

THE DICTIONARY/GLOSSARY FOR THE GRADE OF ASPIRANT (0=0): THE Oro DEGREE

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- INTRODUCTION -

Welcome to the Dictionary / Glossary of terminology for the Grade of Aspirant (0=0) of the Order of The Astral Star. Within this document the reader will find most all of the terms used in the Aspirant's Course Curriculum for the Oro Degree. When the writer was asked to assemble this dictionary for the Order, he really had no idea what was in store for him. The writer has tried to be fair to the many different traditions and religions which the terminology covers while maintaining the validity from the perspective of his own Order, and his own experiences. This list comes from his own personal journal, and from the major glossaries at the end of the required and recommended reading list for The Order of The Astral Star's own Bibliography for Aspirant. The main Glossaries used were from Donald Michael Kraig's Modern Magick: Eleven Lessons in the High Ceremonial Arts; Donald Tyson's Ritual Magic: What it is and How to do it; Denning and Phillips' The Llewellyn Practical Guide To The Development of Psychic Powers; and The Llewellyn Practical Guide To Creative Visualization. The other works of the Aspirant Bibliography were used to augment the material in these works. Additionally, the writer consulted The Webster's New World Dictionary for determining the root etymology of some entries.

Why is this work so important? Aleister Crowley was said to have advised a student at one time, "Madame, define your terms!" In the Preface of Aleister Crowley's Magick Without Tears, Dr. Israel Regardie wrote: "General Semantics finds its most staunch supporter in the person and writing of Aleister Crowley. There is hardly a page in this book that does not insist that the inquirer clarify her referents. Letter 28 is a splendid example of this insistence. There are pitifully few occult writers that even know what general semantics is all about." In Letter 28 of Crowley's Magick Without Tears, Crowley himself writes, "...This has been put in a sort of text, because the first stumbling-block to study is that one never has any certainty as to what the author means, or thinks he means, or is trying to persuade one that he means." And then again, "The fact is that very few of us

know what words mean; fewer still take the trouble to inquire. We calmly, we carelessly assume that our minds are identical with that of the writer, at least on that point; and then we wonder that there should be misunderstandings!"

Hence the importance of the present work. If we are to avoid misunderstandings in our teachings, we must define our basic terminology, especially for those students who are just beginning their studies. Language is not stagnant. One only has to look at the writing style of The King James version of The Bible or the writings of William Shakespeare to notice that language does indeed change over time. Words that had a particular meaning in English five hundred years ago may mean something totally different in our own era, if the word is used at all. In the modern age of advancing technology new words are being coined all of the time. The Executive Council of our own Order has determined that if we are to convey the meanings of our teachings and relate the meanings of our own experiences to our future generations, then a Dictionary/Glossary is a necessity. The beginning student must have somewhere in which to turn to assist them in learning the vast amount of terms which they encounter while reading several different works by many different authors.

It is important to note that this list of terminology is by no means complete, nor would other esoteric Orders, Fraternities, or other organizations agree with the definitions that we give within these pages. This work is intended to be used by our own membership. This work is not meant to represent the quote, "way things are," but rather give the beginning student a place to begin their understanding. The Order of The Astral Star is based in Christian Mysticism and High Ceremonial Magick. These are our own organizations points of reference and thus we speak from our own perspectives. For this reason, the terminology is defined within our own biases and according to our own world view. For us, we perceive the definitions as being mostly correct, though still needing some refinement and additions. The next edition of this Dictionary will be updated and revised by you the readers as well as the membership of our own Order. The student must continue to think for themselves with these regards. For this reason, we encourage all students of our curriculum to make their own addendum to this Dictionary. Compare and contrast the meanings of the various writers for yourselves. Look up the etymology of words for yourselves. Discuss your research with your own Sponsors. With this closing bit of advice, we wish all of you the best of luck in your studies and future endeavors, and continue to remain most sincerely,

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A.A.; ARGENTIUM ASTRUM, THE; ORDER OF:
See Order of the Argentium Astrum, The.

