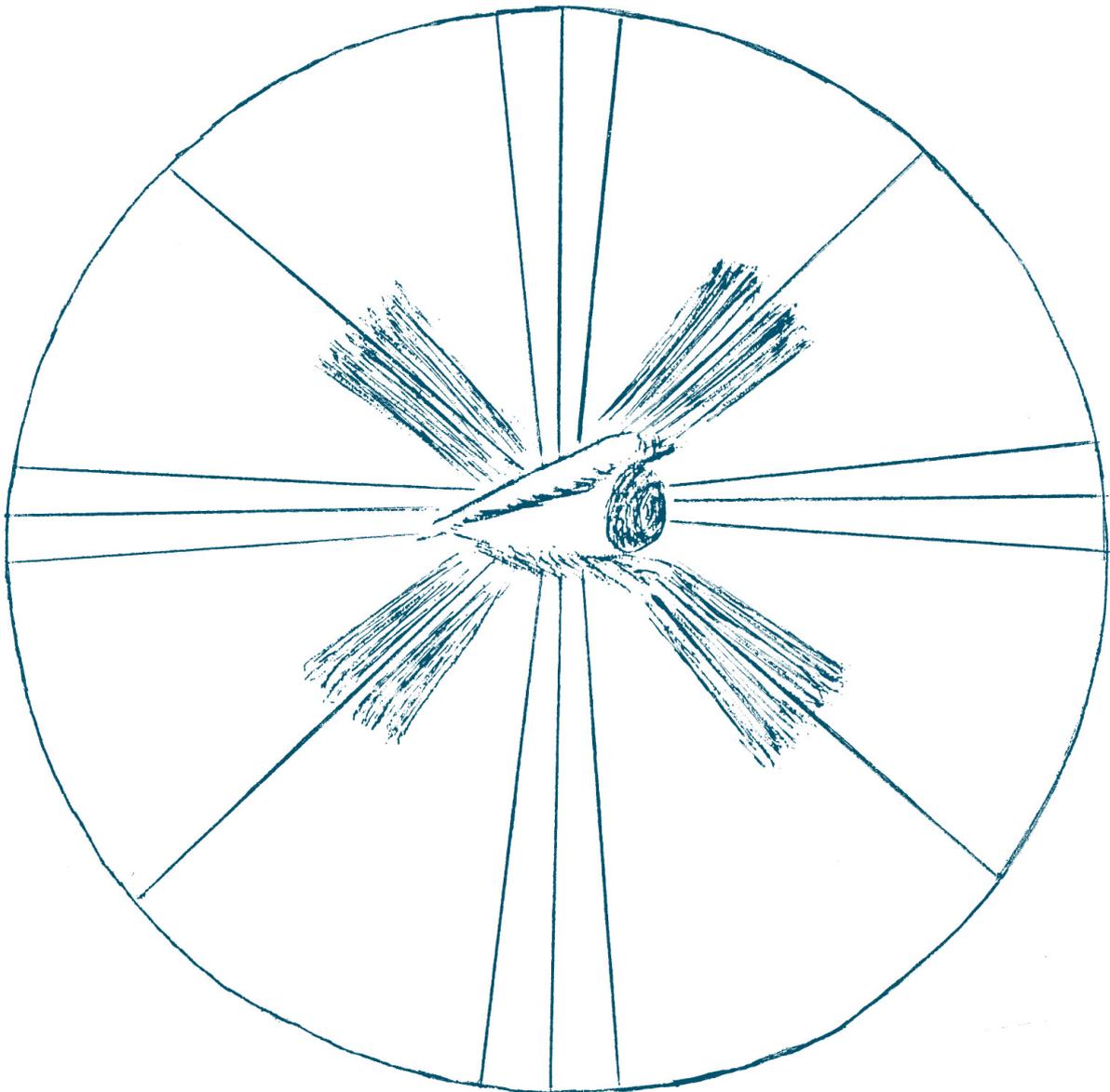

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The Lost Civilization of Atlantis



Message from the Editor

In this issue we present a few selected Speeches from the book “THE LOST CIVILIZATION OF ATLANTIS”, published by our Society. The book is an English translation from Greek by John Alexander and Ioannis Kontodinas.

