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Brethren, today's homily concerns our first reading, which is taken from Thunder: Perfect Mind. At first glance it is a confusing text filled with paradoxes and riddles. But it is this confusing quality which is the treasure here.

The speaker of this poetic riddle is a woman, most believe representing Barbelo or Holy Sophia, the feminine syzygies to the Father and Son's masculinity. While such aeonic beings bring to mind images of the purity of the Holy Spirit, this text actually rings closer to home. The woman in Thunder: Perfect Mind has what every man and woman inherently desires, perfect knowledge and confidence in herself.

There is an old Hermetic axiom which says, "Know thyself and you shall know the universe and the gods." This axiom is closely linked with Saint-Martin's "Way of the Heart" which, simply stated, consists of seeking within yourself the answers to our metaphysical, theological, and philosophical questions. This can only occur when you have sought, within yourself, the inherent God particle which will allow you to transcend your baser natures. In many initiatory systems one of the first things a person is required to do is a critical self-analysis, which consists of identifying their good and bad qualities. This can cause some very uncomfortable questions to arise about your character, mental & emotional stability. This self-analysis is the first of many tests we will have to pass on our Path to Reconciliation.

The woman in Thunder: Perfect Mind has clearly looked within herself and performed this critical analysis. She knows who she is, what she has done, and what she is capable of. Herein lies the secret. When you know yourself completely, utterly without deceit or deception, you now contain the knowledge needed to perform and accomplish at the highest levels. Now your weaknesses, which you noted earlier, can be turned into strengths. For example, I personally have a problem doing anything in moderation. This becomes a negative attribute when I sink into the depths of drugs and alcohol. However, the knowledge I contain of what many would consider a flaw of defect, allows me to use that quality in a positive and constructive manner. By focusing my mind and energy on a creative and constructive task, such as my recent painting endeavors, I have essentially realigned my innermost self. Confidently I can traverse the trials of this world, secure in the knowledge of my self.

It is important to note here that while my personal examples were of a physical nature, the changes that occur are primarily in the psyche. Therefore, this concept of self-knowledge extends naturally beyond the physical world. Keep in mind the Hermetic axiom quoted above. Knowing thyself is the beginning to understanding the world and those forces active within and beyond it. The woman in Thunder is confident in herself, she has trust and faith in her perceptions and beliefs. This has developed only because of the knowledge she contains of her Self.

Once you have progressed past the critical self-analysis and realigned your psyche, your Will, now you can trust in your perceptive and intuitional capabilities. You are free to confidently operate on the higher planes of existence, open to the knowledge and actions of your Holy Guardian Angel. You will notice an increase in receptivity in the Word of God and find your consciousness expanding into realms unknown to you before. For only by looking within ourselves, travelling the Way of the Heart, are its mysteries fully revealed. I urge you all to get to know yourselves.