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Tracing the Circle

Introduction

Hello and welcome to tracing the circle. Thank you to every one who took the time to seek me out, every one who is curious and every one who has offered support. I will do my very best in my attempt to inspire magic and beauty within the hearts of the people who listen. I am not an academic, and I left school at a very young age, I do not have the ability to read and repeat information I have read, not without serious struggle, what I am good at however is absorbing information into my heart, making sense of vast concepts, putting pieces together and making connections between things one usually wouldn't. I develop an understanding, through intuition and reason, from the things I have studied, and continue to study, and I would like to share that understanding and my constant quest to become a better person, a better friend, a better partner, for my loved ones, through my acquisition of knowledge and experiences.

I hope what I offer you will move you in some way. That is the purpose of this podcast. If you are more keen on hearing my personal stories and dealings with darkness, look out for more interviews on other peoples podcasts.

I am no philosopher, not an adept, I am no magician, I am not a healer, a psychic a seer, I may have the makings of each within me, but the potential merely whirls around in the depths of my soul, gently tossed here and there by the winds of time which pass through my life. I cannot promise to give you any kind of profound insight, but I do believe the spiritual seekers of this modern day and age are lacking in some of the fundamental precepts of the occult sciences and spiritual arts, and although I am not very proficient in the understanding and practices of these, I have merely touched the surface, I think it possible that I could introduce seekers to various concepts that might inspire them, or set them in the right direction.

Within this (podcast) book I will give reference to many (other) books, authors, mystics, and historic cultural texts, that you may have never heard of before. Each of these when combined, and read, one after the other, in an order seen fit by the mental spheres around you, act as building blocks for the architecture of spiritual thought and development. They will awaken the laws of nature within the seeker or neophyte, as they have for me, over the last 15 years, and as they have for so many others, over the last 3000 years.

Philosophy has edged ever further away from the great mystic practices that once gave it birth, the ancient initiates of the temple, the cave, and the pyramid, who once convened with the celestial Gods of the heavens, those who lifted the veil and saw beyond the mechanics of our universe and straight into the heart and eye of God him self. As the mystic practices were forgotten, and the mystery schools faded into the sands of time, the philosophers were left with naught but the material, and observable world they can touch and see, and the Concept and Ideal of God grew smaller and smaller in the hearts of men.

We live in the age of science, the esoteric world so humbly and gracefully gave way for this new age to come into being, the ashes and

remains of the age of the great mystery schools died and gave nutrients to the soils which grew up the materialistic branches of knowledge, giving life to medicine, physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, psychology and all the various materially oriented philosophies of the day. One day science and spirituality will reunite, and although that time is far beyond the horizon, we must do our best with what we have, to pave the way. Although my focus of research has always been on the past, I am aware of many scientists, doctors, researchers, healers, mystics, psychics and various others today who are diligently leading us toward that horizon.

The voice in which I write might not be to every ones taste, it might seem a little pretentious, but it seems to be the natural direction my writing voice takes when discussing these topics, the majority of the occult works I have read were written or translated between the 17th and early 20th century, and aside from that I am poetic in nature, I was born of poets, and I am my self, at least at times, a poet. These subjects should be ones that inspire and stir up greatness from within, and what is a more appropriate vehicle than poetic language. Manly Palmer Hall's opus *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* is an encyclopaedic outline of the mysteries of the last 3000 years, but his poetic and inspiring use of language moved me and encouraged me to go on in my studies. I hope you will not perceive me as pretentious, but that it will serve in the portrayal of the great weight and lightness of the subjects at hand.

Aside from all of that, I will share some of my own experiences, which led me on the spiritual path, the good the bad and the very very ugly. There is a side to the occult that is dark, gruesome, horrific, one might call it evil, or more appropriately I'd say, perverse;(sick), and we will discuss that from a very personal point of view. As I mentioned before, the great mystery schools of old are no longer, to my knowledge, in operation. There exist today many brotherhoods, fraternities, cults, organisations and religious or spiritual movements who take part in mystical practices and

use ancient symbols and chants and languages, and who may have been around for hundreds of years, but these have all fallen from grace, and are full to the very brim with corruption.

