

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

**ASTROLOGICAL SYMBOLS  
OF THE PLANETS**



**PRACTICUS 3=8**

This chart shows how all of the symbols for the planets can be derived from the three primary symbols of the crescent, cross, and circle either singularly or in combination. The circle denotes the Sun and gold, the crescent the Moon and silver, respectively analogous to the red and white alchemical natures. The cross is the symbol of corrosion, and the corrosion of metals is usually of the complimentary color to that which they naturally approximate. Thus copper, which is reddish becomes green in verdigris, etc..

Mercury is the only planet which unites the three primary forms into one symbol. Saturn is composed of the cross and the crescent, showing that lead is corrosive internally and Lunar externally. Jupiter is the reverse. Mars is solar externally. Venus is the opposite, for copper is externally of the nature of gold, but internally corrosive. Wherefore, also the name of the sphere of true and genuine attribution of the Tarot trumps to the Hebrew alphabet which has long been a secret among the initiates and which should be carefully concealed from the outer world.

