

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

**THE CROSS OF THE
HEGEMON**



PHILOSOPHUS 4=7

It is the Hegemon's lamén, the same lamén that the Hegemon wears in the Neophyte and other initiations, that grants the candidate entry into the grade of Philosophus, into the sephira j xñ.

This is a Calvary Cross of Six Squares and it embraces the sephiroth of trapt, j xñ, dwh and dwsy, and it rests upon the sephira of tklm. In addition to this, the Calvary Cross of Six Squares is opened outward, forming a cube. It is thus referred to as the six sephiroth of the Microprosopus, they are dsj, hrwbg, trapt, j xñ, dwh and dwsy.

This badge is used in the final phase of the Philosophus initiation. It is given to the Philosophus to emphasize the balance that must be obtained in the 4=7 grade between the elements of Fire and Water, between emotions and intellect, desire and reason, etc..

The reconciling sephira for the whole Tree of Life is the sephira trapt, standing in the center of the Tree and connecting directly to all the sephiroth except tklm. It is trapt that the Philosophus is preparing for as he learns to correlate and balance the elements through the Philosophus grade and the lower grades that he or she has passed, for the next grade will not be part of the Golden Dawn system but a preparation grade for the Second Order.

The badge may be painted black and white as it is used by the Hegemon during initiations, or it may be painted primarily red. This will emphasize more, the element of Fire.