ABJURE:

From the Latin "Ab" meaning "away from," and "jurare" meaning to swear. Thus to abjure literally means "to swear away from." The classical operations of magickal banishing (q.v.) and exorcising (q.v.).

ABJURATION:

1) To abjure (q.v.). 2) The banishing (q.v.) or "swearing away from" an area surrounding a magician of spirits, entities, Intelligences, or influences. Usually spirits and other influences are abjured with the LBRP or Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram (q.v.) and or by the casting of a protective magick circle that surrounds the magician.

ACHAS B'TAY-AH:

A form of Biblical interpretation and making codes. See Temurah.

ACUPRESSURE:

A form of physical therapy in which certain occult nodes recorded in the literature of acupuncture (q.v.) are pressed or manipulated without being pierced by needles.

ACUPUNCTURE:

A traditional art practiced primarily in China and the Orient, in which needles are inserted into occult nodes in the body to deaden pain or produce other beneficial effects.

ADELPHON:

From the Greek "adelphos" and "adelphas" meaning "brother" and "sister". A term that is in the neuter sex to indicate roughly, "sibling." In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), an adelphon is the title of the first degree of membership, and correlates to the Fire of Earth in the Sephiroth of Malkuth (i.e. the russet colored quarter of Malkuth). The primary principle of this grade is based on Christian Knighthood.

ADEPTUS MINOR:

A term used to describe a learned and skilled magician. In the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.) the student of the Order was first taught ritual magick once they entered into this degree, which was the first degree of the inner order, the Roseae Rubeae et Aureae Crucis, [R.R. et A.C.] (q.v.).

AEON OF HORUS:

The age of oneness between human beings and God that follows after the Aeon of Osiris where human-God was a duality. According to Aleister Crowley (q.v.), it begin in 1904 with the dictation of The Book of The Law and is coeval with the astrological Age of Aquarius.

AGLA:

A Hebrew notarikon (q.v.) for "Ah-tah Gee-boor Lih-Oh-lahm Ah-doh-nye," which translates in English, "Thou art great forever, my Lord."

AGRIPA, HENRY CORNELIUS (OF NETTESHEIM):

A German Doctor of Laws, and a Doctor of Letters, philosopher, and occultist who lived from 1486?-1535. He is most noted for the writing of his Three books on Occult Philosophy, which have been plagiarized by more classical authors than just about any other work in history.

AIK BEKAR:

A form of Biblical interpretation and system for making codes. See Temurah.

AIN:

Hebrew for, "No-thing." One of the kabbalistic three so-called negative veils of existence (q.v.). A part of the of the ultimate, unknowable divinity.

AIN SOPH:

Hebrew for, "Without Limit." One of the kabbalistic three so-called negative veils of existence (q.v.). A description of the ultimate, unknowable divinity.

AIN SOPH AUR:

Hebrew for, "Limitless light." One of the kabbalistic three so-called negative veils of existence (q.v.). A part of the of the ultimate, unknowable divinity.

AIR:

One of the five magickal elements. It has the qualities of being warm and moist. The element of the direction of the East. The primary color is Yellow.

AIWASS (AIWAZ):

The name of Aleister Crowley's (q.v.) Holy Guardian Angel (q.v.). Crowley spent many years trying to determine if Aiwass was merely his Higher Self or was, in fact, a non-physical being.

AKASHA:

See Azoth. Also, the records of all that has occurred, is occurring, and will occur in the universe.

ALCHEMY:

The art of transforming by magick (q.v.) and/or physical practices that which is base into that which is precious. Such as the goal of turning a base metal like lead, into gold. This can be seen as a literal idea or as an allegory. Spiritually, alchemy is the central rite of the great work (q.v.), the purification and exaltation of the human soul. A goal of renaissance Alchemy was finding a chemical solution for eternal youth.

