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*"Now let there be a veiling of this shrine: now let the
light devour men and eat them up with blindness!"*

Liber L vel Legis, II, 14.

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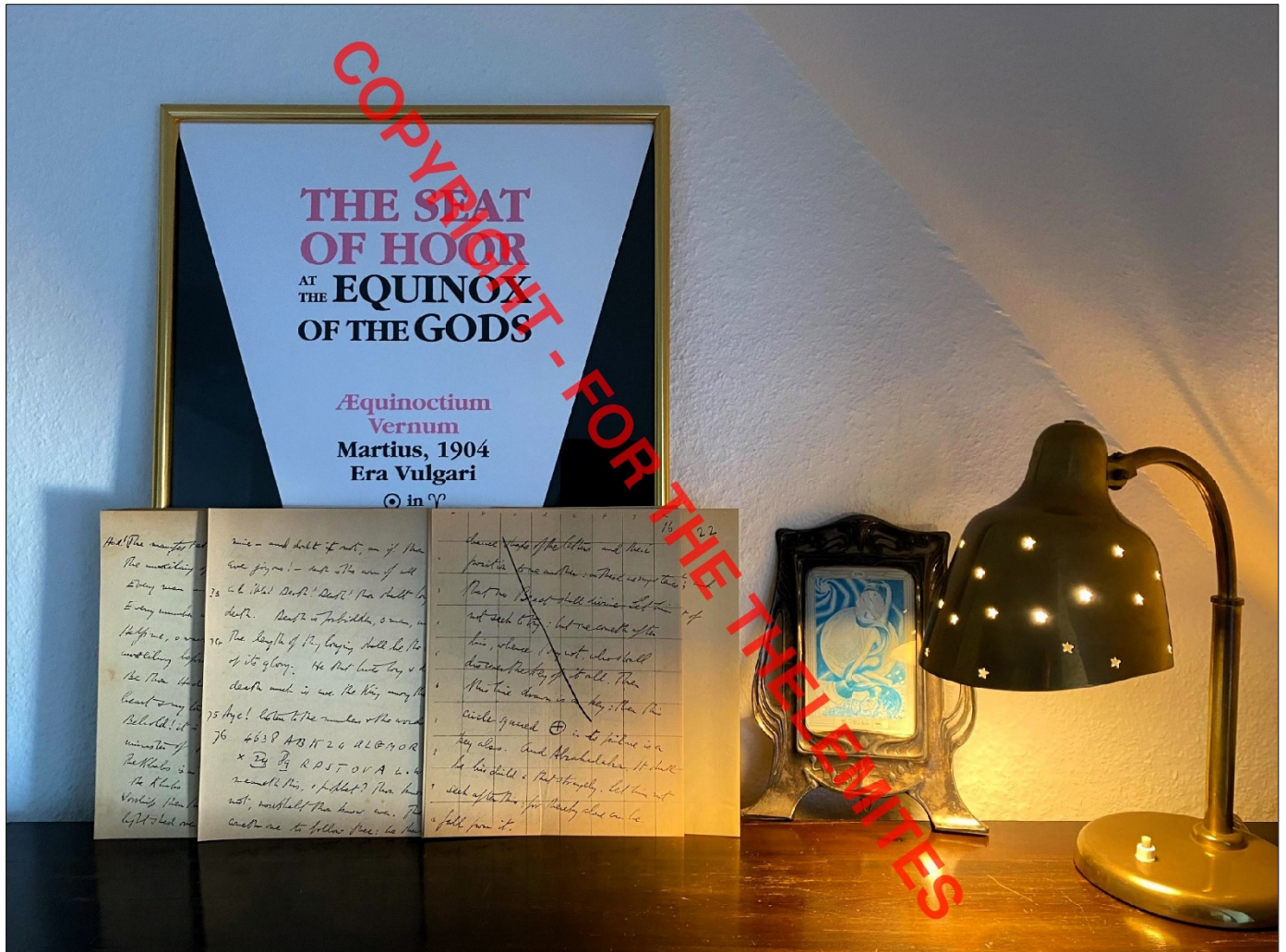




The title of this work is *Liber MCLXX – On Liber L*, ‘Liber 1170 – On Liber 50’. It contains a commentary on *Liber L vel Legis* written by Perdurabo ST.

The number 1170 chosen for this book, is the Gematria of the ancient Greek spelling of the name Horus, or Hoor, Ὅρους , ‘*Ôrus*’ (Ω , 800 + ρ , 100 + \omicron , 70 + ς , 200 = 1170). However, it is also the Gematria of ‘*Εἰς καὶ μίᾱ καὶ ἐν καὶ πᾶς καὶ πᾶσα καὶ πᾶν*’, *One* [masc.] *and one* [fem.] *and one* [neut.] *and all* [masc.] *and all* [fem.] *and all* [neut.], words also adding to 1170 – and “*the Law is for all*”!

