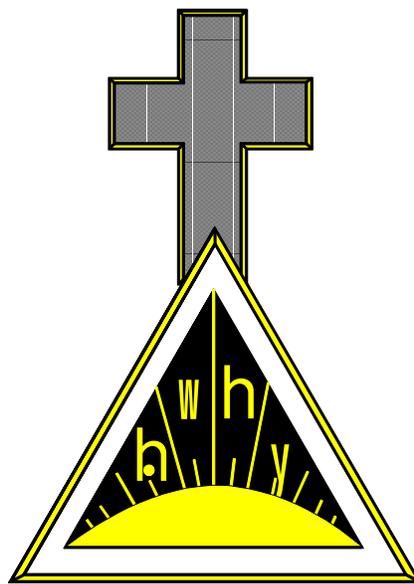


The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN Intl.

**PHILOSOPHUS INITIATION
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PHILOSOPHUS 4=7

HIEROPHANT: "Honored Fraters and Sorors of the Golden Dawn, assist me to open the Temple in the 4=7 Grade of Philosophus. Honored **Hegemon**, see that the Temple is properly guarded." (Done.)

HEGEMON: "Very Honored **Hierophant**, the Temple is properly guarded."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hiereus**, see that none below the grade of Philosophus is present."

HIEREUS: "Honored Fraters, give the Grade Sign of the 4=7. (Done.) Very Honored **Hierophant**, all present have attained the grade of Philosophus."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hegemon**, to what particular element is this grade attributed?"

HEGEMON: "To the element of Fire."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hiereus**, to what planet does this grade especially refer?"

HIEREUS: "To the planet of Venus."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hegemon**, what paths are attached to this grade?"

HEGEMON: "The twenty-ninth, twenty-eighth, and twenty-seventh paths of Qoph, Tzaddi, and Peh."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hiereus**, to what does the twenty-ninth path allude?"

HIEREUS: "To the reflection of the sphere of Pisces."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hegemon**, to what does the twenty-eighth path allude?"

HEGEMON: "To the reflection of the sphere of Aquarius."

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hiereus**, to what does the twenty-seventh path allude?"

HIEREUS: "To the reflection of the sphere of Mars."

HIEROPHANT: (Knocks.) "Let us adore the Lord and King of Fire. YHVH Tzabaoth, blessed be thou. Leader of Armies is thy name. Amen!"

(All salute with grade sign of Philosophus. **Hierophant** quits his throne and goes to the south. **Hegemon** behind him in the southeast. **Hiereus** in the southwest. **Hierophant** makes the Invoking Active Spirit and Fire Pentagrams in a circle before the Fire Tablet.)

HIEROPHANT: "And the Elohim said, 'Let us make Adam in our image, after our own likeness, and let them have dominion.' In the name of Elohim, mighty and ruling, and in the name of YHVH Tzabaoth, spirits of Fire, adore your Creator."

(Takes incense from before Fire Tablet and makes the sign of Leo.) "In the name of Michael, the Great Archangel of Fire, and in the sign of Leo the Lion, spirits of Fire, adore your Creator."

(Makes Cross with incense.) "In the names and letters of the Great Southern Quadrangle revealed unto Enoch by the Great Angel Ave, spirits of Fire, adore your Creator!"

(Holds incense on high.) "In the three secret names of God borne upon the Banners of the South, OIP TEAA PEDOCE, spirits of Fire, adore your Creator. In the name of Edelperna, Great King of the South, spirits of Fire, adore your Creator!"

(Replaces incenser and all return to place.)

HIEROPHANT: "In the Name of YHVH Tzabaoth, I declare this Temple opened in the 4=7 grade of Philosophus."

(**Hierophant** knocks /// ||| /)

(**Hiereus** knocks /// ||| /)

(**Hegemon** knocks /// ||| /)

The Twenty-ninth Path of Qoph

HIEROPHANT: "Fraters and Sorors, our Frater/Soror _____, having made such progress in the path of occult science has enabled him to pass the examination in the requisite knowledge, and further having been a member of the 3=8 grade of Practicus, is now eligible for advancement to the Grade of Philosophus, and I have duly received a dispensation from the Greatly Honored Chiefs of the Second Order to advance him in due form. Honored **Hegemon**, superintend the preparation of the Practicus and give the customary alarm."

