

EMERALD TABLET X:

The Key of Time



List ye, O man. Take of my wisdom. Learn of the deep hidden mysteries of space. Learn of the *Thought* that grew in the abyss, bringing *Order and Harmony* in space.

Know ye, O man, that all that exists has being only because of the *Law*. Know ye the *Law* and ye shall be free, never be bound by the fetters of night.

Far, through strange spaces, have I journeyed into the depth of the abyss of time, learning strange and yet stranger mysteries, until in the end all was revealed. Know ye that mystery is only mystery when it is knowledge unknown to man.

When you have plumbed the heart of all mystery, knowledge and wisdom will surely be thine.

Seek ye and learn that *Time* is the secret whereby ye may be free of this space.

Long have I, *Thoth*, sought wisdom; aye, and shall seek to eternity's end for know I that ever before receding shall move the goal I seek to attain. Even the *Lords of the Cycles* know that not yet have *They* reached the goal, for with all of their wisdom, they know that *Truth* ever grows.

Once, in a past time, I spoke to the *Dweller*. Asked of the mystery of time and space. Asked him the question that surged in my being, saying: "O *Master*, what is time?"

Then to me spoke *He, the Master*: "*Know ye, O Thoth, in the beginning there was void and nothingness: a timeless, spaceless, nothingness. And into the nothingness came a thought, purposeful, all-pervading, and It filled the Void. There existed no matter, only force, a movement, a vortex of vibration of the purposeful thought that filled the Void.*"

And I questioned the *Master*, saying: "Was this thought eternal?" And answered me the *Dweller*, saying: "*In the beginning, there was eternal thought, and for thought to be*

eternal, time must exist. So into the all-pervading thought grew the Law of Time. Aye, time which exists through all space, floating in a smooth, rhythmic movement that is eternally in a state of fixation. Time changes not, but all things change in time. For time is the force that holds events separate, each in its proper place. Time is not in motion, but ye move through time as your consciousness moves from one event to another. Aye, by time ye exist, all in all, an eternal One existence. Know ye that even though in time ye are separate, yet still are One in all times existent.” Ceased then the voice of the *Dweller*, and departed I to ponder on time. For knew I that in these words lay wisdom and a way to explore the mysteries of time.

Of I did I ponder the words of the *Dweller*. Then sought I to solve the mystery of time. Found I that time moves through strange angles. Yet only by curves could I hope to attain the key that would give me access to the time-space. Found I that only by moving upward and yet again by moving to right-ward could I be free from the time of this movement.

Forth I came from out of my body, moved in the movements that changed me in time. Strange were the sights I saw in my journeys, many the mysteries that opened to view. Aye, saw I man's beginning, learned from the past that nothing is new.

Seek ye, O man, to learn the pathway that leads through the spaces that are formed forth in time.

Forget not, O man, with all of thy seeking that *Light* is the goal ye shall seek to attain. Search ye ever for *Light* on thy pathway and ever for thee the goal shall endure. Let not thine heart turn ever to darkness. *Light* let thine *Soul* be, a sun on the way. Know ye that in the eternal brightness, ye shall ever find thy *Soul* hid in the *Light*, never fettered by bondage to darkness, ever it shines forth a *Sun of the Light*.

Aye, know, though hidden in darkness, your *Soul*, a spark of the true flame, exists. Be ye *One* with the greatest of all *Lights*. Find at the *Source*, the *End* of thy goal.

Light is life, for without the great *Light* nothing can ever exist. Know ye, that in all formed matter, the heart of *Light* always exists. Aye, even though bound in the darkness, inherent *Light* always exists.

Once I stood in the *Halls of Amenti* and heard the voice of the *Lords of Amenti*, saying in tones that rang through the silence, words of power, mighty and potent. Chanted they the song of the cycles, the words that opened the path to beyond. Aye, I saw the great path opened and looked for an instant into the beyond. Saw I the movements of the cycles, vast as the thought of the *Source* could convey.

Knew I then that even *Infinity* is moving on to some unthinkable end. Saw I that the *Cosmos* is *Order* and part of a movement that extends to all space, a part of an *Order of Orders*, constantly moving in a harmony of space. Saw I the wheeling of cycles like vast circles across the sky. Knew I then that all that has being is growing to meet yet other being in a far-off grouping of space and of time. Knew I then that in *Words* are power to open the planes that are hidden from man. Aye, that even in *Words* lies hidden the key

that will open above and below.

Hark ye now, man, this word I leave with thee. Use it and ye shall find power in its sound. Say ye, the word: "*Zin-Uru*" and power ye shall find. Yet must ye understand that man is of *Light* and *Light* is of man.

List ye, O man, and hear a mystery stranger than all that lies 'neath the Sun. Know ye, O man, that all space is filled by worlds within worlds; aye, one within the other yet separate by *Law*.

Once in my search for deep buried wisdom, I opened the door that bars *Them* from man. Called I from other planes of being, one who was fairer than the daughters of men. Aye, I called her from out of the spaces to shine as a *Light* in the world of men.

Used I the drum of the *Serpent*. Wore I the robe of the purple and gold. Placed on my head, I, the crown of Silver. Around me the circle of cinnabar shone. Raised I my arms and cried the invocation that opens the path to the planes beyond, cried to the *Lords of the Signs* in their houses: "*Lords of the two horizons, watchers of the treble gates, stand ye One at the right and One at the left as the Star rises to his throne and rules over his sign. Aye, thou dark prince of Arulu, open the gates of the dim, hidden land and release her whom ye keep imprisoned.*"

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, dark Lords and Shining Ones, and by their secret names, names which I know and can pronounce, hear ye and obey my will."

Lit I then with flame my circle and called *Her* in the space-planes beyond. "*Daughter of Light return from Arulu. Seven times and seven times have I passed through the fire. Food have I not eaten. Water have I not drunk. I call thee from Arulu, from the realm of Ekershegal, I summon thee, Lady of Light.*"

Then before me rose the dark figures; aye, the figures of the *Lords of Arulu*. Parted they before me and forth came the *Lady of Light*. Free was she now from the *Lords* of the night, free to live in the *Light* of the earth Sun, free to live as a child of *Light*.

Here ye and listen, O my children. Magic is knowledge and only is *Law*. Be not afraid of the power within thee for it follows *Law* as the stars in the sky.

Know ye that to be without knowledge, wisdom is magic and not of the *Law*. But know ye that ever ye by your knowledge can approach closer to a place in the *Sun*.

List ye, my children, follow my teaching. Be ye ever seeker of *Light*. Shine in the world of men all around thee, a *Light* on the path that shall shine among men.

Follow ye and learn of my magic. Know that all force is thine if thou wilt. Fear not the path that leads thee to knowledge, but rather shun ye the dark road.

Light is thine, O man, for the taking. Cast off the fetters and thou shalt be free.

Know ye that thy *Soul* is living in bondage fettered by fear that holds ye in thrall. Open thy eyes and see the great *Sun-Light*. Be not afraid for all is thine own. Fear is the *Lord of dark Arulu* to he who has never faced the dark fear. *Aye*, know that fear has existence created by those who are bound by their fears.

Shake off thy bondage, O children, and walk in the *Light* of the glorious day. Never turn thy thoughts to the darkness and surely ye shall be *One with the Light*.

Man is only what he believeth, a brother of darkness or a child of the *Light*. Come thou into the *Light* my Children. Walk in the pathway that leads to the *Sun*.

Hark ye now and list to the wisdom. Use thou the word I have given unto thee. Use it and surely thou shalt find power and wisdom and *Light* to walk in the way. Seek thee and find the key I have given and ever shalt thou be a *Child of the Light*.