ALCHEMY (INNER):

A method of controlling the psychic (q.v.) energies of the body as they are raised during sexual excitation for the purposes of working magick (q.v.) and achieving enlightenment.

ALCHEMY (OUTER):

Making use of the magically charged sexual fluids for magickal purposes.

ALEXANDRIAN (WICCA):

A system of Wicca (q.v.) devised by Alex Sanders (q.v.) combining the Wiccan system of Gerald Gardner (q.v.) with ceremonial magick.

ALTERED STATES (OF CONCIOUSNESS):

A state in which a person is to some extent withdrawn from normal awareness of the material world. Some altered states are so slight as to be accepted without notice, others are easily recognized as one degree or another of trance (q.v.).

AMEN:

A Hebrew notarikon (q.v.) or acronym for the Hebrew phrase "El Melech Neh-eh-mahn," which means in English, "God is a faithful king."

AMRITA:

In alchemy (q.v.) and sex magick (q.v.) it is the magically transmuted First Matter (q.v.).

AMULET:

A type of charm (q.v.) which is similar to a talisman (q.v.), but is designed to keep forces and entities, etc. (like bad luck, illness, etc.) away from the wearer.

ANGEL:

From the Greek, meaning "messenger." An entity in the hierarchy of heaven. Each has no free will, and has one purpose. They are the intermediaries between God and humankind. They bear teachings, warnings, and messages of all kinds from heaven to Earth, and carry out the orders of God. Each Angel is under the command of a superior, known as an Archangel (q.v.).

ANGEL (HOLY GUARDIAN); (H.G.A.):

An expression meaning your Higher Self. To some practitioners, a more knowledgeable non-physical entity. Contacting your Holy Guardian Angel [H.G.A.] is known as "The knowledge and conversation of your Holy Guardian Angel." Establishing this relationship is considered to be the same as achieving enlightenment or cosmic consciousness. The principle work of an "Adeptus Minor," in The Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn.

APPORT:

From the French meaning "to bring". In Spiritism (q.v.), any object brought to a seance by a spirit (q.v.) or entity from the spirit world or the astral plane (q.v.).

AQUARIUS:

"The Water-Bearer." In Astrology (q.v.), the eleventh sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of fixed (q.v.) and air (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Uranus (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color red. Keywords include: unconventionally, rebelliously, humanitarianly, impersonally, with originality, with detachment, creatively.

ARARITA:

A Hebrew, notarikon (q.v.) for "Eh-Chahd Rash, Eh-chu-doh-toh Rash, Ye-chu-doh-toh Teh-mur-ah-toh Eh-Chahd." used in the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Hexagram [LBRH] (q.v.), stating that the ultimate divinity is unitary (one) in nature. Literally, it translates into English, "One is God's Beginning, One principle is God's individuality, God's permutation is One."

ARCANA, MAJOR:

Major or greater secrets. The twenty-two (22) picture cards of the Tarot (q.v.) that are considered to be of vital importance by occultists. They relate to the Paths on the Tree of Life (q.v.) and are used in Pathworking (q.v.).

ARCANA, MINOR:

Minor or lesser secrets. The fifty-six (56) cards of the Tarot (q.v.) comparing to the modern-day deck of playing cards, but having an extra court card for each of the four suits. Traditionally numerical rather than pictorial, they relate to the Sephiroth (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

ARCHANGEL:

An entity in the hierarchy of heaven. They are more powerful than an angel (q.v.) and have free will. They also bear teachings, warnings, and messages of all kinds from heaven to Earth (q.v.) and carry out the orders of God. They are obedient to divinity and are each associated with an aspect of divinity represented by a "God" name.

ARCH BISHOP:

The word "bishop" comes from the Greek, "episokopos" meaning "to look upon," as in an overseer. 1) In the Christian Faith, a Chief Bishop (q.v.) who has been

consecrated to have ecclesiastical and administrative authority over a territorial arch diocese. 2) In the Astral Star, a Primate of a State Curia, and the senior member of the General Synod for a given State or Commonwealth.

