

Homo Androgynous

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Abstract. Science diversified its research from the Mystical background of humanity and based on observation and experiments. The methods of scientific research are timelessly demanded to be fully substantiated. As science explores even more extensively the depths of the universe, its conclusions constantly confirm the thesis of the initiatory doctrine path. This opinion's greatest proof is the properties of the 4+1 Pythagorean elements represented by the platonic solids. The properties, of the four forces (interactions) that control the world, and of the ionized free energy (electromagnetic chaos – ether) confirm the Pythagorean theory. Likewise, the analytic psychology has begun its research unaffected from the Universal Mysteries. Its methods were empirical, the outcome, however, is the same, namely: the expansion of the conscious, so the unconscious, both personal and collective, in turn to be realized (sensed – comprehended). The depth of the collective unconscious is governed by archetypal Laws, who are the objective of every Mystic path. A critical step, both for psychotherapy and the initiatory doctrine path, is the unification of the unconscious and the conscious; unification for which the Alchemical path use the term “the creation of the Androgynous man”. Psychotherapists and mentors of Esoterism are both required to give emphasis to the creation of the completed – adult – self-sufficient human. The first because only so their patient shall experience the surrounding world as is and not through his psychic projections; and the second because, thus their apprentice will acquire real spiritual experiences and not perceive as such psychic-side-expressions of himself. This paper aims to the identification of the Androgynous properties, whose creation and expression should be the objective of every completed person. Both, androgynous and the conscious man are required to be in absolute connection with their egocentric emotional charges while functioning unaffected by them, acting adult and, therefore, be content.

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Science began its research¹, part of which is independent of the mysterious past of humanity. Naturally, it is not possible to determine if the inspirations the evolution of science was based on is unaffected by the initiating tradition, since not even the inspired ones, would not be able to answer this question. As science is investigating deeper and deeper the depths of Universe, the results of its exploration repeatedly confirm the theory of the initiatory path. The strongest proof of this opinion is the properties of the 4+1 Pythagorean Elements, represented by the Platonic Solids. Today, we know from Astrophysics² that there are four fundamental

interactions or fundamental forces describing the mechanism according to which elementary particles interact.

These four fundamental interactions/forces are:

1. Gravitational,
2. Electromagnetic,
3. Strong nuclear, and
4. Weak nuclear.

The integration of these four forces constitutes a fifth interaction. Its existence has not yet been scientifically proven but is one of the highest aspirations of Astrophysics currently.

The only combination that has been proven by scientists is of electromagnetic and the weak nuclear, called electroweak.

1 C.G. Jung, ‘The Development of Personality’ (Greek translation: Sofia Atzaka), Introduction, Bollingen Foundation, 1954.

2 References on Astrophysics are from the webpage wikipedia.org because, firstly, they are presented in a simplified and therefore

more comprehensible way, and secondly, the profundity on this aspect of science is not the objective of this study.



Fig. 1. Pythagoras

Respectively, according to the Pythagorean³ philosophy (fig. 1), the 4+1 Elements that construct the Universe are:

1. Earth,
2. Water,
3. Air,
4. Fire, and
5. Ether.

At this point, we should probably combine a few aspects-opinions of correlation between the 4+1 interactions/forces and the 4+1 Pythagoreans Elements to identify their relationships. There is no scientific substantiation on these aspects-opinions since the Pythagorean theory is part of Philosophy and not part of Science.

Albert Einstein once said: “I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” So, through the imagination to which Albert Einstein refers, one might decide about the correctness of these aspects-opinions.

According to the Pythagorean philosophy each one of the 4+1 Elements, that shaped the Cosmos exist inside every Human being, allowing him to be what he is.

The property of material objects to attract and get attracted by others is called Gravity. Gravitational force is always attractive and mutual. The attracted body moves with

³ Pythagorean and Alchemical theory, throughout the present study, derives from the Exoteric Teachings of the Pythagorean Organization Phoenix – S.A.E.M.R.E.

