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My discovery as a Knight Templar

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The journey I have followed, turns out to be twofold: One is more visible than the other.... The other is like looking at shadows in a cave to discern their meaning.

Yet both paths are intricately tethered together.

The path I am going to illuminate is my secret one.... The one I tried hard to keep away from prying eyes.

I must acknowledge that my path is regularly accosted by ruffians on a daily basis. I have come to discover how to reduce the number and my encounter with the ruffians, this is also something I will share.

To be sure, I have setbacks and pitfalls, yet I battle to keep my focus (i.e., not succumb to distraction) in order to keep after my destination.

The divine numerical mystery: How can three be viewed as one? Also, if one adds oneself into the equation, the number becomes 4 (as opposed to 2).

I am also fascinated by fractals.... patterns that keep repeating as they grow in size.

Here is another way to consider the Divine mystery:

Water is water but it has three states:

- 1- Ice / Solid
- 2- Liquid / Flowing
- 3- Steam / Dispersing

Another

water

analogy:

Pure water - Life giving.

Dirty water - Transfers illness

Toxic water - Kills and destroys.

I am the same as water:

When I strive towards purity - that is life affirming

When I do not - that becomes harmful

When I follow the way of the world - that leads to death and destruction.

Here is where my path becomes inhabited by ruffians.



I have been born and have learned to follow the way of the world. Now I try hard to follow the path given to me by my creator. However, due to my earlier travels, I have dropped seeds along the path. Some of the seeds were life affirming. However, when I am being honest, and I value myself above others... that way of thinking is impure and not life giving.

My secret to keeping away from the distractions of the world is by keeping my focus and my eyes on my creator. For me, this IS simple to comprehend, yet NOT easy to achieve.

In His Name,

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