A DEFINITION OF MAGIC / MYSTERY / ALCHEMY . . .

The Soul Awakening . . . The Soul Asserting itself . . . The Soul Triumphing (AFRICAN HERITAGE IN AFRO-AMERICAN RELIGION, LEONARD E. BARRETT)

"Any study of African traditional religion must deal with the subject of magic and witchcraft, because it is on this subject that the greatest amount of distortion has occurred. All trained anthropologists know that magic and witchcraft are a cultural universal, which means all cultures have practiced both in the evolution of their respective societies . . . religion and magic are two sides of the same supernatural coin . . . despite the rise of science, magic and witchcraft are two of the most tenacious cultural institutions . . . Religion for Africans was, is and ever shall be the source of life and meaning. It is in religion that they live and move and have their being . . .” (AFRICAN HERITAGE IN AFRO-AMERICAN RELIGION, LEONARD E. BARRETT)

"The term 'force-vitale', life force or life power, is the most important concept in all Africa. It is found in every language on the continent and carries the same meaning. The supreme value of life is to live robustly. Anything that diminishes that life force is considered dangerous to both man and community . . . Healing, in this context, is not a profession but an art. The art of restoring a man not only to physical well-being but to his well being in the community . . . Magic, as it is called in the West, needs further discussion. To call African healing art 'magic' is an insult to the specialist who, for centuries past, had to undergo a long period of formal training at the outset of his or her call . . . initial training may last three to ten years . . .” (AFRICAN HERITAGE IN AFRO-AMERICAN RELIGION, LEONARD E. BARRETT)

THE ORIGIN OF MAGIC / MYSTERY / ALCHEMY . . .

"From old Egypt have come the fundamental esoteric and occult teachings which have so strongly influenced the philosophies of all races, nations, and peoples, for several thousands of yea. Egypt, the home of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, was the birthplace of Hidden Wisdom and Mystic Teachings. From her Secret Doctrine all nations have borrowed: India, Persia, Chaldea, Medea, China, Japan, Assyria, ancient Greece and Rome, and other ancient countries partook of the feast of knowledge from the Hierophants and Masters of the Land of Isis . . . In Egypt was located the Great Lodge of the Lodges of Mystics . . . Among these great Masters of Ancient Egypt there once dwelt one who was hailed as 'THE MASTER OF MASTERS'. He was known as Hermes Trismegistus. He was the father of Occult Wisdom; the founder of Astrology; the discoverer of Alchemy . . . The date of his sojourn in Egypt in his last incarnation on this planet is fixed at the oldest dynasties of Egypt -- long before the days of Moses . . ." (THE KYBALION: HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY, THE THREE INITIATES)

"One of the more compelling arguments for the disbursement of the sacred traditions and astronomical knowledge of the ancient Egyptians comes from researcher and author Laird Scranton. In his work, he makes some interesting correlations between the people of the Dogon tribe [BLACK PEOPLE] of Mali and those from the ancient land of Khemit. Inspired by the work of Robert Temple, who's 1976 book THE SIRIUS MYSTERY which would go on to influence future researchers, Scranton pointed out the cosmological significance of the Dogon beliefs . . . In recent years, much information about the ancients has circulated online, some of which is ill-informed and, on the other hand, some of which may be shockingly accurate. One of the most controversial
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"In an evolutionary eye-blink, a mere blip in the history of life on our planet, humans left Africa and colonized the world... Early humans probably had fairly dark skin. This is because of the nature of the environment where they lived -- a sunny African savannah -- where the protection against solar radiation afforded by dark skin would have been a distinct advantage... Also, at least some of the mutations that produce light skin color in Europeans are derived from the ancestral, darker form of a gene -- melanocortin receptor -- the only form found in Africa today... There is tremendous diversity of physical appearance in Africa, and any attempt to classify people according to African or non-African type [features] is meaningless..." (THE JOURNEY OF MAN: A GENETIC ODYSSEY, SPENCER WELLS)

"Dr. Albert Churchward says, 'It was in Africa the little Pigmy [BLACK PEOPLE] was the first HOMO -- the little red man of the earth. From Africa these little men spread all over the world, North, East, South and West, until not only Africa but Europe, Asia, North and South America and Oceania were populated by them'... Adaptation to environment as the necessary condition of evolution is certainly true. It is quite evident that a species would disappear should it fail to bend to the conditions of existence which are imposed upon it; but these conditions -- i.e., environment alone -- do not and will not produce an evolution from one type to another... It is by environment and by intermarriages that a different type is produced..." (URAEUS: THE JOURNAL OF UNCONSCIOUS LIVE)

THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC / MYSTERY / ALCHEMY...

"The term Greek philosophy is a misnomer, for there is no such philosophy in existence. The ancient Egyptians had developed a very complex religious system, called THE MYSTERIES, which was also the first system of salvation. It regarded the human body as a prison house of the soul, which could be liberated through the disciplines of ARTS and SCIENCES, and advanced from the level of a mortal to that of a god. This was the notion of the greatest good, summum bonum, to which all men must aspire. THE EGYPTIAN MYSTERY SYSTEM was also a secret order, and membership could be gained only by initiation and a pledge to secrecy..."
Persian invasion, and after the invasion of Alexander the Great, the royal temples and libraries were plundered and pillaged . . . Herodotus, a 5th century BC Greek historian and traveler, had written in BOOK II of his HISTORY that the Greeks borrowed many ideas and concepts, practices from the ancient Egyptians: medicine, philosophy, politics, hygiene, and architecture. Consequently they stole the legacy of Africa and now claim it belongs to them . . . " (STOLEN LEGACY, GEORGE G.M. JAMES)

