

# K H A S T O O

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**Title:** *The Alchemy of Things Unknown (and a Visual Meditation on Transformation)*

**Venue:** Khastoo Gallery, 7556 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046

**Dates:** June 10 – July 31, 2010

**Opening reception:** Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

With a film performance by Raha Raissnia, sound by Charles Curtis

### Artists:

Scoli Acosta  
Kenneth Anger  
Harvey Bialy  
William Blake  
James Lee Byars  
Cameron  
Aleister Crowley  
JFC Fuller  
Zach Harris

Susan Hiller  
Alfred Jenson  
Paul Laffoley  
Angus Maclise  
Marilyn Manson  
Raha Raissnia  
Jim Shaw  
Harry Smith  
Austin Osman Spare

### Exhibition Description:

*“After the cursing comes laughter, so that the soul is saved from the dead.”*

*-Carl Gustav Jung, The Red Book*

This exhibition intends to examine and expose individual works of art in relation to theosophy, sacred tradition and devotional practice. From William Blake’s illuminated works of divine imagination to Carl Gustav Jung’s drawings of collective symbolic unconscious, the visual is undoubtedly an integral creative tool for reaching, exploring, animating and pervading the indefinable spaces beyond body and mind.

The artists in this exhibition, some more explicitly than others, sought after or seek spiritual truths through art making and employ an almost fervent and reverent experimentation to their practice, one that is both ritualistic and against the grain. This mystic behavior is what defines the show; the persistence on new and unorthodox visual experimentation reaches beyond the worldly sphere to heightened states of consciousness.