HEGEMON: (Leaves the Temple and brings the Practicus with admission badge to the door.) "And the Ruach Elohim moved upon the face of the Waters."

(The **Hiereus** admits them and returns to his place. The **Hegemon** leads the Practicus to the south by the tablet, faces him east, and takes the cross away.)

HIEROPHANT: "Give the **Hegemon** the sign of the 3=8 grade. Give the Grip or Token. Give the Grand Word. Give the Mystical Number and the Password of the grade of Practicus." (Elohim Tzabaoth, 36, Aleph Lamed Heh.)

HIEROPHANT: "Give me the Mystic Title and symbol you received in that grade." (Monocris de Astris, Maim.) (Done.)

HEGEMON: (Faces the Practicus toward the Fire Tablet.) "Frater Monocris de Astris, do you solemnly pledge yourself to maintain the same strict secrecy regarding the Mysteries of the twenty-ninth, twenty-eighth, and the twenty-seventh paths and the 4=7 grade of Philosophus which you have already sworn to maintain respecting those of the proceeding grades?"

PRACTICUS: "I do."

HIEROPHANT: "Then you will stretch your arms above your head to their full limit and say, 'I swear by the torment of Fire.'"

HIEROPHANT: "Let the hoodwink be removed."

(**Hegemon** removes it, then gives Practicus the incense from before the tablet.)

HIEROPHANT: "Wave the incense before the Tablet of Fire. Say, 'Let the powers of Fire witness my pledge!'" (Done.)

(**Hegemon** replaces incense.)

HIEROPHANT: "Conduct the Practicus to the east and place him between the Mystic Pillars. (Done.) Before you are the portals of the thirty-first, thirty-second, and the twenty-ninth paths as in the grade of Zelator. The two former you have already traversed, and the portal of the twenty-ninth path leading to the grade of Philosophus is now open to you. Take in your hand the Calvary Cross of Twelve Squares and follow your guide through the Path of Waters."

(**Hegemon** circumambulates Temple once with Practicus, having given him the cross to carry. As they approach the east a second time, **Hierophant** rises, holding up the cup of water. **Hegemon** and Practicus halt.)

HIEROPHANT: "The priest with the mask of Osiris spake and said, 'I am Water, stagnant and silent and still, reflecting all, concealing all. I am the past; I am the inundation. He who riseth from the Great Waters is my name. Hail unto ye, Dwellers of the Land of Night! For the rending of Darkness is near.'"

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus round to **Hiereus** who raises cup in hand as they approach. **Hegemon** and Practicus halt before him.)

HIEREUS: "The priest with the mask of Horus spoke and said, 'I am Water, turning and troubled. I am the banisher of peace in the vast abode of the Waters. None is so strong that can withstand the Great Waters, the vastness of their terror, the magnitude of their fear, the roar of their thundering voice. I am the future, mist clad and shrouded in gloom. I am the recession of the torrent. The storm veiled in terror is my name. Hail unto the mighty powers of Nature and the Chiefs of the Whirling Storm.'"

(**Hegemon** takes the Practicus round to his own seat, takes up cup.)

HEGEMON: "The Priestess with the mask of Isis spoke and said, 'The traveller of the gates of Anubis is my name. I am Water, pure and limpid, ever flowing on toward the sea. I am the ever passing present that stands in the place of the past. I am the fertilized land. Hail unto thee dwellers of the Wings of the Morning.'"

(**Hegemon** replaces cup and leads Practicus to a seat west of the Cubical Altar, and returns to place.)

