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The Lost Word

There is a well known story in Buddhism which forms the basis for this essay:

One day, Buddha met the Gods who said to him "Tell us your wish and we shall grant it."

Buddha replied:"Oh Gods, give me the meaning of words and I shall know all things."

The ancient teachings of the Esoterics state that all that is, space, time and form, sprang from the ceaseless energy emitted by the one Unity or Supreme Being. The energy vibrates and through the Law of Harmony it takes form in our physical world. Everything solid, gaseous, sounds and even our thoughts, are just variations of this vibratory harmony. The ancients used the words and concepts available to their time to describe this conception of reality and it is validated today by our knowledge of physics and the make-up of atoms. The universe is composed of the building blocks of various even smaller particles vibrating in harmony just as the Ancient Ones described.

Esoterics believed the creation of our physical world and every individual type of thing in it possessed a unique vibratory code or name that could be pronounced. They reasoned that this code was the original language of creation. Over time, as the proper pronunciations were lost, the entire language came to be known as the Lost Word. Many teachings state that the Hebrew language of today is the closest thing Man still has to that Lost

Word. Quite possibly it could be inferred that this is the reason Hebrew is still used in the key words and meanings of Masonry and Scottish Rite.

To understand the importance of the Lost Word it is necessary to understand the Law of Harmony. This is perhaps easiest to see in the study of music and resonance. On a piano if a C note is played, all C note strings in higher and lower octaves will also vibrate. This is resonance, and the pleasing inner feeling experienced when we hear harmonic notes is the combinations of various resonances. If it were possible to build a magical piano of higher and higher octaves the vibrations could extend, far beyond our range of hearing, into radio waves, x-rays, laser beams and beyond that to the very vibration foundations of individual atoms. Some esoteric beliefs claim that the vibratory frequency of the soul leaving the body occurs at the 84th octave.

It is often taught that True Knowledge or Gnosis is found within and that the journey to spiritual fulfillment is a deeply individual and unique experience. Ultimately it is to resonate with the Lost Word, yet to have knowledge of the Lost Word and even its proper pronunciation is useless without first discovering and restoring the resonant harmonic frequency each possesses within them. When that is achieved the Lost Word is at once Knowledge and Power because it is Harmony itself.

Through the allegory of Masonic teachings we learned that by the untimely death of Hiram Abiff the genuine secret, the original language, was lost. Scottish Rite takes us down a path that restores knowledge of some of those lost words as they are known and pronounced today in the Hebrew language.

These lost words are obviously important but the knowledge of how to use them properly is a necessary lesson each must discover on their own.

