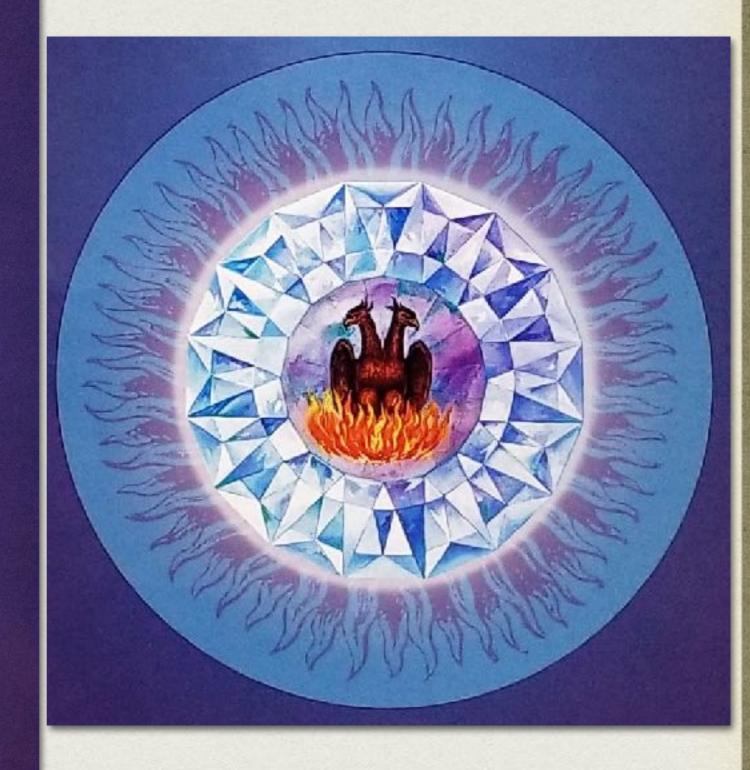
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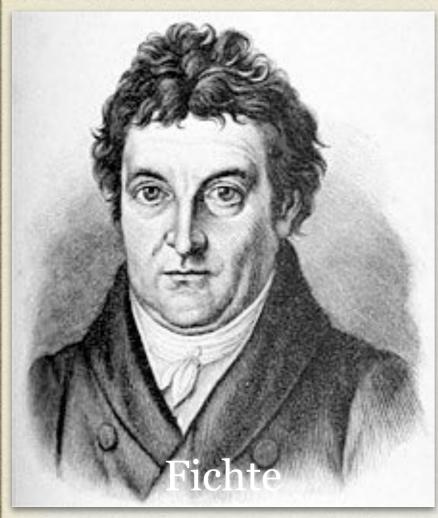
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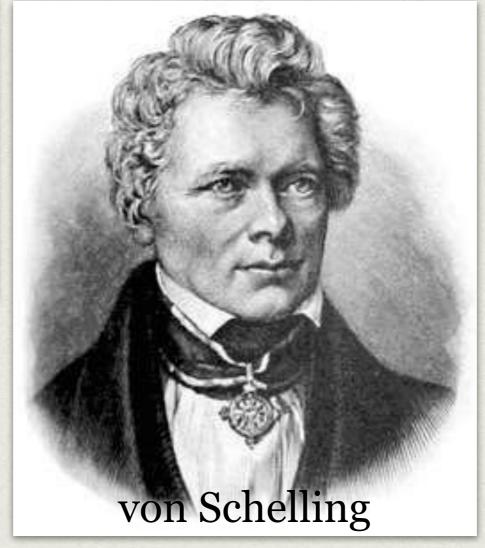
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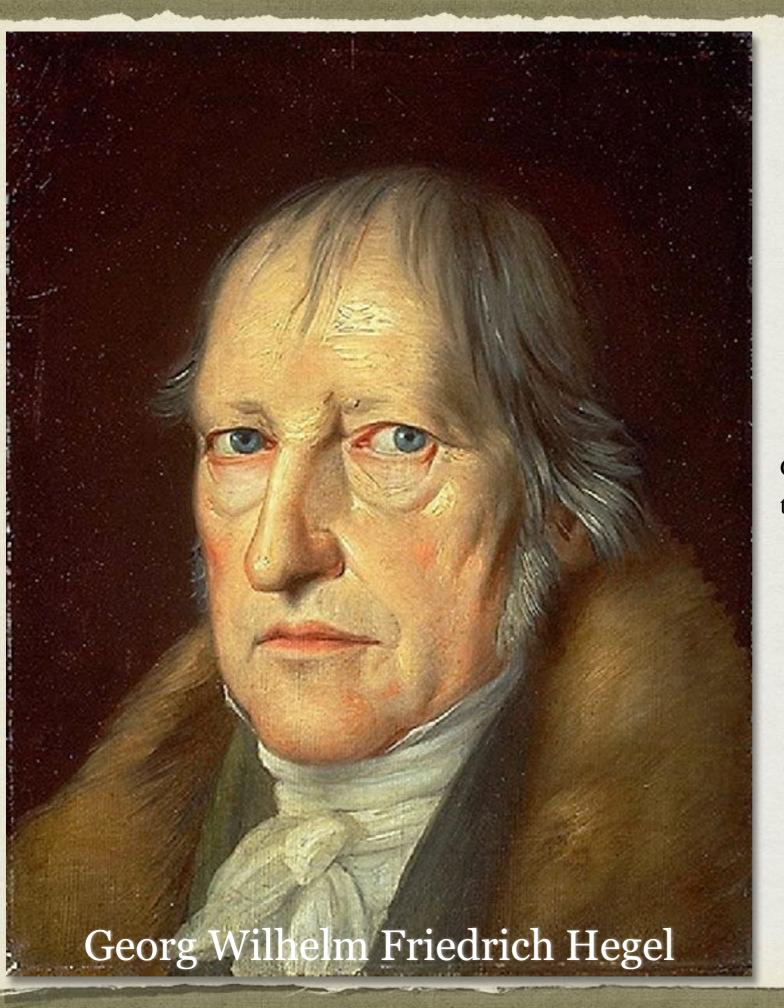
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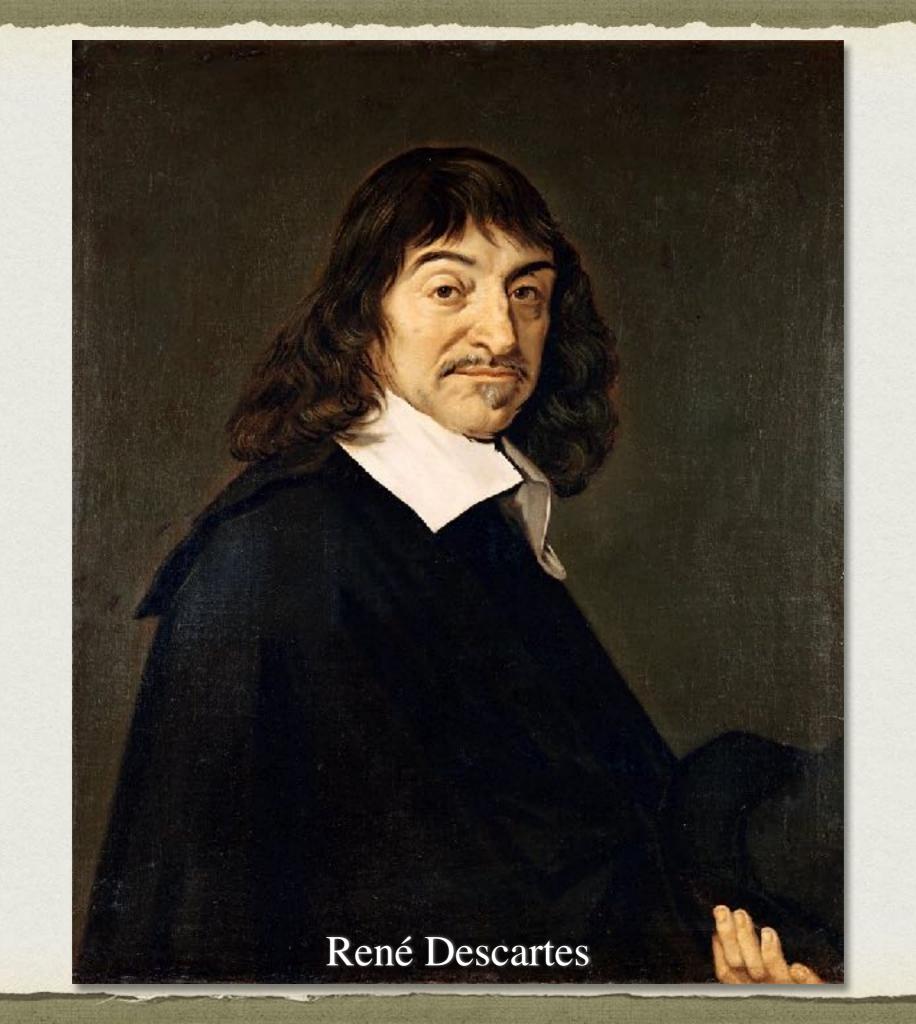




