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Of course we must understand that Symbology is not the only teaching of the U.G.B. In fact, the Aquarian Mission, public vehicle of the U.G.B. does not teach any special philosophy, but endeavors to combine and understand the teaching of 154 philosophic and religious systems. It tries to teach the different conceptions of the human thought of today. There are 300 different religions, each worthy of our study and understanding.

SYMBOLISM is a very important teaching because it is the only one that can never be destroyed. We realize that TRUTH is everywhere, and with knowledge of Symbolism, we can avoid making mistakes in its understanding. Books can be destroyed, as you well know by events of history, but Symbols remain..... the Sphinx of Egypt, old Temples all over the World, and Astrology itself. There remains also some Symbolism in our playing cards. The SPHINX represents the 4 elements, the 4 constellations, the 4 races, the 4 branches of the Cross etc...

Everywhere you find this 4. If you take the playing cards you have also the 4. Hearts, Spades, Clubs and Diamonds... The 4 Elements of Magic...



Talisman.... Water

Relics... ..Earth

Sword.....Fire

Dagger.....Air

It is interesting to know that the Playing Cards come from the TARO, the Holy Name, (Egyptian). If we change the letters... Rato, Tora, etc. they still mean something.

The TARO are the original cards, but not the Playing Cards. In the olden times the Masters gave the Disciples for Initiation, a Taro Card, upon which he had to meditate until some form of enlightenment came. Then he was given another. In the beginning, the Taro is Archiometry, the System that gives the parallel between different signs. Taro cards have the figure in the centre with some Graphics and some Symbols eg.....



When the Master had given two or three of these Taro cards to his Disciple, then the Disciple should be able to understand the complete philosophy. Thus today we are given Symbolism also, some which we receive from a teacher, some which we must find by ourselves.

Symbolism is not a special conception or an Eastern philosophy. We find it also in the Bible. The 4 Gospels, the 4 Evangelists represent the 4 fixed constellations¹. In some Churches in Europe we find the 4 Evangelists with the 4 Signs of the Constellations... Luke with the Bull, Mark with the Lion, Matthew with the Angel, John with the Eagle. Each Gospel talks more about its own Symbol that is linked with it, than about any of the others.

We see also this particular Symbol in Rev. 4: 4-7... "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had the face of a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."

So you see Symbolism exists everywhere. In the Bible, in the Popul- Buh², in the Koran..... Everywhere we have Symbols...

1N.: *Fixed signs*

2N.: *Popol Vuh*

Today we are on a very important moment in the history of Humanity. In Matt. 24: v. 30 "... And then shall appear the Sign of the Son of man in heaven ..." Well, we have seen in the sky the Sign of the Sun of man,- the Sun has entered the Sign³ of Aquarius, the Water- Carrier, one of the three " human" Signs of the Zodiac, the other two being Virgo and Twins. So we have seen in the Sky the Sign of the Son of man, which ushers, in the Aquarian Age. This New Age came when, because of the Precession of the Equinox, the Sun in March 21st, 1948 left the Sign of Pisces, the Fish, to come into the Sign of Aquarius. For the next 2000 years the Sign of the Sun of man will be in the Sky.

But this interpretation need not be confined merely to Symbolism. In the sky of Coree⁴, America, a newspaper photographer, taking the picture of two airplanes, found in the cloud formation on his negative, a likeness to the head of the Christ. Great interest was aroused, and that particular issue of the paper ran to many editions⁵. Thus humanity puts many interpretations upon the meaning of the Second Coming of Christ. But the U.G.F does not wish to canalise⁶ thought in any one way; it studies and attempts to understand all philosophies.

The first 22 cards of the Taro we call the 22 Arcanes, and they correspond exactly to the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet. Symbolism is everywhere, if we take the letters only we understand a little story, more or less the same everywhere; but the understanding is in the SPIRIT and not in the letter. The Bible, for instance, contains the teaching of the Bhagavad Gita of India, which again is a parallel of that of the Ancient Civilisation⁷ of America, the Mayas-Quiches. The Popul- Buh, their Bible, contains the same stories as does our Bible. Thus, when we understand the meaning of the Symbols, we find something deeper and stronger. THAT IS THE TEACHING OF SYMBOLISM.

There are many Symbols in each Religion. The 12 Disciples of Christ are symbolic of the 12 Constellations. When we see the different philosophies or religions of today fighting one against the other, as to whether the 12 Disciples did really exist, it is a pity, because the issue is not important. To look at the fact or the form we must understand Symbols.

