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Good day brothers. Today I wish to speak to you about the Bridal Chamber, one of the sacraments but one of which we don't have much knowledge of due to the sands of time and the efforts of our ancestor's enemies.

Because we don't have a lot of information about it, we must take everything at our disposal to ascertain what exactly the Bridal Chamber is. Well, it is a sacrament, and this indicates to us that it involves some sort of spiritual transmission, initiation, or empowerment. Now if we also look at our current sacramental forms and compare them to those of antiquity, I believe we can safely determine that, just as the name indicates, this sacrament should be explored and compared to the current sacrament of marriage. But this is about all we can determine, there's just so little information. How exactly was the rite performed? This we can't answer. Instead, let us look at the sacrament of marriage, and with the help of our First Reading today, determine why it's important and what are the underlying factors behind it.

It is a common theme within Gnosticism that what you see or are originally led to believe may be a deception or misleading, to keep us ignorant of the divine Truth and subject to the rulers of the world. This is why we see a reinterpretation of Genesis within our First Reading. We see at the very beginning that the creation of Eve, as Moses said, was not correct. The reason for this is simple. Moses concentrated and focused on the physical creation of both Adam and Eve. However, our reading focuses on a deeper and much more important part of Man, the psychical and spiritual elements. It is important to see that from Adam was split a piece of his "power." This indicates something more than just flesh was removed from him. And this "power" was placed within Eve, the companion, the wife of Adam. So the answer to why marriage is important is simple. In order to make whole the original One it is necessary to join the masculine and feminine principles contained within Two. In order for us to become whole, we must find our other half, which is just the beginning of the equation, for eventually all of mankind will have to unite themselves before it is all over.

Now remember this is a sacrament which indicates that there must be some sort of spiritual transmission, initiation, or empowerment. A formal, ritualistic joining of the two halves improve the resulting unity. We even get a clue that initiation is part of this when the savior appears in our reading in the form of an eagle. Now we are used to seeing the serpent within our Genesis account. The serpent, along with the eagle, are both symbols of Scorpio, an emblem of the theurgic art. Initiation into the Greater Mysteries has always been said to take place only in the sign of the scorpion, for the scorpion is the symbol of wisdom, the fire of which it controls is capable of illuminating as well as consuming.

So our lesson today is not difficult to understand. At the time of creation, Adam, the original Man, was divorced of some of his power which was placed within Eve. This makes it necessary for us to find that other half of ourselves, the feminine to our masculine, or vice-versa, and initiatically join the two halves together. Only then will we find ourselves as a true whole. A unity. One.