Above is seen the ancient Egyptian hieroglyph for the god Horus, *hrw*.



The MS. from *The Equinox of the Gods* published by Aleister Crowley in 1936 E.V. – the facsimile of the handwritten *Liber L vel Legis*, i.e. ‘Liber 50, or The Law’!, which was written down in Cairo, Egypt, shortly after the announcement of the Equinox of the Gods at the Spring Equinox in 1904 E.V.. It was the first ‘full seize’ publication of the 65 MS. sheets, which unfortunately lacked a reproduction of the titled page to the MS., since Crowley had lost it in the 1910s. Nevertheless, most fortunately the title page is present today, since it turned up in 1966 E.V.. As I have revealed, so is the name of *The Book of the Law* ‘Liber 50, or The Law’, *Liber L vel Legis*, and not “*Liber AL* [לא, el] *vel Legis*” – in other words just exactly “*Liber L vel Legis*” as found on the title page created in Egypt!



Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I have been planning this book for years. The problem has always been how much should be revealed to all, and what should be left untouched – as stated in *Liber L vel Legis*: “solve the first half of the equation, leave the second unattacked.”

Time solved this problem for me, so to speak, and here is the first ‘little’ part of my commentary on *Liber L vel Legis*, which is a big one, since it opens up the book, once for all.

Others parts will follow, and be incorporated into this volume.

Aye! The name of *The Book of the Law* is ‘Liber 50, or The Law’ – *Liber L vel Legis*!

A.: mor est Lex, A.: mor sub Voluntate

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The Temple of Truth

– The Law of θελημα; the Thelemites and their 'Three Grades' –



Early in 1925 E.V. Aleister Crowley beheld the vision and received the voice that was written down as “*The Temple of Truth*”, and which was published in *The Heart of the Master* – the same year two times in German, and in 1938 E.V. in English published by the O.T.O.

In order to open up *Liber L vel Legis*, a few misunderstandings have to be cleared up. Things which not yet have been spoken of must be revealed, that they may shine to all, although still half known and half concealed. As written, (I,[34]) “*the Law is for all*”!

I have for some time been thinking of starting to write *Liber 1170*, and then suddenly I felt that the time was right, and started. There are only a few days to the Vernal Equinox, and our new year will be Year 120 in the Aeon of Hoor, or AN Vx (2024/25 E.V.), and it strikes me that it is written about the Instructor present to ‘Khaled Khan’ in ‘The Temple of Truth’ that: “*it was written that His days should be an hundred and twenty years*”! (*The Temple of Truth*, p. 28.)

Now, the reason for starting this first part of my commentary on *Liber L vel Legis* by looking into *The Heart of the Master* is that in “*The Temple of Truth*” it is said about the Law of Thelema:

“*Know therefore that this Law of Thelema “Do what thou wilt” is the first Law ever given to man which is a true Law for all men in every place and time. All earlier Laws have been partial, according to the faith of the hearer, or the customs of a people, or the philosophy of their sages. Nor is there need, with this Law of Thelema, of threats and promises: for the Law fulfilleth itself, so that the one reward is Freedom for him who doeth his will, and the one punishment is Restriction for him that goeth astray.*” (*The Temple of Truth*, pp. 37-8.)

– an everlasting Law that is forever valid!

Regarding “*The Temple of Truth*”, as we know so is there an ‘infinity’ of Truth to be found in *Liber L vel Legis*. Nevertheless, the keen reader will perhaps have noticed the fact that the word ‘Truth’ not is found in the MS. of *Liber L vel Legis*! (It is found once in *Liber CCXX*, III,37, in Aleister Crowley’s Paraphrase.) Now, as we know, so is the word ‘Truth’ used in teachings of religions and philosophies all over the planet. If we, for instance, look at the Old and the New Testament, as found in the King James Version of the Bible, then the word

‘truth’ is found 333 times – 224 times in the Old Testament, and 109 times in the New Testament.

But that the word not is used in *Liber L vel Legis* has its explanation! Religions often speak of the ‘ultimate truth’, or ‘the only truth’. As we know, truth is a fundamental thing in every aspect of life, however, as an initiate will know, then the ‘Truth’ often changes on the road towards mastery. But the goal is then always the last or ultimate truth, to find that defines the mastery, as well as it does for the religions.

If we look into *Liber L vel Legis* – ‘Liber 50, or The Law’ – we are told by Nuit, the Queen of Heaven:

(I,[34]) “[...] the ordeals I write not: the rituals shall be half known and half concealed: the Law is for all.” (I,[35]) “This that thou writest is the threefold book of Law.”