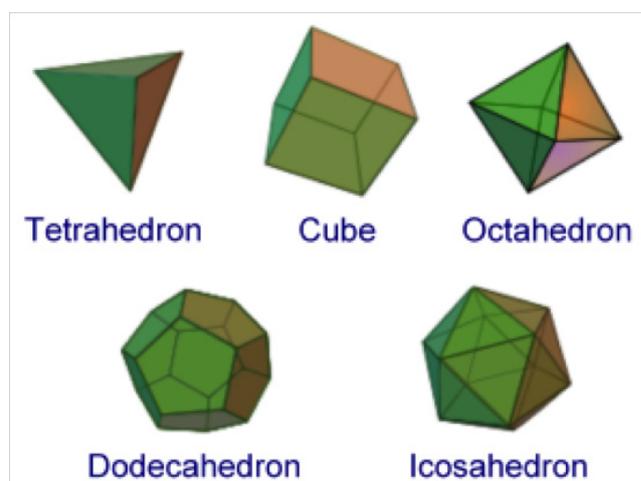


Fig.2. Cube = 6 6edron = Element of Earth, 20edron = Element of Water, 8edron = Element of Air, Pyramid = 4edron = Element of Fire, 12edron = Element of Ether.

acceleration towards the attractor. The force of attraction between two bodies we call weight and is proportional to their mass and inversely proportional to their distance.

While on the surface of the earth, gravity pulls material objects and causes them to fall on its surface when on free fall. Furthermore, gravity is the cause of the existence of earth itself, of the sun and the rest of the stellar bodies. Without it, life would not exist as we know it.

Gravity is also responsible for the orbital trajectory of the earth and the other planets of our solar system around the sun, of the moon's orbit around the earth, the forming of tides, and other natural phenomena.

In correspondence to the Pythagorean tradition, the Element of Earth gives stability, solidity, Permanence, to a form; to all the objects, and to the natural characteristics as well.

The Element of Earth dominates in all Sacred Thresholds (entrances) and, therefore, guides with stability each crossing attempt. It provides solidity and permanence in monitoring each adult target. Nevertheless, expressed negatively, creates stereotyping, mental rigidity and thus blocking.

Electromagnetism is the field of Physics that studies phenomena directly or indirectly related to electrical charges and magnetic field sources. Initially, it was believed that electricity and magnetism were two different phenomena; until the 19th century when Hans Christian Oersted observed that, approaching a compass to a conduit run by electric current the magnetic needle of the compass was unexpectedly oriented perpendicularly to the conduit. Then it became clear that electricity and magnetism there were not two separate phenomena, but one: electromagnetism. The integration of these two phenomena was made by James Clerk Maxwell by

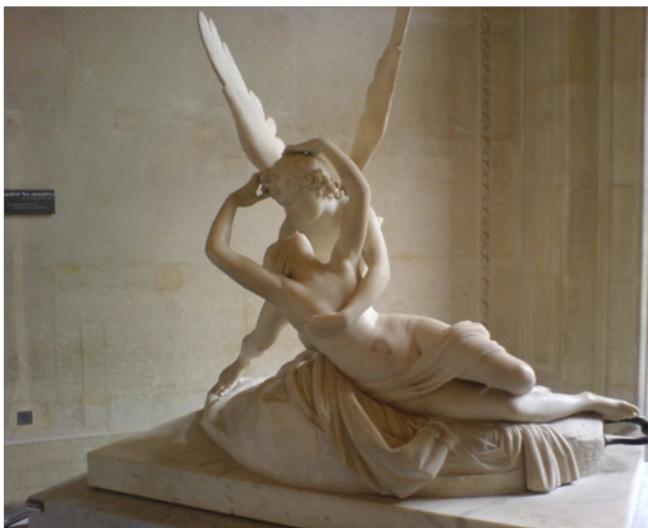


Fig. 3. Psyche and Eros

his four famous equations, which have since named after him (Maxwell's equations).

Likewise, the Element of Water can be found in anything that moves and changes constantly.