Each Sign in the Zodiac has a meaning: each has a relationship to the

3N.: *Constellation*. The author made a distinction between signs and constellations in his other texts. The names of signs (symbolic) are put into the language of each country. The names of the constellations, in all cases, are given in Latin: Aries, Taurus,,,

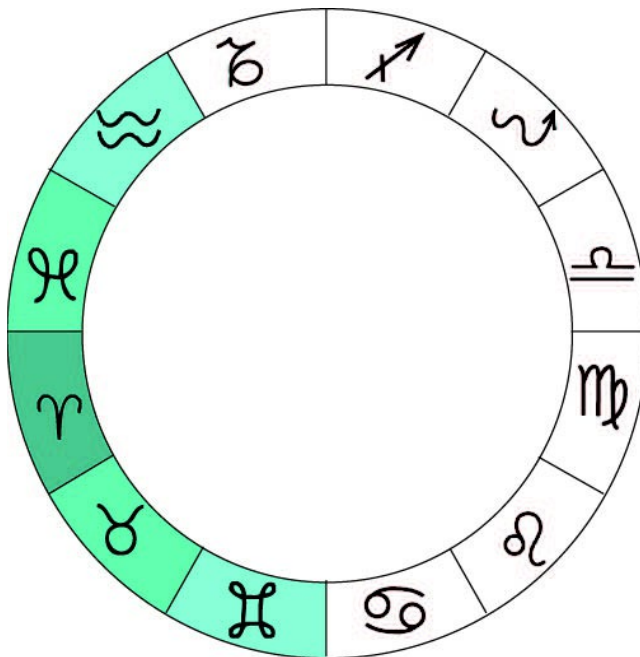
4N.: *Korea*

5N.: Refer to *The Christmas Message*, page 3, on this web site.

6N.: *canalize*

7N.: *Civilization*

human body, and a correspondence with different countries. We find in the Bible that Christ talks about “fish” on a number of occasions.—“... cast the net on the right side of the ship...full of great fishes...153...” Jonh 21: 5-11. The number 53⁸ is important in Kabbalah and Fre-Masonry. Here is an important teaching. Sixty-nine times in the Bible we have the word “fish”.



Returning to the Equinoxial Precession, we say that the Sun moves 1 degree each 72 years, which is a parallel with the 72 pulsations per minute of the human being. In 2,100 years the Sun changes from one Sign to another...

When the Sun was in Gemini, we had the Adamic Epoch, the man and women.

When the Sun was in Taurus, we had the Epoch of the Bull.

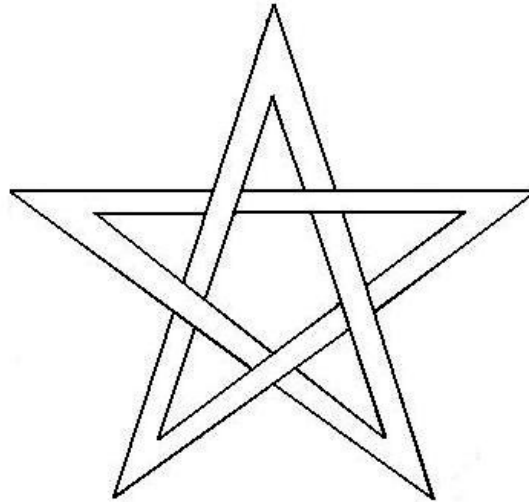
When the Sun passed out of Taurus, it went into the constellation of Aries, the Epoch or the worship of the Lamb.

When the Sun went into Pisces we have the Christian Epoch the Sign of the Fish, coming from the Latin, Pisces, meaning “I shall become Initiate” Christ called Himself a Fisherman, and chose His Disciples from Fisherman.

8N.: 153

The 5 loaves and the 2 fishes, making a total of 7, give a remainder of 12 baskets. All Symbolic figures of this Epoch... The five pointed Star... the man (fig.1.) Always we have the 7, as in the 7 Planets. Always we have the 12, as in the 12 Signs. Hence the 2000 years of the "Fish" was the Christian Era.

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The 21st of March, 1948, the Sun moved into the Constellation of Aquarius, which gives its name to this Epoch as well as to our Mission, The Aquarian Mission. For the next 2000 years we shall be in this Aquarian Epoch.

"When the Spirit of TRUTH shall come, he will guide you into all Truth..."
John 16: 13

"And then shall appear the Sign of the Son of man in heaven ...and they shall see the Son of man coming..." Matt. 24 v 30

We feel that in Symbology there is not something vague, but something very logical. The Sphinx was made a long time ago, before the Christian Age. The Evangelists were not only 4. The Gospels are chosen from 62 others. The Sphinx was a very big construction maybe 5,000 years before Christ, maybe longer, for we realize that Egypt was a part of Atlantic. That is the traditional Symbolism that we have to learn to understand better. Of course, Symbolism, like every other teaching, cannot be given in one lecture, and much of it is secret, and must be realized within. But we are given just different conceptions to help us in our search for THRUTH. We are in the New Age, and if we find the Truth, we must help others in the Search, for in this New Age all are seeking by the

intellectual method. The day of Blind Belief is past. People want positive, concrete explanations.