HIEROPHANT: (Rising.) "I arise in the place of the gathering of the Waters, through the rolled back cloud of night. From the Father of Waters went forth the spirit, rending asunder the veils of Darkness. And there was but a vastness of silence and of depth in the place of the gathering Waters. Terrible was the silence of that uncreated world, immeasurable the depth of that Abyss. And the countenances of Darkness half formed arose, they abode not, they hasted away and in the Darkness of vacancy, the Spirit moved and the light-bearers existed for a space.

I have said darkness of darkness, are not the countenances of darkness fallen with the kings? Do the Sons of the Night of Time last forever? And have they not yet passed away? Before all things are the waters and the darkness and the gates of the Land of Night. And the Chaos cried aloud for the unity of form, and the face of the Eternal arose. Before the glory of that countenance the night rolled back and the darkness hasted away. In the waters beneath was the face reflected, in the formless Abyss of the void. From those eyes darted rays of terrible splendor which crossed with the currents reflected. That brow and those eyes formed the triangle of the measureless heavens, and their reflections formed the Eternal Hexad, the number of the dawning creation."

(**Hegemon** conducts the Practicus to the foot of the Hierophant's throne. Handing to the **Hierophant** the cross.)

HIEROPHANT: "The Calvary Cross of Twelve Squares fitly represents the zodiac which embraces the Waters of Nu, as the ancient Egyptians called the heavens, the Waters which be above the firmament. It also alludes to the Eternal River of Eden, divided into four heads which find their correlations in the four triplicities of the zodiac."

(Places cross aside.)

The twenty-ninth path of the *Sepher Yetsirah* which answereth unto the letter Qoph is called the Corporeal Intelligence, and it is so called because it forms the very body which is so formed beneath the whole order of the worlds and the increment of them. It is therefore the reflection of the watery sign of Pisces and the path connecting the material universe as depicted in Malkuth with the Pillar of Mercy and the side of Chesed, through the sephira Netzach, and through it do the waters of Chesed flow down."

(**Hierophant**, **Hegemon** and Practicus come to the west of the altar.)

HIEROPHANT: "Before you upon the altar is the 18th Key of the Tarot which symbolically resumes these ideas. It represents the Moon with four Hebrew Yods like drops of dew falling, two dogs, two towers, a winding path leading to the horizon, and in the fore-ground water with a crayfish crawling through it to the land.

The Moon is in its increase on the side of Mercy, Gedulah, and from it proceed sixteen principle and sixteen secondary rays which make thirty-two, the number of the paths of Yetzirah. She is the Moon at the feet of the woman of Revelations, ruling equally over the cold and moist natures and the passive elements of Earth and Water. It is to be noted that the symbol of the sign is formed of two lunar crescents bound together. It thus shows the lunar nature of the sign. The dogs are the jackals of the Egyptian Anubis, guarding the Gates of the East and West, shown by the two towers between which lies the path of all the heavenly bodies ever rising in the east and setting in the west. The crayfish is the sign of Cancer and was anciently the Scarabeus or Khephera, the emblem of the Sun below the horizon as he ever is when the Moon is increasing above. Also, when the Sun is in the sign Pisces, the Moon will be well in her increase in Cancer as shown by the crayfish emblem."

(**Hierophant** returns to place. **Hegemon** remains with the Practicus west of the altar.)

HIEROPHANT: "I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the title of Lord of the Twenty-ninth Path. You will now quit the Temple for a hort time, and on your return, the ceremony of your passage of the twenty-eighth path will take place."

(**Hegemon** conducts the Practicus out.)

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hegemon**, you have my commands to present the Practicus with the necessary admission badge and to admit him."

(**Hegemon** goes out, presents Practicus with the Solid Pyramid of the Elements and admits him.)

HEGEMON: "And ever forth from their celestial source, the Rivers of Eden flow."

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus to the southeast before the pillars.)

HIEROPHANT: "Frater Monocris de Astris, the Path now open to you is the twenty-eighth leading from the 2=9 of Theoricus to the 4=7 of Philosophus. Take in your right hand the solid Pyramid of the Elements, and follow the guide of the path."

(**Hegemon** and Practicus circumambulate the hall once. As they approach **Hierophant** the second time, he rises with cup in hand. They halt.)