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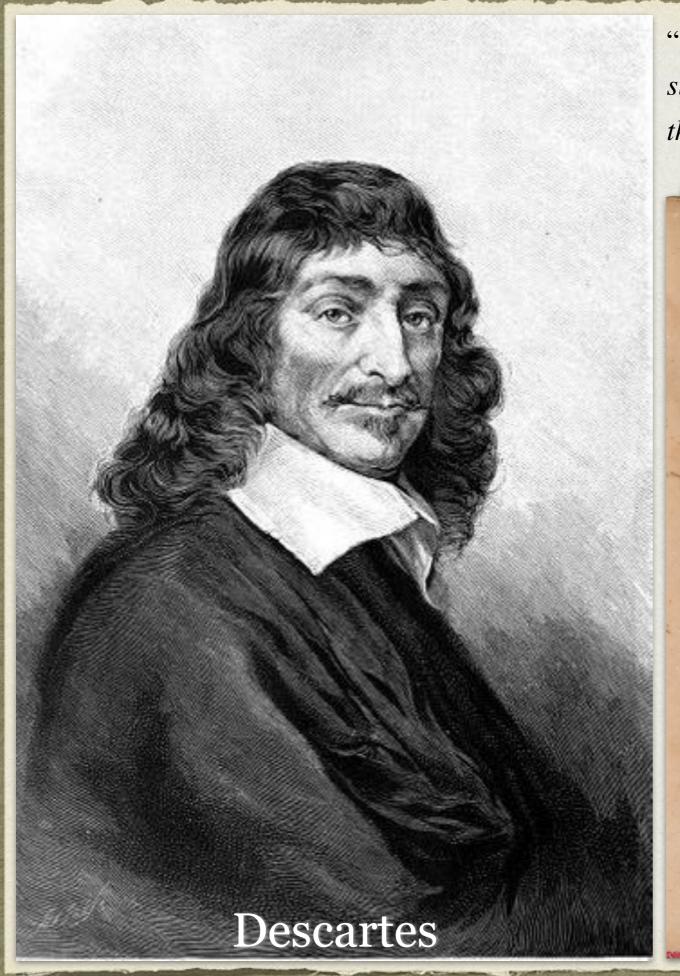
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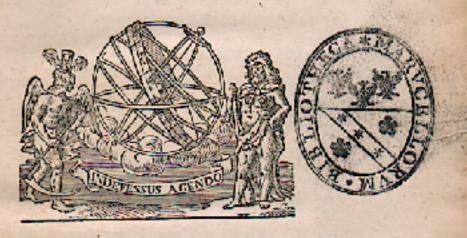


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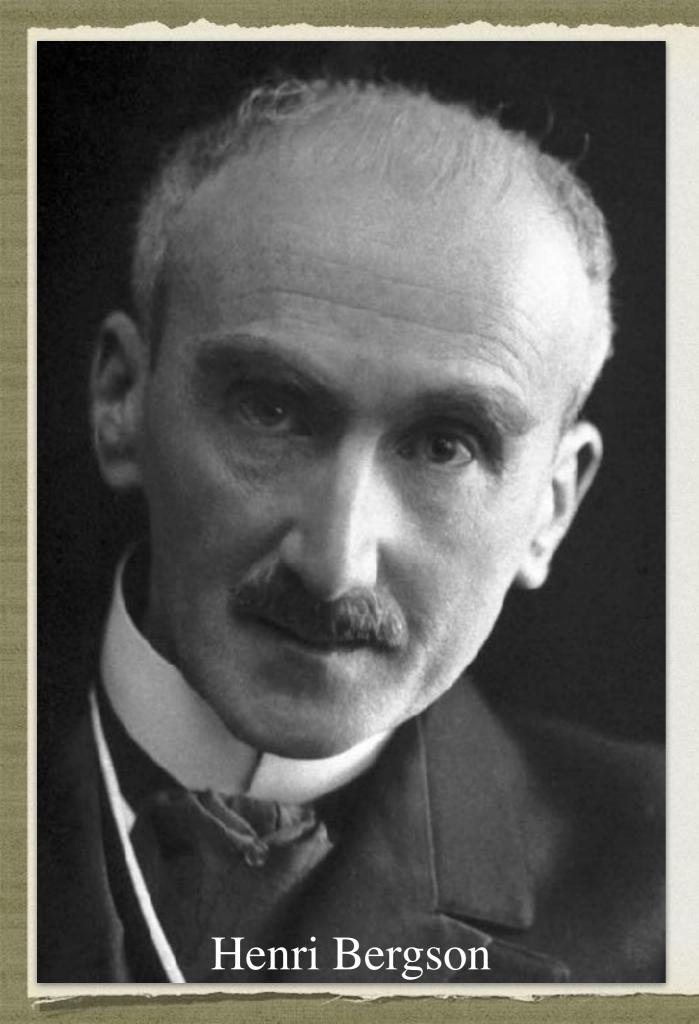
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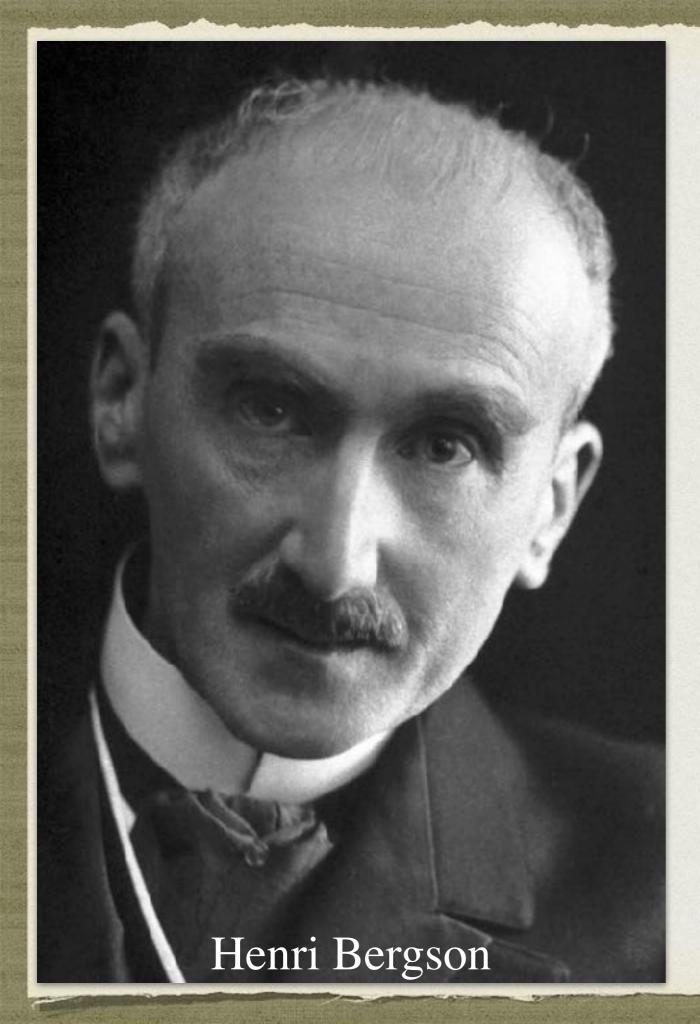
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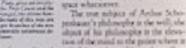
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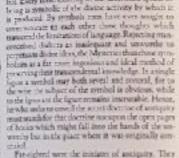
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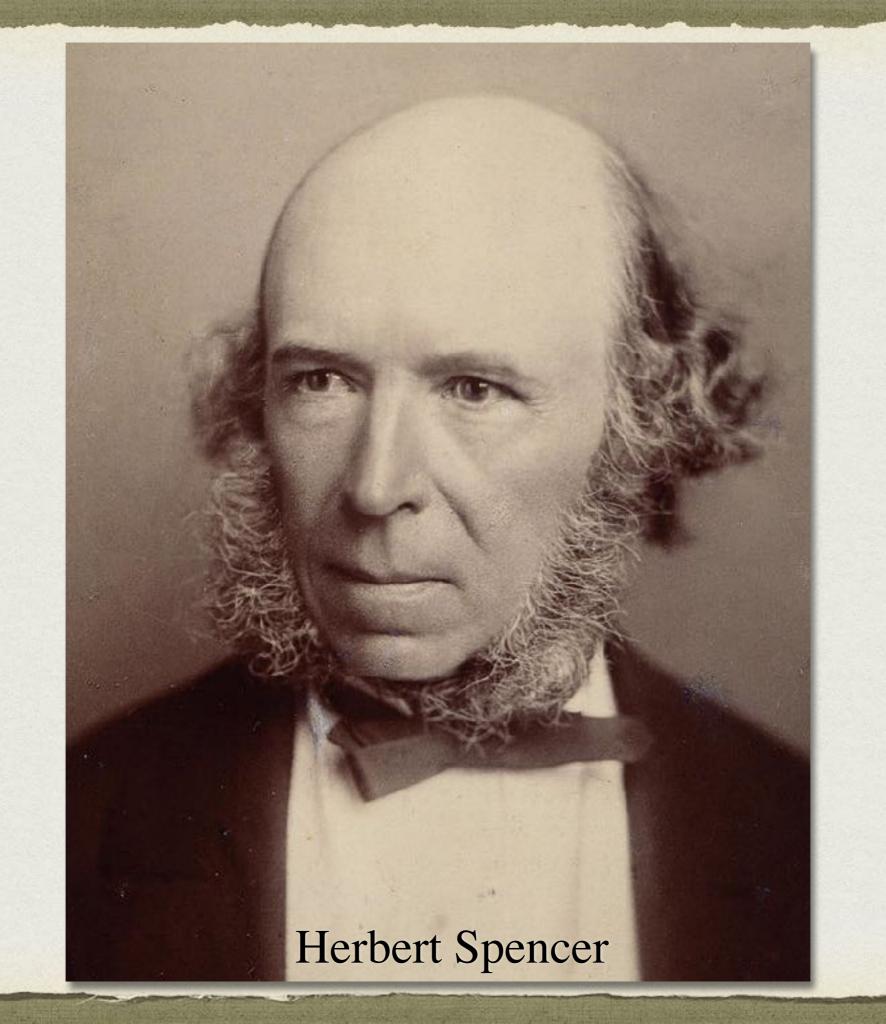
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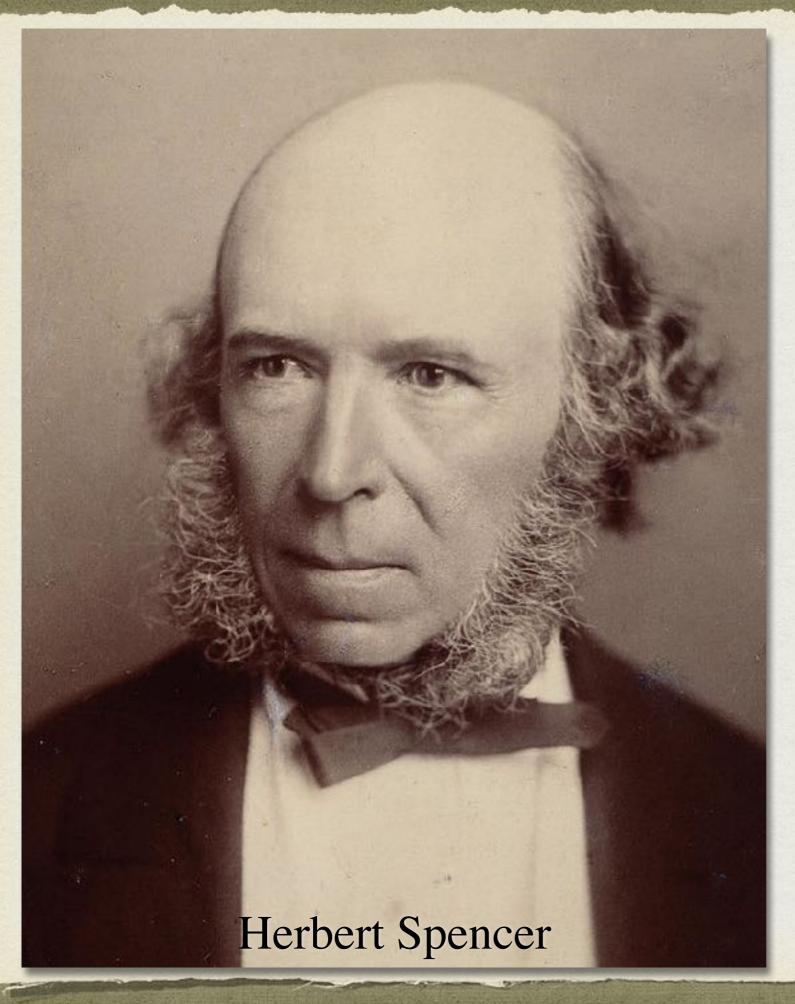