ARCHETYPE:

A universal and imageless concept; here, in the sense coined and used by Carl G. Jung, psychiatrist, such a concept existing within the collective unconscious mind of humanity.

ARCHETYPAL IMAGE:

The Form in which an archetype is clothed by a particular culture, mythology, religion, or individual.

ARIES:

"The Ram." In Astrology (q.v.), the first sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of cardinal (q.v.) and fire (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet mars (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color red. Keywords include: courage, forceful, animation, outgoing, ardently, egotistically, ardently, impulsively, vigorously, aggressively, enthusiastically.

ARTIFICIAL ELEMENTAL:

An entity similar to an elemental, but created by a magician from an element (q.v.) or a combination of elements for a specific purpose.

ASPIRANT:

From the French from the Latin "ad" and "spirare" meaning "to breath". In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), an aspirant is the title of the zero degree of (associate) membership, and correlates to the Earth of Earth in the Sephiroth of Malkuth (i.e. the black colored quarter of Malkuth). The primary principle of this grade is based on entering the light from spiritual darkness.

ASPORT:

From the French meaning "to take or to send". In Spiritism (q.v.), any object taken from a seance by a spirit (q.v.) or entity from the physical world to the spiritual world or the astral plane (q.v.).

ASSIAH:

Pronounced, "Ahs-Sie-Ah," It is the fourth of the Four Kabalistic Worlds in descending order. It means world of creation.

ASSON:

The sacred rattle of Voudoun (q.v.) (see Voodoo). They are used to summon the Loas (q.v.) or gods.

ASTRAL:

Greek, "from the stars." Pertaining to that level of existence which is finer and more penetrating than matter, but denser than mind. In the psyche, it comprises the emotional/instinctual levels which unite mind and body.

ASTRAL PLANE:

A non-physical level of existence which is the basis for the physical plane, and the place where many non-physical entities exist.

ASTRAL LIGHT:

1) A term used by Dion Fortune (q.v.) as a synonym for the term Astral Plane (q.v.). 2) The "substance" or "material" of the Astral Plane itself.

ASTRAL PROJECTION:

The practice of and ability to separate your Astral Body and consciousness from your physical body.

ASTRAL TEMPLE:

The place of ritual working that is created in the astral realm or astral plane (q.v.), or within the imagination, by repeated intense acts of visualization (q.v.) and meditation (q.v.). The true temple of which the material temple is only a reflection.

ASTRAL WHIPLASH:

The result of your Astral Body and consciousness being suddenly drawn back into the physical body by either a disturbance near the physical body or an unpleasant occurrence on the Astral Plane. Symptoms can include: headache, dizziness, grogginess, muscle soreness, etc. Reprojecting and returning at a normal place will quickly overcome this problem.

ASTROLOGY:

1) The science and art of reading the future and hidden events from the relative positions of the stars and planets at a given time and from a given place upon the earth. 2) The provable science of interpreting what astronomers see.

ATHANOR:

In alchemy (q.v.), a special type of oven. In sex magick (q.v.) the penis.

ATTACK, PSYCHIC:

An attack on a person using magickal or psychic methods. In reality they are very rare, almost non-existent. When they do occur they are usually caused by a current of anger or rage (or other strong emotion) and hit you at your "weakest link."

ATZILOOT:

Pronounced, "Ahts-Ih-Loot," It is the uppermost of the Four Kabalistic Worlds. It means the world of Archetypes or Emanations.

AUGUR:

Any number of high ranking ancient Roman Priests who were considered oracles, performing divinations (q.v.) for the good of the state or private citizens. Augurs were Astrologers, and Diviners which interpreted such omens as the flight of birds or the occurrence of thunder and lightening. They were of the noble class, and wore white robes, trimmed in purple. There is an old legend that states that several Druids of Gaul and Britain were converted to a Roman religion, and were made Augurs for their territories after Rome had conquered them.

