



# Whare Atua Temple

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## Selecting Initiates (Initiative Makes Initiates)

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In selecting new members for the Order, the first consideration is "*How badly does this person need the Order?*" Do they want to work or are they merely looking for comfortable reassurance? Or sweet words about pie in the sky.

We cannot offer a cushion - only the Cross. Those who cannot stand the pace are a burden, not an asset. Strong, independent people re-enforce the Spirit of the Order.

Sure, we have the means to stimulate and to help in the 'dry' patches inevitable in The Quest, but not to carry people along the Path who have no drive of their own.

There are many times on the Path when we feel up against a blind end, but do we have the drive to get through?

Recall that in the O=O our path is blocked many times, although the Lamp of the Kerux leads us. "*Thou canst not pass by me, saith the Guardian of the West unless thou canst tell me my name!*" 'That's a curly one, we think How the hell would I know?

But then the ever-present Hegemon raises the hoodwink and we see a forbidding figure holding the Black Banner of the West and barring with a naked sword. As soon as our eyes have focused on this threatening figure the hoodwink falls back over our eyes. But in that brief moment the Power of the Black Pillar has struck right down through our entire being to the remotest point of Creation. Echoing through the vast corridors of Time, sounding through the caverns of the Darkness of the birth of Creation.

These links hardly touch the conscious mind, but they are there. Later, at the East we meet another mighty figure who yet poses the same challenge. 'Well, I got past the last one, perhaps I'll get by here.' we think. Sure enough help comes again from the faithful Hegemon.

A mighty figure in Red and White confronts us. Again our whole Being is momentarily illuminated by the Banner of Light and the Sceptre of Power and Animation. Again the figure states its purpose. Again we register little of this, but the full effect is there so long as the Temple is properly constituted. Now it may be very many years before this impact is realized consciously.

Recall the words of the Hieres: *"Fear is Failure - be thou without fear, for he who trembles at.."*

These words of the Hieres and the Hierophant are echoes from the Eternal, not mere play-acting. Purpose rules our Holy Rituals; The Purpose of the Creator.

When ever in our studies we feel barred we must stand our ground, be ready to take the Initiative to persevere in our quest, to remain fully active. A child may well say 'Mummy I can't do it!', seeking for help from without. But we must be fully mature and independent people, making our own way from Bethlehem to Bethany; Every step of the Way.

The same Powers who once barred our path are those of the Two Great Pillars and seek to work through us if we are willing. Have we the Will and the Initiative to persevere?

Others have gone before you.  
It can be done!  
Do it!

Always remember the Hegemon, your own soul, is at hand to help. You can see so long as you patiently and steadfastly persevere

*'With Courage and Determination as in your Obligation you pledged to do.'*