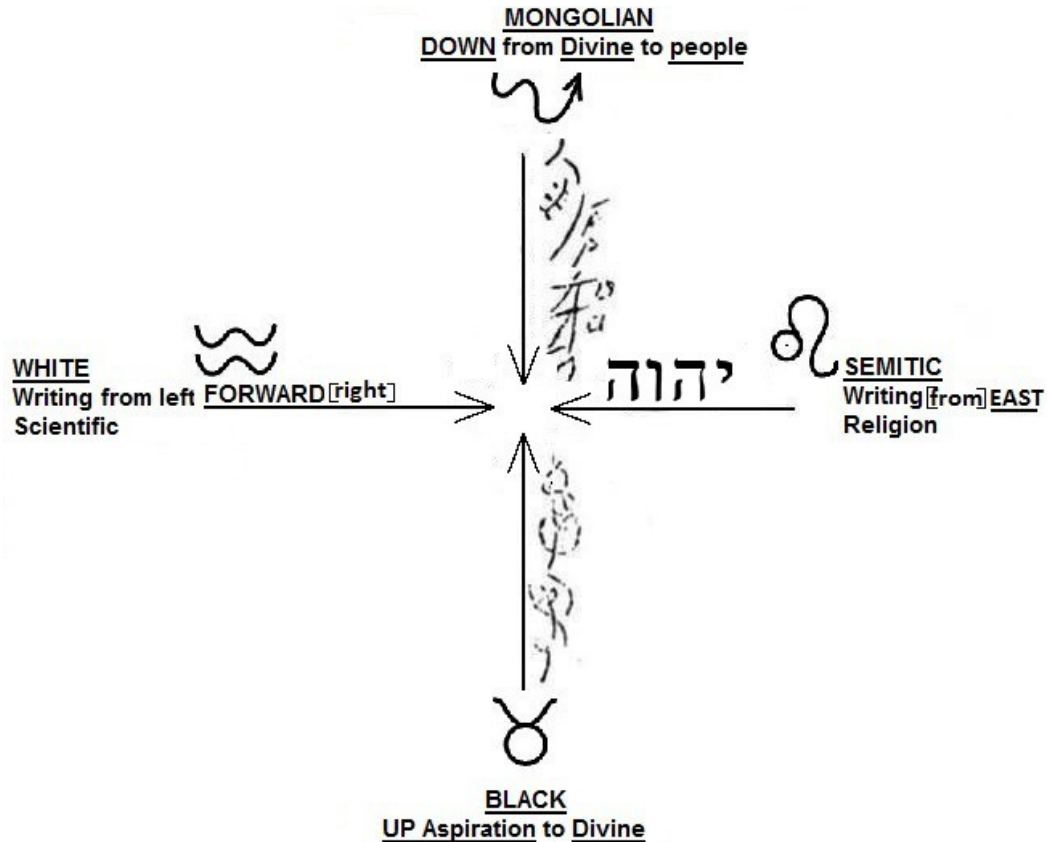
We learn in Symbolism of the Transmutation from the Bull to the Eagle. Yes, we need to be more philosophic in Science, and more Scientific in Philosophy and Religion. The result will be the understanding of the ONENESS, which leads us again to the understanding of Yoga – not of the Fakirs or the specialists of Hatha Yoga, but real YOGA, YUG, IDENTIFICATION.

The U.G.B seeks to reconcile all Religions and Science of all Ages. Our Institution seeks the ONENESS. Each member remains in his own understanding; he can be Christian, Buddhist or Jew, and still realise⁹ the Truth. Salvation is not limited to one Church or to one Seen. We cannot believe that God, the Great All, would be so unjust. No, the TRUTH is everywhere. It is not confined to any one Group. There are no bad Religions. The Universal Great Brotherhood does not preach against any Church. It means that we are willing to try to understand and explain the teaching of the Chinese of the 10th Century before Christ, as well as the Christian teaching of today. In any teaching there must still be found the TRUTH, even though it is given in a different way. For instance the picture of the Sacred Heart means to the Christian that there is a feeling of love for Humanity. But a Hindu or a Chinese would not understand how Jesus of Nazareth could walk the World with His heart in His hand.

In the beginning of Time, the first Race, a Negro Race, wrote UPWARDS, a Symbol of Aspiration. At this time also was the worship of FIRE. The Yellow Race, Mongolian Chinese, understood that we must open ourselves for the Divine to come DOWN into man. They wrote DOWN. They just opened themselves and made of themselves a real Cup or Chalice. The Semitic Race wrote looking towards the light of the Sun, towards the EAST¹⁰. Religion brings the Light to the World, just as does the Sun. The White Race, by reason of its Scientific activity, wants to analyse, to go into details, to understand by means of the Reason, what is the Truth for which it seeks, to find its way to God. They have an opposition to blind belief, thus their writing goes the opposite way, from left to RIGHT.

9N.: *realize*

10N.: From right to left



Every Race has a different method of expressing itself. Everyone has a different method of expressing himself and of understanding. We must strive to understand the different feelings, cultures, and the karma of each.

WITH DIFFERENT EXPRESSION, DIFFERENT FEELING, IT IS
POSSIBLE TO COME TOGETHER ON ONE POINT.

The different rivers in all the different countries go down from different places, but still they come down to ONE SEA.

People also, can all have different ways, different religions, but can come on the same way. The UNIVERSAL GREAT BROTHERHOOD gives different teachings, so that, one day, each one may come to the TRUTH for HIMSELF.

PEACE BE WITH YOU