AURA:

An emanation of energy, or "halo" of colored light given out by, and forming a force-field surrounding all physical objects, including the human body, beasts, plants, and rocks, which people with psychic vision can see or other sensitives can sense. The observed colors of the aura are said to indicate definite emotional states and/or physical and/or mental conditions. Don Tyson states that because they are not seen with the physical eyes, they cannot be recorded by machines. This is not necessarily the case, as X-rays are not seen by the physical eyes, but they can be seen on film taken by machines.

AUTO-DA-FE:

A grotesque kind of festival mounted by the Spanish Inquisition in which accused heretics, whose only crime was adherence to their own "different" faith, were publicly paraded through town in special costumes, beaten, humiliated, and then burned alive at the stake. An example of a practice which all true Christians need to know actually happened, and site as a very Non-Christian behavior. A cruel example of what can happen when any religion becomes so mainstream and popular as to deny others the freedom to experience the Almighty in ways other than their own religious faith followed by a majority.

AURIEL:

Pronounced "Ah-Ree-Ehl," the Archangel (q.v.) and Cosmic Guardian of the North and of elemental earth. Some traditions use "Oh-Ree-Ehl." In the traditions of Christian Magick & Mysticism, Auriel is the "Archangel of Death, he who brings all souls at last to rest upon the neither shore."

AURUM SOLIS, ORDER OF THE; [O.S.V.]:

The Order of the Shining Sun. Also called by it's Latin name, The Order of the Sacred Word. A well known and still existing English/British occult order which has been the primary promulgator of the teachings of Melita Denning and Osbourne Phillips. An Order whose teachings are strongly in the Western esoteric tradition. The symbol of this Order is a plain, unadorned eight rayed star in the form of an octagram, on it's side (to look like a cross), and a Red equilateral cross in the center of a golden octagon.

AZOTH:

A word composed of the first and last letters of the Hebrew and Greek alphabets. It is also called the Akasha (q.v.) or Astral Light. It appears as brightness and is changeable according to the person's will.

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BANISH:

To send away. Banishing rituals clear your working area of unwanted entities and influences. One classification of Abjuration (q.v.).

BINAH:

Hebrew for, "Understanding". The third (3rd) Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is the top of the left or feminine pillar.

BINDING:

To secure a spirit or entity and obtain it's obedience through the authority of Divine names and the threat of punishment. An occult symbol may act as a seal upon the binding, and the spirit may be confined to a certain place, within a specific object, and for a specific time, in order to perform a specific action or to accomplish a specific task.

BIORHYTHMS:

The regular rhythmic cycles of the physical body, which may have an amplitude of days, weeks, or even months, and which vary in intensity from individual to individual.

BISHOP:

From the Greek, "episokopos" meaning "to look upon," as in an overseer. 1) In the Christian Faith, a high ranking member of the clergy (priesthood) who has been consecrated to have ecclesiastical and administrative authority over a district diocese. 2) In the Astral Star, a Prelate of a State Curia, and a member of the General Synod.

BITOM:

Pronounced "Bee-Toh-Ehm," it is the Enochian (q.v.) name for the spirit of fire.

BLACK MAGICK:

1) The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) in conformity with will, using means not currently understood by traditional Western science, for the purpose of causing either physical or non-physical harm to yourself or others, and is done either consciously or unconsciously. 2) Magick (q.v.) that is worked for evil purposes or that involves malign actions, agents, or entities.

BLACK MASS:

A satanic parody of the mass of the Christian Church, specifically the Catholic Church, in which allegedly the body of naked woman serves as the altar, and other noxious substances is used including excrement, urine, and blood. Black Magick (q.v.) is said to be practiced at these services. It had its origins in decadent France but was so rare as to be virtually mythical.