The action of the Water Element causes consolidation, connection, mixing, close synergies.

It offers emotionally effective participation and progress. It provides compassion, sympathy, adult truth, and adult love. Expressed negatively, creates uncertain egocentric actions. The understanding of one man by another, through resonance, happens thanks to the Water Element. Also, the fluidness of the psychic level, namely moods, emotions and sensations, is due to the Element of Water.

The weak nuclear force, in the standard model of particle physics, contributes to the sub-particle cohesion of the core and is associated with radiation, i.e. electromagnetic radiation. Specifically, in contrast to the strong force, weak nuclear force contributes to the decay of the core by emitting particles and hence is associated with radioactivity.

Likewise, the Element of Air is experienced everywhere in the Universe. At a terrestrial level is experienced in each place in which there is breathable air.

The Element of Air manifests in everything that: extends, expands endlessly, exceeds its boundaries, exist everywhere.

The Element of Air offers adult freedom, adult creative extensions and expansion of non-egocentric 'ego' to conquer the consciousness of the 'Self' and other people. Expressed negatively creates illusions, delusions and enlargement of egocentricity.

The Elements of Water and Air are the two fluid Elements of Creation and relate with the level of the psyche (Fig. 3).



Figure 1. Woodcut of an alleged Pythagorean experiment involving musical glasses and bells. From Gaffurio's (1492) *Theorica Musica*.

Fig. 4

The strong nuclear interaction acts only directly on the elementary particles as nuclear force and thus contributes to the cohesion of the core.

Respectively, the Element of Fire, influence by transmuting, transforming, allowing total alteration.

The Element of Fire provides consciousness energy and thus promotes the manifestation of life. On an individual level promotes active advancement to the spiritual level providing awareness energy and adult enthusiasm. By contrast, expressed negatively creates confusion resulting the promotion of vain, childish actions. The Element of Fire modulates the waves of the various energies, so as to allow the existence of light, heat, air-mater and water-mater.

The major part of the research in the field of theoretical physics today is focused on the unification of these four interactions/forces and discovery of the Law, which governs and keeps stable the whole Universe. This Law, in Astrophysics, is called ionized free energy or electromagnetic chaos. Respectively the Element of Ether pre-exist the 4 Elements and therefore, with its action, controls primarily the operation of the 4 manifested Elements, and secondly mobilizes and controls the transcendence process of experiencing the manifested creation, through the 4 manifested Elements. It is the condition from which the Big Bang emerged from, according to Physics. It also provides



Fig. 5 The Doctrine of Leonardo da Vinci.

