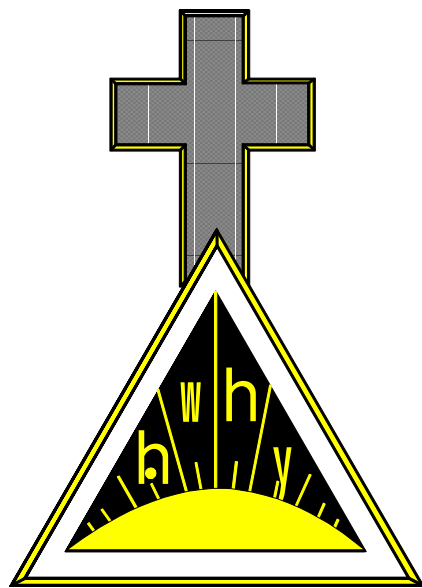


The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN^{Intl.}

ZELATOR INITIATION OF
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ZELATOR 1=10

HIEROPHANT: "Fraters and Sorors of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother, assist me to open the Temple in the grade of Zelator. Frater Kerux, see that the Temple is properly guarded."

KERUX: (Knocks without opening the door and returns to his place.) "Very Honored **Hierophant**, the Temple is properly guarded."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hiereus**, see that none below the grade of Zelator is present."

HIEREUS: "Fraters and Sorors, give the grade sign of Zelator!"

(All give the grade sign.)

HIEREUS: "Very Honored **Hierophant**, no one below the grade of Zelator is present."

HIEROPHANT: "Let the Temple be purified and consecrated with Water and with Fire."

DADOUCHOS: (Moves to the east, faces the dais, swings \\/ and makes the cross.) "I consecrate thee with Fire!"

(Faces the west, swings \\/, and makes cross.) Says: "I consecrate thee with Fire!"

(Resumes position.)

STOLISTES: (Moves to the east, faces the dais, sprinkles \\/ and makes a cross.) "I purify thee with Water!"

(Faces west, sprinkles \\/ and makes a cross.) "I purify thee with Water!"

KERUX: "The Temple is cleansed."

HIEROPHANT: "Let the element of this grade be named that it may be awakened in the spheres of those present and in the sphere of the Order."

HEGEMON: "The element of Earth."

HIEREUS: (Gives one knock or stomps left foot once.) "Let us adore the Lord and King of Earth!"

(All face east.)

HIEROPHANT: "Adonai ha-Aretz, Adonai Melekh. Unto thee be the kingdom and the power and the glory. Malkuth, Geburah, Gedulah. (Makes a cross in the air with the scepter.) The Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. Amen."

(All give Zelator grade sign.)

KERUX: (Goes to the north and sprinkles a pinch of salt before the tablet.) "Let all the Earth adore Adonai!"

HIEROPHANT: (Hierophant leaves his place and goes to the north.) "Let all the Earth adore Adonai!"

HIEREUS: (Moves to the north to the right side of the **Hierophant**.) "Let all the Earth adore Adonai!"

HEGEMON: (Moves to the north to the left side of the **Hierophant**.) "Let all the Earth adore Adonai!"

(**Stolistes** and **Dadouchos** moves to north and stand behind the **Hegemon** and **Hiereus**. **Kerux** stands behind them all.)

HIEROPHANT: (Draws Invoking Earth Pentagram before the tablet.) "And the Elohim said, 'Let us make Adam in our image, after our likeness and let him have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle and over all the Earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth over the Earth.' And the Elohim created Eth ha-Adam in their own image, in the image of the Elohim created they them. In the name of Adonai Melekh and of the Bride and Queen of the Kingdom, Spirits of Earth, adore Adonai!"

(**Hierophant** hands his scepter to the **Hiereus** and taking his sword, makes the Ox in the center of the pentagram.) "In the name of Auriel, the Great Archangel of Earth, and by the sign of the head of the Ox, spirits of Earth, adore Adonai!"