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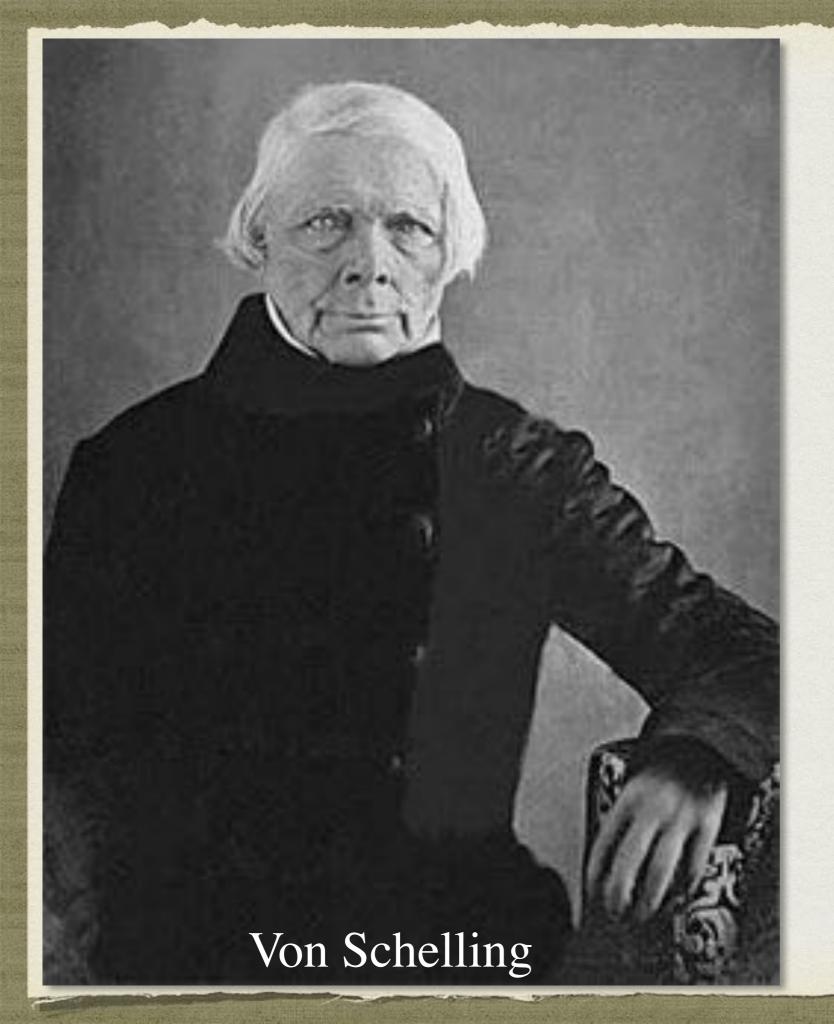


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"Von Schelling also held that the Absolute in its process of selfdevelopment proceeds according to a law or rhythm consisting of three movements. The first, a reflective movement, is the attempt of the Infinite to embody itself in the finite. The second, that of subsumption, is the attempt of the Absolute to return to the Infinite after involvement in the finite. The third, that of reason, is the neutral point wherein the two former movements are blended." STOAA:18

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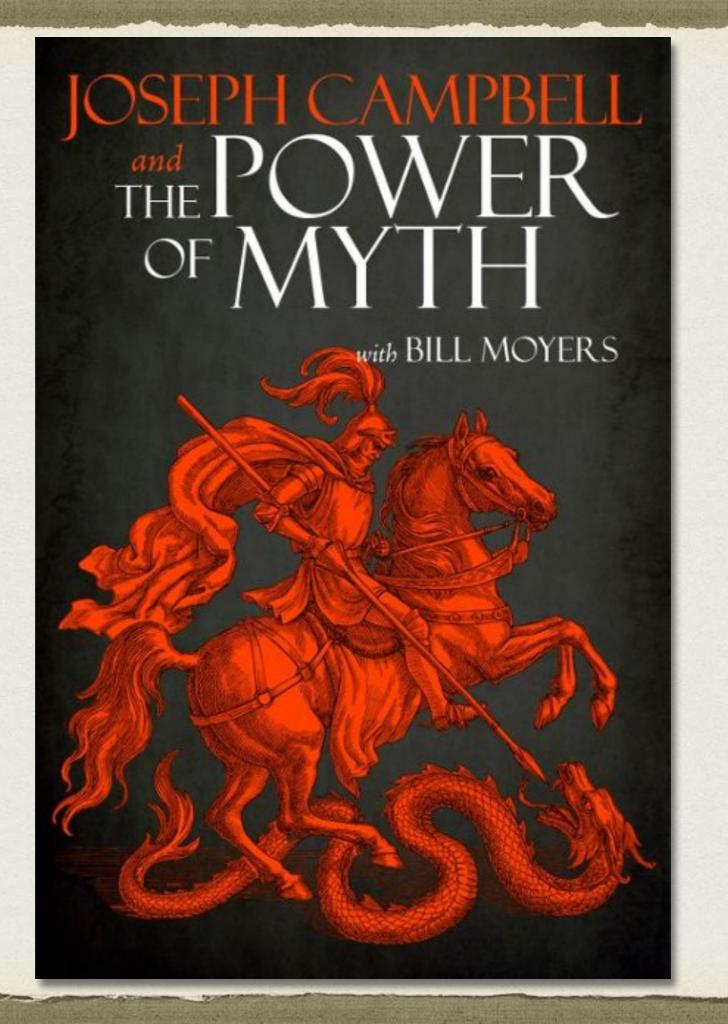
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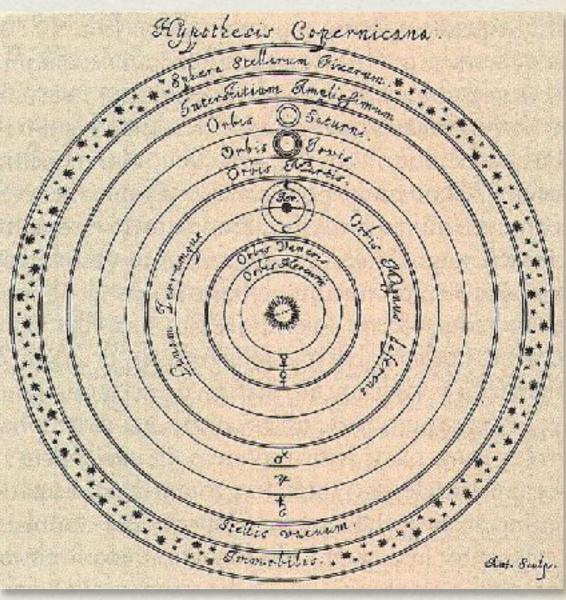


