

Addendum 4

Trump 5: The Penteade

Man is placed within the universe at a certain, particular station. His physical existence is not possible without his "food". By his food, Man is placed between the minerals, plants, animals on one side, and ethereal Beings, Angels or Demiurgic Beings, planetary rulers, and finally "God". This is described by the Law of Self-Preservation in Appendix 4.

Here, only the stages from plant to God are given, whereby Man occupies two central positions. The first is "normal Man". The second is the "Cosmic Individual", "perfected Man". In this way, by applying the Penteade, Central Asian philosophy pointed out that Man himself feeds "himself", his own potentially growing and developing "Body of Light". This Body of Light, whose completion and perfection would theoretically concern the pages 24 (3 x 8), and finally 64 and 72 of the Book of Wisdom, the Tarot. But the Trumps end with 22, including the Zero, and have no more subtle wisdom to relate on the scale and of this scope. Higher Man, eventually the Cosmic Individual, "feeds" Eternity, which we have named Polarity and Creation. If there is movement within Eternity, and this is the whole reason for the creation of the myriad Beings, then Eternity reflects the primal Trinity, which in the Tarot is called:

- a) One and All, the primal Creative Force, or Fluid Light;
- b) Polarity;
- c) Time, Space and Flux.

The Penteade is here similar to the Enneade in that the Cosmic Individual is also Man and vice-versa, whereby in a visualisation the following holds true:

Man at central place, being fed by plants, animals feeding the Demiurges or Angels, Man himself feeding the Cosmic Individual (his own higher Self).

The Demiurges or Angels at central place, fed by animals, feeding the Self-Preserving One and All, the Cosmic Individual here also feeds on the animal realm.

The Cosmic Individual at Central place, fed by Man, feeding Eternity or the Primal Trinity.

Thereby, the action of the Penteade is seen as intermediary, it is more a model than a definite law. The resulting principles, which may be called "law", are laid down within the Law of Seven.