(**Hierophant** returns the sword to the **Hiereus** and takes the scepter from **Hegemon** and draws a cross before the tablet.) "In the names and letters of the Great Northern Quadrangle, spirits of Earth , adore Adonai!"

(**Hierophant** returns the scepter to the **Hegemon**, and takes the cup from the **Stolistes**, making a cross, and sprinkling thrice to the north.) "In the three great secret names of God borne upon the banners of the North, EMOR DIAL HECTEGA, spirits of Earth, adore Adonai!"

(**Hierophant** returns the cup to the **Stolistes** and takes the censer from the **Dadouchos**, and makes three forward swings.) "In the name of ICZHCAL, Great King of the North, spirits of Earth, adore Adonai!"

(**Hierophant** returns the censer to the **Dadouchos**, and takes back the scepter from the **Hiereus**. He returns to the throne. All officers return to their places. All members face as usual.)

HIEROPHANT: "Then you will kneel on both your knees, lay your right hand on the ground, and say, 'I swear by the Earth whereon I kneel.'" (Done.) "Let the symbol of blindness be removed."

(**Hegemon** removes the hoodwink.)

KERUX: (Takes the salt from the north and stands before the Neophyte and addresses him/her/them.) "Take a pinch of salt with your left hand and cast it to the north saying 'Let the powers of Earth witness my pledge.'" (Done.)

(**Kerux** replaces the salt and returns to his place.)

HIEROPHANT: "Let the Neophyte rise and let him be purified with Water and consecrated with Fire, in the confirmation of his pledge, and in the name of the Lord of the Universe who works in silence and Whom naught but silence can express."

DADOUCHOS: (Moves before the Neophyte and swings \\\ and makes cross.) "In the name of the Lord of the Universe, who works in silence and Whom naught but silence can express, I consecrate thee with Fire."

(**Dadouchos** resumes position.)

STOLISTES: (Moves before the Neophyte and sprinkles \\\ and makes cross.) "In the name of the Lord of the Universe, who works in silence and Whom naught but silence can express, I purify thee with Water."

(**Stolistes** resumes position.)

HIEROPHANT: "The 0=0 grade of Neophyte is a preparation for other grades, a threshold before our discipline, and it shows by its imagery the Light of the Hidden Knowledge dawning in the Darkness of Creation; and you are now to begin to analyse and comprehend the nature of that Light. To this end, you stand between the pillars in the gateway where the secrets of the 0=0 grade were communicated to you. Prepare to enter the immeasurable region.

And the Tetragrammaton Elohim planted a garden eastward of the Garden of Eden, and out of the ground made Tetragrammaton Elohim to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the Tree of Life also, in the midst of the Garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and of Evil. This is the Tree that has two paths, and it is the tenth sephira of Malkuth. It has about it seven columns, and the four splendors whirl around it as in the vision of the Mercabah of Ezekiel. From Gedulah it derives an influx of Mercy, and from Geburah, an influx of Severity, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and of Evil shall it be until it is united with the Supernals in Daath.

But the good which is under it is called the Archangel Metatron, and the evil is called the Archangel Samael, and between them lies the straight and narrow way where the Archangel Sandalphon keeps watch. The souls and the angels are above its branches, and the Qlippoth or demons dwell under its roots.

Let the Neophyte now enter the pathway of evil!"

(**Kerux** takes the Neophyte and leads him once around the Temple counterclockwise and is halted by the **Hiereus**.)

HIEREUS: "Whence comest thou?"

KERUX: "I come from between the two pillars and I seek the Light of Hidden Knowledge in the name of Adonai."

HIEREUS: "And the Great Angel Samael answered and said: 'I am the Prince of Darkness and of Night. The foolish and rebellious gaze upon the face of the created world and find therein nothing but terror and obscurity. It is to them the terror of darkness, and they are as drunken men stumbling in the Darkness.' Return, for thou canst not pass by."

(**Kerux** leads the Neophyte in the counter direction from whence he came, circumambulates once around the Temple, and is halted by the **Hegemon**.)

HEGEMON: "Whence comest thou?"