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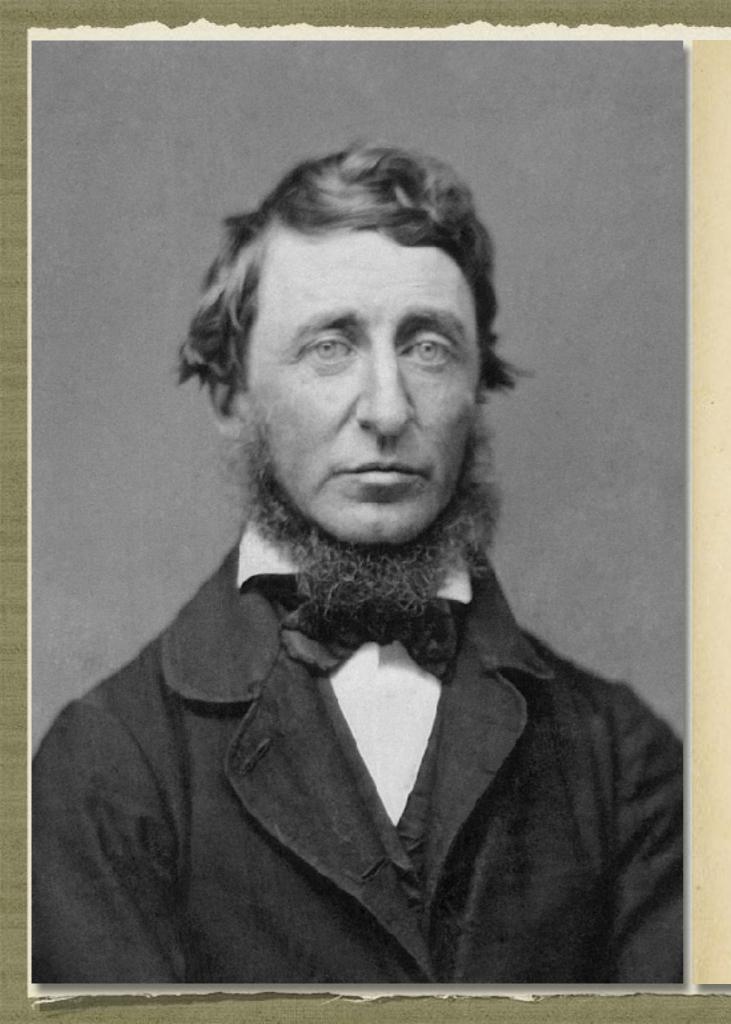
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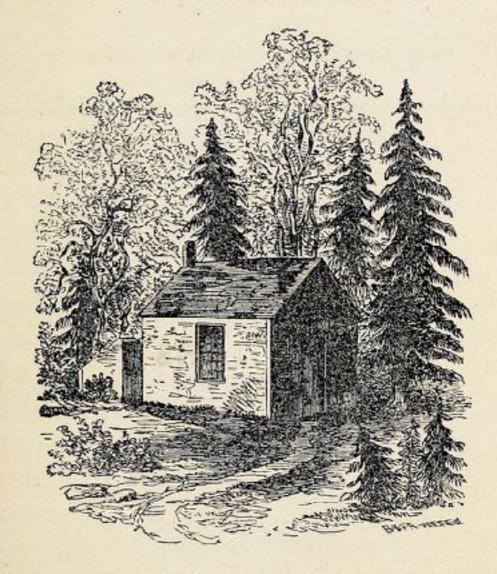
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AUTHOR OF "A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MESRIMACE RIVERS."



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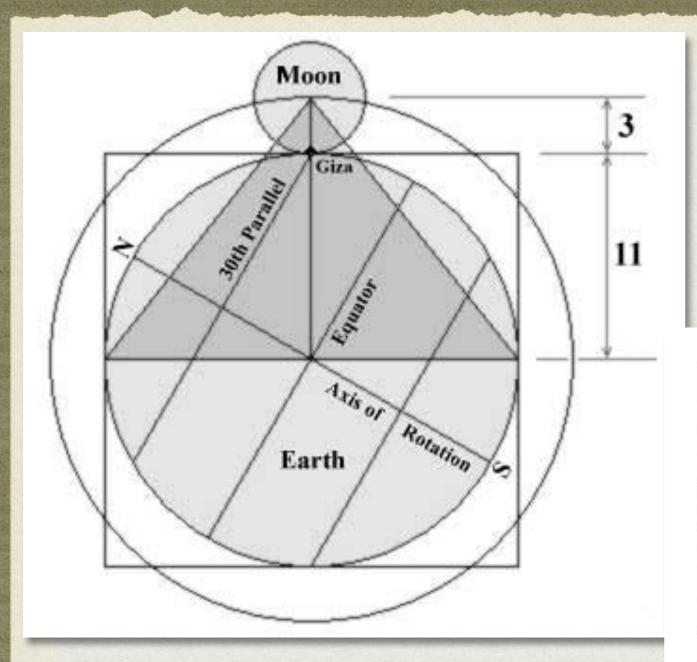
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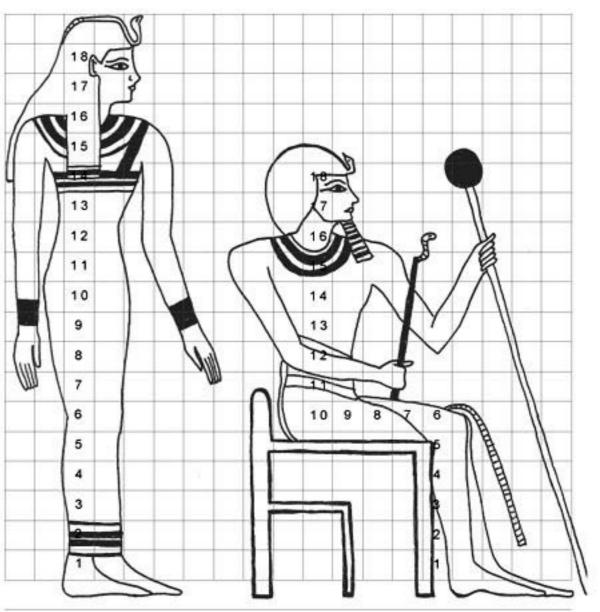
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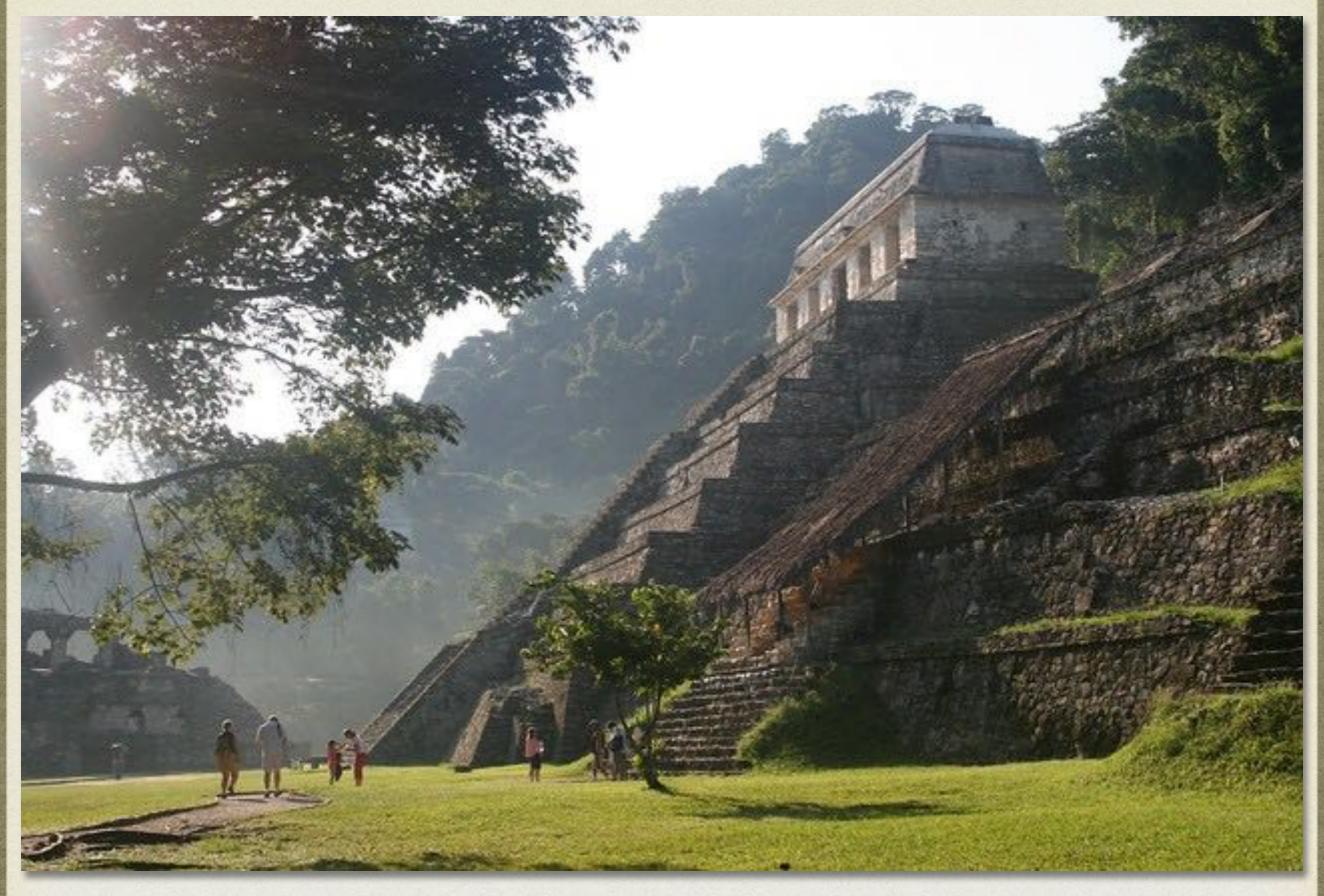
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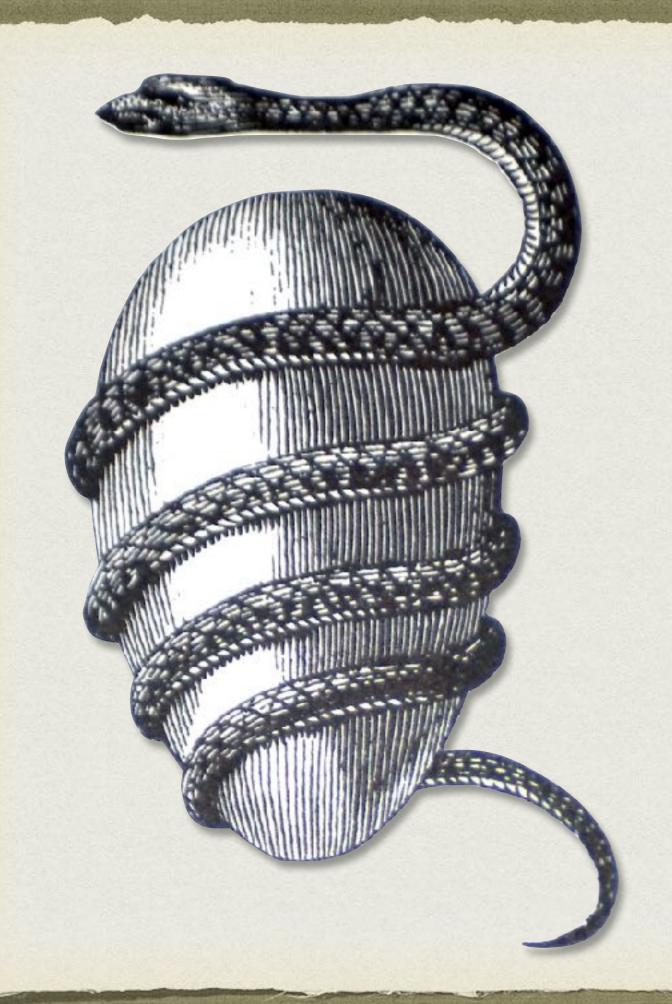