"[The Greek historian] Herodotus tells us the most celebrated ORACLES of the ancient world were located in Egypt. Herodotus also tells us the EGYPTIAN PRIESTS were the first genuine priests who exercised control over the laws of nature. . . According to Herodotus, the EGYPTIAN PRIESTS possessed supernatural powers, for they had been trained in the esoteric philosophy of the GREATER MYSTERIES and were experts in MAGIC. They had the power of controlling the minds of men; the power of predicting the future (prophecy); power over nature by giving commands in the name of the divinity and accomplishing great deeds (power of the Gods) . . . " (STOLEN LEGACY, GEORGE G.M. JAMES)

". . . some of the earliest written records of the dawning of humanity's structured consciousness concerning ontology and ethics. These sacred writings predate Hebrew, Christian, Muslim ontologies and ethics by thousands of years . . . It is interesting to note that [the god] RA creates the universe through MAAT, a term that has multiple meanings: justice, harmony, evenness, righteousness, order, truth . . . It is a divine concept, power, practice for the organization, maintenance, and development of human society . . . " (SELECTIONS FROM THE HUSIA: THE SACRED WISDOM OF ANCIENT EGYPT, DR. MAULANA KARENGA)

THE PRINCIPLES OF MAGIC / MYSTERY ALCHEMY . . .

"[In] Yoruba religion, various spirits -- generous yet intimidating -- are messengers and embodiment of ashe, a spiritual command, the power-to-make-things-happen, God's own enabling light rendered accessible to men and women. The supreme deity, God Almighty, is called in Yoruba Olorun, master of the skies. Olorun is neither male or female but a vital force. In other words, Olorun is the supreme quintessence of ashe . . . God bestowed upon us the power-to-make-things-happen . . . " (FLASH OF THE SPIRIT: AFRICAN AND AFRO-AMERICAN ART AND PHILOSOPHY, ROBERT FARRIS THOMPSON)

"A thing or work of art that has ashe transcends ordinary questions about its makeup and confinements; it is a divine force incarnate. This richest of all privileges is merited by the highest women and men of the land; the master priestess, the diviners, the kings, the important chiefs. They all have ashe . . . The most powerful elderly women [possess] a force capable of mystically annihilating the arrogant and the selfishly rich . . . Generosity is the highest form of morality in Yoruba traditional terms . . . " (FLASH OF THE SPIRIT: AFRICAN AND AFRO-AMERICAN ART AND PHILOSOPHY, ROBERT FARRIS THOMPSON)

"Hermetic Principle I . . . All the phenomenal world or universe is simply a MENTAL CREATION of THE ALL . . . and that the universe, as a whole, and its parts or units, has its existence in the MIND OF THE ALL, in which MIND, we 'live and move and have our being . . . ‘’ (THE KYBALION: HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY, THE THREE INITIATES)
"Hermetic Principle II . . . 'As above so below; as below so above' . . . one of the most important mental instruments by which man was able to pry aside the obstacles which hid from view the UNKNOWN -- even to tear aside the VEIL OF ISIS . . . knowledge of this principle enables man to reason intelligently from the KNOWN to the UNKNOWN . . . " (THE KYBALION: HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY, THE THREE INITIATES)

THE PRACTICE OF MAGIC / MYSTERY / ALCHEMY . . .

" . . . the African did not enter THE NEW WORLD tabla rasa . . . THE BLACKS had highly developed ideas of God and these ideas took root in their new environment . . . the representatives of the AKAN [people of Ghana] deity on earth are called 'abosom' and have physical representatives in rivers, lakes, and mountains . . . other natural objects, such as trees, or phenomena may become dwelling places for 'abosom'. Such places are treated like shrines. There are many of these sacred places all over Ghana . . . It is precisely these religious beliefs and practices that enabled NEW WORLD BLACKS to survive . . . Haiti -- though economically depressed and, throughout its history, sometimes politically unsure of itself -- is a reminder to all the world that BLACKS not only crave liberty, but if need be, are willing to die for it . . . " (AFRICAN HERITAGE IN AFRO-AMERICAN RELIGION, Leonard E. Barrett)

"THE SUPREME GOOD, summum bonum, is equated both with happiness and knowledge. This however is not merely EUTUCHIA [Greek goddess of happiness], which depends upon external conditions and accidents of fortune; but EUPRAXIA [Greek goddess of well-being], a well-being which is conditioned by good action. This is an attainment in which man becomes godlike through self-denial of external needs and the cultivation of mind: for happiness comes not through perishable things of the external world, but through the things that endure, which are within us . . . " (STOLEN LEGACY, GEORGE G.M. JAMES)

"Oh child of Adam, I am God, nothing deserves to be worshipped except Me . . . I say to a thing BE and it comes into being . . . Obey Me and I will make you such that if you say to a thing BE it will, likewise, come into being . . . And fear God and He will teach you . . . Then He will invest you with power of controlling the universe . . . " (FUTUH AL-GHAIB: THE REVELATIONS OF THE UNSEEN, HAZRAT SHAIKH MUHYUDDIN ABDUL QADIR GILANI)

"Creation is repeated each day in nature and in human history. It is reflected in humanity's constant establishment and reestablishment of order and righteousness in the midst of chaos and evil . . . " (SELECTIONS FROM THE HUSIA: THE SACRED WISDOM OF ANCIENT EGYPT, DR. MAULANA KARENGA)