KERUX: "I come from between the pillars, and I seek the Light of the Hidden Knowledge in the name of Adonai."

HEGEMON: "The Great Angel Metatron answered and said: 'I am the Angel of the Presence Divine. The wise gaze upon the created world and behold there the dazzling image of the Creator. Not yet can thine eyes bear that dazzling Image.' Return for thou canst not pass by."

(**Kerux** leads the Neophyte before the pillars.)

HIEROPHANT: "Let the Neophyte enter the straight and narrow pathway which turns neither to the right nor to the left."

(**Kerux** leads Neophyte between the pillars and is halted by the **Hegemon** and **Hiereus** together.)

HIEREUS & HEGEMON: (Halts the Neophyte by crossing tools in front of him/her/them.) "Whence comest thou?"

KERUX: "I come from between the pillars and I seek the Light of the Hidden Knowledge in the name of Adonai."

HIEROPHANT: (Advances to the east of the altar with the Scepter in his hand and thrusts it between the tools of the **Hiereus** and **Hegemon**, and dividing both of them, raises his arm to the angle of forty-five degrees.) "But the Great Angel Sandalphon

said, 'I am the reconciler for Earth, and the Celestial Soul therein. Form is invisible alike in darkness and in blinding Light. I am the left hand Kerub of the Ark and the feminine power, as Metatron is the right hand Kerub and the masculine power, and I prepare the way to the celestial light.'

(**Hegemon** and **Heireus** step back to their original positions. The **Hierophant** lowers his arm.)

HIEROPHANT: "And the Tetragrammaton placed the Kerubim at the east of the Garden of Eden and a Flaming Sword which turned every way to keep the path of the Tree of Life, for He has created Nature that man being cast out of Eden may not fall into the void. He has bound man with the stars as with a chain. He allures him with scattered fragments of the Divine body in bird and beast and flower, and He laments over him in the wind and in the sea and in the birds. When the times are ended, He will call the Kerubim from the East of the Garden, and all shall be consumed and become Infinite and Holy.

Receive now the secrets of this grade. The grade sign is given thus by raising the right hand to an angle of forty-five degrees and stepping out approximately six inches with the left foot (Show it). It is the position in which the Hierophant interposed for you between the Hierus and the Hegemon. The Grand Word of this grade is Adonai ha-Aretz, and means Adonai, the Lord of the Earth, to which element this grade is allotted. The Mystic Number is fifty-five, and from it is formed the password Nun Heh. It means 'ornament,' and when given, is lettered separately. The badge of this grade is the complete Cross and Triangle with 1=10 in red and two white stripes outlining the sash.

The three portals facing you in the east are the gates of the paths leading to the three further grades, which with the Zelator and the Neophyte forms the first and lowest Order of our Fraternity. Furthermore, they represent the paths which connect the tenth sephira of Malkuth with the other sephiroth. The letters Tav, Qoph and Shin make the word Quesheth, a bow, the reflection of the rainbow of promise stretched over our Earth, and which is about the Throne of God."

HEGEMON: (Points out the Flaming Sword.) "This drawing of the Flaming Sword of the Kerubim is a representation of the Guardians of the Gates of Eden, just as the **Hiereus** and **Hegemon** symbolize the two paths of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil."

HIEREUS: "In this grade, the Red Cross is placed within the White Triangle upon the altar, and it is thus the symbol of the Banner of the West. The triangle refers to the three paths, and the Cross to the Hidden Knowledge. The cross and the triangle together represent Life and Light."

HIEROPHANT: (Points to the north tablet.) "This grade is especially referred to the element of Earth, and therefore, one of its principle emblems is the Great Watchtower or Terrestrial Tablet of the North. It is the third or Great Northern Quadrangle or Earth Tablet, and it is one of the four Great Tablets of the Elements said to have been given

to Enoch by the Great Angel Ave. It is divided within itself into four lesser angles. The mystic letters upon it form various Divine and angelic names, in what our tradition calls the Angelic secret language. From it are drawn the three holy secret names of God, EMOR DIAL HECTEGA which are borne upon the banners of the North, and there are also numberless names of angels, Archangels, and spirits ruling the element of Earth."