BLAVATSKY, HELENA PETROVNA:

A Ukrainian woman who was the principle founder and guiding force behind the Theosophical Society. Many members of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.) were also members of this society. Her importance is also due to two large books she wrote, *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine*. Many mystical and occult writings or so-called "channeling" are directly or indirectly based on these two books.

BLOOD OF THE RED LION:

In Sex Magick (q.v.) the semen.

BODY, ETHERIC:

An emanation of all created things. Halfway between the astral and the physical.

BON:

The shamanic religion of Tibet before the coming of Buddhism, which officially supplanted it. In fact many Bon beliefs and practices were absorbed into Tibetan Buddhism, giving it a unique, magickal character.

BOOK OF SHADOWS:

A collection of rituals, prayers, charms, and other magickal information compiled by a Witch (q.v.) or group of Witches. It varies from coven (q.v.) to coven. The books of Shadows of Gerald B. Gardner (q.v.) and Alex Sanders (q.v.) serve as the guides for their followers.

B.O.T.A.; BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM:

An American mystical/magickal order/organization still in existence to this day, founded by Paul Foster Case. Paul Foster Case was a member of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.). The B.O.T.A. was the first organization to present a deck of Tarot (q.v.) cards with the G.D. correspondences of Hebrew letters to each Major Arcana (q.v.) card.

BREAKS:

Refers to interruptions in concentration. Aleister Crowley (q.v.) gave techniques to develop concentration and overcome these breaks. Many occultists feel that his techniques are too severe, and have modified them to modern usage, while retaining the same goals and results.

B'RIAH:

Pronounced, "B'Ree-Yah", it is the second of the Four Kabalistic Worlds in descending order. It means world of creation.

BRUJERIA:

Although based on Voodoo (q.v.), Brujeria has a distinctly Hispanic-American flavor, being the spiritual/magickal system of the Barrio.

BUDDHISM:

A religion and philosophy of life based on the teachings and example Gautama Siddhartha, the Buddha. Siddhartha was an Indian Prince who followed the teachings of Hinduism, and lived during the sixth (6th) century Before Christ or Before the Common Era. Buddha is a title of accomplishment and of respect., and means "enlightened one." Buddhism teaches freedom from attachment to worldly things by getting rid of suffering caused by one's desires.

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CALLS (KEYS), ENOCHIAN:

Invocations (q.v.) to the Enochian (q.v.) angels (q.v.) dictated to John Dee through his seer, the alchemist and rouge, Edward Kelley. The calls were used extensively in the magick of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.), Aleister Crowley (q.v.), and Anton LaVey.

CANCER:

"The Crab." In Astrology (q.v.), the fourth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of cardinal (q.v.) and water (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Luna (the moon) (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color orange-yellow. Keywords include: home, indistinct, protectively, sensitive, caring, maternally, domestically, gaspingly, moodily.

CAPRICORN:

"The Goat." In Astrology (q.v.), the tenth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of cardinal (q.v.) and earth (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Saturn (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color violet. Keywords include: ambitiously, coolly, rigidly, prudently, cautiously, fearfully, responsibly.

CARDINAL:

From the Old French from the Latin "cardinalis" meaning "a hinge; that on which something turns." 1) In the Roman Catholic Church, any of the officials appointed by the Pope; 2) In The Astral Star, any of the members elected to the national Board of Directors - whether the term is temporary or is for life; 3) In Astrology, a term used to identify one of the three qualities (also referred to as a triplicity) indicating that a sign of the zodiac (q.v.) has the trait of making all planets within

it as having a more dominant and forceful influence in the chart. Cardinal signs include: Aries (q.v.), Cancer (q.v.), Libra (q.v.), and Capricorn (q.v.).

CATHARSIS, MAGICKAL:

The release of magickal potency at the climax of a ritual or ceremony. It is usually accompanied by an emotional release, and in some forms of magick by physical climax. The catharsis of Greek tragedy was no more than a pale echo of the original magickal catharsis of the Greek Eulusion Mysteries.

