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## Memos of Michael Freedman II & III

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### Memos Michael Freedman II (Energy Tap at Sanctuary)

There *\*are\** southern hemisphere magical orders [and witch covens, too, I believe] that tap into the unique Southern Hemisphere energies. The Guardian Order to which I belong is one of them, but we are by no means unique.

I was born in the southern hemisphere in 1927, and the magical Order to which I belong moved from London to Australia in 1930 [and to New Zealand in 1970]. As far as I know there is now only one person in the Order during later times and he was born in the Northern Hemisphere, but came to NZ when an infant.

So, when we do our daily salutations to the sun, it is natural for us to face east at dawn, north at noon, and west at sunset and south during the night. Yes, in our Sanctuary, Fire *\*is\** in the North where the sun shines through the windows throughout the day, and Water is in the South, whence comes most of our rain, as it happens.

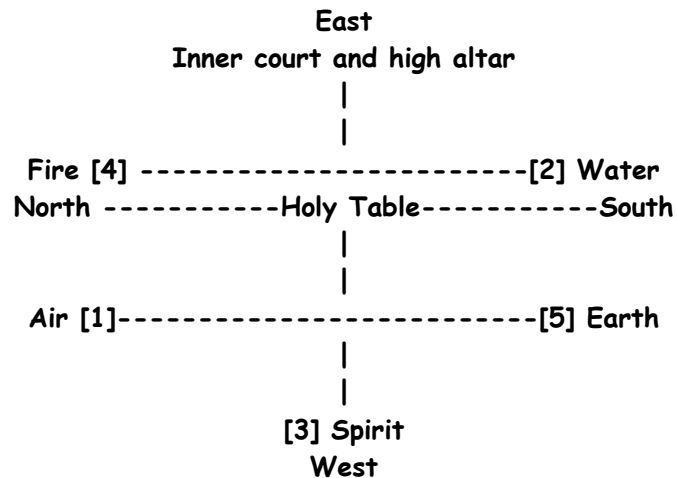
There is a large oval table in the centre of the central court of the sanctuary, on which is depicted a Tree of Life diagram with Kether to the East. This puts the left hand pillar of receptivity on the north side; and the right hand pillar of activity on the south side. The high altar in the inner court is to the East, with windows through which we see the sun rise over Mount Eden each [clear] day, while the outer court in which any witnesses of the rituals stand is to the West.

In many of our rituals the movement around the Sanctuary is clockwise, in which the symbolism is that as we walk up the left [north] side of the sanctuary towards the east we are receiving the energies of our Lord the Sun, and as we return on the right [south] side

walking towards the west, we are actively giving those out to the world, symbolised by the Outer Court of the witnesses in the West.

This has established a steady flow of energy associated with the Holy Table and Tree of Life at the Centre, flowing clockwise and not deosil around the Sanctuary.

In addition to that pattern, there is another pattern. On the floor of the sanctuary is drawn a very large pentagram, oriented to the West. The seat of the Minister of Spirit is at its western apex, facing due east, looking straight up the Middle Pillar of the Tree of Life.



The seats of the other Ministers are at the other points of the pentagram as depicted in the diagram. This forms what is [in our inner system] is a pentagram of the Opening to the spirit, oriented to the West. The numbers indicate the Order of the points of this pentagram when described.

Here, the active elements are to the North and the receptive elements are to the South, establishing another flow of energy around the walls of the Sanctuary that is complementary to the central flow around the Holy Table.

In effect, what these two complementary flows of energy have built over the years is a kind of spiritual power generator that reinforces and sustains any spiritual energies built up by the individual and community rituals done in the sanctuary.

Our monthly rites on the solar ingresses have been done in this sanctuary regularly since Midwinter, 1973. It has become a powerhouse of energy into which anyone can tap, if they will.

All this by way of illustration of the rich possibilities in ritual orientation for those of who live in the southern hemisphere.

I believe the essence of movement within a sanctuary or circle is being aware at the time *\*why\** you go one way rather than another at any time or in any place on earth, rather than the specific clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

### **Memos Michael Freedman III (The Three Fold Law)**

The three fold law is a neo-Gardnerian Wiccan thing, it is *\*NOT\** a Magician's thing. There can be no assumption that any other person, particularly if they are outside the Witchery World, either knows it or observes it. Nor is there to my knowledge, any magical principle in any of the classical magical works that even supports such a religious notion as even been true.

In some witchcraft and Wicca circles the Three Fold Law has been accepted as a defacto ethical standard - without serious investigations of its devotees. Perhaps when one talks of the Three fold law they referring to something that may of being based on one of the several variations of Newton's Second Law of Motion that are current and apparently of central importance. Other than this I cannot think of which base or give substance to this irrational and religious folklore.

The Fontana Dictionary of Modern Thought states in this connection that:

"When dealing with the interactions of the parts of a compsite system, it is necessary to add a further postulate: the force on body A exerted by body B is equal in magnitude but opposite in direction to that on body B exerted by body A [IE: 'Action and Reaction are equal']

The emphasis on an allegorical and hermeneutic interpretation of Newton's Laws of Mechanics is one of the points that enables some Magicians, such as myself, to aver that Wicca [and some witches also] are religious people, whereas magicians generally are not *\*necessarily\** religious. That is magicians tend to investigate, research and analyse where-as religious people tend to believe anything so long as it is written.

Consider this; my computer keyboard is not religious, nor moral nor ethical. It's functioning And the stream of verbosity that pours from it is in no way moral, nor ethical, except in so far as my mind chooses for it to accord with some standard of morals; and except insofar as the mind of the readers of the said verbosity impose some standard of morals on it. The keyboard and the verbosity take no notice of any reaction. I might or might not.

Magic, like science, is a tool. How it is used is a matter for discussion, but neither the Science nor the Magic we use gives a tuppenny dump how it is used. The Laws of Magic and the Laws of Science work independently of the purpose for which anyone uses them.

When humans impose moral standards on the laws of Nature or Science the meaning of the word 'law' shifts drastically to creed or something else.

The use of the word Law in connection with human relationships is entirely different from its use in the description of mechanics. Thus, *Mutatis Mutandis*, with magic.

Holding that magic, like science, is necessarily amoral, does not exclude the possibility that magicians and scientist might do well to adopt some standard of morals when applying their magic or their science, or indeed their driving skills on the motor way.

I have recently bored my students on the principles of "Self-sacrifice and the Ethics of Magic", suggesting that certain ethical standards have been important as one of the adaptive factors that have enabled the human species to be [so far] so successful.

It might well be that Natural Selection, rather than Newtonian mechanics, underlies human attempts at ethics, just as it underlies, according to Edelson, the development of the human brain.

So what of the Three-fold Law, to my knowledge this is just another wishly washly neo-pagan invention in the attempt to create a so called morality based on another so called religion - which however has no magical principles in which to back it up.