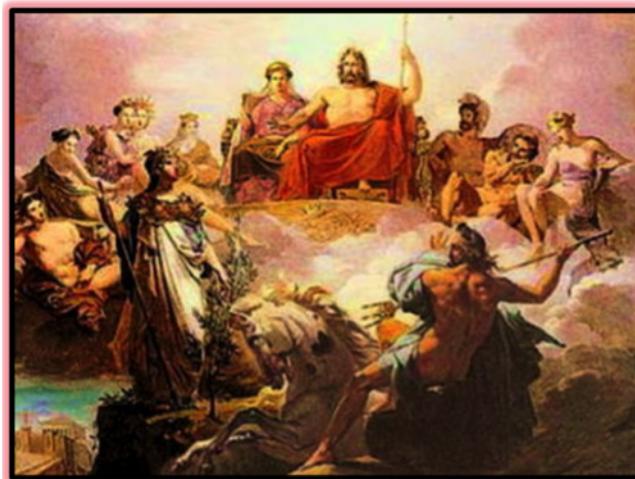


Fig. 7. Greek Olympians – 12theon

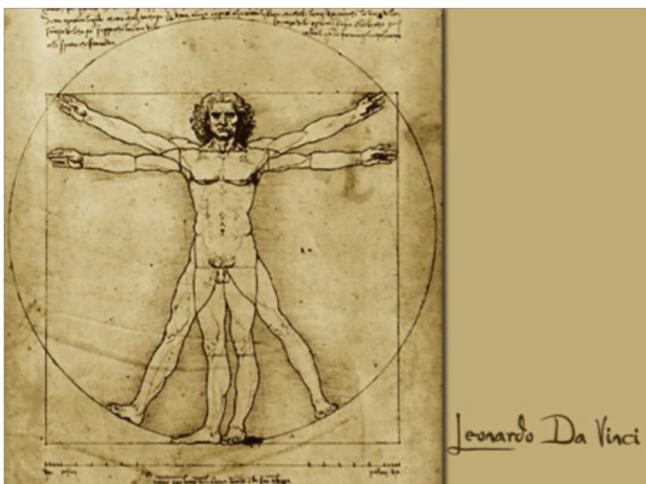


Fig. 6

essential indications to achieve progress on the material level and the astral plane, with an aim to the spiritual field.

As just mentioned, in Pythagorean philosophy, both man, and the universe unfolds in three levels: Soma (Body) or material level, Psyche (Soul) or astral level, and Pneuma (Spirit) or spiritual level (Fig. 4).

Let give little information on the properties of each level according to the Pythagorean Philosophy.

Soma (Body) or Material level is easily recognizable because it is tangible, and, therefore, there is no doubt of its existence. Living body is considered that which runs counter to the increase of entropy and, therefore, increases the order of the universe (Fig. 5).

Psyche (Soul) or the Psychic level, or according to the Initiatic Tradition the Astral plane, is the sum of emotional and cognitive functions. Everything human experiences -

feels and think, belong to the soul. Besides human, souls also have the animals and plants, although at different levels of development. The psychic level is governed by the principle of bipolarity (dyad), the poles within life vibrate (created creation). Bipolarity is deployed to multi-polarity, yet with life always vibrating between two opposite poles (dipole) (Fig. 6).

Pneuma (Spirit) or spiritual level is everything makes up the Divine Law, out of which emanates the Divine Plan for achieving the created (manifested) creation. Plato's World of Ideas or World of Archetypes, the name that the Divine Plan is known (Fig. 7).

The Spiritual Archetypes are not governed initially by the principle of polarity, in other words, are governed by Unity (Indivisibility), hence the Unit; however in the course of evolution of the creation, each Archetype unfolds in two opposite poles within which life vibrates. The center of the Divine Plan consists of the One Law (Law of Divine Harmony) according to which unfold both the uncreated (Plato's world of Ideas) and the created (manifested) creation. The One Law (Law of Divine Harmony) is the first manifestation of the unalloyed Divine Essence, which is identified with the number Zero - 0 (Fig. 8).

The One Spiritual Law should not be confused with the Element of Ether. From this One Law, the Archetypes emerge while from Ether emerge the 4 Elements. These are different levels (Fig. 9).

According to the Pythagorean and Alchemical traditions, every human contains, in the center of his individuality, immutable Divine Essence, which is simultaneously part and whole of the Universal Divine Essence. When an Alchemist or Pythagorean Seeker comes in contact with his individual Divine Essence, comes at the same time in contact with



Fig. 10. Alchemical Emblem

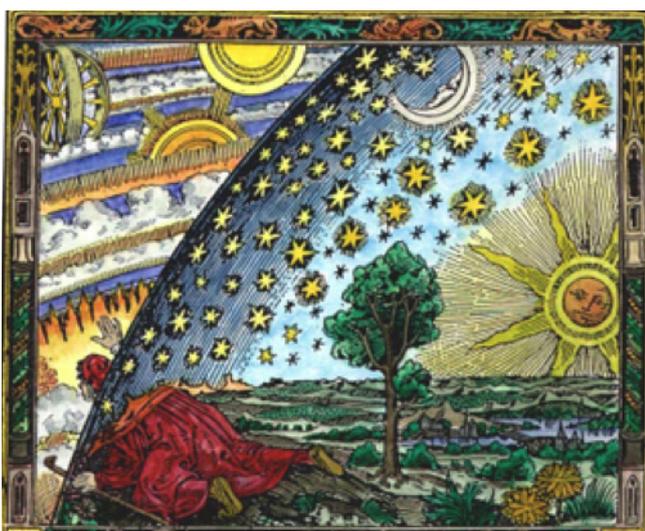


Fig. 11. Alchemical Emblem

To the verbal symbol of myths will now refer to find the information we seek. In particular, we will refer to a myth, which describes the journey of a man who in the end he achieved the Initiation.

