

The Rite of the Portal

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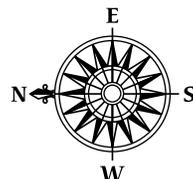
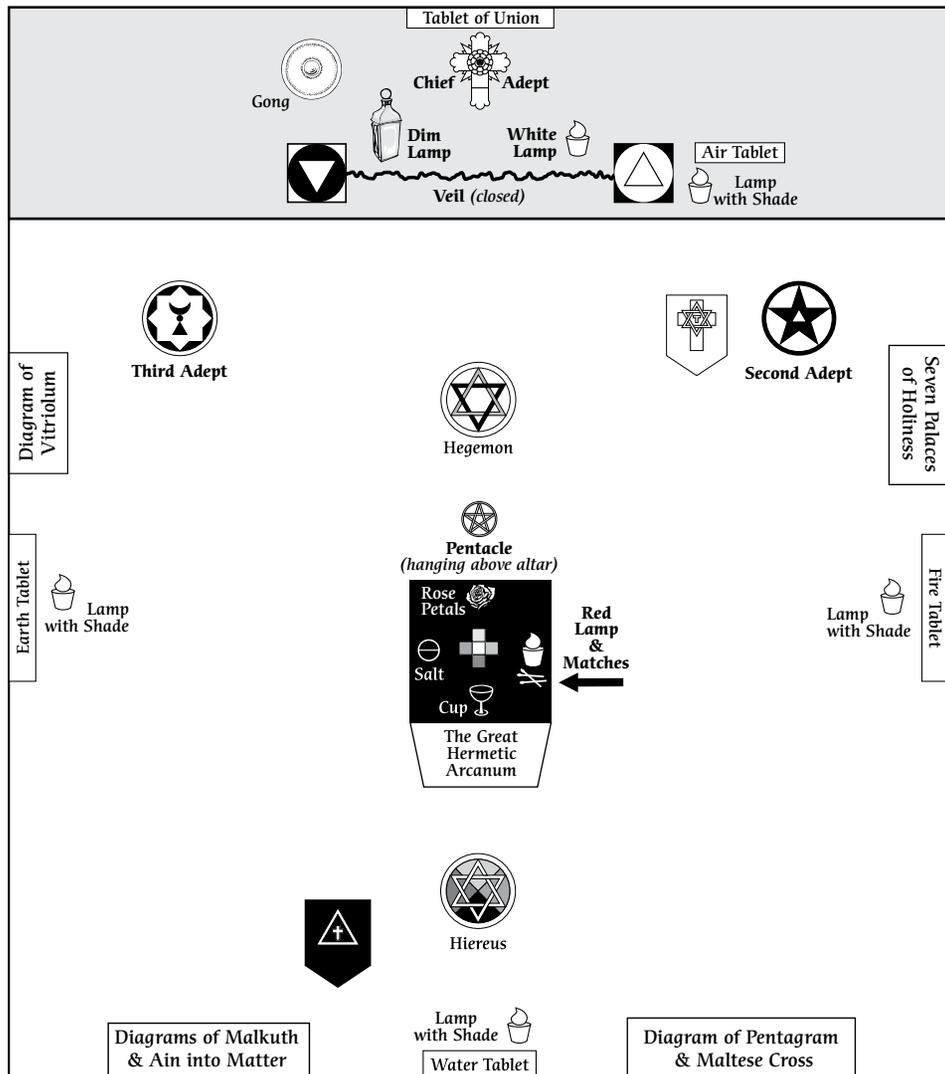
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MATERIALS:

	Opening/Ritual of Cross & Four Elements	Rite of the Pentagram & the Five Paths
Letters:	ש, ת, ק	ת, ב, נ, ס, ע, מ
On Altar:	Rose Leaves, Red Lamp with Matches, Chalice of water, Dish of Salt, Cross of Five Squares	Cross of Five Squares
Admission Badges:	Cross of Five Squares	Lamen of the Hieruus

Diagrams:

	Opening/Ritual of Cross & Four Elements	Rite of the Pentagram & the Five Paths
NNE	—	—
NNW	Diagram of Vitriolium	Diagram of Pan and the Devil Tarot Key
ENE	—	—
ESE	—	—
SSE	Seven Palace of Holiness	Diagram of Typhon and Death Tarot Key
SSW	—	—
WSW	Diagram of the Pentagram & Cross	—
WNW	Diagrams of Malkuth and Ain into Matter	Diagrams of Malkuth and Ain into Matter

For the Hall:

North	East	West	South
Earth Tablet	Air Tablet	Water Tablet	Fire Table
green lamp with shade	yellow lamp with shade	blue lamp with shade	red lamp with shade

Miscellaneous: White Lamp, Gong & Knocker, Flash Paper, The Letter Tau, Dim Kerux Lamp, Powdered Incense.

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Officers Meditation:

Standing in Elemental Cross, facing out, Chief at Double Cube.

- All:**
1. O Priocul, O procul este profani.
 2. Bahlasti! Ompehda!
 3. In the name of the Mighty and Terrible One, I proclaim that I have banished the Shells unto their habitations.
 4. I invoke Tahuti, the Lord of Wisdom and of Utterance, the God that cometh forth from the Veil.
 5. O Thou! Majesty of Godhead! Wisdom-crowned Tahuti! Lord of the Gates of the Universe! Thee, Thee, I invoke.
O Thou of the Ibis Head! Thee, Thee I invoke.
Thou who wieldest the Wand of Double Power! Thee, Thee I invoke!
Thou who bearest in Thy left hand the Rose and Cross of Light and Life: Thee, Thee, I invoke.
Thou, whose head is as an emerald, and Thy nemmes as the night-sky blue! Thee, Thee I invoke.
Thou, whose skin is of flaming orange as though it burned in a furnace! Thee, Thee I invoke.
 6. Behold! I am Yesterday, To-Day, and the Brother of To-Morrow!
I am born again and again.
Mine is the Unseen Force, whereof the Gods are sprung! Which is as Life unto the Dwellers in the Watch-Towers of the Universe.
I am the Charioteer of the East, Lord of the Past and of the Future.
I see by mine own inward light: Lord of Resurrection; Who cometh forth from the Dusk, and my birth is from the House of Death.
 7. O ye two Divine Hawks upon your Pinnacles!
Who keep watch over the Universe!
Ye who company the Bier to the House of Rest!
Who pilot the Ship of Ra advancing onwards to the heights of heaven!
Lord of the Shrine which standeth in the Centre of the Earth!
 8. Behold, He is in me, and I in Him!
Mine is the Radiance, wherein Ptah floatheth over the firmament!
I travel upon high!
I tread upon the firmament of Nu!
I raise a flashing flame, with the lightning of Mine Eye!
Ever rushing on, in the splendour of the daily glorified Ra:
giving my life to the Dwellers of Earth.

9. If I say "Come up upon the mountains!" the Celestial Waters shall flow at my Word.
For I am Ra incarnate!
Kephra created in the Flesh!
I am the Eidolon of my father Tmu, Lord of the City of the Sun!
10. The God who commands is in my mouth!
The God of Wisdom is in my Heart!
My tongue is the Sanctuary of Truth!
And a God sitteth upon my lips.
11. My Word is accomplished every day!
And the desire of my heart realises itself, as that of Ptah when He createth!
I am Eternal; therefore all things are as my designs; therefore do all things obey my Word.
12. Therefore do Thou come forth unto me from Thine abode in the Silence: Unutterable Wisdom! All-Light! All-Power!
Thoth! Hermes! Mercury! Odin!
By whatever name I call Thee, Thou art still nameless to Eternity:
Come Thou forth, I say, and aid and guard me in this work of Art.
13. Thou, Star of the East, that didst conduct the Magi!
Thou art The Same all-present in Heaven and in Hell!
Thou that vibratest between the Light and the Darkness!
Rising, descending! Changing ever, yet ever The Same!
The Sun is Thy Father!
Thy Mother is the Moon!
The Wind hath borne Thee in its bosom: and Earth hath ever nourished the changeless Godhead of Thy Youth!
14. Come Thou forth, I say, come Thou forth!
And make all Spirits subject unto Me:
So that every Spirit of the Firmament
And of the Ether.
And of the Earth.
And under the Earth.
On dry land
And in the Water.
Of whirling Air
And of rushing Fire.
And every Spell and Scourge of God the Vast One, may be obedient unto Me!
15. I invoke the priestess of the Silver Star, Asi the Curved One, by the ritual of Silence.
16. I make open the gate of Bliss; I descend from the Palace of the Stars; I greet you, I embrace you, O children of Earth, that are gathered together in the Hall of Darkness.
17. (A pause.)