HIEROPHANT: "The priestess with the mask of Isis spoke and said, 'I am the rain of heaven descending upon the earth, bearing with it the fructifying and germinating power. I am the plenteous, Yielder of the Harvest. I am the Cherisher of Life.'"

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus to the seat of the **Hiereus**. He raises the cup in hand. They halt.)

HIEREUS: "The priestess with the mask of Nephthys spoke and said, 'I am the dew descending viewless and silent, gemming the earth with countless diamonds of dew, bearing down the influence from above in the solemn darkness of night.'"

(**Hegemon** takes Practicus to her own seat, takes the cup.)

HEGEMON: "The Priestess with the mask of Athor spoke and said, 'I am the ruler of mist and cloud wrapping the earth, as it were, in a garment, floating and hovering between earth and heaven. I am the giver of the dew clad night.'"

(**Hegemon** replaces cup and leads Practicus to a place west of the altar, facing the Hierophant, and returns to her place.)

HIEROPHANT: "Where the Paternal Monad is, the Monad is enlarged and generateth two, and beside him is seated the Duad and glittereth with intellectual sections. Also to govern all things and order everything not ordered. For in the whole Universe shineth the Triad over which the Monad ruleth. This order is the beginning of all sections."

HIEREUS: "For the mind of the Father said that all things should be cut into three, whose will assented and then all things were divided. For the mind of the Eternal Father said, 'Into three, governing all things by mind.' And there appeared in it the Triad, Virtue, Wisdom and Multicient Truth."

Thus floweth forth the form of the Triad, being pre-existent, not the first essence, but that whereby all things are measured. For thou must know that all things bow before the three Supernals. The first course is sacred, but in the midst thereof another, the third aerial, which cherisheth Earth in Fire, and the Fountain of Fountains and of all Fountains, the Matrix containing all. Thence springeth forth abundantly the generation of multifarious matter."

(**Hegemon** conducts the Practicus to the foot of Hierophant's throne and hands to the **Hierophant** the Solid Pyramid of the Elements.)

HIEROPHANT: "This Pyramid is attributed to the four elements. On the four triangles are their Hebrew names, Asch-Fire; Mayim-Water; Ruach-Air; Aretz-Earth. On the apex is the word ETH composed of the first and last letters of the alphabet and implying essence. The square base represents the material universe and on it is the word OLAM, meaning world."

(**Hierophant** puts Pyramid aside.)

The Twenty-eighth Path of Tzaddi

"The twenty-eighth path of the *Sepher Yetzirah* which answereth unto the letter Tzaddi is called the Natrual Intelligence, and it is so called because through it is consummated and perfected the nature of every existing being under the Orb of the Sun. It is therefore the reflection of the airy sign of Aquarius, the water bearer, unto which is attributed the Countenance of Man, the Adam who restored the world."

(**Hierophant**, **Hegemon**, and **Practicus** come west of the altar.)

HIEROPHANT: "Before you upon the altar is the 17th Key of the Tarot which symbolically resumes these ideas. The large star in the center of the heavens has seven principle and fourteen secondary rays and this represents the Heptad multiplied by the Triad. This yields twenty-one, the number of the Divine name Eheieh which as you already know, is attached to Kether. In the Egyptian sense, it is Sirius the Dog-Star, the star of Isis Sothis. Around it are the stars of the seven planets each with its seven-fold counterchanged operation. The nude female figure with the star of the Heptagram on her brow is the synthesis of Isis, of Nephthys, and of Athor. She also represents the planet Venus through whose sphere the influence of Chesed descends. She is Aima, Binah, Tebunah, the great Supernal Mother, Aima Elohim, pouring upon the Earth the Waters of Creation which unite and form a river at her feet, the river going forth from the Supernal Eden which floweth and faileth not.

