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Apostolic Church of the Pleroma

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Today, brethren, we continue our reading from the Second Treatise of the Great Seth. We read herein of the desire of those archons loyal to the World Ruler to deceive humanity; to present a false Adam & usurp the name - that is the power - of the Most High. The archons don't actually have the power of the Most High, of course, but they give a masterful illusion of power.

The false Adam is our material form. It is false because it presents the image for the thing itself. This is not to say that the physical representation of Man is "bad" in any sort of absolute sense, but it is deceptive in that it gives the illusion of a division that is not real, not actual. The inner Being is pure light, pure Consciousness; it seeks union & wholeness. The outer creature is infinitely divided, first by sex, then by other physiological traits, then by language, culture & sub-cultures, etc. The ways in which Humanity divides itself is potentially infinite.

But there is yet ever the desire for union, for wholeness, for completeness. The Man of the Stream, lost in the Forest of Errors, seeks this union externally. It may be the desire to collect more things, a bigger house, a nicer car, the newest clothes or electronic gadgets. Even in the seeking for union with another human, arguably the most pure form of this pursuit on the physical plane, is deceptive & insignificant if one has not found union within oneself.

Every person has within themselves an image of the Pleroma. Every person is a Microcosm; that is, a miniature cosmos, containing the whole of the Pleroma. It is our duty as Gnostics, as Martinists, as mystical Freemasons, indeed it is the very Duty of Humanity to restore the Fullness within ourselves, that the same might be accomplished in the Macrocosm, the All.

In order to accomplish this Reintegration we must first recognize the world of illusion for what it is. We need not hate it, though this may be a natural stage for some as they begin to awaken from their slumber. Nobody likes to feel as if the wool has been pulled over their eyes. But once we have learned and accepted our present condition, we may begin our work toward mastery of the outer. But this work may only begin once the inner process of reintegration has begun. For the fragmented Pleroma is nothing less than our own fragmented consciousness.

Our best analogy for this process is that of the alchemical operation. But for the alchemical transmutation to occur, a transformative catalyst is needed. For us, this catalyst is the very Logos of God which is the very image of the restored Pleroma. And our alchemical process is the Eucharistic transubstantiation. That is why we say that the Logos has "mystically provided us with the sacrament of His Body & Blood, that by partaking of this Mystery, we may reunite within ourselves the fragments of Divinity dispersed throughout the cosmos." This element is crucial to our regeneration, this Red Stone of the Wise, because being a representation of the Pleroma restored, it is in fact the representation of our own perfected Self. As this process slowly unfolds within ourselves, we may regain mastery of ourselves and begin to reconcile the outer to the inner, purifying even the dross nature, that it may assist in the Great Work, even as certain of the demiurge's own archons fled to Sophia when they learned the Truth.