18. The Speech in the Silence.
 The Words against the Son of Night.
 The Voice of Tahuti in the Universe in the Presence of the Eternal.
 The Formulas of Knowledge.
 The Wisdom of Breath.
 The Root of Vibration.
 The Shaking of the Invisible.
 The Rolling Asunder of the Darkness.
 The Becoming Visible of Matter.
 The Piercing of the Scales of the Crocodile.
 The Breaking Forth of the Light!*

* Source: LIBER ISRAFEL, sub figura LXIV, A.·. A.·. Publication in Class B. Imprimatur: N. Fra A.·. A.·.

Officers return to Sephirotic positions.

Opening

Chief Adept is behind Veil in the East, symbolically in Tiphareth—other Officers in their Sephirotic Stations— Third Adept in the North East (Hod), Second Adept in the South East (Netzach)—Hiereus in the West (Malkuth), Hegemon East of the Double Cube Altar (Altar in Yesod, at the center of an equilateral triangle outer officer's thrones). The Hall is in Darkness, Elemental Lamps unlit— no lights except those burning behind Veil and for reading. Asp. Should be preped for test and wearing 4=7 sash.

Any members attending must give Portal Signs upon entering the Temple. Portal Members sit in the North—Full 5=6 in South.

All: Ah—Ah—Ah— (no knock)

2nd Ad.: (Knocks, all rise) Fraters and Sorores, assist me to open the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti. Fr./Sr. Hiereus, please see that the entrance is closed and guarded.

Hiereus: Fr./Sr. Second Adept, (making opening Portal Sign) the entrance is closed and guarded.

2nd Ad.: Fraters and Sorores, in token of our search for the Light, give the Sign of the O=O Hall of the Neophytes to the East.

All turn East, give and hold sign. From behind Veil, the Chief Adept's hand, holding a White Lamp or candle is stretched out. Chief Adept makes Sign of Silence behind veil and withdraws Lamp, all make sign of Silence as Lamp is withdrawn. All remain standing, facing East.

Ch. Ad.: The Light shineth in Darkness, but the Darkness comprehendeth it not.

2nd Ad.: Naught existed in the CHAOS, the Un-Formed, Un-Stable and Never Enduring.

Fr./Sr. Hiereus, what is the Symbol upon the Altar?

Hiereus: The Symbol of the equated forces of the Four Elements.

2nd Ad.: In the Midst of CHAOS let the Power of the Cross be established.

Chief Adept signs Cross with Lamp through veil and withdraws. Hiereus goes to the East, leads All in Q-Cross and performs Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram centered on each Tablet. When s/he returns East, All join in making final Qabalistic Cross, facing East.

Hiereus returns to throne, faces East, all others facing West.

Hiereus makes 1=10 sign, breaks sign and Knocks.

Hegemon makes 2=9, breaks sign and Knocks.

Third Adept makes 3=8, breaks sign and Knocks.

Second Adept makes 4=7, breaks sign and Knocks.

Ch. Ad. The Cross upon the Altar is also a Cross of corrosion, corruption, disintegration and death. Therefore does it fall in the Paths of Death and the Devil. Unless in Hod the Glory fulfileth matter and the Corruptible puts on Incorruption, thus attaining unto the beauty of Tiphareth; Unless in Netzach, Death is swallowed up in Victory and the Destroyer becomes the Transmuter into Pure Alchemic Gold. Not otherwise can we attain to the Quintessence and from the Cross form the Pentagram. What then, O Third Adept, is the additional Mystic Title bestowed upon a Philosophus as a link with the Second Order?

3rd Ad.: The Name of the Fourth Sacred River, Phrath.

Hiereus: Tau

Hegemon: Resh

3rd Ad.: Peh

Ch. Ad.: Fr./Sr. Second Adept, what may be added to this Word?

2nd Ad.: Kaph (Knock)

Hiereus: Tau (Knock)

Hegemon: Resh (Knock)

3rd Ad.: Peh (Knock)

Ch. Ad.: The whole word is PAROKETH, which is the Veil of the Sanctum Sanctorum.

All make Signs of the Rending of the Veil towards the East. Cue off Hegemon.

Ch. Ad.: (Knock) In and by that Word,
Let the Portal of the Vault of the Adepts be opened.

Second and Third Adepts use wands to draw aside curtains revealing Chief Adept who is standing with Pentacle and White Lamp in left hand, Scepter in right. S/he gives the INRI:LVX Signs. [Light is projected from 6 balanced by 7 & 8, focused through 9 and reflected back to altar by 10. This draws Source from Sephirothic scale to Elemental]

Ch. Ad.: Let us establish the Dominion of the Mystic ETH,
uniting the Four Elements.

Chief Adept comes in front of the Veil and takes position in front of the Air Tablet, facing East. All face East. Hegemon takes Rose Leaves from Double Cube and stands behind Chief. All make Qabalistic cross.

Hegemon places Rose Leaves before Air Tablet and stands in the 2=9 sign.

Chief Adept Invokes Air. Heg. lights Elemental Lamp from White Lamp, gives Grade Sign, "Spirits of [Element], Rise up and Awake!", and holds sign.

Hegemon takes Rose Leaves to Elemental Altar and puts them on Air arm of Cross, goes East of Double Cube and faces West in sign.

Chief makes Sign of Silence.

Chief Adept goes South, Second Adept places Red Lamp & matches before Fire Tablet and Stands in sign. Chief Invokes Fire and Second Adept lights Red Lamp and Elemental Altar Lamp. Second Adept takes Red Lamp and matches to Altar and puts them on Fire arm of Cross and stands South of Double Cube facing North in sign.

Chief Adept goes West. Third Adept places Cup before Water Tablet and stands in sign. Chief Invokes water and Third Adept lights Lamp. Third Adept takes Cup to Altar and puts it on Water arm of Cross and stands West of Double Cube facing East in sign.

Chief Adept goes North, Hierus places Salt before Earth Tablet and Stands in sign. Chief Invokes Earth and Hierus lights Lamp. Hierus takes Salt to Altar and puts it on Earth arm of Cross and stands North of Double Cube facing South in sign.

Chief completes orbit to the East, and continues around saying:

Ch. Ad.: Do (gesture East) what (South) thou (West) wilt (North)
and then onward to West of Altar, stops and says:
shall be the whole of the law.

With the word, "Law," All give O=O signs towards Altar, and then stand in own Elemental Signs. Chief Adept makes invoking Active Spirit Pentagram; gives Opening Sign; Makes LVX Signs. All drop grade signs and face East.

Ch. Ad.: Thou who art I, beyond all I am,
Who hast no nature and no name,
Who art, when all but thou are gone,
Thou, centre and secret of the Sun,
Thou, hidden spring of all things known
And unknown, Thou aloof, alone,
Thou, the true fire within the reed
Brooding and breeding, source and seed
Of life, love, liberty, and light,
Thou beyond speech and beyond sight,
Thee I invoke, my faint fresh fire
Kindling as mine intents aspire.
Thee I invoke, abiding one,
Thee, centre and secret of the Sun,
And that most holy mystery
Of which the vehicle am I.
Appear, most awful and most mild,
As it is lawful, to thy child!*

* Source: Liber XV Ecclesiae Gnosticae Catholicae Canon Missae

All make Qabalistic Cross together. Officers Face Double Cube. Chief Adept moves East of Double Cube, faces West, lays Pentacle upon Cross. Holds Lamp and Wand on high.

Ch. Ad.: May the Cross of the Four Elements
become truly purified and planted in Incorruption.
Wherefore in the Name of ASHRH
and in the Concealed Name _____,
do I add the power of the Pentagram
which is the Glorified body of Osirus,
the Sign of the Microcosmos.

All lights are turned up. Chief Adept hangs Pentacle on hook in center of Hall, raises Scepter and Lamp on high and invokes [This formulates the Triangle about the Cross.]:

ALL: Ol Sonuf Va-Orsagi Goho Iada Balta
Elexarpeh Comananu Tabitoem
Zodakara, Eka Zodakare Od Zodameranu
Odo Kikle Qaa Piape Piamoel Od Vaoan.

Chief Adept returns to throne. Second and Third follow and stand by pillars on outside. Hierus and Hegemon stand at thrones.

Ch. Ad.: Let us adore the Universe and Space. (All face East)

ALL: Holy art Thou, who art Universe! (Sign)
Holy art Thou, who art in Nature Formed! (Sign)
Holy art Thou, the Vast and the Mighty! (Sign)
Source of Darkness, Source of Light! (Sign of Silence),

All resume throne positions.