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Stepped Pyramid of Palenque



The ancient symbol of the Orphic Mysteries was the serpent-entwined egg, which signified Cosmos as encircled by the fiery Creative Spirit. The egg also represents the soul of the philosopher; the serpent, the Mysteries. At the time of initiation the shell is broken, and man emerges from the embryonic state of physical existence wherein he had remained through the fetal period of philosophic regeneration. STOAA:20

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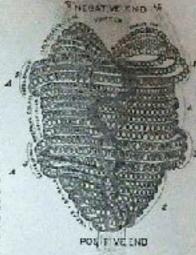
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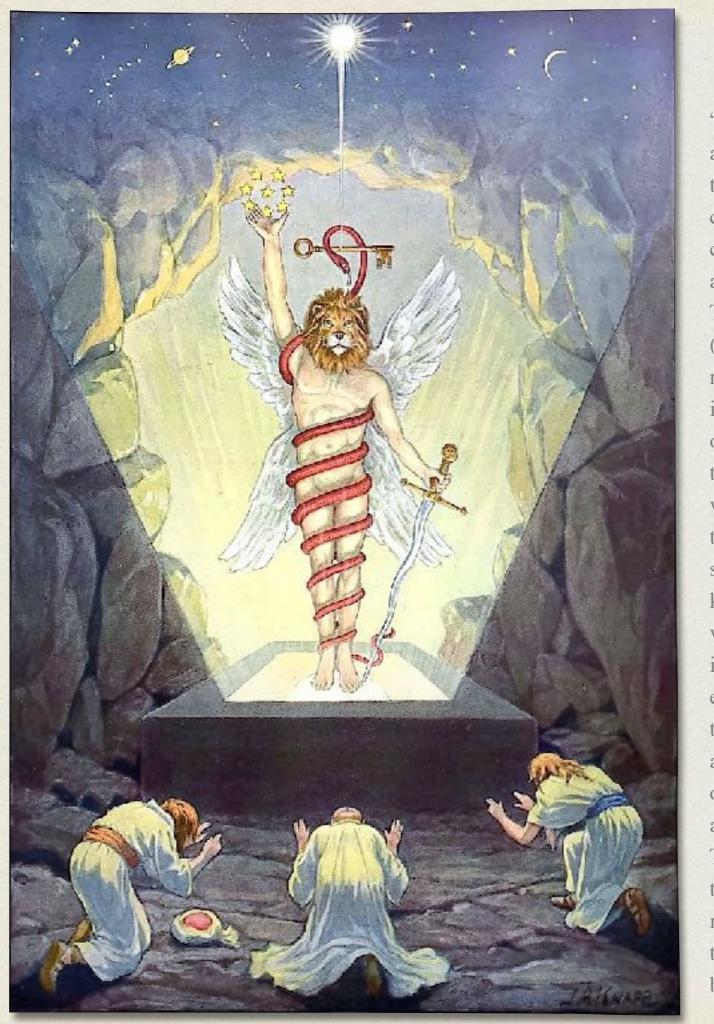
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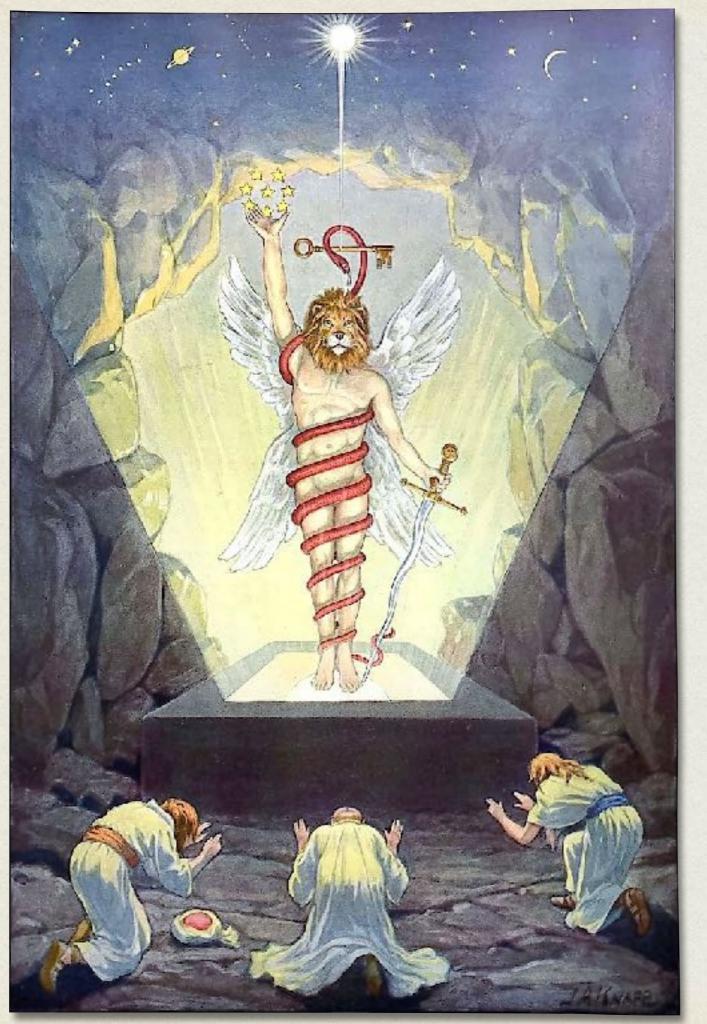
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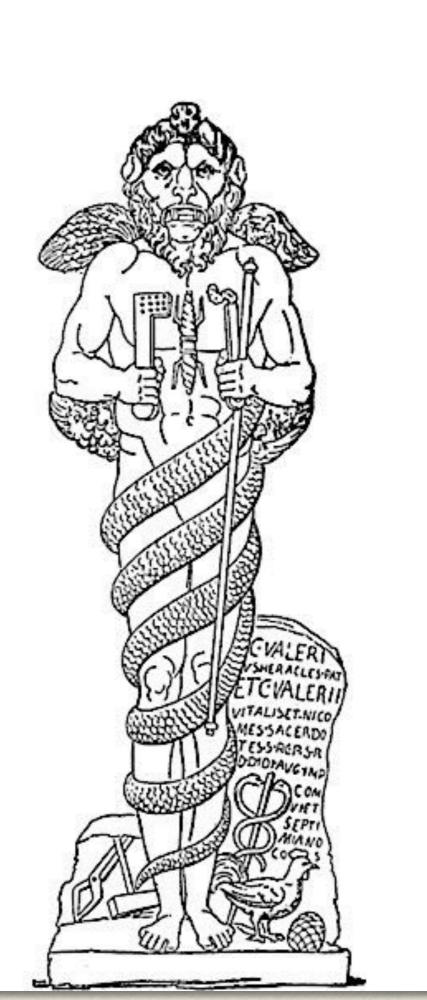


