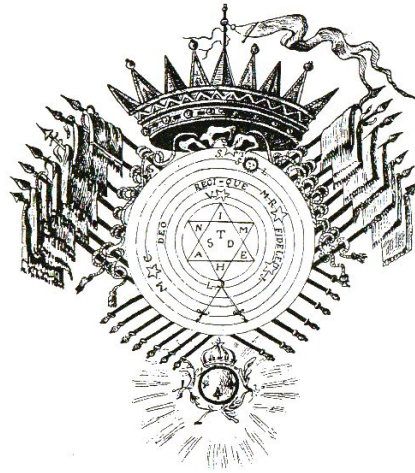


TREATISE ON THE REINTEGRATION OF BEINGS

Martinès de Pasqually

In the excerpt below from his Treatise on the Reintegration of Beings, Martinès de Pasqually provides guidance on how we can use free will to work toward personal reintegration with the Divine.



Evil, I stress again, does not have its origins in the Creator or in any of its particular creatures. It comes only from the thought of the spirit opposed to the laws, precepts, and commands of the Eternal, thought which the Eternal cannot change in the spirit without destroying its freedom and particular existence, as I have explained before. However, this does not mean that the spirit which generated evil is evil itself, for if the bad spirits changed their will, their action would also change, and from that moment, there would no longer be a question of evil throughout the expanse of the universe.

Are you going to say that this could not happen because God, being immutable in His decrees, condemned those who generated evil to eternal privation? My answer

is that it is true the Creator condemned to privation and endless suffering those who profess evil. But I would also point out that when the Creator manifested justice upon His creature, He called Himself Father of boundless mercy. I shall speak more fully of this divine mercy elsewhere. I come back again, however, to the generation of evil caused by the evil will of the spirit, and say that the evil generation of the spirit, being evil thought in effect, is called spiritually bad intellect, in the same way that good thought is good intellect. It is by these kinds of intellects that good and bad spirits communicate to humanity and leave upon their consciousness all kinds of impressions, and it is up to them to use their free-will to accept or reject them.