Ch. Ad.: (*Facing West*) By the Word Paroketh and the Sign of the Rending of the Veil, (*give sign*) I declare that the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti has been opened.

Ch. Ad.: !!!!!

2nd Ad.: !!!!!

3rd Ad.: !!!!!

Hiereus: !!!!!

Hegemon: !!!!!

Chief circumambulates once, then returns to seat. Officers step up to Double Cube, take up elements and spiral out to place on elemental altars. Elemental Lamps are veiled. All take seats. The Double Cube is moved Westward out of Yesod and the Pentagram is swung aside and hidden.

The Ritual of the Cross and Four Elements

Ch. Ad.: (*Concealed behind Veil*) The Portal symbolically opened for the Order is yet closed to the unprepared Aspirant.

Temple in darkness save at East.

2nd Ad.: (*seated*) Fraters and Sorores, our Fr./Sr. _____, having been a member of the 4=7 Hall of the Philosophi and having passed the five fold examination prescribed for admission to the Second Order, awaits without the Hall.

Fr./Sr. Third Adept, Will you examine him/her in his/her knowledge of the Words, Grip and Sign of the 4=7 Hall and of the Word Phrath; See that s/he is duly prepared, wearing the Sash of the Philosophus, and around his/her neck the Admission Badge. Finally, instruct him/her in the necessary knocks and admit him/her.

All lights except faint light in the East are extinguished. Second Adept stands before the Veil. Hegemon and Hiereus bar the way with Tools near the door. Third Adept, having prepared Phil. brings him just within the door. Phil. knocks.

Hegemon: The Realm of Chaos and of Ancient Night, ere ever the Aeons were, when there was neither Heaven, nor Earth, nor was there any Sea, when Naught was, save the Shape Unluminous, formless and void.

Hiereus: To and fro in the Deeps, swayed the coils of the Dragon with Eight Heads and Eleven Horns. Eight Powers of Possibility, Eleven Directions of Change. Yet, Eleven were the Rulers of the Qlippoth, and at their head were the Dual Contending Forces.

Hiereus and Hegemon lower tools and step back.

2nd Ad.: (*Faces East, gives O=O sign with hands inches before the Veil*) Then breathed forth Thoth out of the Unutterable Abyss—The Word! (*holds sign*) Then stood forth Thoth in the Sign of the Enterer, on the Threshold of the Hall of Time as Time was born of the Eternal So stood Thoth in the Power of the Word, giving forth Light, while the Aeons that were unbegotten unfolded before him.

2nd Adept holds Sign. 3rd Adept directs Phil. to give O=O sign toward the East.

2nd Ad.: And the Elohim said, “Let there be Light.”

The hand of the Chief Adept hands out the Dim Lamp. 2nd Adept receives it, makes Sign of Silence. 3rd Adept directs Phil. to make Sign of Silence also. 2nd Adept faces West. 3rd Adept leaves Phil. and proceeds East taking Banner of the W. in left hand on the way, then takes Dim Lamp in right hand and returns sun-wise to face Phil. S/he holds Dim Lamp and Banner of W. facing Phil.

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. _____, what was the Title you received in the 4=7 Hall of the Philosophi?

Phil: (*unprompted*) Pharos Illuminans.

Third Adept gives Phil. Dim Lamp to hold in his/her right hand and takes his/her station on the left hand of Phil. just inside threshold

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. Pharos Illuminans, we are here assembled to open for you the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti, which admits you to the Second Degree and brings you to the Threshold of the Inner or Second Order.

Because of the increased power that will follow if, with steadfast will and aspiration, you take this step in essence as well as in form, it is needful that you take further pledges. Are you so willing?

Phil.: I am willing.

2nd Ad.: Then taking in your right hand the Banner of the West and place your left hand in that of the Third Adept, who is the living symbol of the Black Pillar which governs the First Order, and touch the corresponding Emblem, the Black sash of restriction, on your breast, and thus bind yourself while raising the Light which you hold, in witness of your pledge.

Phil. raises right hand holding Banner and Lamp, while his/her left hand, held by Third Adept, touches Sash.

2nd Ad.: First, do you pledge yourself to pursue, cultivate, and preserve the Mysteries of these Paths and of this Ceremony?

Phil.: I do.
2nd Ad.: Second, do you further promise to use whatever practical knowledge you may now, or at any future time possess in accord with your True Will alone?

Phil.: I do.
2nd Ad.: Third, do you also promise to regard all the knowledge imparted to you as a trust, given into your hands, not for selfish advantage, but for the service of all Life, that the ancient tradition of Initiation be kept pure and undefiled and the Light be not lost for those that seek it in this Path?

Phil.: I do.
2nd Ad.: Fourth and last, do you promise to seek the Star in Every Man and Every Woman within our Order and without it; To labor in the creation of the peace and harmony that comes when Love is the Law, Love under Will. But to contend, if need be, As Brothers Fight; And to be Willing to Destroy this Outer Manifestation of the Order should it so need liberation from corruption?

Phil.: I do.
2nd Ad.: Then, realizing the Cross around your neck, lift up your right hand, holding the Banner and the Light and say:—
 “I undertake to maintain the Veil between the 1st and 2nd Orders.
 May the Powers of the Elements bear witness to my pledges.”

Done. Third Adept replaces Banner of the West and returns to his/her Sepherotic throne. Phil. stays just inside threshold.

2nd Ad.: The Symbol of the Neophyte is 0=0. To the first 0 is attached a Circle—to the second, a Square. The union of the circle and the square has many meanings, of which one must be put before you, for this you must accomplish in your own person, ere you can advance further. For if in the Mystic Sphere of Truth, the way of Initiation may be trodden alone, yet in another Sphere it hath a three-fold aspect—part that can be given to one from without—part that can be attained by one alone—part that can only come from the Divine.

Now, in the Order, you were given intellectual teaching, and earned your entrance into the Halls in tests of what was taught. Here, you must prove that you have truly attained thus far of your own strength, and after you may progress by the higher Soul within you. Around your neck, you wear the Symbol of the Cross of Four Elements, equilibrated and equated. Establish it firmly in the Sphere of your own being and advance by the Sun with courage.

2nd returns to throne. Phil. circumambulates around hall. Hierus and Hegemon move to Northwest to bar the way as in 1=10. When done with blocking officers return to Elemental positions.

Hierus: Give me the Words and Signs of the Zelator [Adonai Ha Aretz, Periclinus de Faustus, 55, Nun Heh].

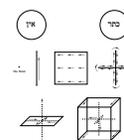
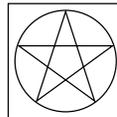
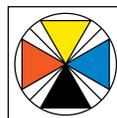
Hierus: Give me the Grip of the First Order. (done. Hegemon returns to station.)

Hierus takes Phil. deocil to North, directs him to take up Salt from before the Earth Tablet. Both facing North, Hierus makes Cross over Salt with Sword then faces altar and stands in the 1=10 Sign while Phil. circumambulates deosil saying Earth Names.

Phil.: Adonai Ha Aretz, Auriel, Emor Dial Hectega, Ic Zod Heh Chal.

S/he returns to North. Hierus makes Earth Pentagram over Salt. Phil. removes Lamp Shade. Hierus takes Phil. to Altar and directs him to place Salt at North side of Altar. Hierus takes him to diagrams in the West.

Hierus: The Cross of Four Triangles called the Maltese Cross, is a Symbol of the Four Elements in balanced disposition. It is here given in the colors of the King scale and it is assigned to the Four Sepheroth of the Halls of the First Order. It is the Cross which heads the Praemonstrator’s Wand who represents the Fourth Sepherah Chesed. Four is also the Number of Jupiter whose Path unites Chesed to Netzach. This Cross is therefore a fit emblem for a Philosophus of the Grade of 4=7.



In this diagram (indicating it) are presented the Circle, the Point, the Line, the Cross, the Square and the Cube. For the Circle is the Abyss, the Nothingness, the AIN. The point is Kether. Now the Point has no dimension, but in moving, it traces the Line.

Hiereus: This gives the first number—Unity—yet therein lies duality unmanifest, for two Points mark its ends. The movement of the line makes the Plane or Square thus: (*indicating*). The motion of the Point at square angles to its first direction and intersecting it makes the Cross. So therefore are the Square and the Cross but one Symbol, deriving from the Circle and the Point.



