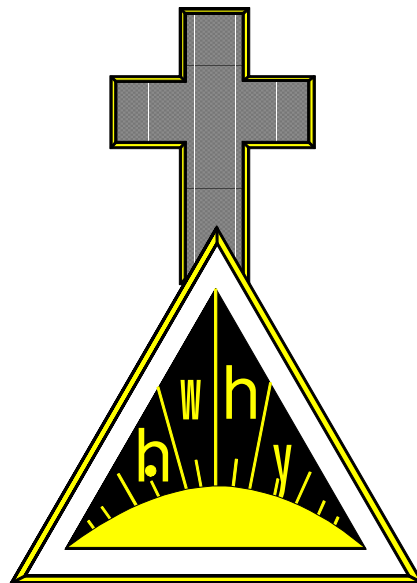


The Hermetic Order Of The  
GOLDEN DAWN<sup>Intl.</sup>

**THEORICUS GRADE SIGN**



**THEORICUS 2=9**

As of now you have surpassed the trials and tribulations of building the grounds of your foundation in the 1=10 grade of Zelator, Worker of the Realm. In all construction workings, everything must be built from the ground up. Moving from a more solid and stable stage, you now venture forth into the grade of Theoricus 2=9, Worker of the Air.

The grade allotted to this sign is Theoricus, thus corresponding to the sephira of  $\text{dwsy}$ . This marks the third step in your advancement in the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and the Tree of Life, the first two being that of Neophyte and Zelator.

Some objectives that will be learned are those dealing with the qualities of Air. Briefly, they refer to those of thoughts, communication, and mental powers, as well as all dealings of fluidity of thought. Some of the energies that will be dealt with in this elemental grade revolve mostly around the Divine names, the Archangel, Angels, spirits and energies of the element. All these are titled under the auspices of the Divine name inscribed upon the great Watchtower of the East.

The Grade Sign is formed by raising both arms up until they are level with your shoulders. Then bend both elbows upwards and extend your hands back as if holding an object on them. This sign is symbolic of being a traveler on the thirty-second path of  $\text{t}$  leading from  $\text{twklm}$  and the 1=10 grade of Zelator into the sephira of  $\text{dwsy}$ , the 2=9 grade of Theoricus. This sign also alludes to the mighty Atlas who held up the heavens upon his shoulders.



Considering that the thirty-second path is a balancing path, you as a traveler become balanced yourself. The symbol that represents the forces of balance is the scales. Some forces that the scales balance are referring to karma and the pillars of balance, primarily speaking of the pillar of Severity and the pillar of Mercy.

Like all other Grade Signs, the Theoricus Grade Sign is one that is especially attributed to its own particular element. The Grade Sign is attributed to Air. In displaying the sign you not only display its gesture, but you are also representing the powers and mysteries that the element of Air holds.

The Grade Sign itself has quite a few uses, both practically and ceremonially. One use for the sign is for all specific workings that are done with the Tattwas. Communications done in the Tattwas by means of Grade Signs, especially as referred to the one of Vayu, help to identify the plane that you are working with. Moreover, you may find a guide to help in leading you through the plane safely.

Another use concerning magical workings deals within the system of Enochian, referring to the Enochian Watchtowers, particularly the eastern quadrant. In the grade of 2=9, one particular energy that the Theoricus is almost drawn to immediately is that which is known as the great Archangel Raphael, for he is the guide and refuge of the Worker of the Air. One lesson in this grade refers to communing with the Archangel by means of the L.I.R.P.. When conversing with him through this method, it is customary to give the Theoricus Grade Sign for identification and bonding with each other.

A very good way for developing a better effect with the grade sign is to apply it to your daily life. Some suggested uses are as follows.

## **Mornings**

As you rise out of bed, perform your Grade Sign and say:

"May the flow of air fill my mind with light through the name of Shaddai El Chai."

## **Bathing**

Before or during a shower, or when you take a bath, say:

"Let the Air that courses through the Water purge my soul in the name of Shaddai El Chai."

## **When Retiring**

As you prepare to go to sleep, make the Grade Sign and say:

"May the power of Shaddai El Chai rest upon me and keep me safe in my dreams."

Daily use of the Grade Sign and constant affirmations throughout the day allow the subconscious mind to absorb the mystical meaning behind the gesture. Although the gesture is very simple, it is not to be taken lightly. Signs and symbols alike are types of language to the mind. So, in considering this, one goal that the student tries to strive for is the engraining of the symbols into his own mind. This is to say that it isn't just a part of the memory, but it grows as a part of your entire being.