



## Jean de Cabalis paper

For Members of the Following Orders



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**Memo VI: Planetary Forces**  
**By Michael Freedman**

Re: planetary forces

At 10:21 AM 14/5/96 -0700, Al Billings wrote: On Tue, 14 May 1996, MARGARET MARY-THERESA BROWN, wrote: Hello. Anyone still here?"

Greetings. Yes, I'm still here (as are the others). No one seems to have had much to say and I've been pondering if there is an actual need for a list such as this since people don't (generally) seem interested in using it without prompting.

As a newbie, I had been reluctant to shoot my mouth off before. I am quite willing and eager to discuss these matters with my magical peers around the world.

There are certainly no secrets in what I do. After all, The Secret Wisdom protects itself.

I had assumed that lack of information presented in most books on magic I had bought in the shops was due to the concealment of what the authors thought of as 'secrets'. Now that, thanks to the Internet, I am having some personal contact with a wide variety of folk interested in this area, I am beginning to suspect that what my apprentices learn as the basics, just is not widely known.

I have worked with the Tides of Time i.e. the changing patterns of the planets within the Solar System for many years. Some of my colleagues within the Society of Guardians emphasise more on the careful preparation of their altars and holy places than I do, but then I have a permanent Sanctuary structured to store any energies that are raised by my magical workings.

I put up a fairly long description of the Sanctuary on Arcana a month or two ago. I later thought it might have been more appropriate on Praxis, as being more practical than theoretical. I could try and find it, if you would like me to. In itself, it might form a basis for discussion.

For me, the selection of \*the right time\* to do a rite for any purpose is all-important. This can be taken to the extent that I have said to one of my apprentices, "If you have got the time right, it doesn't really matter what you do, as long as you do it at that moment."

Most of my magic is long term in its goals. I do not really do the short term stuff like spells for money, love etc. IMO, If you are tapped in well enough to the Tides of Time that sort of thing should look after itself, In my seventy years of life, I have never been wealthy, but I have also never lacked for sustenance and all I needed for my Work, except on two occasions, one in the late 1940s, and another in the mid-1950s, at which times I was certainly \*not\* tapped into the Tides of Time.

My own magic is based on certain underlying regular practices, linked to

- 1: The Daily Earth Tides
- 2: The Monthly Lunar Tides
3. The Annual Solar Cycle

I hope I have started something by these few words. I'll await approval or responses before I go any further. Be blessed, Michael Freedman, S.G.

**Memo VII: GD Knowledge Lectures**  
**By Michael Freedman**

**Subject: Re: G.D. Knowledge Lectures**

Like many, perhaps most, ceremonial magicians outside of the United States of America, I do *\*not\** belong to the Golden Dawn nor to any of its successors and imitators. Nor do I have any but a general readers' knowledge of the published G.D. Knowledge Papers. Certainly not enough to judge which are genuine and which are not.

I was the close personal friend from the early 1980s until his death a couple of years ago, of Frater Fiat Lux, a ceremonial magician who was initiated in the early 1930s into Whare Ra, the G.D. lodge in Havelock North, New Zealand, founded in 1913 and which did not close down until the late 1970s. He was initiated by Mrs Felkin and was eventually the 'examiner' for all the grades within the GD in New Zealand.

He advised me that *\*none\** of the published papers gave a complete, or even fair, account of what was taught within the G.D. None of those people who G.D. published papers, to which they had gained access by various means, had been initiated into all the grades for which those papers were intended.

The G.D. knowledge papers and indeed the grade rituals, were introductory notes only, and were meant to be the core material of considerable oral instruction based on what they had read in the papers and witnessed at the initiatory rituals. The material from which that oral instruction was drawn has *\*never\** been published. It exists, and I know the young man in whose

custody it is, as the heir of Frater F.L.s papers. There has been no decision made by him and the handful of very elderly men who survive from Whare Ra.

The Society of Guardians to which I have belonged since the early 1950s, and of which I have been Senior Guardian since 1967, takes an altogether different approach from the G.D., though some of its rituals and correspondences have a superficial similarity. It would be difficult, even if all our material were to be published to find anything that resembled an initiatory ritual. Yet, they are there for the discerning eye. Our students are expected to learn enough over the seven or eight years of their instruction to follow the magical maxim: "There is no initiation but self-initiation."

Frater F.L. initiated two or three people of my acquaintance into the first few grades of the G.D., during the period that I knew him, making use of a room that we made available to him within the Sanctuary of the Guardians for that purpose. I know something of the excellent magical progress of one of them, and know that there was from six to 12 months oral instruction and supervised practice before and after each of the grades. The knowledge papers were no more than a skeleton, fleshed out with a lot more than those bare bones might suggest.

Be blessed, Michael Freedman, S.G.

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