Heracles was one of the humans who managed to become messmate with the Gods. In the frame of his initiatory path, he got the order to kill the Lernaean Hydra. Commands to Hercules gave through the king of Tiryns Eurystheus, Goddess Hera; who is a symbol of the strict aspect of the Great Mother. Heracles, as his name explains (Heracles = [Kleos=glory] of Hera), glorified Goddess Hera through his actions, through his Labors, i.e. through his awareness.

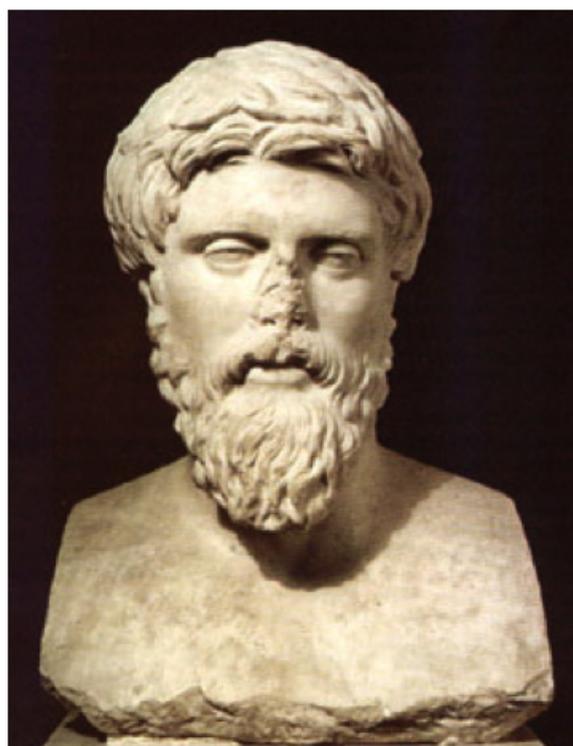


Fig. 12. Plutarch

The monster Hydra safeguarded the entrance of the underworld, in other words, the entrance of the collective unconscious, not leaving anyone to cross it (Fig. 13).

Underworld in ancient Greek Tradition is one of the symbolisms of the collective unconscious. Ruler of the underworld is Pluto; brother of god Zeus. Pluto is also sovereign of the Mysteries, which lead to the collective unconscious. At Eleusis, the first Sanctuary the visitor meets are the Plutonium. The temple in which the Holy Mysteries took place followed.

The Mystical Theosis is a step after the experience of the collective unconscious i.e. is a step after the descent to the underworld (Fig. 14).

Every human being is asked to experience the collective unconscious, and then he may become messmate with the Gods.

In another myth, Persephone ascends from the underworld to descend again, as the soul of every human does until this human soul experiences underworld's Laws, namely the Archetypes (Fig. 15).

In the verbal symbol of the Myth of Hercules, Hydra represents the 'egocentric' part of every man or, in other words, his neurosis. The monster was hidden in a cave with two inlets from where it gets out to stir the waters of the lake in front of the entrance to the underworld. The lake symbolizes