This goes back to the pledge made within the secret societies, to swear an oath of secrecy, and to go through many trials and tests before one is allowed to enter into the deepest circles of knowledge. These barriers served a purpose to protect the divine arts and wisdom from the profane. Eventually however, these protective barriers stopped serving their purpose when the fraternities and secrete societies became degraded. The self serving power seeking and dark natured, usurped those with good intentions, fooled them. Shunning those smart enough to recognise them and turning into slaves those who couldn't. The vow of secrecy remained the same, but only those who they are able to fool and control, or those who are as equally corrupt or corruptible are accepted into the schools. With the power of the ancient magic inverted, turned toward domination, the secrets of spiritual wisdom have not been so easily passed on to those deserving of them, locked away behind the many layers of illusion and deceit that distort and misrepresent them.

This is why, in the dawning of the age of the Aquarius, people are learning to become their own teachers, we cannot rely on groups of authority any more. The new age movement is a result of this divinely lead impulse in spiritual seekers, its not really a group, but various clusters of people who hold different beliefs and practice different methods or follow different schools of thought, or incorporate many into their lifestyle. The new age movement has its down sides, it too can become cult like, in certain settings. And things which should be more seriously studied, become *wishy-washy*. Even where there is structure and good practice, it pales in comparison to the old teachings, like an ant under the sun, meticulously trudging along in its duties, unaware of the magnitude and significance of the great celestial giant that lights its way. That is where we are today,

mere ants ignorant to the illumination which the giants of a bygone era imparted to mankind, the philosophers, initiates and adepts whose names or teachings had survived the test of a thousand years or more,

The esoteric and the occult in recent times has become a topic of great discussion and interest due to its insidious side being used within film, music and entertainment, becoming more and more apparent and deliberately obvious. Settings from important world events, like the olympics and the super bowl have caused outrage across the world. Popular singers using satanic symbols, the eye of Horus, capped pyramids, demons, blood, cannibalism, owls, snakes, aliens, and vampires, and of course the less popularly discussed mind control symbolism flashing in and out of every scene.

We also have this new wave revolution of christianity sweeping the nations, perhaps in part as a response to and rebellion toward this debauched imagery and behaviour we see all around us within the entertainment sphere and world at large. This is the human race looking for meaning again, direction, safety and service to a higher cause. This is very good for the world, and humanity at large, to reignite a religious spirit. But of course the religious can very quickly erupt into the dogmatic, giving rise to superstition, fear of the unknown, fear of that which is different, taking it upon themselves the judgment and condemnation of their fellow man, when it is gods job to do so and not theirs.

The combination of these two current world phenomenon; The unabashed revelation of debauched satanic imagery in our entertainment, and the sudden explosion of the christian faith recapturing the minds and hearts of the population, both contribute to the ever darkening name of the occult, the esoteric, and the mystic.

We as humans tend to find nuance and balance a little repulsive, especially in the days of great political polarisation. And the christians know all too well what god feels about the lukewarm, so maybe it's in our nature, to push the balance, and seek for extremes, these polarities pushing

and pulling us into the future on our journey of evolution and self discovery. But that doesn't excuse it. And so I endeavour to pull out the battered and beaten body of the occult opus and rescue it from the giants which trample on the legacy it so rightfully deserves.

I would like to reveal the true purpose of the mystic path and occult studies, to a new generation of people. To offer an alternative to the dogma of religion, the darkness of the corrupted cults, and inconsistencies of the new age movement. An alternative to the stagnated fraternities, and the materialist philosophies. I would like to introduce people, to the incredible work of the mystics and sciences of old. To unblacken their name, and rescue them from the oblivion which slander and libel forces them toward.

The age of Aquarius is all for self mastery, we are no longer supposed to rely on systems of power to lead us, the church, the government, fraternities, the cults, the temples, we do not need them any more. We have even proven to our selves that we do not need to rely on books, let alone teachers, when people have sit with them selves and gone into the silence, looked within them selves or upon the world around them, they have opened their eyes, and begun to see things with blinding clarity.. they have begun to sit with that clarity, analyse and unwind it, penetrate into its mysteries, its riddles, its patterns. They have begun to figure things out.

For the first time in history we have experienced a period of relative peace prosperity and health, this is no accident, all of the synchronicities are perfectly devised by the grand scheme of evolution. We finally have the time, the capacity to collectively unravel the nature of our world our society and our being, wether its spiritual, psychological, or political, or whatever it is you are attuned to.