Here (*indicating it*) is shown the Occult Symbol of Malkuth, the Tenth Sepherah.

It is in Four parts, corresponding to the Maltese Cross.

They are Fire of Earth, Water of Earth, Air of Earth, and Earth of Earth, as indicated by the Symbol.

They correspond to the Four Halls of the First Order, which in one sense, never leaves Malkuth, being the Halls of the Four Lowest Sephiroth of Malkuth in Assiah. Upon them is surcharged a white Hexagram in a Circle.

The 6 and 4 make 10, the number of Malkuth on the Tree.

The Hexagram is also the sign of the Macrocosm—of Tiphareth, and of the Six Upper Sephiroth, wherefore here it is white—

Spirit impacting and vivifying Matter.

Six are the mid points of the planes bounding a cube, which derives from the square, and from the Cross if the Center point moves thus (*indicating third direction*).

Malkuth must then be equated and refined

by the 6 impacting the 4:

and the link between 6 and 4 is the number of the Pentagram.

In these numbers and figures are hid many revelations.

Hierus directs Phil. to remain in W. then goes to Elemental position, strikes sign, rests.

2nd Ad.: Having achieved entry into Malkuth, it is needful that you should pass through the Path of Tau, the dark Path of the Sub-Lunar Astral Plane, Go on, therefore, to the Tablet of the East.

Phil. travels deocil and is directed onward by 2nd Adept. Hiereus and Hegemon go Northeast and bar the way, points of tools downwards and crossing.

Phil. goes towards the East and is stopped. Hegemon demands 2=9 Words and Signs. [Shaddai El Chai, Poraios de Rejectus, 45, Mem Heh]. Hiereus returns to North of Altar strikes 1=10 Sign & rests. Hegemon leads Phil. to Tablet, directs Phil. to take up rose leaves, makes Cross over bowl and directs Phil. to circumambulate repeating Air Names. Hegemon stands in 2=9 Sign.

Phil.: Shaddai El Chai, Raphael, Oro Ibah Aozpi, Bataivah.

Phil. returns to E. Hegemon makes invoking Air Pentagram and directs Phil. to uncover Lamp. Hegemon takes Phil. to Altar and directs him to put Rose Petals at East side, then standing East of the Altar in Yesod, Hegemon shows Great Hermetic Arcanum on the altar.

Hegemon: This Symbol represents the Great Hermetic Arcanum. The feet of the Figure rest upon the Earth and the Sea. In the Hand are represented the hot and moist natures, symbolised by the torch and the horn of water. These are further strengthened by the Solar and fiery Emblems of the King and Lion, and the Luna and watery emblems of the Queen and Dolphin. Above the whole figure rise the wings of the aerial nature, the Reconciler between the Fire and the Water. Compare this Symbol with the Angel described in the 10th Chapter of the Apocalypse or Revelation of St. John:

“And I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face as it were, the Sun, and his feet were as pillars of fire, and he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot upon the Sea and his left foot upon the Earth, and he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roareth, (the Green Lion, the Path of Leo and Teth above Tiphareth) and when he cried, seven thunders uttered their voices, (seven Aeons, represented under the regimen of the Planets).”
The Dragon issuing from the cave represents volcanic fires.
The Thelemites say that the ‘little book’ is the Book of the Law.

Heg. leads Phil. in spiral out once around; hands him/her over to Hiereus in the North and returns to place. 2nd and 3rd go to South West. Hiereus leads Phil. around deocil. 2nd and 3rd bar way with crossed wands down pointing; Hiereus returns to Elemental station and gives 1=10 sign; 3rd Adept asks for 3=8 Words and Signs.[Elohim Tzabaoth, Monocris de Astris, 36 Eloah]. 2nd Adept retires to throne. Third Adept conducts Phil. to West, gives him/her cup of water, makes cross over cup, and directs Phil. to circumambulate saying the Water Names while s/he remains standing in the Grade Sign until Phil. returns to West.

Phil.: Elohim Tzabaoth, Gabriel, Empeh Arsel Gaiol, Raagiosel

Third Adept makes invoking Pentagram of Water over Cup. Phil. removes shade from Lamp. Third Adept takes him/her to Altar where Phil. places cup in the West. Hiereus comes to Altar. 3rd retires to Elemental position. Hiereus takes Phil. to Tablet in North East.

Hiereus: This Tablet shows the symbolic manner in which certain names have been used by our ancient brethren. You will note that the initials of this sentence make the Latin word Vitriolum, Sulphuric acid. Furthermore, the word Vitriol, Sulphur, and Mercury each consist of seven letters answering to the alchemic powers of the seven Planets.



The initials of the following sentence in Latin, the subtle fluid, the Light of the Earth, make the word S.A.L.T. salt, and further, the four words of the sentence answer to the four Elements: Subtilis, Air; Aqua, Water; Lux, Fire; and Terra, Earth. And the four words united yield 20 letters, that is, the product of four, the number of the Elements, multiplied by Five, the number of the Pentagram.

The words Fiat Lux, meaning "Let there be Light," consist of 7 letters. The letters of Fiat form the initials of Flatis, Air; Aqua, Water; Ignus, Fire; and Terra, Earth. Which four names again yield 20 letters as in the previous case. And the word Lux is formed from the angles of the Cross, LVX.

Hegemon goes to South. Hiereus leads Phil. to Hegemon and retires to elemental position. Hegemon leads Phil. to Southeast where 2nd and 3rd bar the way with crossed wands. 2nd Adept asks for 4=7 Words and Signs. [AShRH Tzabaoth, Pharos Illuminans, 28, Kaph Cheth]. Second Adept comes forward and conducts Phil. to South. Third Adept remains at Elemental position, strikes 3=8 Sign, & rests.

Second Adept gives Phil. Red Lamp & Matches; makes Cross over it; directs Phil. to go around saying the Fire Names while 2nd remains standing in the Grade Sign.

Phil.: ASHRH Tzabaoth, Michael, Oip Taa Pedroce, Edelpernaa

Phil. returns to South. Second Adept makes invoking Pentagram of Fire over Red Lamp & Matches. Phil. removes shade from Lamp. Second Adept takes him/her to Altar where s/he places Red Lamp in the South. Hegemon comes forward and shows tablet in Southeast. 2nd Adept retires to elemental position strikes Sign and rests.

Hegemon: These are the Seven Palaces of Holiness of the Briatic World. The first is the Palace of the Holy of Holies answering to Kether, Chokmah and Binah, and the Divine Name EL.



The second is the Palace of Love, answering to Chesed and the Divine Name MATZPATZ (Mem, Tzaddi, Peh, Tzaddi), which is a Temurah of Tetragrammaton.

The third is the Palace of Merit, answering to Geburah, and the Divine Name YEHEVID (Yod, Heh, Vau, Daleth).

The fourth is the Palace of Benevolence, answering to Tiphareth and TETRAGRAMMATON.

The fifth is the Palace of the Substance of Heaven, answering to Netzach and ELOHIM.

The sixth is the Palace of Severity answering to Hod and MATZPATZ.

The seventh is the Palace of Crystal Whiteness answering to Yesod and Malkuth, and the Divine Name YAH and ADONAI.

But the synthesis of these Holy Names is to be found in the word TAKLITH which is Perfection.

2nd Adept leads Phil. to West of Double Cube. Hegemon goes East of Altar. 2nd Adept takes Cross from Philosophus' neck and places it in the midst of the Four Elements. Hiereus directs Philosophus to stand in Neophyte Sign. 3rd Ad. behind him/her. The four Officers strike Grade Signs.

Hiereus: From the center outwards, so moveth the point as it traceth the line and the Cross. Equated and Equilibrated here lie the Four Elements of the body of Osirus slain.

3rd Ad.: For Ausar Un-Nefer who is found perfect before the Gods, hath said: "These are the Elements of my Body, Perfected through Suffering, Glorified through Trial. For the scent of the Dying Rose Is as the released sigh of my suffering: And the flame red fire as the Energy of mine Undaunted Will: And the Cup of Wine is the pouring out of the Blood of my Heart: Sacrificed unto Regeneration, unto Newer Life: And the Bread and Salt are as the Foundations of my Body, Which I destroy in order that they may be renewed. For I am Osiris Triumphant, Even Ausar Un-Nefer, the Justified: I am He who is clothed in the Body of Flesh, Yet in whom is the Spirit of the Great Gods: I am The Lord of Life, triumphant over Death. He who partaketh with me shall arise with me: I am the Manifestor in Matter Of Those Whose Abode is in the Invisible: I am purified: I stand upon the Universe: I am the Reconciler with the Eternal Gods: I am the Perfeator of Matter: And without me the Universe is not."