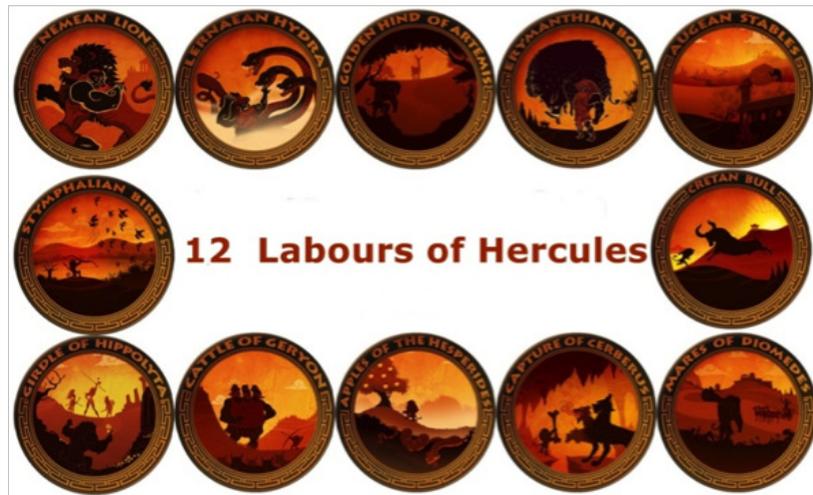


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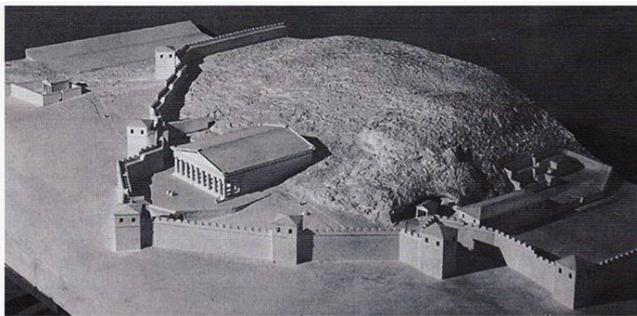


Fig. 14. Eleusis holy site.

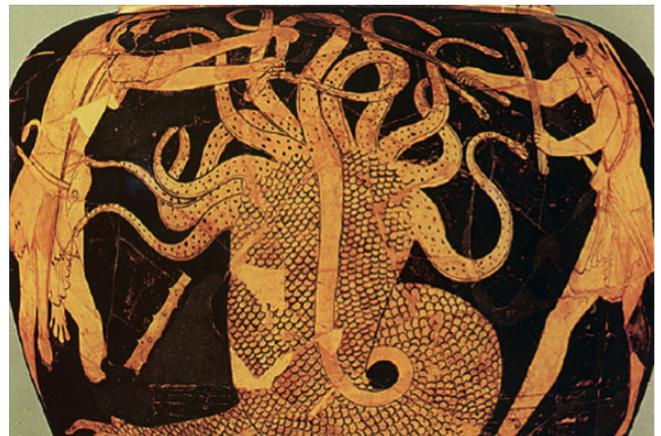


Fig. 16. Lernaean Hydra – Heracles – Iolaus



Fig. 15. Pluto – Persephone

wonderfully the personal unconscious while the cave with two inlets symbolizes the bipolarity of the psychic level, in other words, its ambivalence. Moreover, Hydra is a monster with many heads; heads that have the following property: ‘if someone cuts one, two more rise in its place’ (Fig. 16).

If someone tries to cut something repressed, under the influence of superego, i.e. forcibly, it swells and becomes stronger, to oppress him even more.

The myth narrates; Hercules, sealed one of the inlets, and then threw arrows of fire inside the cave to force the beast to come out, so he may see it and then slay it. By analogy, every man is called to stand boldly in front of everything he has repressed, recognize it, and then try to neutralize it.

Athena sends a message to Hercules through Iolaus. She advises he should burn each head he cuts. Therefore, the Demigod receives the knowledge from Goddess Athena, symbol of the Archetype of Wisdom in other words of consciousness (Fig. 17).



