Esoteric Christianity

Part 4:
Spiritual Marriage
John 2

1 And the third [ג gimel] day [י yom] there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee [גליל]; and the mother of Jesus [Ἰησοῦς, הושו] was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
Kana (Кана, קנאה): is the name of a stream between the territories of Ephraim and Manasseh (Joshua 16:8) (sons of Joseph) and of a town of Asher near Sidon (Joshua 19:28).

kalamos (κάλαμος): reed, reed pen.

Qaneh (קנָה): a reed; a rod, shaft, tube, stem

קָנָה (Kuf-Nun-Hei):
- Kuf = ר Resh (head) + ז Zain (‘Servant’ force)
- Nun = fish, seed
- Hei = womb
Galiyl: circuit, district; rolling, turning (as a door); a ring (as on a finger); a cycle

gilgal or galgal: rolling, wheel, whirl, whirlwind, whirling; in Kabbalah, the returning souls

Galilee: the northern region of Palestine, also the name of a sea; the circle (or area) of the heathens.

Beth-Gilgal: House of the Rolling / Turning / Circling; a place in Palestine; place where the Israelites camped after crossing the Jordan (ירדן 'descender') River when Joshua made it flow upwards (Joshua 4:19 - 5:12). Place where Elijah and Elisha were brought to heaven in a hurricane (2 Kings 2:1).

Golgotha (Gulgoltha, Γολγοθᾶ, גַּלְגָּלְתָּא): “Mount of Skulls,” Location of the Crucifixion of Jesus.
Gimel (גמל): camel; to deal fully or adequately with, deal out to, wean, ripen.

Gimel (גמל): recompense, retribution. Giving reward, or, giving punishment for actions performed.

Gimel is the ‘camel’ that walks the desert, to reconnect with God. Gimel is formed with י vav and י iod at the bottom. The י iod is the ‘foot’ to walk with. The Zohar states that Eve was tempted by Samael flying on a Serpent-Camel. Those who overcome temptation become ‘gibor’, strong.
לְ Lamed is formed with ו vav and כ kaph. It is like a great tower reaching into the sky, but is grounded in earth.

לְ Lamed is the connection between body, soul, and spirit. As the 12th letter, it is a letter of completion, seen in the 12 Apostles, 12 Labors, 12 Tribes, etc.

לְ Lamed is at the center letter of the alphabet, and the source of our connection to God is in the center, the הלב leb (heart). Through the heart we לָמַד lamed (learn) the highest wisdom.
יוד is the smallest of the twenty-two Hebrew letters, and looks like a small dot or a little dash.

יוד is related with the initial emanation of creation, before it is fully unfolded or developed.

יוד is related to the “foundation” (יסוד yesod) and the crossing of the threshold of the door (ד) of secrets (סוד). Initiation of the mystery of the covenant of God.

יוד is the first letter of the Four Lettered Name (Tetragrammaton), יוהו Iod-Hei-Vav-Hei (Jehovah).
וVav is formed by a י iod that is been elongated vertically.

וVav is the word ‘and.’ וVav is the connector or bridge between ideas. וVav is the conduit between man and God, between Heaven and Earth.

וVav is the vertical staff of the wise, the spinal column, the reed, the measure of wisdom.

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ

Genesis 1:1
5 His mother saith unto the servants [diakonos, ὁ μίσυς], Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.
6 And there were set there six [ו] waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the master of the feast. And they bare it.
Six, Tiphereth, Vav

Ain
Ain Soph
Ain Soph Aur

Kether
Father

Chokmah
Son

Daath
Son

Gedulah
Spirit

Tiphereth
Human Soul

Netzach
Mind

Yesod
Sex

Malkuth
Physical Body

Binah
Holy Spirit

Geburah
Spiritual Soul

Hod
Emotion

Chokmah
Son

Gedulah
Spirit

Tiphereth
Human Soul

Netzach
Mind

Yesod
Sex

Malkuth
Physical Body
9 When the master [architriklinos: host or ruler of the three seats] of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants [diakonos, דבּוּ obd] which drew the water knew;) the master [architriklinos] of the feast called the bridegroom, 

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good [kalon, טוב tob] wine [oinos, יין vayin]; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse [elasson, less]: but thou hast kept the good [kalon, טוב tob] wine until now.