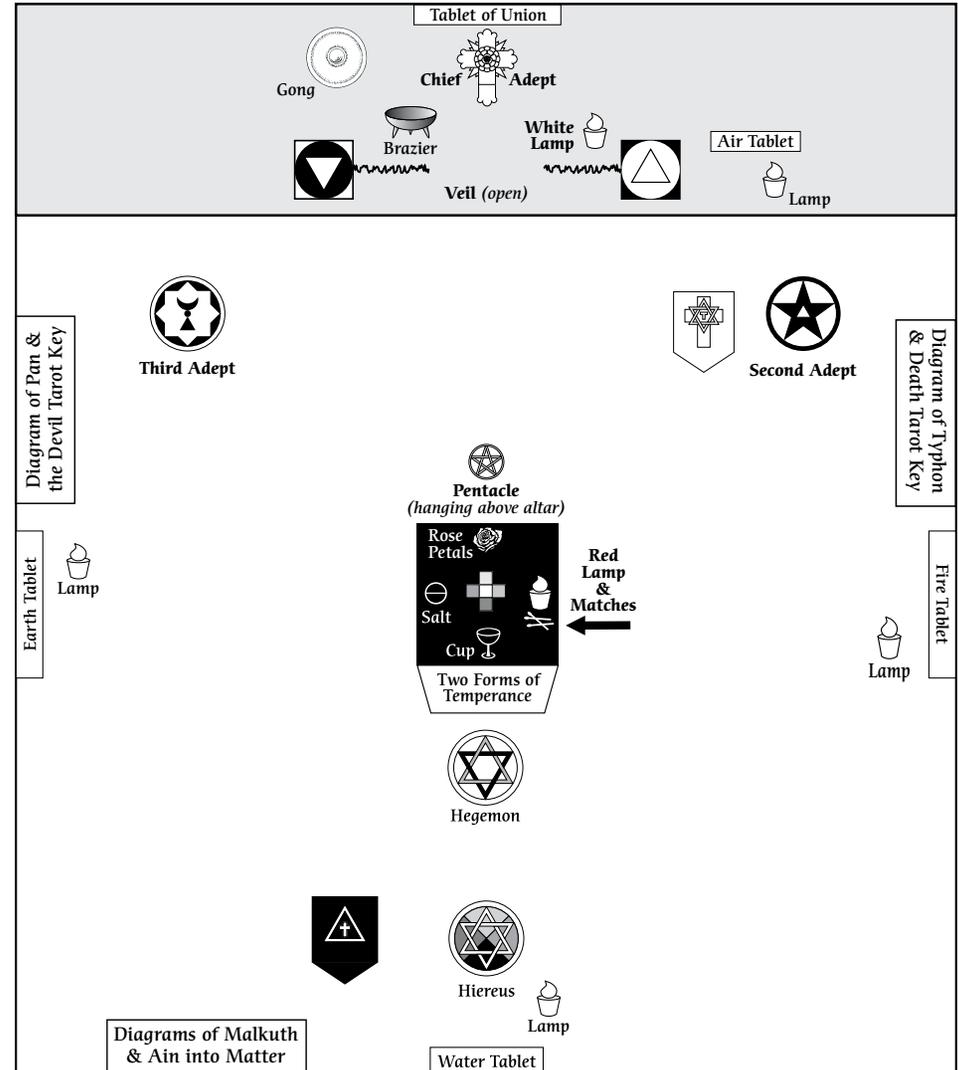
2nd Ad.: May the corrosive Cross return upon itself,
 from without inward,
 from the Four Quarters to the Center,
 and become by sacrifice and transmutation,
 an offering acceptable, a body glorified.

Chief Adept, unseen, sounds gong once. Drop signs. Hieres has Phil. give Sign of Silence.

2nd Ad.: You will now quit the Temple for a short time, and on your return
 the Ceremony of your advance will proceed.

Hieres leads Phil. out, both making Qabalistic Cross at portal.

The Rite of the Portal, part 2: Rite of the Pentagram and the Five Paths center projection



Rite of the Pentagram and the Five Paths

Diagrams changed, Double Cube Altar in Sepherotic position, Pentagram suspended above Altar. Philosophus still has Dim Lamp.

2nd Ad.: !

3rd Ad.: !

Hegemon: !

Hiereus: !

Chief Adept parts curtain, makes invoking Active Spirit Pentagram with Lamp, Knocks and withdraws.

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, will you please present the Philosophus with the admission Badge, instruct him/her in the proper alarm and admit him/her?

Hiereus: I will

Hiereus salutes, makes Qabalistic Cross at the door, and goes out. S/he gives Lamens to Philosophus who knocks five times. Hegemon opens door. Philosophus & Hiereus enter, make Qabalistic Cross. Hegemon returns to place. Hiereus leads Philosophus sun-wise to West and points out Diagram of Malkuth in West Northwest from the previous part, then indicating the Temple, says,

Hiereus: Herein has been established the Equated Cross which is ruler over the Kingdom of Matter. This Symbol may be found even upon the crowns of the Kings of this Earth.

Hands Phil. Tau Letter-Portal.

Hiereus: The letter Tau leads from the Airy quarter of Malkuth into Yesod. Air is uppermost in the Symbol as in the Planet Earth where the atmosphere is furthest from the core. Moreover, the Letter Tau signifies the Cross, the impact of Spirit upon matter. My lamens is given you as your Badge or Key, for I am the Ruler in Malkuth, and the Guardian of the Underworld. I am also Lord of the Path of Tau, the link between the first and second degrees, and also between the Outer and the Inner.

Hiereus: This Path of Tau, dark and full of Mystery, under the presidency of Saturn and the Tarot Key of the Universe, leads, as you have learned in the 2=9 Hall, through the Astral Plane.

Therefore, in the Ritual of the 32nd Path, you passed by the Four Kerubic Stations, as a fore-shadowing of the Rites of the Cross, the full completion of the First Order which you have now accomplished. Having traversed the Path of Tau, the Sub-Lunar Astral Plane and of the Black Pillar, stand firm in Yesod, that the Black Pillar may become the White.

Hiereus leads Phil. to Hegemon at Altar and takes away Tau. Hegemon rises as Phil. approaches but stands between Phil. and the Altar, so that Phil. does not too clearly apprehend the change in Symbols.

Hegemon: Before you in the East, are the Five Portals of the 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 23rd Paths. Five will divide the Number of the Letter of each of them, as it will divide without remainder the number of the letter of every Path from that of Yod, the 20th to that of Tau, the 32nd. The Five Paths visible are assigned to Mem, Water; Ayin, Capricorn an Earthy Sign; Samekh, Sagittarius, a Fiery Sign; Nun, Scorpio, a Watery Sign, but in its Highest aspect also a Ruler of Air; and Kaph, Jupiter, which Planet is akin to Spirit, and rules especially Aspiration. Thus both in Number and significance these Paths jointly set forth the eternal symbol of the Pentagram. This Symbol must now be established—wherefore advancing by the Kerubic Path of Aquarius approach the highest in Netzach.

Hegemon leads Phil. to 2nd Adept's station before the paths of Kaph and Nun. 2nd Adept rises.

In the following Paths selections of Poetry are read to the Aspirant that express the nature of the path in the best judgement of the initiator(s). They are replaceable at will and may efficaciously be chosen subject to the personal associations of the reader, the Aspirant or the Initiator(s). It is useful to gender-adjust those selections that contain emphatic references and pronouns to match that of the Aspirant.

2nd Ad.: Wherefore do you stand at the base of the White Pillar, Lord of the First Degree?

Phil.: *(Prompted by Hegemon)*
I seek the Path of Kaph, the Path of Aspiration.

Hiereus: *(Knock)* Beware!
Temerity is not courage, Initiate of the First Degree!
Remember the warning of the Tower Struck by Lightning
that was revealed in the highest Path
you have yet adventured in these Halls.
As a house built upon the Sand can not endure,
so without the strength of Geburah
the Height of Chesed cannot be assailed.
Stay, there, ere your limbs be broken upon the Wheel.

2nd Ad.: The Portal of Kaph is barred, yet it is well to aspire,
though it may be folly to attempt.
This Path is governed by the Wheel of Life and Death,
and hard it is to be freed from the Wheel.

Phil.: *(Prompted by Hegemon)* Let me seek then the Path of Nun.

2nd Ad.: It is open to you, unto the limit of your strength.

