



# Turandot: Act III

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Alchemy, Kabbalah, and the  
Mysteries of the Divine Mother

# Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

אָני חֲבַצְלֵת הַשָּׂרוֹן שְׁוֹשַׁנֵּת הָעֲמָקִים:  
כְּשֹׁשַׁנָּה בֵּין הַחוּחִים כֵּן רַעֲיָתִי בֵּין הַבָּנוֹת:

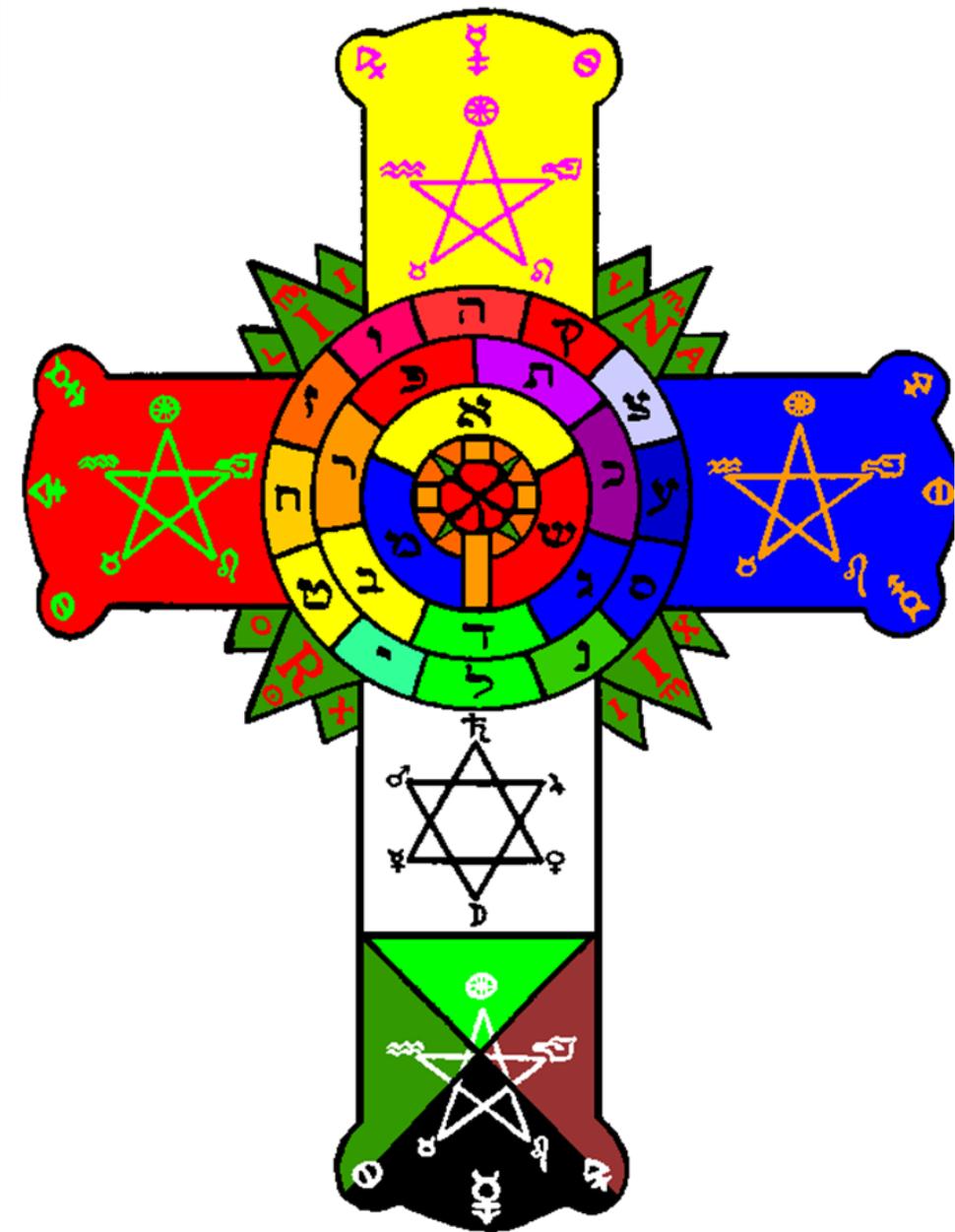
I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.  
As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.  
—Song of Songs 2:1-2

ראש השנה

Rosh Hashanah: "Head of the Year"

יום כיפור

Yom Kippur: "Day of Atonement"



THE ROSE CROSS LAMEN

# The Tree of Life

## Act III

China / The Far East

Emperor Altoum / Divine Father

Turandot / Divine Mother / יהוה אלוהים

יהוה Jehovah / Hashem / the Name

Liu / Divine Soul / South

Timur / Spirit / Tartary / North

Samson שמשון

Calaf / Middle East / אלוה ודעת יהוה

Pong / Emotional Brain / Liu's Torture

Ping / Intellectual Brain / Money

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City of Peking / Tartarus / Abyss /  
The Night of Lilith / דלילה Delilah



# The Abjad System: Arabic Kabbalah

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“Seek knowledge, even as far as China,” the phrase which is on all Sufi lips, has more than a literal or even a figurative sense. This meaning is unlocked by analyzing the use of the word “China,” interpreted through the secret language.

“China” is a code word for mind concentration, one of the Sufi practices, an essential prerequisite to Sufic development. The phrase is important partly because it provides an example of the coincidence in interpretation possible in either the Arabic or Persian languages. Neither has any real connection with the other. The fact that the word for “China” in both, though spelled and pronounced differently, decodes to substantially the same concept, invests this phrase with a special significance for the Sufi.

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This is the method of decoding:

CHINA. In Arabic SYN (letters Saad, Ya, Nun). Equivalent numbers: 90, 10, 50. Totaled, these letters yield the number 150. Splitting by hundreds, tens, and units: 100 + 50 (no units remain). Retranslated into numbers: 100=Q, plus 50=N. Q and N recombined form a word: QN. The word QN (in the form of QaNN) represents, in Arabic, the concept of "scrutinizing, observing," and is therefore taken as a symbol of concentration, focus. The injunction now reads: "Seek knowledge, even as far as concentration (of the mind)."

CHINA. In Persian CHYN (letters Che, Ya, Nun). Equivalent numbers: 3, 10, 50. Before translating into numbers, the Persian letter Che (CH) is first exchanged for its nearest equivalent in the Abjad scheme, which is J. The three sums totaled: 3 + 10 + 50 = 63. Separated into tens and units: 60 + 3. These numbers retranslated into letters: 60 = SIN; 3 = JIM. The word we now have to determine is a combination of S and J. SJ (pronounced SaJJ) means "to plaster or coat, as with clay." Reverse the order of the letters (a permissible change, one of very few allowed by the rules) and we have the word JS. The word is pronounced JaSS. This means "to inquire after a thing; to scrutinize (hidden things); to ascertain (news)." This is the root of the word for "espionage," and hence the Sufi is called the Spy of the Heart. To the Sufi the scrutinization for the purpose of ascertaining hidden things is an equivalent, poetically speaking, with the motive for concentrating the mind.

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## Revelation 2:10

*"Be thou faithful unto [Divine Mother] death, and I will give thee a crown [כ Kaf] of life [the Rune Laf, the power of sexuality: כ Kaf — לפ Laf, כלפ Calaf]."*