Fig. 17. Athena

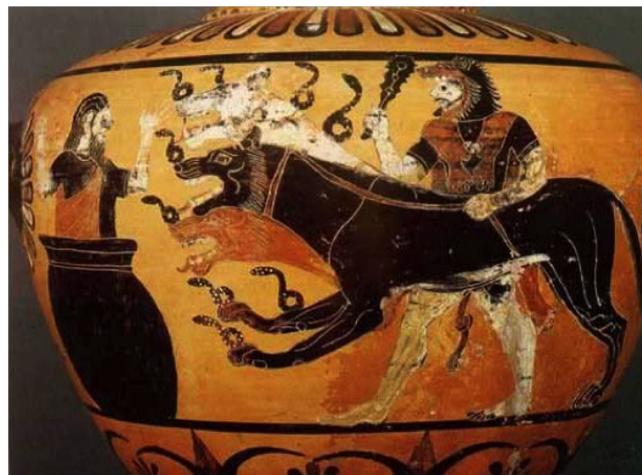


Fig. 18. Cerberus



Fig. 19. Alchemical Emblem

The Myth teaches us that: when one man, in an adult way, succeeds in defusing repressed psychic sides, through psychotherapeutic procedures, he then can dive, as Hercules did, his arrows in the venom of the beast, transforming the psychic strength of his egocentric part, in other words, his neurosis, from his oppressor into productive energy for achieving a goal of any adult objective; in other words he can turn a hostile weapon into a beneficial tool.

The myth says that the beast prevented the entry and descent to the underworld.

With the underworld, as mentioned above, ancient cults symbolize the collective unconscious, which every aspirant is asked to experience to become the partaker of its knowledge.

So, when someone can realize the aspects of his neurosis, that is to master his own Cerberus, as Hercules did on his twelfth (ultimate) labor, then he will be able to gain direct communication with the underworld, the collective unconscious, and thus will manage to become messmate of the Gods and taste the ambrosia and nectar, i.e. the real knowledge (Fig. 18).

However, for someone to enter the Elysian Fields, he must first be complete mentally that is he has to unite his conscious with the unconscious or as Alchemy states become an androgynous human (Fig. 19).

Androgyne is the human who has achieved awareness of his entire psyche, in other words, someone who has joined his male-conscious part with his feminine-unconscious part. The culmination of this alchemical process is the union of the conscious part with the center of the psychism of the individual, i.e. the center of his unconscious.

Jung named the center, Animus for the females, and Anima for the males.

Therefore, Homo androgynous is a symbol of transmutation, of a coarse human being into a complete man,



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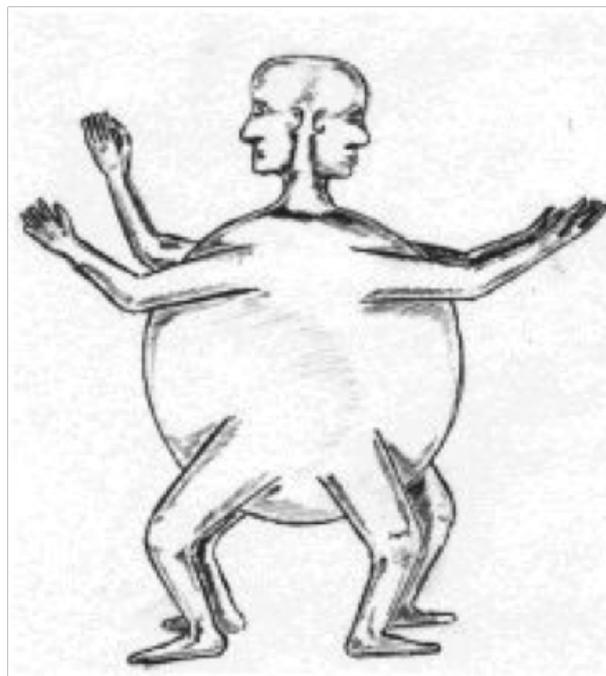


Fig. 21. Plato's complete man (Illustration, Dr. Tom Stockmann)



Fig. 22. Hermes

who can then boldly knock the entrance of the Mysteries, hoping that they will be revealed to him (Fig. 20).