Hegemon returns to his/her station at the West of Altar. Second Adept leads Phil. deocil towards West.

Hiereus: *(knocks and rises quickly to bar the way in the West)*
In the Power of Typhon the Destroyer
and Death the Transformer, stand.

2nd Ad.: Thus far and no farther is it permitted to penetrate
into the Path of Nun at this time.
The Mysteries may now be partially revealed unto you.

Second Adept takes Phil. to Southeast and shows the Death Trump. Hiereus follows.

2nd Ad.: Before the beginning of years,
There came to the making of man
Time, with a gift of tears;
Grief, with a glass that ran;
Pleasure, with pain for leaven;
Summer, with flowers that fell;
Remembrance fallen from heaven,
And madness risen from hell;
Strength without hands to smite;
Love that endures for a breath:
Night, the shadow of light,
And life the shadow of death.

And the high gods took in hand
Fire and the falling of tears,
And a measure of sliding sand
From under the feet of the years;
And froth and drift of the sea;

And dust of the laboring earth;
And bodies of things to be
In the houses of death and of birth;
And wrought with weeping and laughter,
And fashioned with loathing and love,
With life before and after
And death beneath and above,
For a day and a night and a morrow,
That his strength might endure for a span
With travail and heavy sorrow,
The holy spirit of man.

2nd Ad.: From the winds of the north and the south
They gathered as unto strife;
They breathed upon his mouth,
They filled his body with life;
Eyesight and speech they wrought
For the veils of the soul therein,
A time for labor and thought,
A time to serve and to sin,
They gave him light in his ways
And love, and a space for delight,
And beauty and length of days,
And night, and sleep in the night.
His speech is a burning fire;
With his lips he travaileth:
In his heart is a blind desire,
In his eyes foreknowledge of death;
He weaves and is clothed with derision;
Sow, and he shall not reap;
His life is a watch or a vision
Between a sleep and a sleep.

Hiereus shows the figure of Typhon.

Hiereus: Behold the image of Apophis or Typhon:



Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer:
Things fall apart; the center cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Hiereus: Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi
Troubles my sight: somewhere in the sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
The darkness drops again; but now I know
That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

2nd Ad.: The 24th Path of Sepher Yetzerah to which
the Tarot Key of Death is referred is called
the Imaginative Intelligence, remember this,
and it is so called because it gives form to all similitudes
which are created in a manner similar to its harmonious elegances.
For the outward form always follows the Hidden law,
thus from Chaos is produced harmony,
just as a beautiful flower is produced from decaying matter.
Return now to Yesod, for here no more may be spoken.

*Second Adept returns to station. Hiereus leads Phil. to Hegemon near Altar then
returns to Elemental station in the North.*

Hegemon: Approach now the station of Hod by the Path of Resh, the Sun.

*Hegemon leads Phil. to 3rd Adept's station before the paths of Mem and A'ayin.
3rd Adept rises.*

3rd Ad.: Already the Sash of the Black Pillar is upon you—
already you have passed the dark Path of Tau.
What more do you seek of me, Initiate of the 1st Degree?

Phil.: *(Prompted)* I seek the Path of Mem, the Path of Sacrifice.

Hiereus: *(Knock)* Be warned, vainglorious one!
Samson broke down the Two Pillars and perished.
Having but one Pillar, can you bear up the might of Geburah,
can you attain strength without the Life of Tiphareth?

3rd Ad.: The Portal of Mem is barred.
Yet it is well to be willing for the Sacrifice itself,
if as yet not fully prepared.
For in the Path of Mem rules the Hanged Man,
the power of the Great Waters.

Can your tears prevail against the Tide of the Sea,
your might against the waves of the storm,
your love against the sorrows of all the world?

Phil.: *(Prompted)* Let me seek then the Path of Ayin.

3rd Ad.: It is open to you to the limit of your strength.

*Hegemon returns to his/her station at the West of Altar. Third Adept leads Phil.
deocil towards West.*

Hiereus: *(knocks, rises quickly, and bars way in the West)*
By the Power of Pan and the Goat of Mendes, stand!

3rd Ad.: Thus far and no farther are you permitted to penetrate the Path
Ayin at this time, whose mysteries may now be partially revealed to
you. *(Taking Phil. to Northeast, Hiereus following)*
Behold the 15th Key of the Tarot:

Gnarled Oak of God! In thy branches is the lightning nested!
Above thee hangs the Eyeless Hawk.
Thou are blasted and black!

Supremely solitary in that heath of scrub.
Up! The ruddy clouds hang over thee! It is the storm.
There is a flaming gash in the sky
Up.

Thou are tossed about in the grip of the storm
for an aeon and an aeon and an aeon.
But thou givest not thy sap;
thou fallest not.

Only in the end shalt thou give up thy sap when
the great God F.I.A.T. is enthroned
on the day of Be-with-Us...

Now shalt thou adore me who am the Eye and the Tooth,
the Goat of the Spirit, the Lord of Creation.
I am the Eye in the Triangle,
the Silver Star the ye adore.

I am Baphomet, that is the Eightfold Word
that shall be equilibrated with the Three.

There is no act or passion
that shall not be a hymn in mine honor.
All holy things and all symbolic things shall be my sacraments.
These animals are sacred unto me; the goat, and the duck,
and the ass, and the gazelle,
the man, the woman and the child.

All corpses are sacred unto me;
 they shall not be touched save in mine eucharist.
 All lonely places are sacred unto me;
 where one man gathereth himself together in my name,
 there will I leap forth in the midst of him.

I am the hideous god; and who mastereth me is uglier than I.
 Yet I give more than Bacchus and Apollo;
 my gifts exceed the olive and the horse.

Who worshippeth me must worship me with many rites.
 I am concealed with all concealments;
 when the Most Holy Ancient One is stripped
 and driven through the marketplace
 I am still secret and apart.

Whom I love I chastise with many rods.
 All things are sacred to me; no thing is sacred from me.
 For there is no holiness where I am not.
 Fear not when I fall in the fury of the storm;
 for mine acorns are blown afar by the wind;
 and verily I shall rise again, and my children about me,
 so that we shall uplift our forest in Eternity.

Eternity is the storm that covereth me.
 I am Existence,
 that Existence that existeth not
 save through its own Existence,
 that is beyond the Existence of Existences,
 and rooted deeper than the No-Thing-Tree
 in the land of No-Thing.

Hiereus shows Phil. figure of Pan.

Hiereus: Behold the Image of Pan.



Into my loneliness comes—
 The sound of a flute in dim groves
 that haunt the uttermost hills.
 Even from the brave river they reach
 to the edge of the wilderness.
 And I behold Pan.
 The snows are eternal, above, above—
 And their perfume smokes upwards
 into the nostrils of the stars.
 But what have I to do with these?
 To me only the distant flute, the abiding vision of Pan.

On all sides Pan to the eye, to the ear;
 The perfume of Pan pervading,
 the taste of him utterly filling my mouth,
 so that the tongue breaks forth
 into a weird and monstrous speech.
 The embrace of him intense on every center
 of pain and pleasure.
 The sixth interior sense aflame with the inmost self of Him,
 Myself flung down the precipice of being
 Even to the abyss, annihilation.
 An end to loneliness, as to all.
 Pan! Pan! Io Pan! Io Pan!

3rd Ad.: The 26th Path of the Sepher Yetzerah,
 to which the Tarot Key of the Devil is referred
 is called the Renovating Intelligence, remember this,
 because, by it are renewed all the changing forms
 which are renewed by the Creation of the World.
 Return again to Yesod, for here no more may be spoken.

Third Adept returns to Sepherotic station. Hiereus leads Phil. West of Double Cube. Hegemon rises as they approach. Hiereus and Hegemon stand on either side of Phil. All three face East.

Hiereus: (*Showing Lamén*) In guardianship and not in enmity,
 have I barred your venturing, O Philosophus.
 Now may it be revealed unto you that in my Lamén of Office
 is hidden the Key which you seek.



For the Triangle in the Circle
 is the high symbol of the Holy Triad,
 and the first Three Sepheroth,
 and of Binah wherein is the Sphere of Saturn,
 Ruler of the Path Tau. Therefore do I wear it, and therefore,
 when you entered the Hall of the Neophytes in the O=O Rite,
 when first the hood-wink was raised,
 you beheld before you the Sword that barred
 and the Symbol which overcometh the barrier.
 The Lamén in its more special attribution to the Hiereus,
 has the following meanings.
 In the circle are the Four Sephiroth,
 Tiphareth, Netzach, Hod and Yesod.
 The first three are the angles of the Triangle inscribed within,
 while the sides are the Paths of Nun, Ayin and Peh, respectively.
 The center is the Letter Samekh, and the 25th Path.
 While the Wheel revolves, the hub is still.
 Seek ever then the center, look from without to within.
 Behold the Key to your Path.