The book is divided into three parts. In the first part, the Spiritual Teacher Archimedes describes the Atlantean civilisation during his lifetime in Atlantis, when the continent was coming close to its destruction due to its moral decline. In the second part, Solon the Athenian describes Atlantis during his lifetime in that country, when that civilisation had reached its peak of inner progress and spiritual evolution. In the third part, Archimedes again portrays the final stage of the civilisation and the events that led to its destruction.

In the current volume of Autumn 2020 excerpts from the recount of Solon the Athenian are presented, describing the blissful time of Atlantis. In the next volume of Winter 2020 we present excerpts from the recount of Archimedes, describing the moral decline of the Atlantean civilisation.

The Editor

The Happy Country of the Atlanteans

Solon the Athenean

[Excerpt 1]

By divine grace, I undertake to describe the happy country of the Atlanteans. As you know from other communications, there existed once upon a time a continent named Atlantis. Hitherto no one has managed to discover anything about the civilization of the Atlanteans, with the exception of a few facts about it which brother Archimedes has imparted.

Twenty thousand years before your present era, the country of Atlantis enjoyed a most exceptional civilization. For this reason I have named the present work "The happy country of the Atlanteans".

Both I myself and other famous sages of History led a previous existence as citizens of Atlantis. I preceded brother Archimedes by a long time. I will not speak about myself, but will focus only on the description of that civilization, so as to give you a vague idea of the world as it was then. It was the Lord's choice - the choosing, that is, of the Highest Principle of the Whole Cosmos - that we should be the elected people in virtue of psycho-spiritual advancement.

The capital of Atlantis was the Atlantean Gate. We possessed enormous Centres of Instruction. Our country was under no threat from enemies, because the inhabitants of other countries were so backward that they feared to enter our territories, which were completely surrounded by a wall of death-dealing rays. Besides, we had no contact with any of the peoples of that time.

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[Excerpt 2]

The cities of Atlantis were established inland. The five main cities were all built on the river named Rodonios (because roses of many colors were planted all along the riverside), which poured into the Atlantic Ocean. Vegetation was of many kinds, of which one was the many-coloured daisy. This was a large flower, of a scent so subtle that it inebriated the senses and drugged the mind. I should also mention one of our species of fruits: it resembled a date palm the size of a strychno, and within the fruit was a milky liquid which was soothing to the stomach.

Atlantis stretched from the shores of the Mediterranean, over the area known today as the Sahara, and beyond it to the Atlantic Ocean. When it was destroyed, half of it was buried immeasurably deep in the Earth and the other half was submerged in

the Atlantic Ocean. Here we will speak of the country's happy times, when the citizens lived in peace and harmony.

First of all I must be clear about many things which are unknown to you. Our technical civilization was comparable to your own. We had long been familiar with electricity, which was used by Science in thoroughly superior ways. Our inner development went hand in hand with our technical advances. In this sense your world has never attained a higher civilization than ours.

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[Excerpt 3]

In the Atlantean Gate, there was a temple which was dedicated to the Truth. Truth that is, was personified in order to attract men to her, just as you have the Wisdom of God today. Truth was not a goddess but an abstract meaning, whose depth was to be found within the Universal Power that we were unable to define. Later on we were able, by means of our inner advancement, to ascertain that the Universe functions according to this same Power, which we called Divine.

There in the temple all the faithful gathered and sang hymns to the Divine Grace of the Unknown Power. I mention all this in order that my brothers may be aware of the stage which our civilization had reached.

Injustice was not an accustomed phenomenon but exceedingly rare, because every citizen was in possession of the "know thyself" teaching. The Laws in my day were the guides of men's conduct, and the duty of each citizen to the State was seen as sacred, just as the State concerned itself with the development and prosperity of each citizen - that is, of its child.

A brief look at the life of the Atlanteans will be of use in helping you to understand the way of life of your forefathers. Order reigned in our republics; moderation was axiomatic among our people, and to this we owed the advanced degree of harmony and happiness that makes the present-day inhabitants of the world appear like blind men walking upon the Earth - an Earth which can provide all that is necessary for the improvement of your lives here. And yet you limp and stumble over slighter obstacles: why?

The reason is that you no longer cultivate your "inner" civilization - in fact, you no longer know what is meant by the civilization of your inner world. In this respect we had reason to be proud of ourselves, for we were the first to exercise control over the spirit and to bring it into subjection to the soul.

