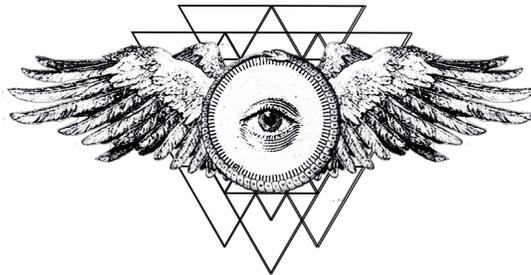


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*"It is not down in any map; true places never are."
Herman Melville*



HIEROSIS - WAYWARD

—*pilgrimage cycle*—

I. Pilgrimage (Dawn on the First and Final Day)

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—*the aleph cycle*—

IV. The Zagreus Curse

V. The Aleph (A Veritable Unknown)

VI. Horror Aurora (Nullphase)

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VII. Essence

I. Pilgrimage (Dawn on the First and Final Day)

Instrumental.

II. The Cartographer's Dream

The Cartographer
Dreaming through the speculum
of Imagination
eventually arrives
at the mouth of divine afterthought
Begging the Way
so he may convey
The trial, the strife, and the pain
to those below
who seek the higher Fates
A guiding light of hope
in the darkness flickers faint...

The Hanged Man
with a pen in his hand
devoted to the work
is beyond reprimand
The gates will open
to that foreign land
Weaving his way through the Blood
of the First Man

He peers through the eyes
of the divine mind
and sees that there is nothing left to find
and in Silence
He dies
Awakening from the Dream
at the beginning of Time
With only the Will to try
With only the Will to try

III. Demiurge / Æon

Free of the lie
that binds in space and timelines
The age of Man
and all the earthen sublime

The Cartographer creates Eternity
from Truth
Misguided by Deceit

Illusion!
The usurper of substance
Became the seed that planted the lie
Binding all to space and time
Now relieved of the duty to convey
a map of the ineffable
The trappings of all manifest
lead him wayward from his quest.

With eyes of life and souls unborn...

At the end of time
where Illusion disentwines
The truth appears from darkness
Beyond his grand designs
and reveals to him in Silence
The purposeless divine
Freeing him of bondage
yet saddened at the sight
of all his lost Creation
Destined to his blight
He sheds a tear of Wisdom
hoping they may find
Their way back through the light

“All things that hold form
will eventually cease to exist -
and yet -

The Truth will always die”

—

The end of the cycle came
and from the ashen remains
The Phoenix will rise again

The end of the Æon came
and out of the Death and Pain
The Æon is born again

The end of the cycle came
and from the ashen remains
The Phoenix will rise again
And again
And again

IV. The Zagreus Curse

He cursed the stone and all of its light
and from it arose the starless night
To mend the broken is to rend the flesh
A cosmic token, the infinite jest
Around in circles, the serpentine quest
The hunter hunted
is born a slave

V. The Aleph (A Veritable Unknown)

So he searched the sacred scriptures
to find a way out of this
And in the pages he found
himself lost in labyrinths

Enfolded, beholden in symbol and prayer
reaching for wholeness in darkest despair
Wayward he wanders, entangled, ensnared

With no way out; to the depths he stares

This is how it's always been
the two-way clock that doesn't spin
Twisted measure; broken lines
Outward motions folding collide
At The Aleph he made this Sign -
The shattered
pattern
we perceive as Time

—
Demon!
Who would destroy death -
Return to the earth
& Sublimate thy breath
Come forth eternal
Dressed in labyrinthine crest
Harbinger of birth
and all things possessed
Take this vow of violence
The Aleph reset

VI. Horror Aurora (Nullphase)

Kingdom of Naught
Naught!

— where one may feign to rot
The incubation
of Annihilation
The redemption of all gods

Walk the path of the wounded healer!

In the endo
The rift abides
Bending refraction
Prismatic shrine

Pieces appalling
Jigsaw malign
Peer through mirrors
Madness Sublime
Horror Aurora
Obscured light
The painted void
Omega timeline
The final sign

—

In Silence and Sapience the Soul is dissolved
A ritual cleansing where all is absolved
The wave overcometh all that may fault -
Our bliss and our fictions and desirous thoughts
Unbound by sorrow, the body evolves
Becoming from nothing, we tighten the knot
tighten the knot

VII. Essence
The Endless Ænigma

With all imagined
you have forsaken the Truth
and become One
with the essence
of Eternity

The final verse is indecipherable.



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