Hiereus puts Badge aside.

Hegemon: Five Paths are before you—
four have you attempted and each was guarded
by a symbol sinister and dread. Yet,
Debate not of the image saying Beyond! Beyond!
One mounteth unto the Crown by the moon
and by the Sun, and by the arrow, and by the Foundation,
and by the dark home of the stars from the black earth.
Not otherwise may ye reach unto the Smooth Point
Thus, by this straight and narrow way only
is advance between the dangers
that have threatened you possible.

Third Adept descends to North side of Altar.

3rd Ad.: Sagittarius, the Archer is a bi-corporate Sign—
the Centaur; the Man and the Horse combined.
Recall what was said unto thee in the passage
of the 31st Path of Fire,
leading unto the 3=8 Hall of the Practici:

“Also there is the vision of the fire flashing Courser of Light,
or also a child borne aloft upon the shoulders
of the Celestial Steed, fiery or clothed with gold,
or naked and shooting from the bow shafts of light
and standing on the shoulder of a horse.
But, if thy meditation prolongeth itself thou shalt unite
all these symbols in the form of a Lion.”

For thus wilt thou cleave upward by the Path of Sagittarius,
through the Sixth Sepherah into the Path of Teth,
answering to Leo, the Lion— the reconciling Path
between Mercy and Severity, Chesed and Geburah,
beneath whose center hangs the glorious Sun of Tiphareth
Therefore, by the straight and narrow Path of Sagittarius,
let the Philosophus advance,
like the arrow from the center of Qesheth, the Bow.

Second Adept descends to South of the Altar

2nd Ad.: Before you, upon the Altar lie
the Four Emblems of your purified body,
and over them is the Symbol of the Pentagram,
while beneath in the midst is the five-squared
Cross of the Four Elements and the Spirit within them.
If you are willing, in service and in sacrifice to offer
the purified powers of your body,
bind about your neck the Cross,
and stretch the Light you bear over
the Four Emblems in prayer and offering.

Phil. places Cross of 5-Squares about neck and raises Dim Lamp over Elements. A moment of silence for the Phil. to focus and connect with the energy of the action. Then, all come east of the Altar. Phil. in middle with Lamp and Cross around neck. Second Adept right and Third Adept left. Hegemon and Hiereus behind and left and right, respectively. Each brings Elemental Emblems from Altar. Hiereus— Salt, Hegemon— Rose-petals, Second Adept—Red Lamp & Incense sticks, Third Adept—Water (water is not H2O but whisky), Phil.— Motto written on paper (preferably flash-paper).

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. Philosophus,
what was the additional Symbol given you
in the 4=7 as a link with the Second Order?

Phil.: Phrath

Hegemon hands Phil. paper with motto. All advance towards the Veil.

2nd Ad.: Hail Hidden Warden of the Portal of the Vault!
Here is one who comes in the Word Phrath.

Ch. Ad.: (Gong) If he would rend the Veil, let him/her complete the Word.

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, what know you of the Word?

Hiereus: Tau, the Letter of Saturn,
ruling the Path of Malkuth to Yesod, linked to Earth.

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. Hegemon, what know you of the Word?

Hegemon: Resh, the Letter of Sol, the Path joining Yesod to Hod,
and it is also the Letter linked with rule over Air
as the Sun ruleth the Air in Tiphareth.

2nd Ad.: Fr./Sr. Third Adept, what know you of the Word?

3rd Ad.: Peh, the Letter of Mars, of the Path joining Hod to Netzach,
which is also a Letter linked to Water, as Mars ruleth Water,
and to Fire, as Mars ruleth Fire in Geburah.

2nd Ad.: Mars in Peh linketh the base of the Black Pillar
to the Base of the White Pillar,
and the converse of Mars is Jupiter—
for Jupiter is Lord of Fire, but in Chesed He ruleth Water,
balancing Mars in Geburah.
Now, the Letter of Jupiter is Kaph,
linking Netzach with Chesed; and Kaph continueth
the Path Peh to Chesed, and is the highest Path
now visible to you. It is the Path of Aspiration
and its Planet Jupiter rules also in Sagittarius.
Therefore, take the Light of the Highest for Guide,
and thus do I reveal the Letter Kaph unto you
and complete the Word:

All lay down Elemental emblems & scripts

3rd Ad.: Peh (*Knocks, gives Sign of Water*)

Hegemon: Resh (*Knocks, gives Sign of Air*)

2nd Ad.: Kaph (*Knocks, gives Sign of Fire*)

Hiereus: Tau (*Knocks, gives Sign of Earth*)

All: (*All make Qabalistic Cross vibrating the word.*)

Pa!—(*vertical*)

Ro!—(*horizontal*)

Keth!—(*at heart*)

Phil: (*Prompted by Third Adept*) In the Word Paroketh, in the Power of the Cross and the Pentagram, I claim to behold the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti.

Ch. Ad.: (*Gong*) It is the Word of the Veil, the Veil of the Sanctum Sanctorum., and of the Temple, and before the Holy of Holies, the Veil which is rent asunder. It is the Veil of the Four Elements of the Body of Human-kind, which is offered upon the Cross in the service of the World. (*Chief Adept stands*) In the Word Phrath, in the Spirit of Service and Sacrifice, draw nigh.

Second Adept shows Phil. Opening Sign.

2nd Ad.: This is the Sign of the Rending of the Veil, and thus standing you form the Tau Cross.

All retrieve Elemental Emblems. Second Adept and Third Adept stand at the Veil, ready to open it. as Phil. gives sign. Phil., holding Dim Lamp and Motto, gives Portal Sign. Second Adept and Third Adept use wands to draw back Veil, revealing Chief Adept standing also in the Sign of Tau, with Scepter and White Lamp. Second Adept and Third Adept and Phil. enter Veil until Phil. stands between Pillars, Second Adept – South, Third Adept– North. Hegemon and Hiereus behind. Phil. should remain in Sign throughout Offering Ritual.

Ch. Ad.: Freely and of full purpose and with understanding do you offer yourself upon the Altar of the Spirit?

Phil.: I do.

As they say their Words, each officer comes forward to drop their emblems into the brazier and makes Grade Sign while doing so. I.e., approach and center on brazier; deposit most of element; make Grade Sign; say Words. Chief Adept makes appropriate pentagram over each. Phil. drops in Motto.

Hiereus: In the Letter Tau. (*Salt*)

Ch. Ad.: In the Letter Heh (*Incense*)

Hegemon: In the Letter Resh (*Rose petals*)

Ch. Ad.: In the Letter Resh (*Incense*)

3rd Ad.: In the Letter Peh. (*Water of Life*)

Ch. Ad.: In the Letter Shin. (*Incense*)

2nd Ad.: In the Letter Kaph. (*Incense Sticks*)

Ch. Ad.: In the Letter Aleph (*Incense*)

All: In the Letter Teth. (*Phil. drops in motto*)

Chief Adept makes Spirit Pentagrams over the Whole, then stretching out Scepter touches Phil. on the breast. Placing Lamp on Altar of Incense, Chief Adept takes the Cross around Phil.'s neck and showing the back, black side says:

Ch. Ad.: S/he who hath known me, though but from afar, is marked out and chosen from among folk, and s/he shall never turn back or turn aside, for s/he hath made the link that is not to be broken, nay, not by the malice of the Four Great Princes of the evil of the world, nor by Choronzon, that mighty Devil, nor by the wrath of God, nor by the affliction and feebleness of the soul.

Yet with this assurance be not thou content; for though thou hast the wings of the Eagle, they are vain, except they be joined to the shoulders of the Bull. Now therefore, I send forth a shaft of my light, even as a ladder let down from the heaven upon the earth, and by this black cross of Themis that I hold before thine eyes, do I swear unto thee that the path shall be open henceforth for evermore. (*Gong*)

Second Adept and Third Adept come forward between the Pillars, Rending the Veil in passing, to stand along side Chief Adept, Second Adept in South, Third Adept in North.