(**Kerux** comes forward and hands the Fylfot Cross to the **Hierophant**.)

HIEROPHANT: "The Hermetic Cross, which is also called Fylfot, Hammer of Thor, and Swastika, is formed of seventeen squares out of a square of twenty-five lesser squares. These seventeen represent the Sun, the four elements, and the twelve signs of the zodiac. In this grade, the lights of the pillars are unshaded, showing that you have quit the darkness of the outer world.

You will now leave the Temple for a short time, and upon your return, the ceremony of your advancement will then commence."

(**Kerux** takes the Neophyte out.)

(The Temple is re-arranged as per the diagram.)

Second Entrance

HIEROPHANT: "Frater **Kerux**, admit the Neophyte and give the customary alarm."

(**Kerux** does so.)

HIEROPHANT: "Frater/Soror _____, as in the grade of Neophyte, you came out of the world to the gateway of Hidden Knowledge, so in this grade you pass through the gateway and come into the Holy Place. You are now in the court of the Tabernacle, where stood the Altar of Burnt Offering, whereon was offered the sacrifices of animals, which symbolized the Qlippoth or evil demons who inhabit the plane contiguous to and below the material universe."

(**Dadouchos** makes a cross in air with censer, and censens Neophyte in silence with three forward swings, and resumes position.)

HIEROPHANT: "Between the altar and the entrance into the Holy Place stood the Laver of Brass, wherein the priests washed before entering the Tabernacle. It was the symbol of the Waters of Creation."

(**Stolistes** makes a cross with water on Neophyte's forehead and sprinkles thrice in silence, and resumes position.)

HIEROPHANT: "Having made offering at the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice, and having been cleansed at the Laver of Brass, the priest then entered the Holy Place."

(**Kerux** takes the Neophyte behind pillars to the north.)

HIEREUS: (Stands between the pillars, faces the Neophyte as they approach and guards the path with his sword.) "Thou canst not pass the gateway which is between the pillars, unless thou canst give me the grade sign of the Neophyte."

(Neophyte does so.)

HEGEMON: (Comes forward and bars the way into the Temple with the scepter.) "Thou canst not enter the Holy place, unless thou canst give the sign of Zelator."
(Done.)

(**Hegemon** leads the Neophyte between the pillars and takes him/her/them to the tablet.)

HEGEMON: "To the northern side of the Holy Place stood the Tablet of Shew Bread. The drawing before you represents its occult meaning. On it twelve loaves were laid as emblems of the Bread of Life, and it is an image of the mystery of the Rose of Creation. The Twelve circles are the twelve signs of the zodiac, while the lamp in the center is symbolic of the Sun, which is the source of heat and life. The four triangles whose twelve angles each touch one of the twelve circles are those of Fire, Earth, Air, and Water, and allude to the four triplicities of the zodiacal signs. The triangle inscribed within each of the twelve circles alludes to the three decanates, or phases of ten degrees of each sign. On one side of each triangle is the permutation of the Divine name YHVH, which is referred to that particular sign, while on the opposite side of it is the name of one of the twelve tribes which is also attributed to it.

Now the twenty-two sounds and letters of the Hebrew alphabet are the foundation of all things; three mothers, seven doubles, and twelve singles. The twelve single letters are allotted to the twelve directions in space, and those diverge to infinity, and are in the arms of the Eternal. These twelve letters He designed and combined, and formed with them the twelve celestial constellations of the zodiac. They are over the Universe as a king upon his throne, and they are in the revolution of the year as a king traversing his dominions, and they are in the heart of man as a king in warfare.

And the twelve loaves are the images of those ideas, and are the outer petals of the Rose. Within are the four Archangels ruling over the four quarters, and the Kerubic emblems of the Lion, Man, Bull and Eagle.

