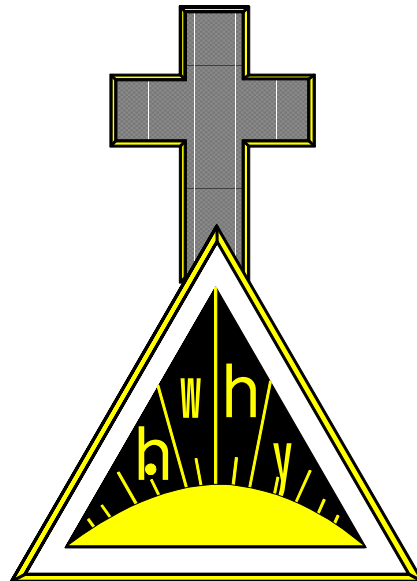


The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN^{Intl.}

THE GARDEN OF EDEN



PRACTICUS 3 = 8

The following excerpt is from the Golden Dawn initiation in the Practicus grade and can be found in the Llewellyn book, *The Golden Dawn*, by Israel Regardie and in *The Complete Golden Dawn*, by Falcon Press. "Before you is represented the symbolism of the Garden of Eden. At the summit is the Supernal Eden, containing the three Supernal sephiroth, summed up and contained in Aima Elohim, the Mother Supernal, the Woman of the twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse, crowned with the Sun and the Moon under her feet, and upon her head the crown of twelve stars rtk. And whereas the name YHVH, is joined to the name \yhl a when it is said, 'Tetragrammaton Elohim planted a garden eastward in Eden'; so this represents the power of the Father joined thereto in the glory from the face of the Ancient of Days. And in the Garden was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and of Evil, which latter is from t\kl m, which is the lowest sephira between the rest of the sephiroth and the Kingdom of Shells, which latter is represented by the Great Red Dragon, coiled beneath, having seven heads (the seven infernal palaces) and ten horns (the ten averse sephiroth of evil contained in the seven palaces)."

"The River of Naher went forth out of Eden, namely from the Supernal Triad, to water the Garden and the rest of the sephiroth. And from this it was divided into four heads in tud. Hence it is said in tud the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down dew. The first head is Pison, which flows into hr\wbg, whence there is Gold. It is the river of Fire. The second head is Gihon, the river of Water, flowing into dsj. The third is Hiddekel, the river of Air, flowing into trapt. The fourth, which receiveth the virtues of the other three, is Phrath, Euphrates, which floweth down upon the Earth. This river going forth out of Eden is the River of the Apocalypse, the waters of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and the Lamb on the other side, which was the Tree of Life, bearing twelve manner of fruits. And thus do the Rivers of Eden form a cross and on that cross the Great Adam, the Son, who was to rule the nations with a rod of iron, is extended from trapt and his arms stretched out to hl\wdg and hr\wbg. In t\kl m is Eve, Mother of All, the completion of All. Above the Universe she supporteth with her hands the eternal pillars of the sephiroth. As it was said to you in the thirtieth path. And above the shoulders of the great goddess is Nature, her vastness exalted."

