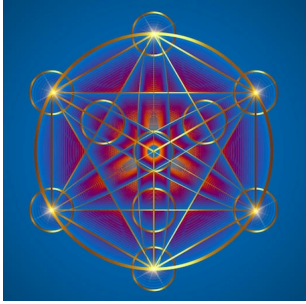


'Hermes' sat there in contemplation as his disciple requested that he make him immortal. Smiling and shaking his head he explained that he himself did not possess immortality so how could he bestow it upon his disciple, please reconsider and ask again.

'Master' the disciple again requested 'when the soul is reborn it forgets its past life, please master give me the gift of remembering who i am, life after life, please grant me the boon of uninterrupted awareness across all of my incarnations'.

The great god of wisdom, worshipped throughout Greece was pleased with his disciples request as for once it was not a request to become an alchemist turning iron into gold and water into wine and so happily he raised his hand and granted him his wish.



'Mnesarchus' was a gem dealer who in 570 visited the oracle of Delphi seeking advice and upon receiving auspicious news he was also informed that his wife was pregnant and the child would be the best of his generation and his name will be remembered forever.

The son was born and immediately one could detect something different, the way he stared at you without any confusion in his eyes, as though he was fully aware of who he was and what was more disturbing is he gave the impression that he also knew who you was.

And so it was that upon an auspicious day they named the child 'Pythagoras' in honour of the prophet 'Pythia' who predicted his birth at the Oracle of Delphi and a name whose meaning is one who possesses the assembly ( agora ) of apollo ( pythia ) so named as it was Apollo who slayed the monstrous python named 'pytho'.



Pythagoras, however, already knew who he was, the benediction given to him by his guru, the great Hermes, had come to pass and as he observed the new world in which he had been born, he could still remember himself as 'Aethelides' from his previous life.

As he moved his family to the island of Samos, the father remembered the words of the Oracle and spared no expense in educating his son and so Pythagoras studied with 'Anaximander' the great physicist and 'Thales' the 'father of science' a great teacher who told him 'you must go to Egypt and learn from the teachers who taught me'.

Thales taught him the disciplines he would need within Egypt by becoming a vegetarian, renouncing alcohol and reducing his hours of sleep and in this way the great Pythagoras prepared for his journey which would take him to the lands of ancient Egypt.

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