Note well, that in this Key she is completely unveiled while in the 21st Key she is only partially so. The two urns contain the influences from Chokmah and Binah. On the right springs the Tree of Life, and on the left the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil whereon the bird of Hermes alights, and therefore does this Key represent the restored world, after the formless and the void and the darkness, the new Adam, the Countenance of the Man which falls in the sign Aquarius. And therefore doth the astronomical ripple of this sign represent, as it were, waves of water. The ripples of that river going forth out of Eden, but therefore also, is justly attributed to Air and not unto Water because it is the firmament dividing and containing the Water."

(**Hierophant** returns to his place.)

"I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the title of Lord of the Twenty-eighth Path. You will now quit the Temple for a short time and on your return the Ceremony of your passage of the twenty-seventh path will take place."

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus out.)

The Twenty-seventh Path of Peh

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hegemon**, you have my command to present the Practicus with the necessary admission badge and to admit him."

(**Hegemon** goes out, gives the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares to the candidate and admits him.)

HEGEMON: "The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength."

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus to the south and places him before the pillars.)

HIEROPHANT: (Knocks.) "Frater Monocris de Astris, the path now open to you is the twenty-seventh which leads from the 3=8 grade of Practicus to the 4=7 grade of Philosophus. Take in your right hand the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares and follow your guide through the Pathway of Mars."

HEGEMON: "The Lord is a man of war; Lord of Armies is His name!"

(**Hegemon** leads the Practicus between the pillars and around to the **Hierophant**, halting at the foot of the Dais. **Hierophant** rises, Red Lamp in hand.)

HIEROPHANT: "Ere the eternal instituted the formation, beginning and end existed not. Therefore, before him, he expanded a certain veil, and therein he instituted the primal kings. And these are the kings who reigned in Edom before there reigned a king over Israel. But they instituted not. When the Earth was formless and void, behold this is the reign of Edom. And when the creation was established, lo, this is the reign of Israel. And the wars of titanic forces in the chaos of creation, lo, these are the wars between them.

From a light bearer of unsupportable brightness proceeded a radiating flame, hurling forth, like a vast and mighty hammer, those sparks which were the primal worlds. And these sparks flamed and scintillated awhile, but being unbalanced, they were extinguished. Since lo, the kings assembled, they passed away together, they themselves beheld, so they were astonished. They feared. They hasted away. And these be the kings of Edom who reigned before there reigned a king over Israel."

(**Hegemon** takes Practicus round the Temple and halts before the **Hiereus** who rises with the Red Lamp in hand.)

HIEREUS: "The Dukes of Edom were amazed, trembling, they took hold of the mighty Moab, Lord, when Thou wentest out of Seir, when Thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the Earth trembled and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped Water. Curse ye Meroz, said the Angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly, the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord to the help of the Lord against the might. The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou has trodden down strength! He bowed the heavens, also, and came down and the Darkness was under his feet. At the brightness that was before him the thick clouds passed, hail stones and flashings of Fire. The Lord thundered through the heavens, and the highest gave forth his voice, hail stones and flashings of Fire. He sent out his arrows and scattered them. He hurled forth his lightnings and destroyed them.

Then the channels of the Waters were seen and the foundations of the world were discovered. At thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils, the voice of Thy thunder was in the heavens and Thy lightnings lightened the world. The Earth trembled and shook. Thy way is in the sea and Thy path in the Great Waters and Thy footsteps are not known."

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus to his/her own seat before the Dais, takes lamp.)

HEGEMON: "O Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of Fire. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh."

(**Hegemon** places the Practicus in a seat west of the altar, facing the **Hierophant**, and takes the Calvary Cross. He returns to his place.)

HIEROPHANT: "Eloah came from Teman of Edom and the holy one from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and the Earth was full of His praise. His brightness was as the Light. He had Kahmaim in His hands and there was the hiding of His power.