Ch. Ad.: Stretch out your hand to touch the Black Pillar (done), the Pillar of the First Degree, wherein all was as yet the darkness of the Path Tau. This was a period of restriction and of groping. Stretch out your right hand now to touch the White Pillar of the Second Degree wherein is the Fire of the Path Samekh. Standing thus you are at the point of equilibrium, Master of Both, Lord of the Second Degree, Lord of the Paths of the Vault of the Adepti. Yet Remember that the One Pillar can not support the Whole Temple without the Other. Standing thus you also stand in the Sign of Osiris Slain. Ours is the Magick of Light.

Ch. Ad.: As you have pierced the Veil it is proper that you learn to call and wield that which lies beyond that Veil: LVX. Therefore, as by names and by images are all powers awakened and reawakened, behold in the Officers of the Portal of the Vault of the Adepts the Signs which call the Light, the first of which you now stand in and which practice you will make your special object during your time in the Portal of the Vault of the Adepts.

The three adepts formulate the LVX by the INRI:LVX formula. The Light is to be focused upon the new Dominus Liminis.

Ch. Ad.: I

2nd Ad.: N

3rd Ad.: R

All Three: I

Ch. Ad.: Yod

2nd Ad.: Nun

3rd Ad.: Resh

All Three: Yod

Ch. Ad.: Virgo, Isis, Mighty Mother

2nd Ad.: Scorpio, Apophis Destroyer

3rd Ad.: Sol, Osirus, Slain and Risen.

All Three: Isis, Apophis, Osirus, IAO!

Ch. Ad.: The Sign of Osirus Slain

2nd Ad.: The Sign of the Mourning of Isis

3rd Ad.: The Sign of Apophis Triumphant

All Three: The Sign of Osirus Risen, LVX, Lux, Light of the Cross!

Chief Adept directs Phil. to put arms down.

Ch. Ad.: I.N.R.I. has many and divers meanings in the Hermetic Art. One is Intra Natura Regnet Ignus , Or "Within Nature Reigns Fire." Another is Ingus Naturam Renovir Integra, Or "Fire renews the Integrity of Nature." This is the Fire or Light that we invoke.

I greet you, Dominus Liminis, or Lord of the Threshold, as the title now bestowed upon you is translated.

As a token of your attainment to the White Pillar, I confer upon you the White Sash of Gestation. *(Third Adept puts on white sash).*

The Grip of this Degree is the Grip of the First Order, but given with the Left Hand representing the Sepherah Chesed and the White Pillar. The Sign is given thus: *(giving it)* and symbolizes the rending asunder of a veil. The answering sign is given by the converse, thus: *(giving it)*. The Password, as you have learned is Paroketh, which is the Veil of the Sanctum Sanctorum and is exchanged by letter, thus:

Ch. Ad.: Peh.

Phil.: *(Prompted)* Resh.

Ch. Ad.: Kaph.

Phil.: Tau

Ch. Ad.: Also, I greet and call you Osirus Dominus Liminis, the deceased Lord Osirus-of-the-Threshold.

You have earned that title and status by passing through the Rites of the Cross and the Pentagram for these rites are rituals of death and corruption, the alchemical blackening before the Gold can emerge. Further, I give you the Word Eth which crowns the Pyramid of the Four Elements in the 4=7 Hall, and is one symbol of the Spirit which converts the Cross into the Pentagram.

Wherefore above my Throne is this Tablet, *(indicating tablet)* called the Tablet of Union which binds together the Four Tablets into one under the presidency of the Spirit

Ch. Ad.: Thus far by work of the Intellect, and by aid of the Rites, have you come. Now must you labor to establish the Pentagram in yourself, to make yourself truly a Microcosm reflecting the Macrocosm whose symbolic Hexagram of Tiphareth lies yet before you. Thus it is the special task of the Dominus Liminus to invoke in turn each of the Elements. This Degree is in one sense attributed to Yesod, the base of the Path of Probation, Sagittarius. Thus the Sash that you wear could also be called the Sash of Probation.

Ch. Ad.: For in the nine months that follow and which are necessary before the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti can be opened for you again, it is needful for you to prove and to be proven in your craft of working the Magick of Light. For what lies beyond is the Night.

Chief Adept directs Phil. to put down the Dim Lamp. He then rises with Scepter; hands Tablet of Union to 2nd Adept; takes up White Lamp; leads new D.L. to Altar, and places White Lamp thereon.

Second Adept follows bringing Tablet of Union to place on Altar.

Hegemon places Tarot Key Art on West side of Altar (if not already there).

Hiereus & Hegemon replace their Elements before their respective Tablets, and form a Cross around Double Cube with the 2nd and 3rd Adepts.

Second Adept and Third Adept hand Red Elemental Lamp and Blue Cup to D.L. who holds them while the Chief Adept directs his/her attention to the Tarot Trump. 3rd Adept returns West behind Ch. Ad. 2nd Ad. returns South.

Ch. Ad.: The 25th Path of the Sepher Yetzerah and the Path before you is that of Samekh to which is referred the Tarot Key of Art, also called Temperance. Study well its symbolism for it is a profound arcanum of the task before you. The Fire and the Water that you hold is a Key also. This Path is also called the Intelligence of Probation, remember this, for it is the primary temptation by which the Creator-Creatrix tries all righteous persons. That is, in it there is ever present the temptation to turn aside to the one hand or to the other. *(indicating the lamp and the cup)*

Second Adept and Third Adept return Elements from central altar to their respective Tablets.

Ch. Ad.: Seeing that you are now Lord of the Paths of the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti and have entered into the Second Degree, it is fitting that you should have the knowledge of the emblems of the Halls of the First Order. It is therefore your responsibility to make a special object of study of them in both the classic text of this ritual and in all other Order documents. Yet upon my breast is a symbol, which, O Lord of the Threshold is as yet unknown to you. It is no Symbol of the Golden Dawn, nor of the First Order nor of your own Degree.

It is the symbol of the Red Rose and the Cross of Gold, uniting the powers of the 4 and 5 and 6 within itself, but to learn its full meaning and import it is necessary that you be admitted to the fellowship of that other Order to which the Golden Dawn is one of the Veils. Prepare yourself then.

You have slain yourself upon the Altar of Sacrifice and entered into the Light.

Nine months must you dwell in that womb, ere you can be born as a Star in the Night.

Officers return to Sepherotic thrones.

Closing

Ch. Ad.: *(Standing at Veil, facing West, Knock)* Fraters and Sorores, please assist me to close the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti. All rise.

Ch. Ad.: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, Please see that the entrance is properly guarded.

Hiereus: Fr./Sr. Chief Adept, *(gives Closing Portal sign)* the entrance is properly guarded.

Ch. Ad.: Fraters and Sorores, give the Signs of the Neophyte, *(towards altar, done)*, Zelator, *(done)*, Theoricus *(done)*, Practicus, *(done)*, Philosophus *(done)*. Give the sign of the Rending of the Veil, *(done)*. Give the Sign of the Closing of the Veil, *(done)*. Fr./Sr. Second Adept, what is the Word?

2nd Ad.: Peh.

Ch. Ad.: Resh.

2nd Ad.: Kaph.

Ch. Ad.: Tau.

2nd Ad.: The whole Word is Paroketh, which is the Veil of the Sanctum Sanctorum.

Ch. Ad.: In and by that Word, I declare the Portal of the Vault of the Adepti duly closed.

Chief Adept turns East and draws curtain.

Officers take up their stations before Elemental Tablets.

Chief Adept stands West of the Altar, facing East, D.L. behind him/her.

Ch. Ad.: In the Power of the Name ASHRH
and in the might of the concealed Name, _____,
in the Symbol of the Tablet of Union and by the Word Eth,
Spirits of the Five Elements, Hear me!

Depart (each Officer simultaneously makes banishing Pentagrams of their own Element before the Tablet, ending with Grade Sign.) in peace unto your habitations.

May there be peace between us and you,
and be ye ready to come when you are called. *(each Officer simultaneously makes Closing Sign then Passive Spirit Pentagram vibrating AGLA before the Tablet, ending with Sign of Silence. Officers turn to Double Cube.)*

Chief Adept gives LVX signs; gives Closing Sign, and makes Passive Spirit Pentagram vibrating A.G.L.A. All face East and together make Qabalistic Cross.

Ch. Ad.: !!!! !

3rd Ad.: !!!! !

2nd Ad.: !!!! !

Hiereus: !!!! !

Hegemon: !!!! !

Dedication of Merit

ALL: May the benefit of this act, and all acts, be dedicated
Unto the complete liberation and the supreme enlightenment
Of all beings everywhere pervading space and time.
So mote it be.

May the benefits of practice, ours and others, come to fruition,
Ultimately and immediately,
and we remain in the state of presence—Ah!