Around the great central lamp which is an image of the Sun is the Great Mother of Heaven, symbolized by the letter Heh, the first of the single letters, and by its number five, the pentagram, Malkah the Bride, ruling in her kingdom Malkuth, crowned with a crown of twelve stars.

These twelve circles further represent the twelve foundations of the Holy City of the Apocalypse, while in Christian symbolism, the Sun and the twelve signs are referred to Christ and his twelve apostles."

(**Hegemon** leads the Neophyte to the **Hiereus** and then resumes position.)

HIEREUS: (**Hiereus** leads the Neophyte to the south.) "On the southern side of the Holy Place stood the seven-branched candlestick wherein was burned pure olive oil. It is an image of the mystery of the Elohim, the seven creative ideas. The symbolic drawing before you represents its occult meaning. The seven circles which surround the heptagram represent the seven planets and the seven Qabalistic palaces of Assiah, the material world, which answer to the seven Apocalyptic Churches which are in Asia or Assiah, as these again allude to the seven lamps before the throne on another plane.

Within each circle is a triangle to represent the three fold creative idea operating in all things. On the right hand side of each is the Hebrew name of the angel who governs the planet. On the left side is the Hebrew name of the sphere of the planet itself, while the Hebrew letter beneath the base is one of the duplicated letters of the Hebrew alphabet which refer to the seven planets.

The seven double letters of the Hebrew alphabet have each two sounds associated with them; one hard and one soft. They are called double because each letter represents a contrary or permutation thus: Life and death; peace and war; wisdom and folly; riches and poverty; grade and indignity; fertility and solitude; power and servitude.

These seven letters point out seven localities: Zenith, Nadir, East, West, North, South, and the place of Holiness in the midst sustaining all things. The Archetypal Creator designed, produced, combined, and formed with them the planets of the Universe, the days of the week, and in man, the gate of the south. He has loved and blessed the number seven more than all things under his throne. The powers of these seven letters are also shown forth in the seven palaces of Assiah, and the seven stars of that vision are the seven Archangels who rule them."

(**Hiereus** leads Neophyte to west of the altar and returns to his place.)

HIEROPHANT: (Comes to the east of the altar, takes the censer from altar, makes a cross and three forward swings \/, then replaces it.) "Before the veil of the Holy of Holies stood the Altar of Incense, of which this altar is an image. It was of the form of a double cube, thus representing material form as a reflection and duplication of that which is spiritual. The sides of the altar, together with the top and bottom, consist of ten squares, thus symbolizing the ten sephiroth of which the basal one is Malkuth, the realization of the rest upon the material plane, behind which the others are concealed. For were this double cube raised in the air immediately above you head, you would but see the single square forming the lowest side, the others from their position being concealed from you. Just so, behind the material universe lies the concealed form of the majesty of God.

The Altar of Incense was overlaid with gold to represent the highest degree of purity, but the altar before you is black to represent the terrestrial Earth. Learn then to separate the pure from the impure, and refine the gold of the Spirit from the Black Dragon, the corruptible body. Upon the Cubical Altar were Fire, Water, and incense, which are symbolic of the three mother letters of the Hebrew alphabet: Aleph, Mem, and Shin. Mem is silent, Shin is sibilant, and Aleph is the tongue of a balance between these contraries in equilibrium, reconciling and mediating between them. In this is a

great mystery, very admirable and recondite. The Fire produced the Heavens, the Water, the Earth, and the Air is the reconciler between them. In the year, they bring forth the hot, the cold, and the temperate seasons, and in man, they are imaged in the head, the chest, and the trunk.

I now confer upon you the Mystic Title of Periclinus de Faustis, which signifies that on this Earth you are in a wilderness, far from the Garden of the Happy. And I give you the symbol of Aretz which is the Hebrew name for Earth (Gives the grade sash.), to which the 1=10 grade of Zelator is referred. The word Zelator is derived from the ancient Egyptian Zaruator, signifying "Searcher of Athor", Goddess of Nature; but others assign to it the meaning of the zealous student whose first duty was to blow the Athanor of Fire which heated the Crucible of the Alchemist."

