



MUTUS LIBER IN QUO TAMEN
tota Philosophia hermetica, figuris hieroglyphicis
depingitur, ter optimo maximo Deo misericordi
consecratus, solusque filiis artis dedicatus,
auctore cujus nomen est Altus.
21. 11. 82. Neg.
93. 82. 72. Neg.
82. 81. 33. Tued.

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apud PETRUM SAVOURET * cum Privilegio Regis
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Willing,
Capacities,
and Objective
Consciousness

In a dream that Maurice Nicoll shared with his group, he called THE NEW WILL:

"In this dream of mine, what is this ditch? What are the bones? To have crossed this gulf would mean that I would have overcome everything prehistoric in me."

What is the prehistoric part of man? Look at the Liber Mutus. You see a picture of a man clad in skins laying dead. The violent prehistoric man has given place to the Man and Woman. The man is with his soul. The Man and Woman are in contact with God who comes down. This shows us what it is to have a will not based on violence or self love and without negative emotions. This man the whole thing shows us what a new Will would be like.

Maurice Nicoll pg 270, A Portrait by Beryl Pogsen



Self-consciousness occurs spontaneously for brief moments that often leave particularly vivid memories behind them. These are the high moments that may occur in situations of great danger, intense motion, or extraordinary stress. Then attention is clear, non-partial and relatively complete, and is divided between self and the environment, so that action unfolds spontaneously, appropriately, and sometimes even heroically. Self-consciousness can also become a way of being. There are many levels of its development. It starts with a division into two, as some of the attention is given to oneself and some is available to perceive the environment. In its fullest form, the basic contraction of ego is absent, producing a particular duality of experience, described by Madame Ouspensky, like this:

“What is the first characteristic of self remembering? In this state man is not center. He is not separate. Sitting in a room, he is aware of the whole room, of himself, as only one of the objects in it. He is likewise aware of others, and does not put himself above them, or criticize or judge. This is not love, but it is the beginning of love. In this state, a man has no self as he is usually aware of it. It is quite impossible for him to consider or become negative, for the moment he does, so the state will vanish.”

States of Consciousness

Objective Consciousness

Self-Consciousness

Ordinary Waking State “Sleep”

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Ordinary Sleep

This is described as being entirely subjective, with connections between centers partially broken.

It is characterized by passivity and immersion in dreams.



Ordinary Waking State

This is described as being almost entirely subjective and can be active but everything happens.

It is characterized by identification, lying, mechanicality, considering, and emotional deficiency.

It is said to be more dangerous than ordinary sleep.



Self-Consciousness

This is described as the only way to develop a sustained consciousness.

It is said to be achievable by ordinary people, and is necessary for individuality, will, and ability to do things.

It is also said to occur in flashes for ordinary people without work.

Objective Consciousness

This is described as the “enlightened” state, where things seem as they truly are.

It is said to be the result of inner growth and hard work on oneself and can occur in flashes for all people.



The Seven Levels of Human Development

- 7 Will; consciousness; permanent and unchanging "I"; individuality; immortality.
- 6 Similar to level 7, but some qualities are not completely permanent and knowledge can still be lost.
- 5 Has unity and is already crystallized. Cannot accidentally go back to previous levels of development. Has whole and indivisible knowledge.
- 4 Permanent center of gravity in ideas, valuation, and relation to inner work. Centers are becoming balanced. Begins to actually observe self and know aim. Already receiving knowledge from higher levels and beginning to get free from subjective elements. Cannot be born nor develop accidentally as a result of ordinary influences.



Center of gravity in the intellectual center; everything from theories, mental constructions. Wants proofs and systems.



Center of gravity in the emotional center. Knowledge of likes and dislikes of others, mental coping, frustrations, wants, needs, proofs, and systems.



Center of gravity in the moving-instinctive center; knowledge by imitation and instinct. Wants gratification of lusts and comfort.

This idea is expressed in the Work-diagram that begins with "Observing 'I'" and leads up to "Master." Let us look once more at the diagram:

Master, Real "I"

Steward

Deputy-Steward

Observing "I"

One clear thing that this diagram indicates is that unless a man or woman establishes Observing "I" in themselves nothing can take place in regard to their full development—which is the passage from the state of many contradictory "I"s that belong to the so-called Waking State of Consciousness, upwards towards the attainment of Real "I", which is, as it were, awaiting oneself. But taking what is not oneself as oneself can only lead to endless sleep and negative states. So a man who attains to his real goal—namely, becoming conscious in Real "I"—is objectively conscious—that is, he attains the 4th State of Consciousness.

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