

Eremiados Course Lesson One



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Templum de Octo Rosae Mysticus

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General Introduction to the Study Course of the Tiron Grade

Δ As a Tiron of Eremiados Temple, you will receive several different kinds of lessons in each set of study papers, which should be read in the following order:

1. **Technique papers** will provide you with various magical exercises, techniques, meditations and other practical matters.
2. **Magical Rituals** will be provided for you to learn and use at appropriate times. Each ritual will be accompanied by an explanatory commentary and notes.
3. **Knowledge papers** will provide you with the esoteric information every student of the Western Mysteries requires. Some of the information you will be given will be of a general background nature, including stories and myths of the gods and their symbols. Some of this information you will be required to learn by heart.
4. **Philosophical papers**, supplied with some sets only, are designed to present points of view concerning magic, the sciences, philosophy and other topics, so that you will be able to see the relevance of your magical work to the world at large.

Assignments

With each set of lessons, you will be set assignments. Some assignments will be questions closely related to the study papers. Do not try to answer the questions by heart. At this stage, you should read through the papers again and copy out word for word what you think are the answers. This will help you to remember the important points. The assignments themselves will make it clear when you should try to answer from memory.

Keeping your papers safe and tidy

Your first practical assignment is to get yourself a good method of keeping your knowledge papers safe and tidy. I myself use Eastlight A5 Lever Arch Files. They will hold a lot of papers and are not too expensive [between \$5 and \$8 each in 1991]. You might also find an ordinary A4 ring-binder file useful to hold larger diagrams you will draw. If you do your assignments on A4 paper, you can use the ring-binder for them also.

The study papers are all on A5 pages, made by folding A4 sheets of paper in half. If you cannot afford to buy a Lever-arch File at first, use a shoe box. If you leave them scattered about here and there, you WILL lose them; and they cannot be replaced. If you cannot keep your papers safe, can you really ever think of becoming a Guardian of the Secret Wisdom of the Mysteries of Magic.

Assignment No. G1/1: Write out what arrangements you have made to keep your Eremiados Temple study papers and rituals safe.

Magical Diary

You should get into the way of keeping a Magical Diary. Some people are natural diarists and find it easy to keep a daily record. Others, like myself, do not find keeping a diary easy.

A blank diary page is set out in this paper as a guide for your Magical Diary. The following is an example of what a typical entry in an ideal Magical Diary might look like.

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All the Eremiados papers sent to you are confidential and should be kept in a safe place.

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General Introduction

Student: Mrs L. M.

Date: 23 October, 1999

Morning Salute. Dawn salute; Intention;
Earth Cross
[Visualisation better than usual]

Morning Meditation: 15 minutes, very turbulent; settled down just before I had to go and get the children up for breakfast.

Midday Salute: Noon salute, Intention; Lesser Ritual. Did Attentive Meditation on the letter Hch and the Emperor. Waves of warmth during meditation. Wrote up yesterday's diary entry.

Second Meditation: Used local R. C. church on the way home from supermarket. Sat 20 minutes. Very quiet. I might have dozed a bit towards the end.

Evening Salute: Said Evening salute mentally while waiting for Bill and kids to come in to tea.

Night Salute: Stayed up to watch the late movie with Bill. Fell asleep before it finished. Said the Night Salute in bed mentally while Bill was brushing his teeth.

Points to observe about the diary entries

Do you get the idea? The person who made those entries was not someone remote from the world and out of touch with normal life, but nevertheless they were doing the Work and doing it well.

At this stage, you have not learned the Salutations, which are ideally done at dawn, noon, sunset and, if you are up, at midnight. Notice that she has adjusted each Salutation to the circumstances of the time. The Morning Salute would have taken a couple of minutes to do. The Midday Salute might

have taken five to ten minutes. The Evening and Night Salutes were both said mentally and would have been completed in seconds. This magician has celebrated the daily Solar Cycle fully and properly

Assignment No.G1/2

Make a start on your Magical Diary, using the enclosed blank format as a guide. Things to note include:

1. When you did your Qof Meditation and for how long.
2. If and when you did the Square Earth Cross.
3. Any other magical study, work or assignment you did.
4. Anything else you want to record.

