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Corpus Hermeticum - Book 13

'The Womb of Silence'

Poem of the Day

Oscillation

Wherever your concentration
lies; so will you see,

Some see blackness

Others; whiteness,

Some will see 4,

Others see only 5,

Some will see the Truth of the
cross of matter and the cross
of Light,

There lies the provenance of
the Divine.

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Early Seeds

The Church of St Mary [the Lady Chapel, Glastonbury]. Built on the site of what is possibly the earliest Christian settlement in Britain. It is claimed to have been planted in the middle of the first century by Joseph of Arimathea and his companions. However, it is unlikely that Joseph ever visited Britain.

It is, nevertheless, conceivable that a Christian community did settle in Glastonbury and its environs during the latter part of the first century. Whatever the truth of the matter may be, the earliest charter widely accepted as being authentic, dates from the seventh century. It describes a land grant (dated 681) from King Baldred to the "Church of the Blessed Mary. . .". Another charter, granted by King Ine of Wessex, dated 704, describes the church on this site as the "Wooden Church" (*lignea basilica*), which for many centuries was renowned as the "Old Church" (*Vetusta Ecclesia*).

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Hajj Tragedy

Bishops have sent messages of sympathy to Muslim communities, after a stampede outside Mecca at the annual hajj left 717 people dead, another 805 people were injured. It is understood that the crush occurred after two large groups arrived at the same time at a crossroads, during which pebbles are thrown at three columns. An estimated 25,000 British Muslims are among the two million Muslims currently making the hajj. There have as yet been no reports that any were among the fatalities or injured.

"This is an important spiritual journey made by an increasing number of Muslims each year - I The Bishop of Bedford, the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, wrote to the Muslim community in the diocese of St Albans shortly after the news broke, expressing his "deep sorrow". He wrote: "Taking place on the holy day of Eid al-Adha, normally a day of celebration, we share the pain of this terrible tragedy all the more, recognising the great tradition of pilgrimage that is found in both our faiths, in which people seek to draw closer to God.

"Verily we belong to God, and to God we shall return." *[Church Times]*

Online Recordings

The below link introduces recordings of relaxation and meditation aids as well as the morning office used by the members of the ODP that has been adapted to serve as a daily online service. The reading within the Office is changed every Sunday.

[Meditation & Daily Office Link](#)

Lectionary Readings

27 Sept	James 5 : 13 - end	Mark 9 : 38 - end
4 Oct	Heb 1 : 1 - 4 2 : 5 - 12	Mark 10 : 2 - 16
11 Oct	Heb 4 : 12 - end	Mark 10 : 17 - 31
19 Oct	Heb 5 : 1 - 10	Mark 10 : 35 - 45
25 Oct	Heb 7 : 23 - end	Mark 10 : 46 - end

Chicken Yum Yum

Serves 2:

Ingredients:

2 Chicken Supremes, skin on

1 Small Onion (sliced)

1 Garlic clove (chopped)

5 Thin slices of Fresh Ginger

2 Tsp Dijon Mustard

2 Decent splashes of Tabasco

2 Tsp Chopped Coriander

A good grind of Salt and Pepper

Olive Oil

Preheat oven at 180 C.

Place the Chicken Supremes on a large piece of foil. Cover all the ingredients evenly over the chicken. Then pour a decent amount of olive oil over both. Wrap loosely in foil, so that it is sealed but leaves plenty of space at the top. Place on a tray and put in the oven for 45 minutes.

(Be careful when opening the foil, as inside will be very hot)

Serve with buttered leaks:

Slice Leaks into ¼ inch circles. place in a small pan with small amount of water, a good noggin of unsalted butter, and a good grind of salt & pepper.

Place on high heat until water begins to boil and butter is melted, stir occasionally. Then turn down heat to low, cover and let it trundle until leeks are cooked to your own taste (about 15 minutes is usually fine).

Enjoy!

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Asclepius Staff



Asclepius was the son of Apollo and Koronis, a daughter of a Thessalian prince. At his birth his mother Koronis died, struck by the arrows of Artemis. Apollo saved Asclepius and put him in the care of the great physician, Chiron, who looked after him and taught him the mysteries of the healing art.

A legend recounts that in return for a kindness rendered by Asclepius, a snake, probably the Aesculapian Snake, *Zamenis Longissimus*, (named after him) a non-venomous serpent native to Mediterranean countries, licked Asclepius' ears thereby introducing him to the secret wisdom of healing. Whatever this act may signify Asclepius has from the earliest times been depicted bearing a staff wreathed with a snake.

Asclepius became so successful in the work of healing that he even excelled his master, Chiron. Unfortunately, his great ability in the healing arts offended Pluto, the ruler of the underworld who brought a complaint against Asclepius before Zeus the king of the gods. Zeus found against Asclepius and killed him with a thunderbolt, much to the indignation of his father, Apollo, who complained so bitterly that he was exiled by Zeus to live on earth for a while.

Asclepius acquired the status of a god among the peoples of the ancient Mediterranean world and the cult of Asclepius became very popular. Pilgrims flocked to his temples (*Asclepieia*) to be cured of their ills. Ritual purification would be followed by offerings or sacrifices to Asclepius and supplicants would then spend the night in the temple. It is said that Aesculapian Snakes were introduced to each new temple of Asclepius that was established throughout the classical world, and were allowed to move freely in the dormitories where the sick and injured slept. Any dreams or visions would be reported to the priests who then prescribed the appropriate therapy by a process of interpretation.

Asclepius' Staff has been linked to the *Nebushtan*, a brazen (bronze) serpent wrapped around a pole mentioned in the Bible in the *Book of Numbers* (21:8-9). The reference reads as follows: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived".



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