And then we are told:

(I,[39]) “The word of the Law is $\theta\epsilon\lambda\eta\mu\alpha$.” (I,[40]) “Who calls us Thelemites will do no wrong, if he look but close into the word. For there are therein Three Grades, the Hermit, and the Lover, and the man of Earth. Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.”

In a few words, the meaning of these ‘Three Grades’ mentioned has hitherto been looked on as three grades ‘in the Order’ – “in the Order, the Mystic, the Magician, and the Devotee” (New Comment, I,[40]; See also ‘The Djeridensis Comment’) – but, which they are not! The “Hermit”; the “Lover”; and the “man of Earth” are three different (‘created’) beings, three beings whose inner will are different, and therefore their way to success are different, and their ‘truths’ are different!

This is why the word ‘truth’ not is used in *Liber L vel Legis*, and therefore we find Ankh-af-na-khonsu, the priest of the princes, and the prophet and slave of the beauteous one, asking:

(I,[26]) “Who am I, and what shall be the sign?”

And later we are told by Hadit, the heart flame:

(II,58) “Yea! Deem not of change: ye shall be as ye are, & not other. [...] all is ever as it was. Yet there are masked ones my servants: [...]”



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As to our name 'Thelemites' – (I,[40]) *"Who calls us Thelemites will do no wrong, if he look but close into the word."* – in the centre of 'Thelemites' we find the word 'lem', which is an old form (12th – 14th century) of the English word 'learn', meaning 'flame, light'!* The ending 'ites', means, of course, 'ones belonging to or connected with', thus, 'The-lem-ites', The-flame-ites! The 'lem' is, of course, the flame of the heart, Hadit, who states:

(II,[6]) *"I am the flame that burns in every heart of man, and in the core of every star. I am Life, and the giver of Life, yet therefore is the knowledge of me the knowledge of death."*

The 'flame' – the 'will' – in the Thelemites is of three kinds, threefold, hence the 'Three Grades' (*"This that thou writest is the threefold book of Law."*), and the 'Three Grades' are hidden in a 'Book of the Law', which also is threefold: *"Had! The manifestation of Nuit"*; *"Nu! The hiding of Hadit."*; and *"Abrahadabra; the reward of Ra Hoor Khut."*!

The word 'truth' is not used in *Liber L vel Legis*, but the word 'certainty' (I,[58]) is introduced by Nuit. I love certainty, I have always liked its power! (Read, for example, *"Chapter 10; The Tarot and its paths"* from *For the Thelemites*. The chapter can be downloaded from the website.)

These were the words. Read, think, work, be wise and strong – *"The word of the Law is θελημα."*; *"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law."*