And this is why its important to be vigilant, because there are forces at work in the world who are aware of these cycles and evolutions, and will

utilise them for their own gain, we must be careful not to be misled out of our own pride and arrogance, into systems of thought that seem to be of the people by the people, but are actually created by design, by the very system which seeks to keep us enslaved, stupid, and distracted.

This capacity for introspection and awareness is being utilised properly when you can recognise a clear difference between your own thoughts and those around you, those you are closest too, even those with whom you agree with on most things. We are not a hive mind. Each of us has our own unique purpose and own unique input. We must be united in one thing only, and that is love of truth and love for mankind, even those who you believe are your enemy, in fact, especially those who you believe are your enemy.

From that uniting ideal, we can strengthen the bonds of our individual communities, cultures and identities of our countries. Make sure your quest, is your own personal, unique quest, and not that of an inorganic group mind being harnessed and manipulated by the forces which lead society into an ever increasing dystopian mine field.

In the dawn of the age of Aquarius you are asked to go deep within your self, and become your own leader your own teacher. Because all of the teachings of all the ages are within you. If you quiet the mind just enough, you might just begin to hear the whisper of that spirit of the ages, that soft quiet call, the beckoning of the return home, the source of all creation.

I would like to make it clear that I consider the bible and all of its holy symbols to be sacred, I believe that this religion is the appropriate religion for our age and for the western world, and all peoples across the world who gravitate towards it. I am not attempting to discourage any one from following the christian path, I hope that what I have to share could serve

to strengthen their faith if they choose to open their minds to its esoteric side.

I am not a christian my self, I do not follow any religion, but I believe all religions came out of the necessity of the cycles of the evolution of mankind, and they have all served in some way to bring us closer to god and Bring us out of darkness.

However it would be foolish not to consider humanities interference with sacred symbols, books and religions. Men have sought dominion and power over the Masses since the beginning of recorded history. We must not deny the corruption of the church and the dogma they created through their various interpretations of the source material.

And we must consider that much of that source material goes beyond Jesus and his disciples, and into the ancient mysteries which came before them, the pagan mysteries. Pagan meaning religious or spiritual beliefs other than those of the main world religions like christianity islam and judaism.

To follow the mystic path, no matter what religion you follow or gravitate towards, means to penetrate deeper into the mysteries, to go beyond what is blindly accepted by the masses, understanding that the exoteric belongs to those who follow, and the esoteric belongs to those who make the uncovering of ever deeper truths their life's mission, knowing that the more the individual discovers and begins to understand about the nature of our universe, the more it imparts to the collective unconscious.

As we learn as individuals, we contribute to the learning of all mankind.

And waves of different kinds of learning come across the world, age after age, cycle after cycle.

The person on the mystic path does not for long remain blinded by the prejudice of superstition, or the preconceptions which have been inculcated in them by the various systems of power. We are open to all bits of information and we analyse them, we dissect them, we tear them open, we reveal what is within, and we separate the dross from the use full.

We are not afraid to question what we have been taught, and that goes for what you have been told about your religion, many a lie, many a distortion has been told in order to sustain the political power of the day, in order to keep the people divided, and under control.

You can go to the church, and sing your prayers, and at once know that the men wearing the robes might not be who they say they are, and that the money thrown in the basket might not go where its supposed to go, and that the people behind the entire structure and organisation of the church and religion, might be beholden to some other power then the one they claim allegiance to.

As long as you go there for God, and to share your prayer and reverence to god with your fellow man, the awareness of those potentials will not hinder your faith, it will strengthen it.

Mysticism is for all people, occultism is for all people, all religions, all points of view, even the atheist.

And this podcast, this podcast is for all people, of all perspectives, every one is welcome. Your opinions on world events bother me not, I understand that every one has a different perspective, and what looks bad to me, can look good to others, and not because they are immoral, but because of the shadows cast on the world which stand affront the light of truth in infinite variations, like Plato's cave. I welcome all people, even my enemies, who I would sit down with, and break bread with, and share stories with, and listen to. I have no enemy. The only enemy is fear and superstition.

Stay tuned, for in the upcoming episodes I will do my very best to introduce you to some of the most profound occult literature in this world and the next.

Thanks for listening

And thank you for your support.