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[Excerpt 4]

People were employed in various different areas. They worked six hours a day, and the rest of the time they spent in learning, education, information, research, and so on. There was also enough time for relaxation, for the playing of various games

which sharpened the intellect, and for attending musical gatherings with instruments which are unknown to you today.

Respect towards one's elders was an established fact. The State gave the lead without enforcement and the citizens obeyed, because they were cultivated in soul.

Woman was perceived as an adornment both inner and outer. That is to say, she was unrivalled as regards outward care and attention, and inwardly she strove to appear even more so in protectiveness, tenderness and love. These are all gifts which your present-day women pretend to possess, whereas in those days they were spontaneous.

Farmers were not perceived as inferior to other people; on the contrary, they practised an art. At sunrise they went forth to the fields, and after their work they came singing home to their houses with joy and happiness. No one thought of the morrow, because the State took care of that, composed as it was of virtuous men who were truly concerned with the members of the body of the State, including the individual.

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[Excerpt 5]

The Law, my friends, must benefit all men, and must not justify the unjust man if through lying or other means he contrives to deceive Justice. In order for the Law to be just, justice must be the first requirement for those who undertake to govern a nation and to educate it in a way which will lead to the appearance in the political arena of men who are virtuous, just and beloved.

I assure you, dear readers, that no more advanced civilization than ours has ever come to light in your world. I am not referring to the technological aspect but to the inner civilization, to the cultivation of the psychic world.

When a citizen had done something wrong, his conscience was unable to resist the torment of his spirit and he would then go to a special priestly hall, where the high priest, that is, the great hierophant, would hear his confession and, based on the directions of the Spirit – Guide, he would tell the sinner what he had to do in order to atone.

The great hierophant at that time was the man known to you as Pythagoras. There were also assistants of high standing, but no one else was in a position to explain all things simply and to arouse faith in the hearts of men. When the great priest spoke, all those present revered his words and listened attentively to the unknown mysteries of divine inspiration.

The great initiate Pythagoras would say, for example: There are no numbers save the one (1). If you double the one (1) you obtain the dyad (2), and so forth. Therefore the One (1) moves all things, though we do not know it. The One is diffused within Infinity; it fills all things; and yet it is invisible to our eyes. But it causes the sense of its presence to exist in all those who perceive its Might. Non-Existence is represented by the number zero (0). If you add together one (1) and zero (0) the result is one (1), meaning that Infinity is filled with the diffusion of the One (1). On the

other hand, if you place a zero beside the number of the monad, you get the decad (10): the cooperation of the Spirits under the general supervision of the One, which is immutable and is called the "Being that truly exists". This is the Principle. But in order that the ordinary citizen might understand these abstractions, we personified divinities in our poetry, as you nowadays have your saints. Personification attracts when faith is strengthened by the divine Word.

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[Excerpt 6]

The Government of the country of Atlantis was a kind of pure Democracy. That is to say, the citizens were able to govern themselves under the higher supervision of a wise Principle. The form of government was not anarchic because the people was aware of the position it occupied as a member of the greater Society. In this manner the country advanced in inner psychic fortitude as in the intellectual progression of observation and control. We thus had a government the like of which has never come to pass in your world.

When, however, man neglects the care of his soul and is more zealous in applying himself to the cultivation of his spirit, then little by little the soul's advance is halted and the spirit takes control of being. And as the advancement of the machine progresses, man leaves behind his sacred duties and approaches the forbidden fruit, the fruit, that is, of Supreme Knowledge, which cannot be made known to the understanding of man; and from that point on he is easily subjected to the corrupting influence of the Spirit of Evil.

In my time nothing like this happened; it was only from Heaven that I watched the fall of man and later the collapse and submergence of the beautiful and unforgettable Atlantis.

Here I am speaking only of the blissful time of that great country.

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[Excerpt 7]

Hypnotism was well-known to us. When the medium was under hypnosis, leaves of laurel or myrrh were burned so that he might leave his senses behind and be free to communicate with the Heavenly Spirit, far from the Spirits of evil. The guidance proceeded from Angels who had never visited the Earth, and this made the genuine Will of the Lord somewhat difficult to grasp. They used the names of gods of the time, not of gods unknown to them, so that the heavenly texts might be accepted.