Before Him went the pestilence and flaming Fire went forth at His feet. He stood and measured the Earth. He beheld and drove asunder the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered and perpetual hills did bow. His ways are everlasting. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction, and the curtain of the land of Midian did tremble. Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? Was Thy wrath against the sea that Thou didst ride upon Thy horses and the Chariots of Salvation? Thou didst cleave asunder the Earth with the rivers. The mountains saw Thee and they trembled. The deluge of waters rolled by. The deep uttered His voice and lifted up His hands on high. The Sun and the Moon stood still in their habitation. At the light of Thine arrows they went, at the shining of Thy glittering spear. Thou didst march through the Land in indignation. Thou didst thrash the heathen in thine anger. Thou didst march through the sea with Thy horses through the depth of the Mighty Waters."

(**Hegemon** leads practicus to **Hierophant** and gives **Hierophant** the Calvary Cross.)

HIEROPHANT: "The Calvary Cross of Ten Squares refers to the ten sephiroth in balanced disposition, before which the formless and the void rolled back. It is also the opened-out form of the Double Cube and of the Altar of Incense."

(Places cross aside.)

"The twenty-seventh path of the *Sepher Yetzirah* which answereth unto Peh is called the Exciting Intelligence, and it is so called because by it is created the intellect of all created beings under the highest heaven, and the excitement or motion of them. It is, therefore, the reflection of the sphere of Mars, and the reciprocal path connecting Netzach with Hod, victory with splendor. It is the lowermost of the three reciprocal paths."

(**Hierophant**, **Hegemon**, and Practicus come to the west of the altar.)

HIEROPHANT: "Before you upon the altar is the 16th Key of the Tarot which symbolically resumes these ideas. It represents a tower struck by a lightning flash proceeding from a rayed circle and terminating in a triangle. It is the Tower of Babel struck by the Fire from heaven. It is to be noted that the triangle at the end of the flash, issuing from the circle, forms exactly the astronomical symbol of Mars. It is the power of the Triad rushing down and destroying the columns of Darkness. Three holes are rent in the walls, symbolizing the establishment of the Triad therein and the crown at the summit of the tower is falling, as the crowns of the kings of Edom fell, who are also symbolized by the men falling headlong. On the right hand side of the tower is Light and the representation of the Tree of Life by ten circles thus disposed. On the left hand side is Darkness and eleven circles symbolizing the Qlipboth."

(**Hierophant** returns to his throne. **Hegemon** and Practicus remain west of the altar.)

HIEROPHANT: "I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the title of Lord of the Twenty-seventh Path. You will now quit the Temple for a short time and on your return, the ceremony of your reception into the 4=7 grade of Philosophus will take place."

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus out.)

Entry into Netzach

HIEROPHANT: "Honored **Hegemon**, you have my commands to present the Practicus with the necessary admission badge and to admit him."

(**Hegemon** instructs Practicus to knock, gives him lamen of the **Hegemon** and admits him.)

HIEROPHANT: "In the northwest are the portals of the twenty-ninth and the twenty-eighth paths by which you have symbolically entered this grade from the 1=10 and the

2=9 grades respectively, while in the north is the portal of the twenty-seventh path by which you have just passed from the grade of Practicus."

(**Hegemon** leads Practicus to **Hiereus**.)

HIEREUS: "By what symbol dost thou enter herein?"

HEGEMON: "By the peculiar emblem of the Hegemon which is the Calvary Cross of Six Squares."

HIEREUS: "This cross embraces, as you see, Tiphareth, Netzach, Hod and Yesod, and rests upon Malkuth. Also, the Calvary Cross of Six Squares forms the cube, and is thus referred to the six sephiroth of the Microprosopus which are Chesed, Geburah, Tiphareth, Netzach, Hod and Yesod."

(**Hegemon** faces Practicus to the diagram at the altar. **Hierophant** comes west of altar and points to the diagram. **Hegemon** resumes her seat.)

HIEROPHANT: "This is the symbolic representation of the Fall. For the great goddess who, in the 3=8 grade was supporting the columns of the sephiroth in the sign of the 2=9 grade, being tempted by the Tree of Knowledge, whose branches indeed tend upward into the seven lower sephiroth, but also tend downward unto the Kingdom of Shells, reached down unto the Qlippoth, and immediately the columns were unsupported and the sephirotic system was shattered, and with it fell Adam, the Microprosopus.

