

## Eremiados Course Lesson Twenty-One



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## Daily Salutations to the Sun

Salutations to the Sun are made daily at the four stations of the Sun. On this page, the Salutations are set out in English. There are also versions in Hebrew and Greek, available for use by members of the inner grades.

It was a custom of the ancient initiates of the Solar Mysteries to hold in the left hand a branch of green leaves, or a bundle of twigs. The green branch is waved 10 to 15 centimetres before the eyes throughout each Salutation. The bundle of twigs should be held steady about 30 centimetres or so before the eyes.

While not everyone observes this ancient custom at every Salutation, you certainly should wave the green branch, if you are doing the Salutation out of doors in sunlight, to protect your eyes from damage.

### FIRST SOLAR STATION: AT DAWN.

*As the Sun is rising, facing East and standing in the ancient posture of prayer:*

Blessed art Thou, eternal spiritual Sun,  
Whose symbol we see rising in the heavens.  
Blessed art Thou from the palaces of the Morning Star.

### SECOND SOLAR STATION: AT NOON.

*At Noon, facing North and standing in the ancient posture of prayer:*

Blessed art Thou, eternal spiritual Sun,  
Whose symbol we see exalted in the heavens.  
Blessed art Thou from the palaces of the Day.

### THIRD SOLAR STATION: AT SUNSET.

*As the Sun is setting, facing West and standing in the ancient posture of prayer:*

Blessed art Thou, eternal spiritual Sun,  
Whose symbol we see descending beneath the earth.  
Blessed art Thou from the palaces of the Evening Star.

### FOURTH SOLAR STATION: AT MIDNIGHT.

*At Midnight, facing South and standing in the ancient posture of prayer:*

Blessed art Thou, eternal spiritual Sun,  
Whose symbol we is now resting beneath the earth.  
Blessed art Thou from the palaces of the Night.

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## Commentary on the Salutations to the Sun

When the founders of our Order fled from France to escape the 12th century persecutions of heretical Christians and Jews by the French king, they settled in Toledo. There they met Chiyoth of Provence who was a master of certain ancient Western Mysteries. He is also known as Kyot the Enchanter. From that time, they were no longer simple, working-class Christians, with a heretical, reformist view of their religion, but initiates of the Solar Mysteries associated with the Divine Lord of the Sun, Mithras Tauroktonos [Mithras the Bull-slayer].

The principal ritual of our Order consists of a cycle of twelve Solar rites, each performed on the day on which the Sun passes from one Sign of the Zodiac to the next. These Solar Rites begin at Midwinter and reach a climax at Midsummer. The cycle celebrates the Divine Child, 'Adonai, Lord of the Sun. On the last page of this paper is a description of the annual cycle.

In due course, you will be invited to witness the communal Solar rites of the Order. Meanwhile, it is important for your own magical development that you begin to tap in to the solar energies. This is most readily done by observing every day the solar cycle to whatever extent that you can.

### **The Four Stations**

The daily solar cycle is marked by four Stations and Directions:

1. Dawn and the East;
2. Noon and the North;
3. Sunset and the West;
4. Midnight and the South.

Here, the Directions are for the Southern Hemisphere. In the Northern Hemisphere, the Sun is in the South at noon, while it is in a northerly direction at midnight, though unseen beneath the Earth.

When you are on the Equator, the Sun is directly Above at noon; and directly Below at midnight. The six directions of the Cube

of Space, East and West, South and North, Above and Below play an important role in the rituals of High Magic. When you are facing East, as you will be for most of the time in most of our rituals, these directions are sometimes referred to as Before and Behind, on the Right and on the Left, Above and Below.

### **In Daily Life**

When you are undertaking a Magical Retreat, it might well be that you observe each Station at its precise moment, i.e., while the Sun is rising; when it is at its highest point; while it is setting; and when it is at its lowest point beneath the Earth.

It is usually impossible to observe the Stations with such precision in the course of the normal daily routine of most people. If you choose to observe the Solar Stations daily, you will need to accommodate your observance of the cycle to your usual schedule. In practice, this usually means something like this:

1. Shortly after rising in the morning, perhaps just before your morning meditation;
2. During your lunch hour;
3. Shortly before your evening meal, perhaps just before your evening meditation;
4. Immediately before going to bed.

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*Salutations to the Sun*

**Mental Salutes**

Because the each Salutation is so short, you will be able to learn them quickly and recite them without referring to the ritual very soon. It can happen that you observe the Four Stations without going through the physical procedures of facing in a particular direction.

For example, you might be travelling on a bus as the Sun is setting. Say the Evening Salutation in your mind, while you mentally face toward the setting sun and salute it with your green branch. You might be at work, sitting behind a desk, when you notice that it is midday. Mentally make the Midday Salutation, just where you are.

It is more important to get into the way of regularly acknowledging the Sun, the Source of all our Light and Life and Energy, than it is to be exact in facing the correct direction and having your ritual paraphernalia in your hand. With constant practice, you will become more and more

expert at being able to visualise facing this direction or that; and visualising your magical temple and implements.

**Assignment No. R2/1:**

The Cube of Space is usually said to have Seven Directions, which correspond to the Seven Planets and the Seven Double Letters of the Hebrew alphabet. You need not concern yourself about the correspondences for the time being.

You have been told six of the seven directions in this lesson. What do you think the Seventh Direction might be? An answer in one or two words will be enough.

**Assignment No. R2/2:**

From now on, you should note in your Magical Diary which of the Salutations to the Sun you have observed each day. For this Assignment, make a separate record of your observance of the Solar Salutations for a period of seven days and forward it to me.



## The Divine Child

At Midwinter (CANCER), the Spark of Light emerges from the Darkness.

In LEO, it lights the Hearth-fire of Home around which we sit  
and beside which we sleep through the long winter nights

This is the Hearth-fire of the Great Earth Mother,  
who is taken from us in VIRGO.

In LIBRA, She comes forth once more as Aphrodite,  
Goddess of Spring and of Fertile Love.

In SCORPIO, the Spark of Light descends into the dark womb  
of the Fertile Mother.

In SAGITTARIUS, the Fiery Arrow of Light fertilises the Spark.

At Midsummer, in CAPRICORN, the Radiant Sun is born  
in the fulness of its Glory,  
the Divine Child of the Great Mother.

In AQUARIUS, the Divine Child as Healer  
brings wholeness to the World;

In PISCES, the Divine Child as Seer  
beholds and knows all the universe;

In ARIES, the Divine Child as Dance-weaver  
leads the Dance of Lights within the Limitless Light;

In TAURUS, the Divine Child as Priest and Prince  
puts on priestly robes and royal crown;

In GEMINI, the Divine Child as Teacher  
gathers the Companions to hear Words of Light and Life and Love.

Who is the Divine Child ?

I am.

Thou art.

They are.

We are.

At Midwinter, in CANCER,

I emerge from the Darkness as a Spark of Light.