The greatest Divinity of all, that is to say the Truth, took no part in the communications, for it was Fiery and Unknowable Being. Nevertheless it was She who was the first Unknown Principle of All, that is, the God or Positive Activity of All Things.

The faithful retained respect for our principles, which was why the great country of Atlantis prospered. The sessions of the initiates were not attended by everyone, only by the elect, who passed on the news to the rest.

In order to be received as initiate into the Centre of those godly men, preparation was necessary. The aspirant had to understand where his duties lay, both as a man and as a member of that great Brotherhood. If this did not happen, and if the Brotherhood had thought all the brothers equally worthy of initiation, the few who were profane would have destroyed the nucleus of the Brotherhood, and man's moral knowledge would have crumbled through lack of faith and the activity of the Evil Spirit.

The initiated were not concerned only for themselves. No; they were concerned first and foremost for the brothers outside their circle, and only then for themselves. Herein lies the difference between them and many of your contemporary Centres or Brotherhoods. They look after themselves and then, if they have the means, for the sake of appearances they concern themselves with as few as possible of their brothers. And these people are called "initiates". Who conferred this title on them, and why did they accept it? Was it in order to set themselves apart from the rest of their brothers? Maybe those who are not initiates are greatly superior in feeling to those who hold a priestly office.

I must repeat, in a few words, that the happiness of the Atlanteans was due to the authority of their initiates.

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[Excerpt 8]

I have spoken of Pythagoras as the great Hierophant of the Atlanteans. But you must also learn from my own lips of a Symbol which was guarded in utter secrecy in the sanctuary of the Great Stoa of the initiates of my time.

No one among us knew the origin of this Symbol. It was the Cross. In my time, of course, the Lord as Son of the Eternal Being, the God-Man, did not exist; he was born as man having the Breath of God, but also with His Father's command that he should save Mankind. We knew nothing at all about the Lord. The initiates used to say that a most marvellous Soul would be sent into the world of matter to teach man about the things of Heaven and of his duty towards the divine Justice of the Unknown Power. They said also that the Cross was an image of man's suffering, and that for the Lord to save mankind, He who was destined to come upon the Earth as the Savior of souls would lie upon the Cross.

As you see, the initiates knew nothing definite. For this reason they piously revered and glorified the Sign of the Cross, which they believed to be a Holy Symbol of the Unknown God. No uninitiated person could enter the sanctuary of the Stoa to see what the Cross was and what purpose it had. Whenever one of us initiates came before this Sign and asked It for enlightenment and guidance, he received it as if by magic, felt lighter in himself and experienced within his heart the peace of Heaven.

How, therefore, few as we were, could we fail to have faith in the Symbol of our enlightenment? Despite the fact that we lived way before the age of the appearance of the Lord on Earth, symbolism led us towards the destiny of the human race.

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[Excerpt 9]

After the departure of myself and other eminent men of my time, the country progressed outwardly by leaps and bounds. Women began acting in theatrical performances, and morals took a downward turn. The laws of Solon became more lax. People ceased to pay so much attention to the inner civilization of the individual. New theories came into conflict with the old system, and life continued to move fast in the direction of a new world unworthy of the name of man.

This change bore fruit within a few centuries, and that beautiful and incomparably happy age of mine took on a completely different aspect, as the human race proceeded towards an evil and seductive corruption.

At this stage there was a period of stagnation. Evil was active in men's conscience, and the conscience was enslaved by the spirit of madness. Atlantis was already on the road to perdition. Much later on Archimedes appeared on the continent, who was not an initiate of the Mysteries, but a devotee of material progress, a powerful mind and an egotist who despised many of the sages of his day. He himself described his life as a wandering initiate of Science and of love. For this reason he returned to earthly life and had a miserable end. He did not become wise, for his spirit was strongly opposed to his soul. This was why he underwent centuries of punishment, in order to recover the favour of the Spiritual World and later to enter the ranks of the Teachers.

I hope with all my heart that you too may lay the foundation stone of a new civilization, cultivating your inner world and ignoring the world outside. Of course, man also needs the external world, but do not overstep the measure, and prefer rather the ascent of the soul towards the Spiritual World than the ascent of the intellect to the world of externals.

Take lost Atlantis as your example. Compare the two eras. Apply yourselves to the Good and repulse what is Evil, that your years may see a new and noble civilization.

Solon the Athenian



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