Then arose the great dragon with the seven heads and the ten horns, and the garden was made desolate, and Malkuth was cut off from the sephiroth by his intersecting folds, and linked unto the Kingdom of Shells. And the seven lower sephiroth were cut off from the three Supernals in Daath, at the feet of Aima Elohim.

And the heads of the dragon are the names and crowns of the Edomite kings. And because in Daath was the greatest rise of the Great Serpent of Evil, therefore is there, as it were, another sephira, making for the infernal or averse sephiroth eleven instead of ten. And hence were the rivers of Eden desecrated, and from the mouth of the dragon rushed the infernal waters in Daath. And this is Leviathan, the crooked serpent. But between the devastated garden and the Supernal Eden, YHVH Elohim placed the letters of the name and the Flashing Sword that the uppermost part of the Tree of Life might not be involved in the fall of Adam. And thence it was necessary that the second Adam should come to restore all things and that, as the first Adam had been extended on the Cross of the celestial rivers, so the Son should be crucified on the Cross of the infernal rivers of Daath. Yet, to do this, he must descend unto the lowest first, even unto Malkuth and be born of her.

The 4=7 grade of Philosophus is referred unto the Sephira Netzach and the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth paths are bound thereto. The Sign of this grade is given by raising the hands to the forehead, and with the thumbs and index fingers forming a triangle, apex up thus. This represents the element of Fire to which this grade is allotted, and also the Spirit which moved upon the Waters of Creation. The

Grip or Token is the general grip of the First Order. The Grade Word is a name of nine letters, YHVH Tzabaoth, which means, "Lord of Armies."

The Mystic number is twenty-eight, and from it is formed the Password Kaph Cheth, which should be lettered separately when given. It means power. Unto this grade and unto the sephira Netzach, the seventh path of the *Sepher Yetzirah* is referred. It is called the Recondite Intelligence, and it is so called because it is the refulgent splendour of all the intellectual virtues which are perceived by the eye of the mind and by the contemplation of faith.

The distinguishing badge of this grade, which you will now be entitled to wear, is the sash of the Practicus with the addition of a green colored cross with the numbers four and seven in a circle and a square respectively to the left and right of its summit. In addition, the numbers twenty-nine, twenty-eight, and twenty-seven of which are green in color, are added below the path numbers that you have attained in the previous grades.

This grade is especially referred to Fire and therefore, the Great Watch Tower or Terrestrial Tablet of the South forms one of its principle emblems.

It is known as the fourth or Great Southern Quadrangle and is one of the four great tablets delivered unto Enoch by the Great Angel Ave. From it are drawn the three holy secret names of God, OIP TEAA PEDOCE, which are borne upon the Banners of the South, and numberless Divine and Angelic names which appertain unto the element of Fire. The meanings of the other Tablets have already been explained to you.

The Triangle surmounting the cross upon the altar represents the Fire of the Spirit surmounting the Cross of Life and the Waters of Edom. You will note that it thus forms the alchemical emblem of Sulfer. The red lamps at the angles of the triangle are the three fold form of Fire."

(**Hierophant** resumes his seat. **Hegemon** conducts Practicus to him.)

HIEROPHANT: "The portals in the east and northeast conduct to higher grades. The others are those of paths you have already traversed. This grade is related to the planet Venus, ruler in Netzach. Its symbol when inscribed on the Tree of Life is shown in the east. It embraces the whole of the sephiroth, and is therefore a fitting emblem of the Isis of Nature; hence, also, its circle is represented larger than that of Mercury."

(**Hegemon** leads Philosophus to a seat west of the altar, facing east, and removes the diagram of the Fall. He returns to his place.)

"I now congratulate you honored Frater, on having passed through the ceremony of the 4=7 grade of Philosophus, and in recognition thereof, I confer upon you the Mystic Title Pharos Illuminans, which means, 'Illuminating Tower of Light,' and I give you the symbol of Asch, which is the Hebrew name for Fire.