CERES:

One of four thousand known asteroids, but treated as a very minor planet. In Astrology (q.v.), the asteroid named after the Roman goddess who served as the Ruler of the harvest. She is the Roman version of the Greek goddess Demeter. Keywords include: mother, abandonment, fertility, alternative parenting - including foster parenting, nurturing, governess, nanny, menopause, ecological, domesticating, animal husbandry, agriculture, survival, compassion, anger.

CHAKRAS:

A Sanskrit (Hindu) term meaning, "wheels." The term is usually pronounced "Shah-krah-z." The correct pronunciation is actually "Kahk-rahs." These are power centers in the aura (q.v.) related to organs or glands in the body. Chakras are not in the body per se; they are actually whirls, circles, or lotuses which are seen in the aura. They are in the physical body, because they reside in the astral body. In Western magick, the most important are usually seven in number and are located along the spine from the perineum to the crown of the head. Opening the chakras results in the attainment of various magickal energies.

CHALICE:

A stemmed goblet used as the tool of elemental water. The magickal weapon of elemental water and the West.

CHANNELING:

The process by which a spirit is allowed to take control of the consciousness of a medium or channeler, and speaks through the mouth of that person. Identical to the practices of trance mediums, but it tends to dispense with the traditional paraphernalia of the seance. Used by modern day Spiritualists. Uncontrolled and unprepared Invocation (q.v.). A practice generally avoided and frowned upon by modern Ceremonial/Ritual Magicians.

CHANTING:

The rhythmic repetition of sounds or words to induce an altered mental state and produce magickal effects.

CHAOS MAGICK:

Magickal practices based on the presumptions that the universe is uncertain and that natural laws are not everywhere and always constant. A. Osmond Spare was a principle Chaos Magickal practitioner. Chaos Magick is not viewed to be the norm in Western Magickal traditions.

CHARM:

Any object, sacred or profane, with or without appropriate symbols, charged or consecrated toward a specific end. Usually, in the form of an amulet (q.v.) or a talisman (q.v.).

CHELA:

The Eastern term for a student of spiritual and occult matters who learns mainly by imitating the guru, or teacher.

CHESED:

In Hebrew, "Mercy". Pronounced, "Heh-Sehd". The fourth (4th) Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

CHIAH:

Our true will, in Hebrew. Corresponds to the second Sephirah on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

CHIRON:

The newest planet of the Terran solar system to be discovered (1977 c.e.), lying between the orbits of Saturn (q.v.) and Uranus (q.v.). In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the most noble of the Centaurs who served as a philosopher, healer, and astrologer to the Greek gods. Attributed as being the second in command of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Virgo (q.v.) by many modern astrologers, though the last word has yet to be written on this subject. Keywords include: teaching, mentoring, student, apprentice, medicine, healing, ecology, recycling, death with dignity.

CHOCHMA:

In Hebrew, "Wisdom." Pronounced, "Hoh-Khah-Mah," The second (2nd) Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is the top of the right or masculine pillar of the tree.

CIRCULATION OF THE BODY OF LIGHT:

A ritual developed from the Middle Pillar Ritual (q.v.) of the G.D. (q.v.) by Melita Denning and Osborne Phillips of the Order of The Aurum Solis [O.S.V.] (q.v.), wherein the practitioner moves spiritual energy throughout and around the body.

CIRCUMBAMBULATE:

To go around in a circle once. A description of walking in such a circular pattern used in magickal rituals.

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A NAME="clairaudience">CLAIRAUDIENCE:

From the Latin, "Clear hearing." A psionic (psychic (q.v.)) discipline of: 1) The auditory perception by the conscious mind through the unconscious of sounds,

usually voices, transmitted by an unknown agency, usually an Angel (q.v.), Spirit, or other Entity. Or 2) The auditory perception by the conscious mind through the unconscious mind of sounds as a natural function of the psychic (q.v.) or sensitive (q.v.) mind / higher self.