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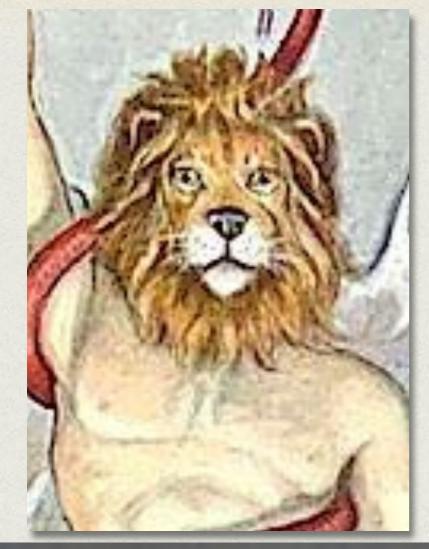






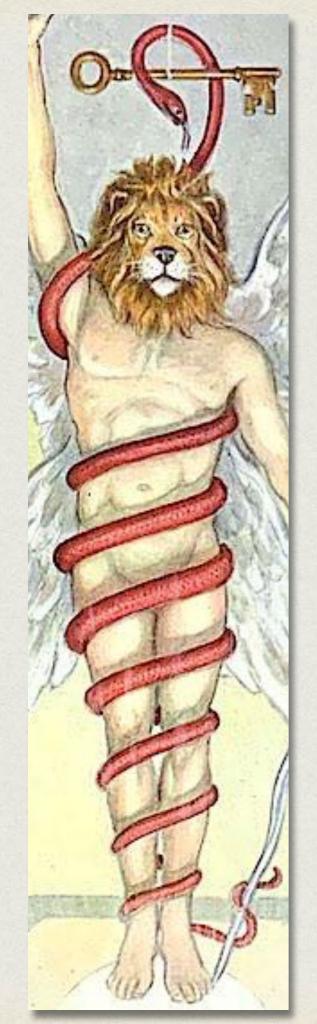


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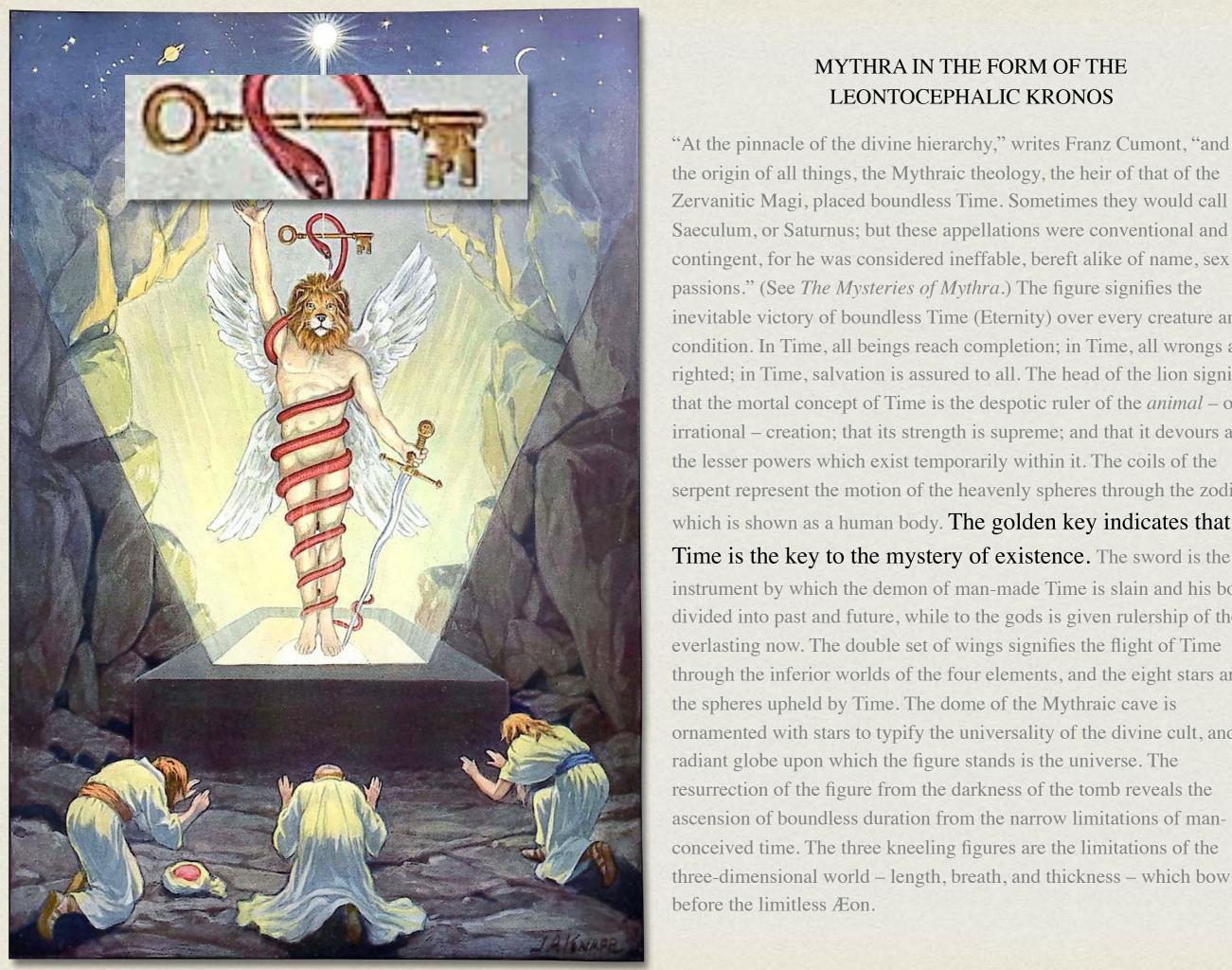