There is no need to send me a copy of your diary entries, at this stage. Just let me know if you have started it and if you have been able to keep it up each day.

Greek, Hebrew and the Qabalah

Like virtually all Western esoteric orders, Eremiados Temple uses what are called Sacred Languages. The most important of these in the High Magic of the Solar Mysteries are Greek and Hebrew. Greek was the language of the ancient Solar Mysteries; Hebrew is the language of the Qabalah.

Qabalah is properly pronounced KAB-ba-lah, but it is often pronounced by English speakers as ka-BAA-lah. The Qabalah was originally a mystical or esoteric system only within Judaism. However, since the medieval period at least, possibly for much longer, certain non-Jewish esoteric orders have made use of various techniques described by Masters of the Qabalah, and have used the Hebrew alphabet and Qabalistic number systems. The spelling Qabalah distinguishes between the magical, esoteric Qabalism which is

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MAGICAL DIARY

Name.....

Grade.....Date.....

Morning Salute.....

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First Qof Meditation.....

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Midday Salute.....

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Second Qof Meditation.....

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Evening Salute.....

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Night Salute.....

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Lesser Ritual [Square Earth Cross].....

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Other Rituals.....

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practised by students and members of the Western Mystery traditions; and the religious Kabbalism practised by rabbis and others of the Jewish faith. Another spelling is Cabala. The Cabalists were certain Christian philosophers, scholars and magicians who used the Cabala during the late Medieval and Renaissance eras.

The importance of the Qabalah in Western Magic and the Solar Mysteries in Eremiados Temple means that among the first tasks of a student of magic are learning by heart the letter/number symbols of both the Greek and Hebrew alphabets, along with their values, esoteric meanings and magical correspondences.

In a later grade, you will also be expected to learn the Anglo-Saxon Runes. Do not be daunted by the magnitude of these tasks. There is plenty of time. You do not have to be able to recite the numbers or the letters of the alphabets straight away or know all the magical correspondences to the letters immediately. I will be very satisfied if you know the Greek and Hebrew alphabets thoroughly by the time you have completed your Tiron studies in about 12 months time.

Alongside of learning and studying, you will be taught some simple rituals. As you progress, you will be taught more and more of the principles on which rituals and other magical forms are built, so that you will be able to construct your own rituals for whatever purposes you have, as do all experienced magicians.

The purpose of your lessons and of all High Magic is firstly, to awaken each of the five souls with which each one of us is equipped as human beings; and secondly, to

be able to move freely with and through them; and thirdly, to integrate them into a unified whole.

Eremiados Temple

In the language of the Greek Mysteries, our name is:

HO NAOS EREMIADON

pronounced:

ho NAY-oss e-REM-ee-AA-don

The final syllable rhymes with *moan*.

Our name means "The Temple of Those who Work Alone." The magical number of Eremiados Temple is 1409, which is of the 113th degree or Five in the World of Material Activities. This focuses its energy through humankind into the world we live in. Its root number is 14.

The 14th degree is described by the following words in the ancient book, *The Thirty-two Paths of Wisdom*: "It is called the Instituting Insight; and it is called this because it sets in place [institutes] the essence of Briyah [creative activities] in pure darkness. The Masters of Contemplation speak thus of it: 'It is Brilliance and it is Darkness; and the Darkness is its wrapping.'"

Tiron

The classical spelling is TEIRON, but it is pronounced TEE-roan.

It means "beginner or new recruit." It is the equivalent of the word *neophyte*.

The magic number of *Teiron* is 1265, which $1 \times 5 \times 11 \times 23$, which is [The Unity] \times [the number of strength] \times [the number of magic] \times [the pentagram]. 1265 is of the 113th degree, which is Five or Strength in "Assiyah [the Material World of Physical Activities, which is referred to the element of Earth].