11 This beginning [arche] of miracles [σημεῖον, sémeion, sign, נִש nes] did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth [phanerosen: to bring into light] his glory [doxan; כבוד kabowd]; and his disciples believed on him.
### Two Gimel-Lameds

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**Right ג gimel is Gedulah [גדולה greatness]**

Right ג gimel, formed with י vav-iod, is always present as our innate connection with God.

**Left ג gimel is Geburah [גבורה heroic action, strength].**

Left ג gimel, as י zayin-iod, is only in potential within ‘heathens’, represented as י iod in Yesod, sexual power.
ז Zayin is similar to the letter ו Vav. The only difference in shape between the letters ז Zayin and ו Vav is where the vertical line protrudes from the Iod.

ז Zayin means sword. It is also associated with the tongue. The tongue is a two-edged sword. The sword is carried by the hero.

ז Zayin is the left the Left Witness (or Servant) (עבד Obd), ו Vav is the Right Witness (עד Od).

ז Zayin is the awakened 'breathing' of life, as in Zechariah 4:1-9, "And the angel who spoke with me returned, and he awakened me as a man who wakes up from his sleep. And he said to me, 'what do you see?'" The Hebrew name Zechariah starts with ז Zayin. It comes from זכר zehair, “to remember,” and יה Jah, the name of God at the end of the phrase הללו יה Hallelu Jah (Praise Jah).
Right and Left Columns of the Temple of Life (ח Chet)

What are the two olive branches שיבול זית shibbol zayith beside the two golden vats that empty out the gold זהב zahab from themselves? And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.

And he said, These are the two anointed יישר yitshar ones who stand before the Lord אדון (Adoni) of all the earth הארץ erets.

Zechariah 4: 11 – 14

These are the two olive trees duo elaia: two olives], and the two candlesticks duo luchnia standing before the God of the earth גהא: soil.

Revelation 11:1 – 4
But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, only they to whom it is given.

For there are some eunuchs, who were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, who were made eunuchs of men: and there are eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. – Matthew 19
But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none...

1 Corinthians 7:29
The Christian Spiritual Marriage

Syneisaktism (‘sin-ay-sak-tism’, from Greek συνεισάκ “to add or bring together”): the practice of a chaste man and woman living together in a spiritual marriage. The term is most closely associated with early and medieval Christianity. Several related terms are used to label such communities, for example, the virgins subintroductae, the agapetae, and the gynaikes syneisaktoi.

The practice was widely adopted in early Christianity:

“Nor was syneisaktism a phenomenon peculiar to one locality; it can be found in Ireland, Syria, North Africa, and many other centers of Christianity.”

Clark, Elizabeth A., John Chrysostom and the Subintroductae, Church History, 46(1977), p. 173

“Of one thing we can be sure: there was hardly a church province in ancient Christianity in which spiritual marriages were unknown.”

Seboldt, Roland H. A. Spiritual Marriage In the Early Church: A Suggested Interpretation of 1 Cor. 7:36-38, part 2, Concordia Theological Monthly Volume: 30 Number: 3 in 1959, p. 176-189
During the Middle Ages, many Gnostics practiced the Maithuna with Vestal Virgins, calling this marvelous practice *Virgine Subintroductis*...

The *Virgine Subintroductis* with Vestal Virgins was formidable. It was practiced in the form of Karezza, so that the vestals retained their virginity. In this excellent practice, the man and the priestess lay on their sides, making sexual contact. The man introduced his phallus gradually, with extreme caution, between the vaginal labia and the hymen. With time the hymen became elastic, thus enabling deeper penetrations each time. Thus, this is how vestals never lost their virginity; they remained virgins for their entire life.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Light from Darkness*
Questions

What about “be fruitful and multiply”? Are we not supposed to have children? What if everyone practiced this?

• Elohim created Adam in their own image, in the image of Elohim [they] created Adam; male and female [in other words, androgynous] Elohim created [Adam]. And Elohim blessed them [the nephesh chaiah], and Elohim said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply [רבה] - Genesis 1:28

• רב: master, רבי Rabbi, רבָּה Rabbah