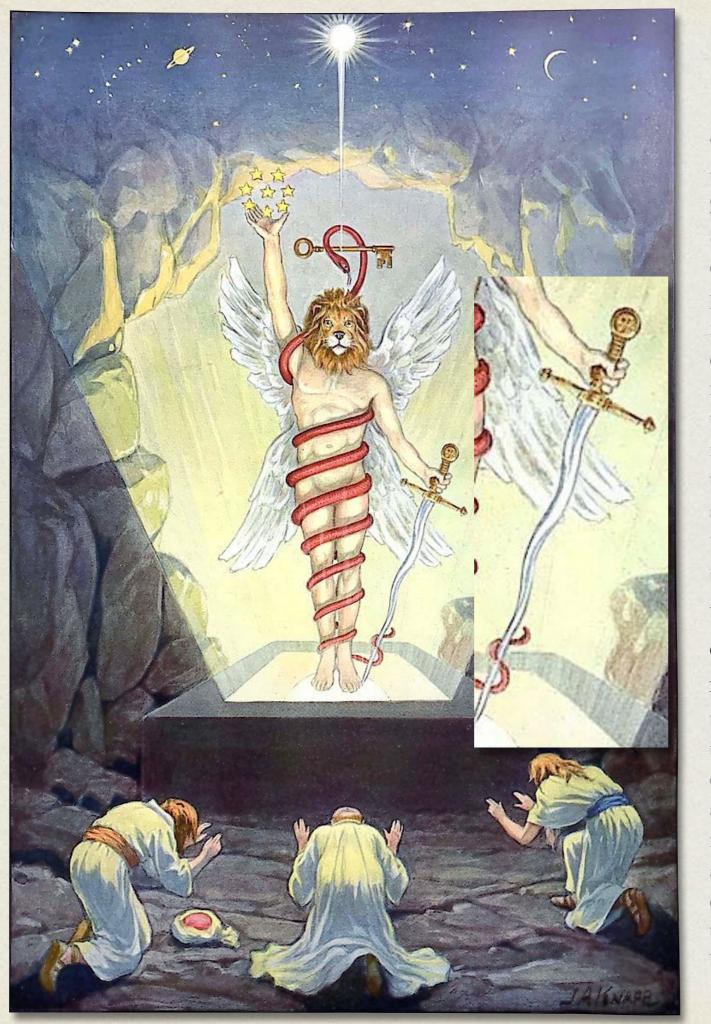
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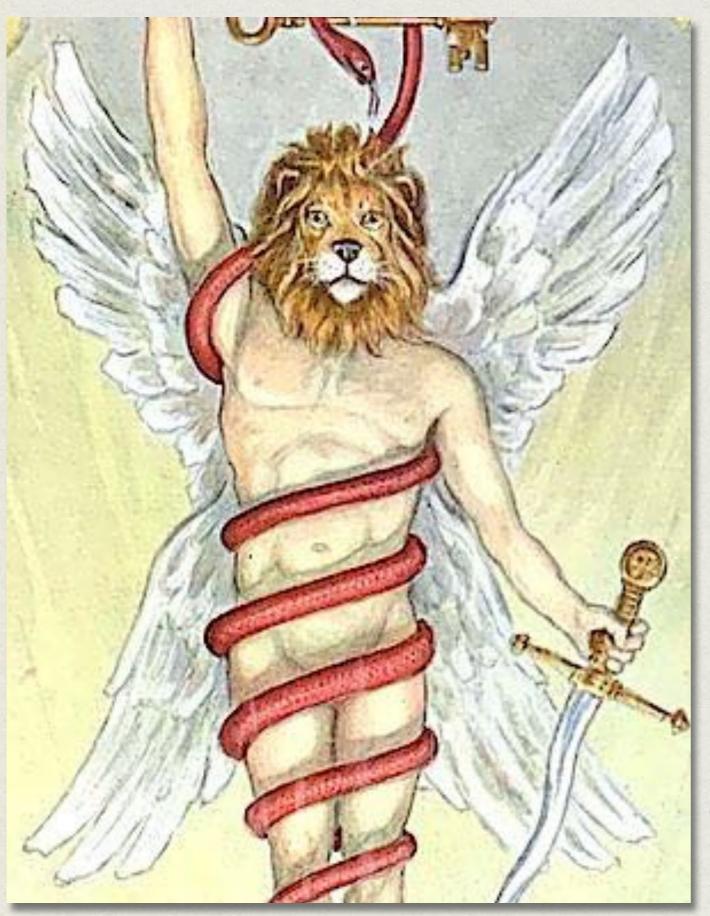
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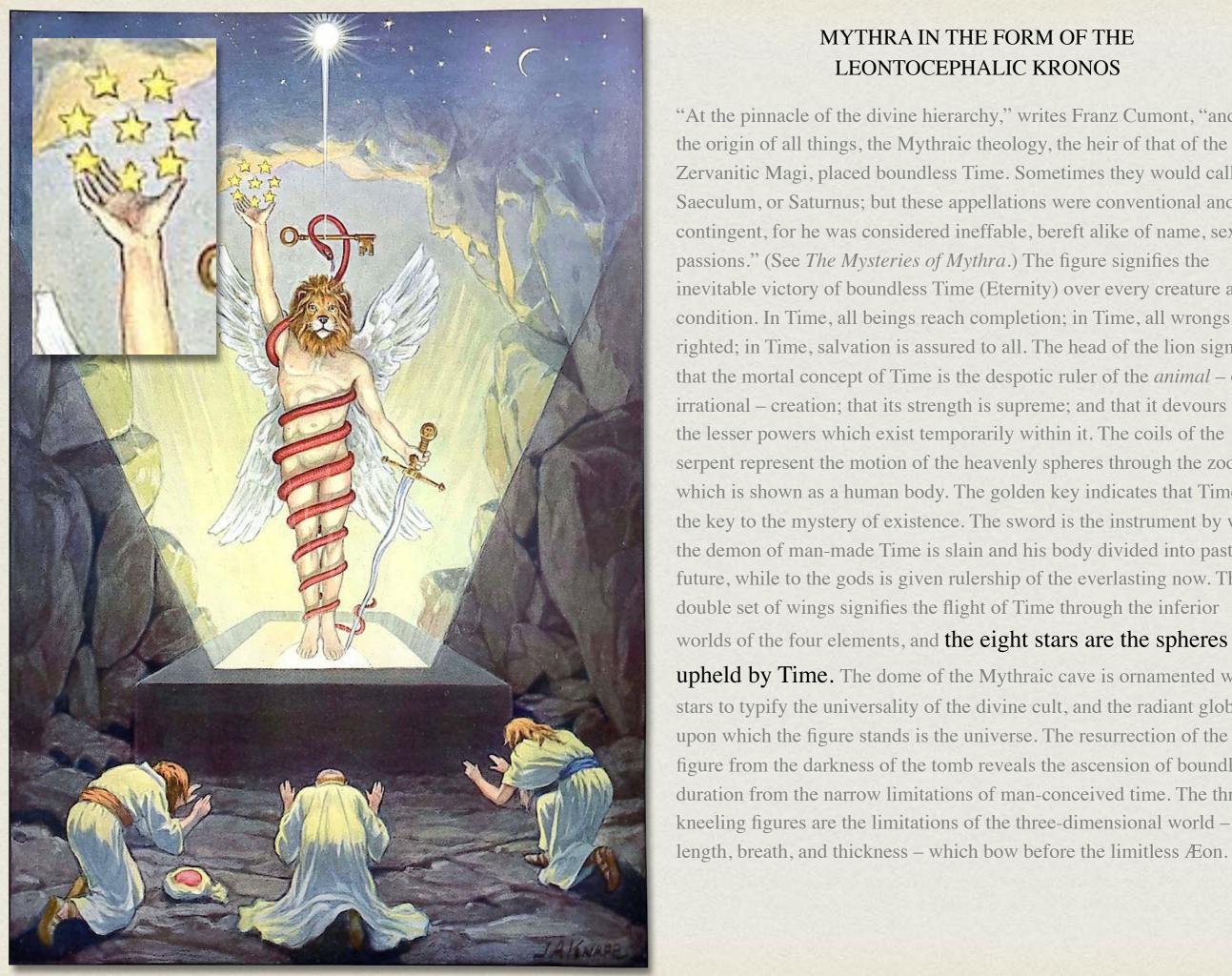
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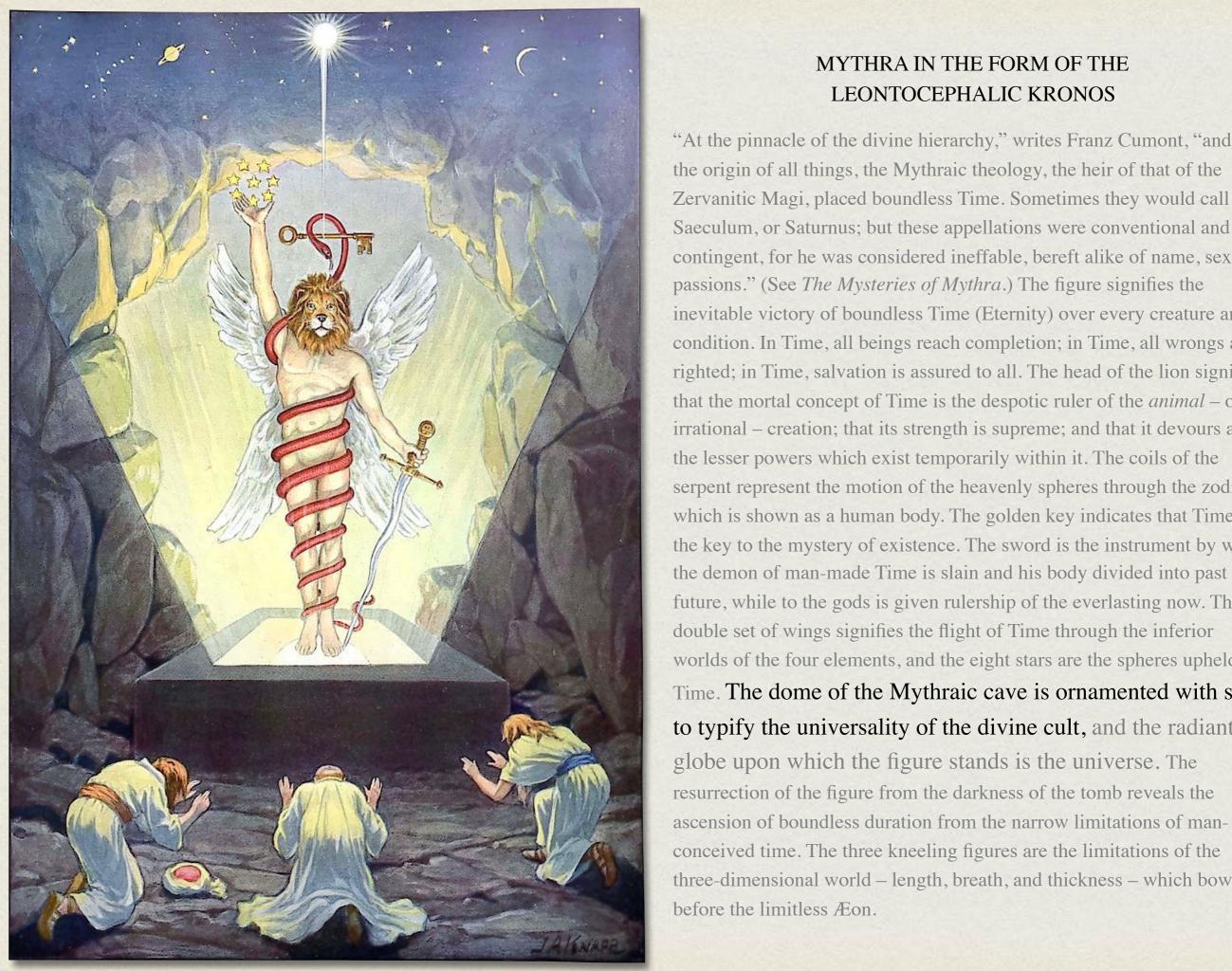