Both androgyne man and each conscious man, while in absolute contact with his egocentric emotional charges, is asked to operate unaffected by them; resulting a human that acts adult and thus be blissful.⁷

In psychotherapeutic practice Alchemical theory can help as follows:

- Elysian Fields are perceived as an object of desire.
- Only androgyne human or complete human may enter, meaning that only the person who realized and had accepted all his aspects may obtain the object of desire.
- The conscious and unconscious pieces are incarnated by analysands chosen by fate.
- According to Plato the whole⁸ man consists of of the sum of two people fused back to back. The Platonic view is very helpful in this work. The gender of the analysands does not matter, in this work, because their emotional charge is important (Fig. 21).
- The guardian of the Elysian Fields (the underworld) asks questions to the analysand who embodies the conscious piece and decides upon the truth of the answers; answers that give the analysand who embodies the unconscious.

⁷ More information at the websites www.esotericdecathlon.com and www.psychotheatrology.com

⁸ Plato Symposium:189abcd, 190abcde, 191abcde, 192abcde, 193abcde.

- The analysand who embodies the unconscious has no visual contact with the guardian.
- The Guardian is constantly looking the analysand who embodies the certain part in the eyes. According to the Pythagorean tradition, the eyes are the gateway of the soul (Fig. 22).

This setup causes regression, and emotional charges are revived from the relation with the object of the natural libido i.e. the mother (Fig. 23).

Setup

- Create a state of Elysian Fields, meaning a situation that everyone agrees is an object of desire. The object of desire should be something simple, so it may be easily found in the therapeutic environment.
- Triads of individuals are selected who will embody the three roles a) conscious-part, b) unconscious part, and c) guardian.
- Fate chooses the three roles, a lottery for example.
- The guardian sits in front of the door of the Elysian Fields, in front of the object of desire.
- The other two roles are placed back to back with the conscious-part before the guard. The unconscious-part must not make eye contact with the guardian.
- Particular attention is given, so the guardian is constantly looking the conscious part in eyes.
- The guardian makes questions the conscious part. The therapist chooses if the questions should be prepared or inspired by the guardian. A fair number of questions are 'five'.
- The answers respond the unconscious part who has his back towards the guardian and doesn't see him; this way the influence of superego is less.
- The guardian decides whether the responses are true and therefore if the man will enter the Elysian Fields, meaning if the desire will be fulfilled.

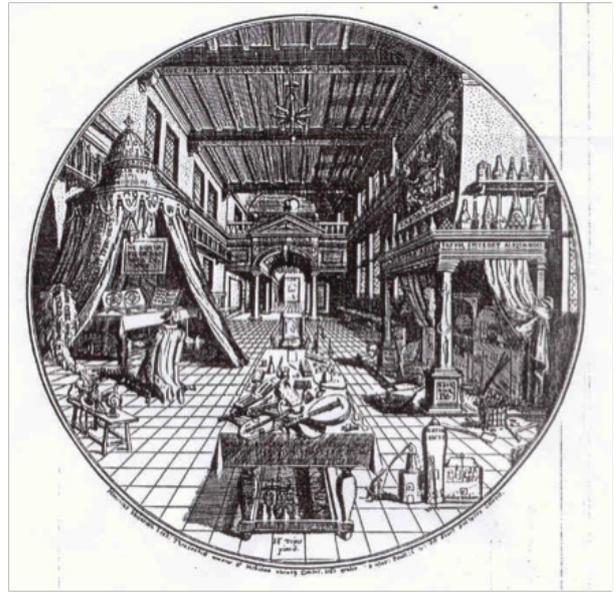


Fig. 23. Alchemical Emblem

- A conversation on the realizations of emotional experiences of each participant to be continued.

Sample questions

- Have you rejected, in your thoughts or by your actions, other people for what they are?
- Have you ever acted in a way that it is not in concord with your nature, to be accepted by the people who surround you?
- Have you ever deceived someone for your benefit?
- Have you ever exploited your neighbor, to acquire something which rightfully would not belong to you?
- Have you ever thrown away food instead of keeping it, to eat later, and so with the saved money you could help hungry people?