)

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QUESTIONS

- 1 How are we to gain essential consciousness?
- 2 What must we do to gain Wealth and Abundance?
- 3 What is the meaning of a life of drudgery?
- 4 What energy is behind all evolution?
- 5 When do we stand on the threshold of a new lifetime?
- 6 What may our spoken word someday do?

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MARTINIST HISTORY

Martinez Pasquales and the Elus Cohen - continued

We followed last week the masonic activities of Martinez in the furtherance of his plan to create a spiritual Order: The Elus Cohen. We followed him in Bordeaux where he founded his "Temple Particulier" under the name of "La Perfection Elue Ecossaïse", name altered later to "La Française Elue Ecossaïse". This Lodge is recognized by the Grand Lodge of France on February 1st 1765.

In 1765, Martinez leaves for Paris where he stays with the Augustinian Friars, on the "Quai de la Seine". He meets there the Bros. Bacon de la Chevalerie, de Lusignan, de Loos, de Grainville, J. B. Willermoz, Fauger d'Ignéacourt, etc. to whom he delivers his first instructions. He founds with them on March 21st 1767 (Spring Equinox), the Sovereign Tribunal of the Elus Cohen with Bacon de la Chevalerie as his Deputy.

By 1770, the Rite of Elus Cohen has Temples in numerous cities: Bordeaux, Montpellier, Avignon, Foix, Libourne, La Rochelle, Versailles, Paris and Metz. A Temple is opened in Lyons and thanks to the enthusiasm of Jean Baptiste Willermoz, this town will become for many years the spiritual capital of the Order.

Meanwhile, in Bordeaux, in March 1766, Lodge "La Française Elue Ecossaïse" closes down. We note that Martinez's secretary up to that date was Father Bullet, padre to the Regiment of Foix, who bore the title of S. I..

In May 1772, Martinez sails for San Domingo on the "Duc de Duras" after having applied for a certificate of catholicism. He undertakes this journey in order to take up a legacy. On Tuesday September 20th 1774, Martinez dies in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He leaves a son then at the Lescar College, near Pau. This son will disappear during the French Revolution, 20 years later. He was baptised on June 24, 1768.

According to which set of documents one studies, the Order of Elus Cohen seems to have nine, ten or eleven degrees. This has caused some confusion. We think that like in other Orders, a certain amount of development occurred in the course of the existence of the Order and that the degrees were modified, with certain additions authorised by Martinez, as his members progressed, between the early days and a latter period. We give here the more reliable constitution. The Order was divided into three main classes followed by a Secret Grade.

THE FIRST CLASS contained the normal 3 degrees of Saint John or Symbolic Masonry: i.e. the Craft degrees of Freemasonry: 1. Apprentice, 2. Fellow Craft, 3. Master. This class of normal masonry was separated from the following class by a complementary degree, that of 4. : Grand Elect or Particular Master.

THE SECOND CLASS contained the Porch Degrees, three in number: Cohen-Apprentice, Fellow-Cohen and Master-Cohen.

THE THIRD CLASS contained the Temple Degrees, also three in number: a) Grand-Master Elect Cohen; b) Grand-Architect or Chevalier d'Orient (Knight of the East); c) Commandeur d'Orient (Commander of the East) or Grand Elu de Zorobabel.

THE SECRET GRADE or Order contained the degree of Réau-Croix. (This should NEVER be confused with Rose-Croix!) We see therefore that there are altogether 11 degrees but that if we consider the 3 symbolic degrees of Craft Masonry and the qualifying degree of Grand Elect as belonging to the Outer Order, the Order of Elus-Cohen itself contains 7 degrees. This we feel is in line with Tradition.

References in correspondence between Saint-Martin, then secretary to Martinez, and Willermoz, Chief of the Elus-Cohen of Lyons, to the degree of "G.R." has led some scholars to believe that, above the "known" secret grade of Réau-Croix, there was an "unknown" secret grade of "Grand-Réau" which may never have been conferred. No further information on this point has ever been found.

(To be continued in Liber 32)