# Eremiados Course Lesson Twenty-Seven



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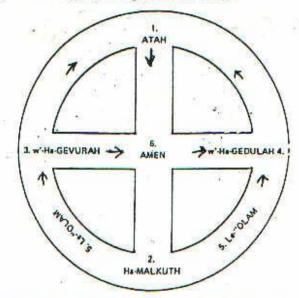
# THE LESSER RITUAL OF



# CLOSING THE PENTAGRAM

## INTROIT

Standing at the East end of the Sanctuary, facing East, make the Sign of the Square Earth Cross:



+ 'Atah ha-Malkuth w'ha-Gevurah w'ha-Gedulah le-"olam. Amen.

Standing in the posture of the Opened Pentagram, recite the Verse of the Elements:

From One Spirit pour three Forces, One in Three, and Three from One. In One Earth dwell three Forms, One from Three and Three in One.

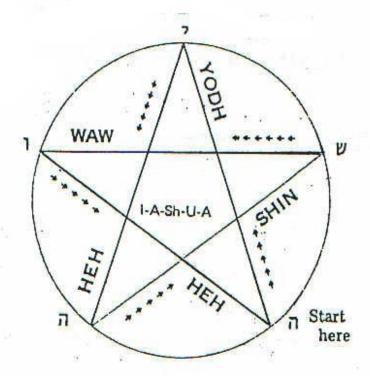
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## THE PENTAGRAM OF CLOSING TO AIR



Stand at the East, facing the East.

Make a Pentagram of Closing to the Element of Air.

Yodh - Heh - Shin - Way - Heh

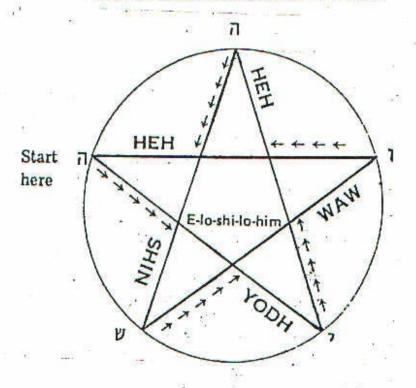
Trace a circle around the Pentagram and place your forefinger at its Centre, whispering the God-name.

I-A-Sh-U-A

Standing upright, salute the Guardian of the East.

Farewell Mighty Archangel Rafa'El,
[who has brought Insight and Compassion from the East.]

## THE PENTAGRAM OF CLOSING TO WATER



Going with the Sun, go to the South side of the Temple.

Make a Pentagram of Closing to the Element of Water.

Yodh - Hch - Shin - Way - Heh

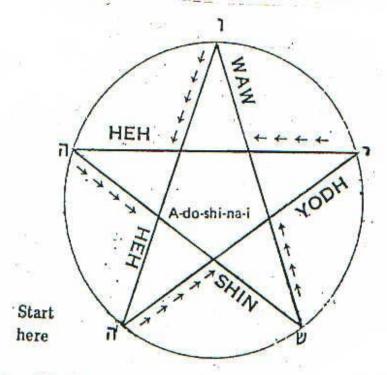
Trace a circle about the Pentagram and place your forefinger at its Centre, whispering the God-name.

'E - lo - shi - lo - him.

Standing upright, salute the Guardian of the South.

Farewell, Mighty Archangel Mika'El, [who has brought Wisdom and Justice from the South.]

# THE PENTAGRAM OF CLOSING TO FIRE



Going with the Sun, go to the North side of the Temple.

Make a Pentagram of Closing to the Element of Fire.

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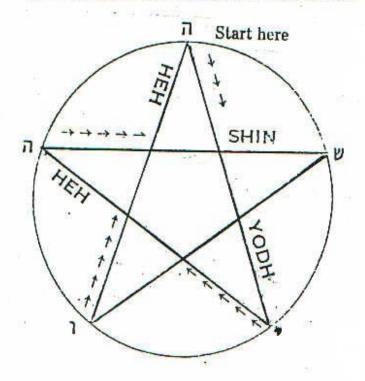
Trace a circle about the Pentagram and place your forefinger at its Centre, whispering the God-name.

'A - do - shi - na - i.

Standing erect, salute the Guardian of the North.

Farewell, Mighty Archangel Gavri'El, [who has brought Understanding and Good Judgement from the North.]

