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ESOTERIC: A WAY OF LIFE

THE 'ELIXIR OF LIFE' AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE': LEGEND OR REALITY?

The founder of the Esoteric Institute in Lebanon (which is managed by the Society of the Friends of White Knowledge), Joseph Majdalani, gave a lecture at the Soviet Cultural Center earlier this month.

The lecture, entitled, "What is the Esoteric, or the Science of the Inner Self", touched on the origin and essence of the Esoteric Science.

During the lecture, Majdalani noted that "the Esoteric is the science of the invisible, enigmatic aspect in the human being, or the inner components, known as the 'Esoteric bodies' and their ethereal glands. These bodies are the essential elements that compose the human being... they are the unknown dimensions of feelings, perception, and the unexplained, extraordinary powers in man. For the Esoteric is the science of man as a whole, his inner and outer sides, his material, psychic, and spiritual aspects as well".

Majdalani touched on telepathy, the planetary effect on the human attitude, and dreams... as well as

the other ambiguous subjects whose mystery man dares not probe.

He added that the Esoteric is the oldest science on Earth, since "it was known in ancient times as the Science of Man. That science was exclusive for royalties and dignities, for it was the unique science depending on the actual application of knowledge, in order to enable man to experience his reality in the laboratory of Self, because man is the experimenter and the laboratory at the same time".

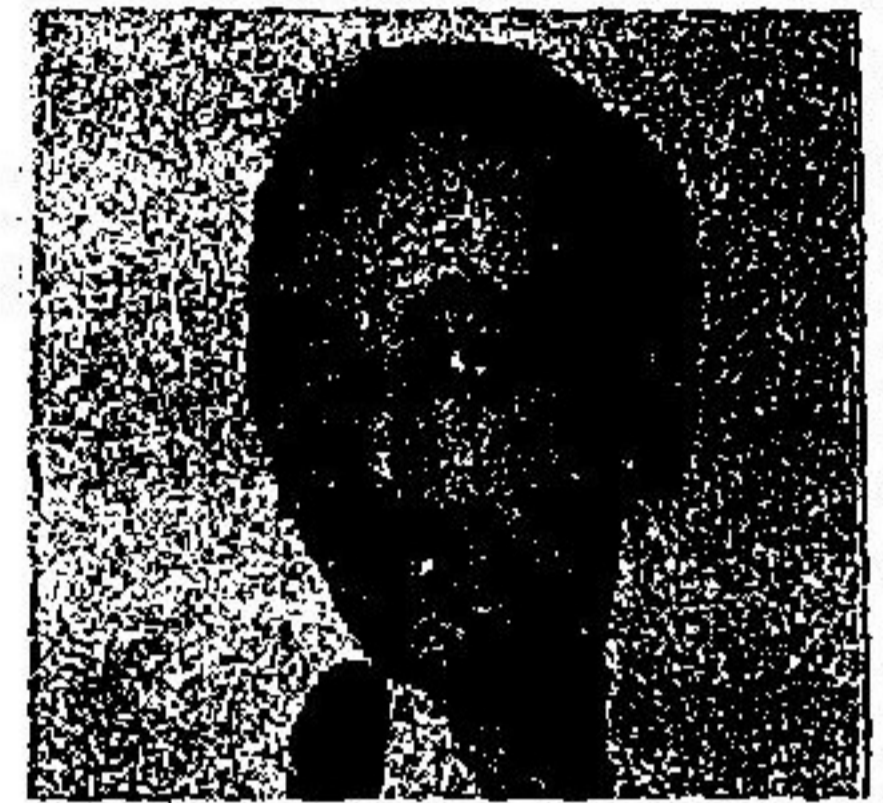
"The Esoteric", Majdalani declared, "is not theoretical philosophy, otherwise, it would be an amalgamation of theories... and theories become an empty dialectic, which fades with the birth of new theories" He explained also that the "Esoteric is not a science as well, for science sticks to one field of specialization. In brief, the Esoteric is a *modus vivendi*, a way of life, whose causes and effects we live... It is a process of consciousness and development, achieved by man in order to reach the highest level of

consciousness that could ever be reached. It is the technicality of the ancient adage: "Know Thyself", or the applied science of the humanity of man.

From that issue, the Esoteric teaches man how to awaken the unconscious areas of his brain; and to improve his understanding ability as a result. Therefore, man will be enabled to clear every ambiguity, and to deepen in knowledge.

On the other hand, Majdalani noted that "the Esoteric is the science of cause and effect.. probing the internal world as well as the external one, and unveiling the essence of life, the way life should be lived". he said also that "happiness is not a goal aimed at, else it would be like a mirage that goes further and further as we approach it. The conscious man is the one who knows how to enliven this happiness and live it for ever, in realizing his self".

He touched upon the "Elixir of Life" and the "Philosophers' Stone", explaining the former as love which ensures happiness in the self, and the latter as the



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consciousness and development which encompass every information and knowledge granted by life... he concluded by saying that "the Esoteric is the inner Path in man, leading to self-realization, a path that does not give theories, but a way of life... enabling the human being to reach the extent of knowledge, of consciousness through the technicality of "Know Thyself".

The Society of the Friends of White Knowledge has issued, so far, more than ten books on Esoteric, Society sources say.

The audience, in the main men of science and seekers after knowledge, were surprised to know that the Esoteric goes deep in all sciences.

A great number of journalists shared in the discussion that followed the lecture.

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