(**Hierophant** resumes his seat. **Kerux** leads the new Zelator to the northwest.)

HIEROPHANT: "Frater **Kerux**, you have my command to declare that our Frater/Soror _____ has been duly admitted to the 1=10 grade of Zelator."

KERUX: "In the name of Adonai Melekh, and by the command of the Very Honored **Hierophant**, I proclaim that Frater/Soror _____ has been duly admitted to the 1=10 grade of Zelator, and that he/she/they has/have obtained the Mystic Title of Periclinus de Faustis and the symbol of Aretz."

(**Kerux** resumes his position.)

HIEROPHANT: "In the Zelator grade, the symbolism of the tenth sephira Malkuth is especially shown, as well as the tenth path of the *Sepher Yetzirah*. Among other mystic titles, Malkuth is called Shaar, the gate, which by metathesis becomes Ashure, meaning the number ten. Also, in Chaldee it is called Thraa, the gate. It is also called the "Gate of Death", the "Gate of Tears", the "Gate of Justice", the "Gate of Prayer", and the "Gate of the Daughter of the Mighty Ones." It is also called the "Gate of the Garden of Eden" and the inferior mother, and in Christian symbolism, it is connected with the three holy women at the foot of the cross. The tenth path of the *Sepher Yetzirah* which answereth to Malkuth is called "The Resplendent Intelligence," because it exalts above every head and sitteth upon the Throne of Binah. It illuminateth the splendor for all the lights (the Zohar Me-ouroth), and causeth the current of the Divine influx to descend from the Prince of Countenances, the Great Archangel Metatron.

Frater/Soror _____, before you can be eligible for advancement to the next grade of 2=9, you will be required to pass an examination in certain subjects. A manuscript on these will be supplied to you. When you are well satisfied that you are well informed on these, notify the officer in charge."

Closing

HIEROPHANT: "Fratres and Sorores, assist me to close the Temple in the 1=10 grade of Zelator. Frater **Kerux**, see to it that the Temple is properly guarded."

(Kerux knocks on all doors and checks all entrances.)

HIEROPHANT: "Let us adore the Lord and King of Earth. Adonai ha-Aretz, Adonai Melekh, blessed be thy name unto the countless ages. Amen."

(All give Zelator grade sign.)

(**Hierophant** leaves the dais and moves to the north, followed by **Hegemon** to his left, **Hiereus** to his right, **Stolistes**, **Dadouchos** and **Kerux** to the back.)

HIEROPHANT: "Join me in the prayer of the Earth Spirits.

O invisible King, who, taking the Earth for foundation, didst hollow its depths to fill them with Thy almighty power. Thou whose name shaketh the arches of the world, Thou who causeth the seven metals to flow in the veins of the rocks, King of the seven lights, rewarder of the subterranean workers, lead us into the desirable Air and into the realm of splendor. We watch and we labor unceasingly, we seek and we hope, by the twelve stones of the Holy City, by the buried Talismans, by the Axis of the lodestone which passes through the center of the Earth. O Lord, O Lord, O Lord! Have pity upon those who suffer. Expand our hearts, unbind and upraise our minds, enlarge our natures.

O stability and motion! O Darkness veiled in brilliance! O day clothed in night! O Master who never dost withhold the wages of Thy workmen! O silver whiteness! O golden splendor! O crown of living and harmonious diamond! Thou who wearest the heavens on Thy finger like a ring sapphire! Thou who hidest beneath the earth in the Kingdom of Gems, the marvellous seed of the stars! Live, reign, and be Thou the Eternal Dispenser of the treasures where of Thou has made us the Wardens.

Depart ye in peace unto your abodes. May the blessing of Adonai be upon you (Make banishing pentagrams of Earth). Be there peace between you and us and be ye ready to come when ye are called."

(All resumes positions.)

HIEROPHANT: "In the name of Adonai Melekh, I declare this Temple duly closed in the grade of Zelator."

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