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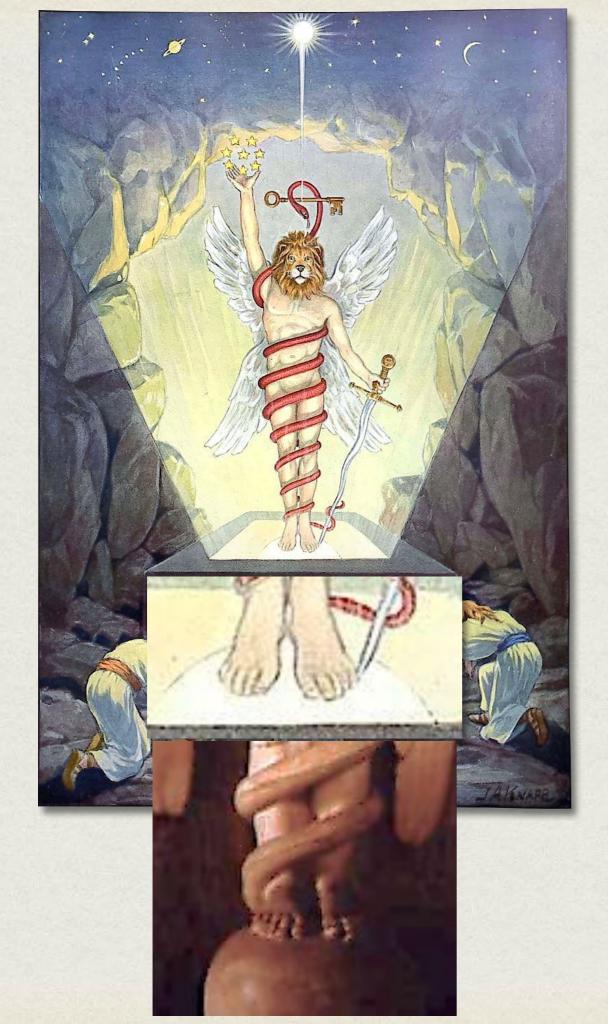






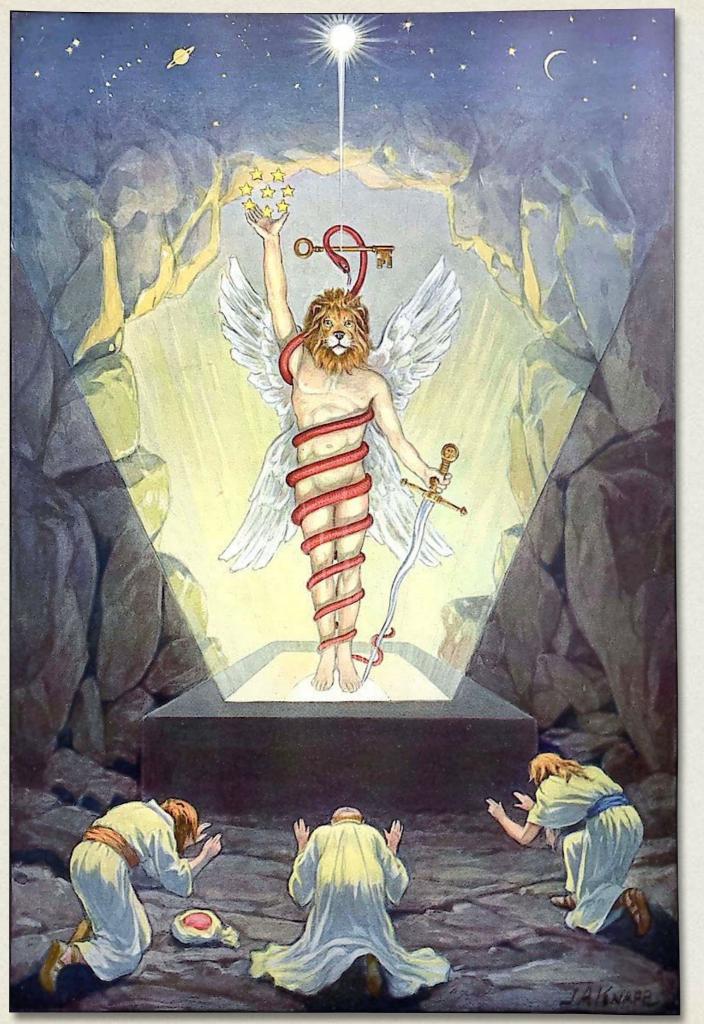
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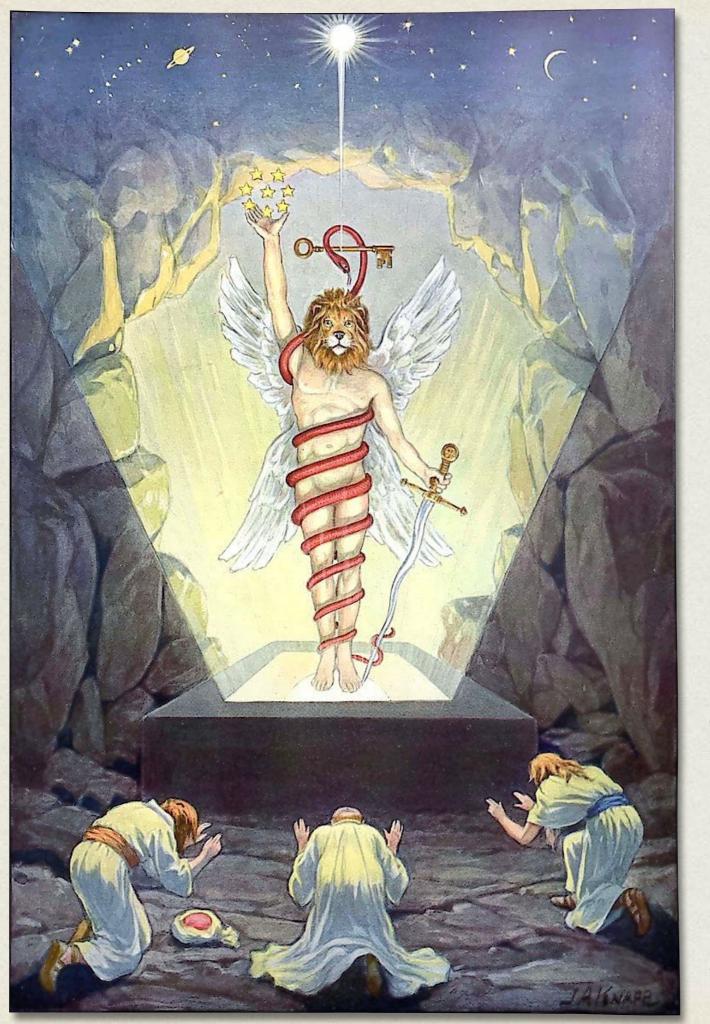
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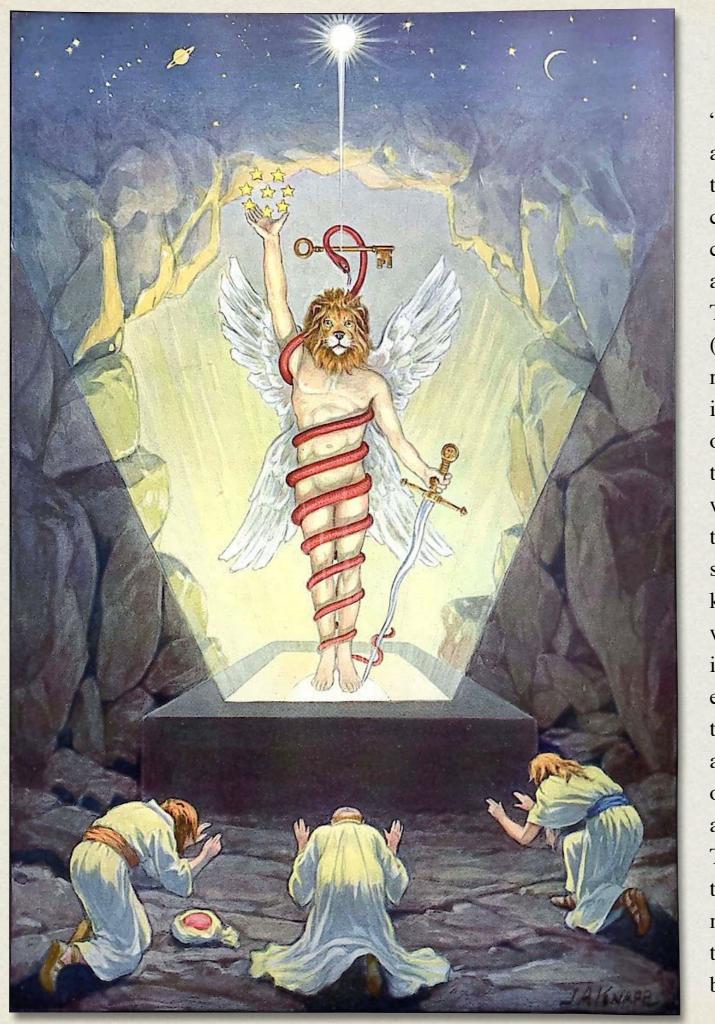


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