
The Harmonising Logos

The Cosmic Composer Logos

[The Word/Song] also composed the universe into melodious order, and tuned the discord of the elements to harmonious arrangement, so that the whole world might become harmony.

It let loose the fluid ocean, and yet has prevented it from encroaching on the land. The earth, again, which had been in a state of commotion, it has established, and fixed the sea as its boundary. The violence of fire it has softened by the atmosphere, as the Dorian is blended with the Lydian strain; and the harsh cold of the air it has moderated by the embrace of fire, harmoniously arranging these the extreme tones of the universe.

And this deathless strain, the support of the whole and the harmony of all, reaching from the centre to the circumference, and from the extremities to the central part, has harmonized this universal frame of things, not according to the Thracian music, which is like that invented by Jubal, but according to the paternal counsel of God, which fired the zeal of David.¹

Man as an instrument played by the Logos

He who is of David, and yet before him, the Word of God, despising the lyre and harp, which are but lifeless instruments, and having tuned by the Holy Spirit the universe, and especially man, who, composed of body and soul, is a universe in miniature, makes melody to God on this instrument of many tones; and to this instrument - I mean man - he sings accordant: "For thou art my harp, and pipe, and temple." ... A beautiful breathing instrument of music the Lord made man, after His own image.²

Salvation as a return to unity resulting in harmony

Let us haste to salvation, to regeneration; let us who are many haste that we may be brought together into one love, according to the union of the essential unity; and let us, by being made good, conformably follow after union, seeking after the good Monad.

The union of many in one, issuing in the production of divine harmony out of a medley of sounds and division, becomes one symphony following one choir-leader and teacher, the Word, reaching and resting in the same truth, and crying Abba, Father.³

¹ Prot. 1 (ANF Vol.2, p.172b)

² Prot. 1 (ANF Vol.2, p.172b)

³ Prot. 9 (ANF Vol.2, p.197a)