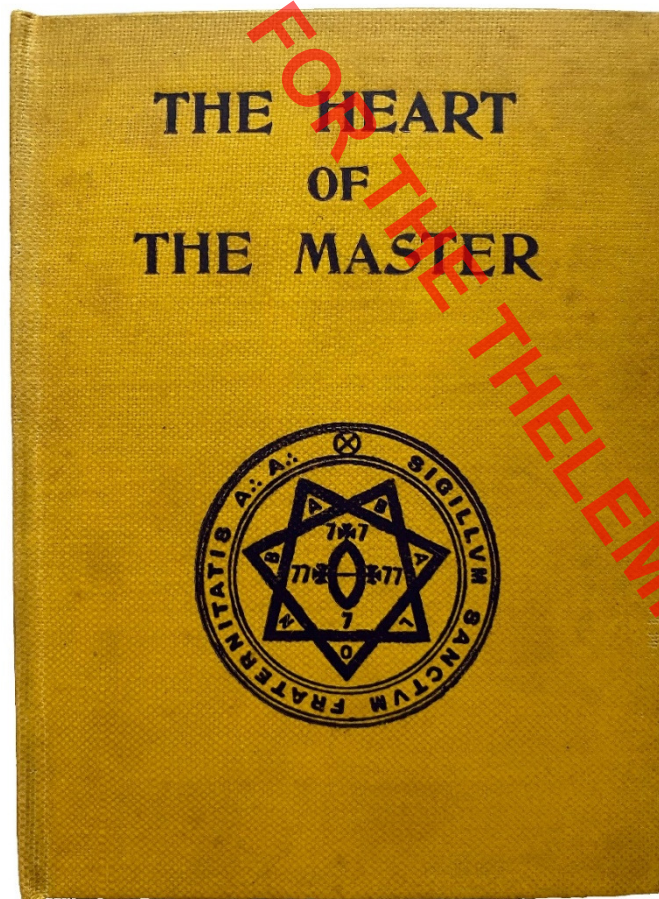
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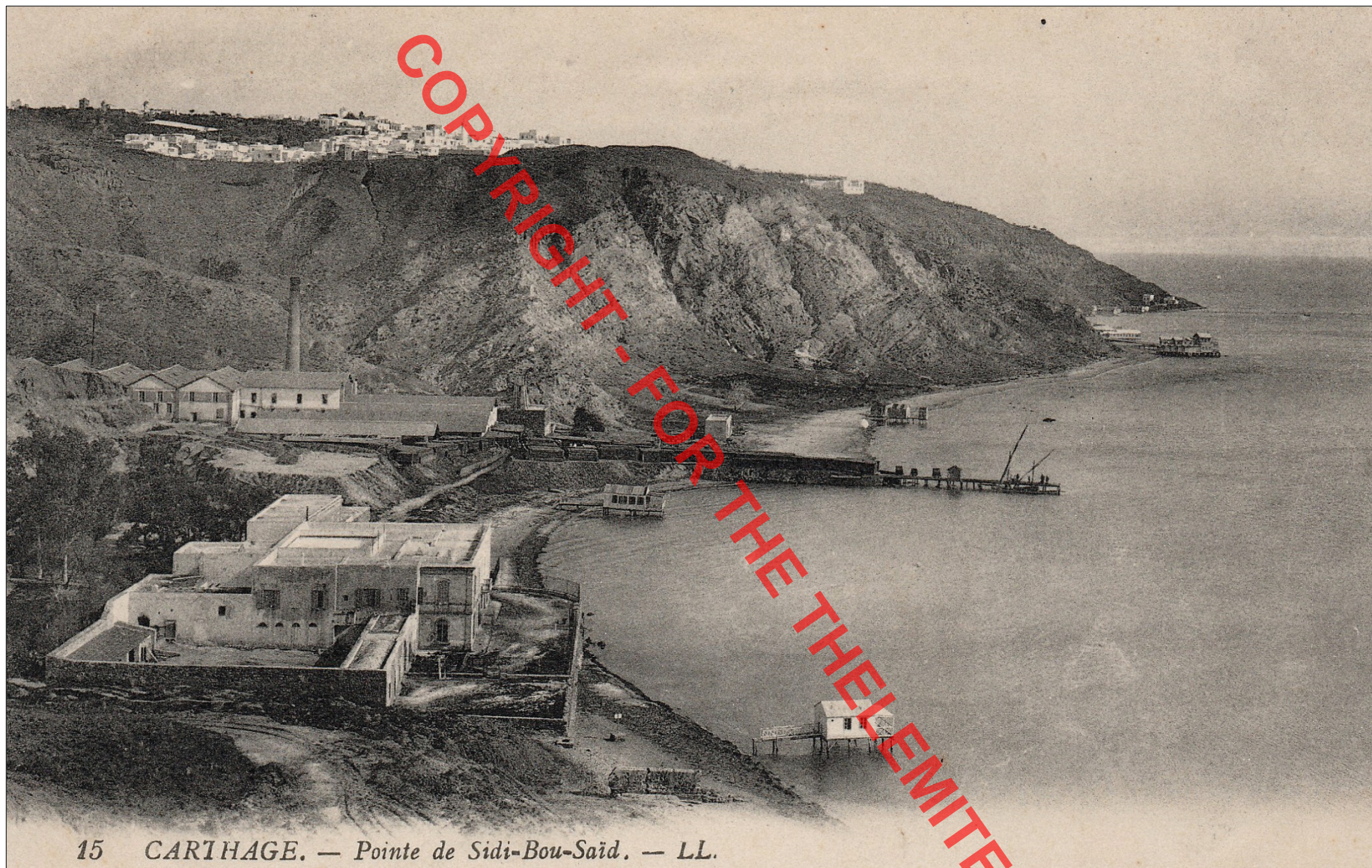
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and this is, being interpreted, “The Great White Brotherhood.” Below was written: With us Two Thousand Years is as One Day. (*The Heart of the Master; III. The Temple of Truth*, p. 29.)

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Upper cover of the superb English edition of *The Heart of the Master*, issued "An *Ixii Sol in Libra* September 23, 1938 e.v.". (London, UK: O.T.O., 1938 e.v.) Author's collection.



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Postcard showing the 'red' hill of Sidi-Bou-Saïd about which Aleister Crowley wrote in the first line of "The Temple of Truth" in *The Heart of the Master*: "I, Khaled Khan, beheld that Vision and received this Voice upon the Holy Hill of Sidi Bou Said, in the country now called Tunisia, but from of old sacred with many sanctities." French postcard from around the same time as the visit of "Khaled Khan", the Master Therion, took place. Author's collection.

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