# THE PENTAGRAM OF THE ELEMENT OF EARTH



Going with the Sun, go to the West end of the Temple.

Facing the East, take a step backward.

Bowing low to face the Earth,

make a Pentagram of Opening to the Element of Earth parallel to the ground.

Yodh - Heh - Shin - Way - Heh

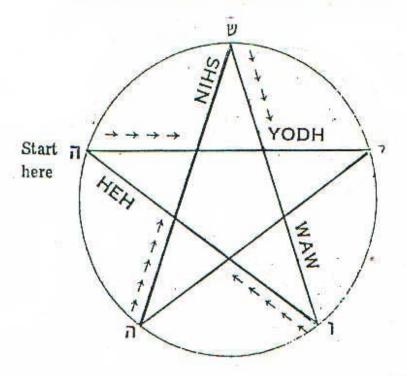
Trace a circle about the Pentagram and place your forefinger at its Centre, whispering the God-name.

'Atah - Gibor - Le-"olam - 'Adonai.

Standing upright, salute the Guardian of the West.

We salute you, Mighty Archangel 'Uri'El [Sundaldon], [who brings the Fruits of our Work on this and every day.]

# THE PENTAGRAM OF THE ELEMENT OF SPIRIT



Going with the Sun, go to the East end of the Temple and face towards the East.

Make a Pentagram of Opening to the Element of Spirit.

Yodh - Heh - Shin - Way - Heh

Trace a circle about the Pentagram and place your forefinger at its Centre, whispering the God-name.

'E - heyeh - 'esher - 'E - heyeh.

Standing upright, salute the Guardian of the Centre.

We salute you, Mighty Archangel Yahu'El [Metatroh],

[whirling and dancing before the Throne of Glory,]

[who pours out your Spirit on our Work on this and every day.]

## CONCLUSION

# Facing the East, standing in the posture of the Closed Pentagram:

From One Spirit flow three Forces, One in Three, and Three from One. In One Earth dwell three Forms, One from Three and Three in One.

# Standing in the ancient posture of prayer, salute the Most High:

Horetnenu,	1
who is in the heavens,	2
Holy is your name.	3
Your will be done in the earth, as it is in the heavens.	4
Grant us this day our daily needs.	5
Forgive us our sins,	6
As we forgive those who sin against us.	7
Lead us not into trials,	8
But deliver us from the fear of evil.	9

Facing the East, make the Sign of the Square Earth Cross.

+ 'Atah ha-Malkuth wha-Gevurah wha-Gedulah le-"olam. Amen.

This concludes the Rite, but you might choose to remain standing in the posture of the Closed Pentagram for a time; or sit in meditation, until the energies of the rite have been fully absorbed by your being.

# COMMENTARY ON THE LESSER RITUAL OF CLOSING THE PENTAGRAM

Like other forms of the Lesser Ritual, this is a rite performed by one person alone. Some of the Pentagram Rituals require more ministers, as many as five or even seven for the General Ritual, for example.

Eremiados Temple and the Inner Order which it serves are essentially part of the Solar Mysteries. Therefore, there is considerable emphasis on the East in their rites. So much so that it is said: "We never turn our back ritually on the East." There are only one or two apparent exceptions to this rule, and they do not occur in either of the Lesser Rituals of the Pentagram.

The emphasis on the East presents a problem, when it comes to saluting the Mighty Archangel of Earth, who is the Guardian of the West.

It is solved by going to the West, but facing towards the East and bowing low, i.e., until you are facing the floor or earth while you make the Pentagram of Earth. You are in the West; you are saluting the Earth; but you have not turned your back on the East.

You are reminded that we never close to Spirit or the Earth, therefore to make make Opening Pentagrams of these elements and do not farewell the Mighty Archangels.

#### Assignment R6/1:

You should commit this ritual to memory as soon as you can. The form of this Ritual as printed is slightly more elaborate than you need learn at this stage. You may omit those portions in brackets, if you wish, until you have achieved a higher grade of your magical work.

#### Assignment R6/2:

As in the Opening Ritual, there is a difference between the first and second recitations of the Verse of the Elements.

What do you think is the significance of the difference this time?

#### Assignment R6/3:

The numbers at the ends of the nine lines of the Salute to the Most High refer to the Sefiroth of the Tree of Life. There are ten Sefiroth. What part of this ritual do you think refers to the 10th Sefirah?