And as having attained at length to the highest grade of the First Order and being as it were the connecting link with the Second Order, I further confer upon you the title of respect, "Honored Frater" and I give you the further symbol of Phrath or Euphrates, the fourth river. (Knocks.) In the name of YHVH Tzabaoth, I now proclaim

that you have been duly advanced to the 4=7 grade of Philosophus, and that you are Lord of the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth paths."

HIEREUS: "Honored Frater, as a member of this important grade, you are eligible for the post of **Hiereus** when a vacancy occurs. You are furthermore expected, as having risen so high in the Order, to aid to your utmost the members of the Second Order in the working of the Temple to which you are attached; to study thoroughly the Mysteries which have been unfolded to your view in your progress from the humble position of Neophyte, so that yours may not be the merely superficial knowledge which marks the conceited and ignorant man, but that you may really and thoroughly understand what you profess to know, and not by your ignorance and folly bring disgrace on the Order which has honored you so far.

Your duty is also to supervise the studies of weaker and less advanced brethren, and to make yourself as far as possible an ornament, alike to your Temple and to your Order."

Closing

HIEROPHANT: (Knocks.) "Assist me to close the Temple in the 4=7 grade of Philosophus. Honored **Hegemon**, see that the Temple is properly guarded." (Done.)

HEGEMON: "Very Honored **Hierophant**, the Temple is properly guarded."

HIEROPHANT: "Let us adore the Lord and King of Fire." (Knocks.)

(All face east.)

HIEROPHANT: "YHVH of Hosts, Mighty and Terrible! Commander of the Ethereal Armies art thou! Amen!"

(All give the Grade Sign of Philosophus.)

(**Hierophant** goes to Fire Tablet. **Hiereus** stands behind him in southwest. **Hegemon** places Practicus in the north facing south, and goes to the southeast. Any members present should arrange themselves in balanced formation behind the **Hiereus** and **Hegemon**.)

HIEROPHANT: "Let us rehearse the prayer of the Salamanders or Fire Spirits." (Knocks.)

"Immortal, Eternal, Ineffable and Uncreated Father of all, borne upon the Chariot of Worlds which ever roll in ceaseless motion. Ruler over the ethereal vastness where the throne of Thy power is raised, from the summit of which Thine eyes behold all and Thy pure and holy ears hear all, help us, Thy children, whom Thou has loved since the birth of the ages of time! Thy majesty, golden, vast and eternal, shineth above the heaven of stars. Above them art Thou exalted.

O Thou flashing Fire, there Thou illuminatest all things with Thine insupportable glory, whence flow the ceaseless streams of splendor which nourish Thine Infinite Spirit. This Infinit Spirit nourisheth all and maketh that inexhaustible treasure of generation which ever encompasseth Thee replete with the numberless forms wherewith Thou has filled it from the beginning. From this Spirit arise those most holy kings who are around Thy throne and who compose Thy court.

O universal Father, one and alone! Father alike of immortals and mortals. Thou has specially created powers similar unto Thy thought eternal and unto Thy venerable essence. Thou has established them above the Angels who announce Thy will to the world.

Lastly, Thou has created us as a third order in our elemental empire.

There our continual exercise is to praise and to adore Thy desires, there we ceaselessly burn with eternal aspirations unto Thee, O Father! O Mother of Mothers! O archetype eternal of maternity and love! O Son, the flower of all Sons! Form of all forms! Soul, Spirit, harmony and numeral of all things! Amen!"

(**Hierophant** makes banishing circle and pentagrams with sceptre before tablet.)

HIEROPHANT: "Depart ye in peace unto your habitations. May the blessing of YHVH Tzabaoth be upon ye! Be there peace between us and you , and be ye ready to come when ye are called."

(**Hierophant** returns to his place. The others follow. **Hegemon** leads Philosophus to his seat.)

(**Hierophant** addresses to the Guardian of the Order to record the initiation.)

"In the name of YHVH Tzabaoth, I declare this Temple closed in the 4=7 grade of Philosophus."

HIEROPHANT: /// ||| /

HEREUS: /// ||| /

HEGEMON: /// ||| /