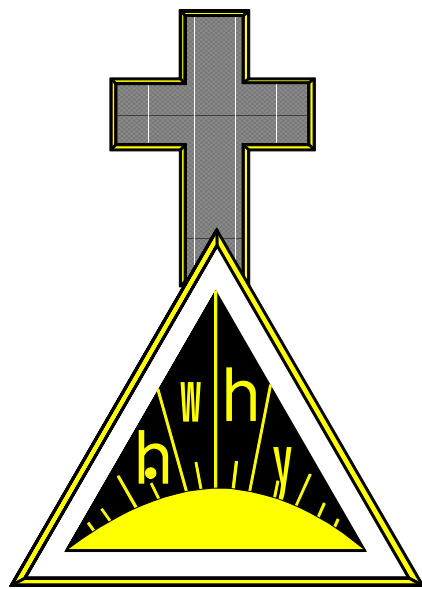
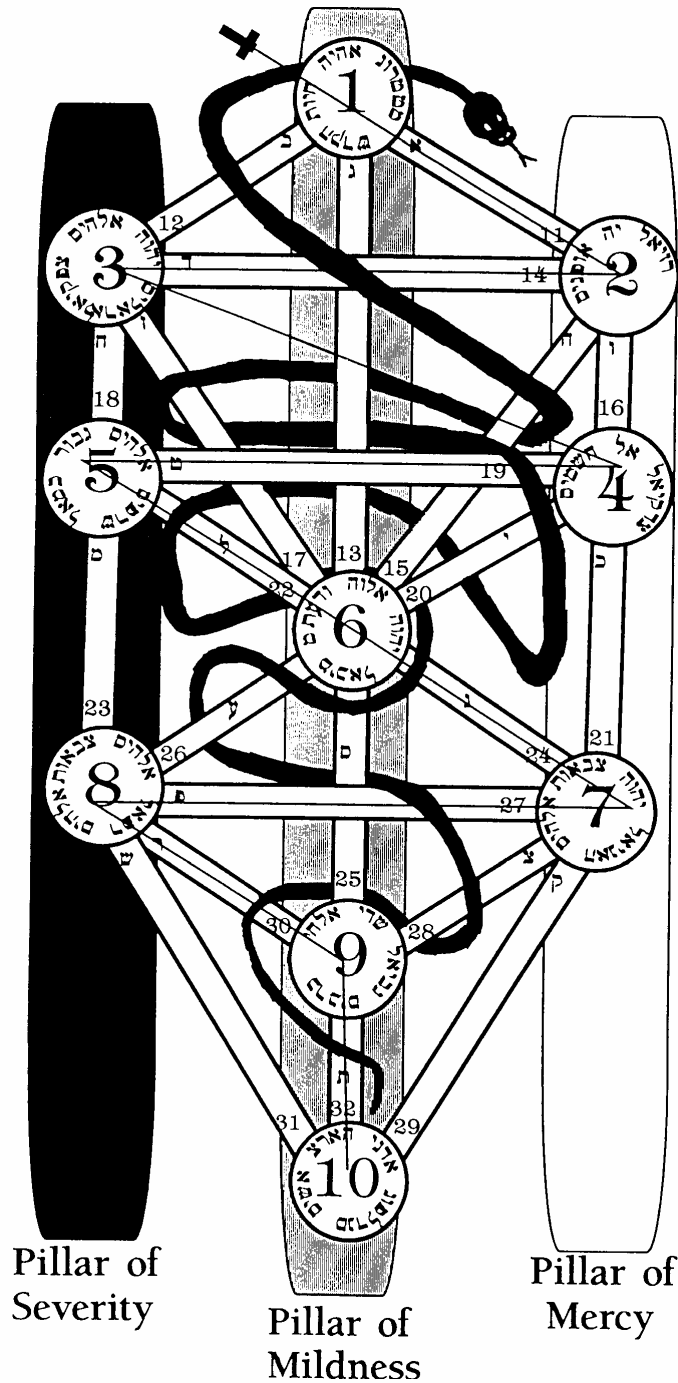


The Hermetic Order Of The  
GOLDEN DAWN<sup>Intl.</sup>

**SERPENT ON THE TREE OF  
LIFE**



**THEORICUS 2=9**



"Before you stands the Tree of Life formed from the sephiroth and their connecting paths into its complete symbolism. It is impossible to enter here for it is the key of all things when rightly understood. Upon each sephira are written in Hebrew letters its name, its corresponding Divine name, Archangelic name and Angelic name. The connecting paths are twenty-two in number and are distinguished by the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Complementing them are the ten sephiroth along with

the Thirty-two Paths of Wisdom of the *Sepher Yetzirah*." (The Theoricus initiation of *The Golden Dawn*, Lewellyn Publications, Volume II, book II.) We must understand that the direction or course of the Hebrew letters as placed on the paths form a symbol, the symbol of the Serpent of Wisdom. It is here in the Theoricus grade that we begin to understand this Serpent of Wisdom as we enter the astral plane in dmsy. Aside from this we have the natural succession of the sephiroth that form the Flaming Sword. So, the paths equal the Serpent of Wisdom where the sephiroth equal the Flaming Sword.

Again, this symbol should be meditated on on a regular basis and contemplation should be directed to it while in the grade of Theoricus. More esoteric study of this symbol will be directed in the higher grades to come.