CLAIRVOYANCE:

From the Latin, "Clear seeing." A psionic (psychic (q.v.)) of: 1) The visual perception by the conscious mind through the unconscious mind of objects or scenes transmitted by an unknown entity. Or 2) The visual perception by the conscious mind through the unconscious mind of objects or scenes as a natural function of the psychic (q.v.) or sensitive (q.v.) mind / higher self.

CO, DEMON:

A humorous reference to carbon monoxide. When charcoal for incense is burned, it can exhaust the oxygen in the air and replace it with carbon monoxide (chemical formula: CO). A magician should always have plenty of air in a room when burning incense.

CONJURE:

From the old French language from the Latin "com" meaning "together" and "jurare" meaning "to swear". Thus to conjure literally means "to swear together," and implies, "to swear with."

CONJURATION:

1) To conjure (q.v.). 2) The "swearing together or with" spirits, entities, Intelligences, or influences. Usually spirits and other influences are conjured in conjunction with the process of invocation (q.v.) and/or evocation (q.v.) by a magician. The magician is attempting to work with an entity, spirit, or intelligence in order to accomplish a specific goal.

CONTEMPLATION:

Focusing your attention on something. The second step or phase in true meditation (q.v.).

COUNTERPART:

The astral (q.v.) level of an animate or inanimate material object. The counterpart can persist for some time after the material object, as such, has ceased to exist in the material world. Also called the astral double.

CROWLEY, ALEISTER [nee EDWARD ALEXANDER CROWLEY]:

Many claim he was the most important magician of the 20th century. After training within the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.], he developed his own system of magick based upon Ordo Templi Orientis [O.T.O.] sex magickal secrets, G.D. techniques, his own channeled writings, and his own practical experiences. The Order he founded was the Argentium Astrum [A.A.]. He is famous for his many writings, including the encyclopedia called The Equinox, and Magick: Parts 1-4.

CUP:

See Chalice.

CURCUBITE:

In alchemy (q.v.), a type of container. In Sex Magick (q.v.) the vagina.

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DAEMON:

In Greek myth, an intermediate spirit between men and the gods. Daemons such as the one that guided Socrates act as counselors and guardians to human beings.

DADOUCHOS:

From the Greek meaning, "a torch bearer." Originally, a hereditary officer at the Mysteries of the Eleusian Demeter, whose torch symbolized her search for her daughter Persephone, the Spirit of youth and Spring. In the Order of the Astral Star, a junior officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. A member of Clergy (Deacon / Deaconess) (q.v.) of a working Lodge of the Order who serves as the Warden of the South.

DAGGER:

A cross hilted, double edged, short blade used as the magickal tool and weapon of elemental air. Attributed to the direction of the East.

DEACON / DEACONESS:

From the Late Latin, from the Greek "diakonos" meaning "servant". In the Christian Church, a lesser member of the clergy. One who ranks just below a Priest / Priestess and is assigned the responsibility of assisting the Priest / Priestess in religious services and in administrative matters.

DEE, DR. JOHN:

A mathematician, astronomer, scientist, and Ceremonial Magician who lived in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I of England, from 1527-1608. John Dee was a devout Christian, who is best known for developing with his assistant, (Edward Kelley) the Enochian (q.v.) System of Ceremonial Magick (q.v.). The system might have died out with him, but was revived in part due to the work of an adversary (Meric Casaubon, D.D.) who used Dee's personal and magickal diaries as a basis for attacking those who practiced occult arts in his own treatise of 1659. The Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.) found references to the Enochian System, and greatly expanded it, making it the basis of their magical system.

DEMON:

From the Greek meaning, "spirit." In Christian folklore, an evil spirit under the authority of Satan (q.v.). Modern practice tends to distinguish "demon" from "daemon" (q.v.), the guardian angles (q.v.) of the Greeks.

DEOSIL:

Clockwise. The usual direction of movement in a magickal circle. The direction of circumbambulation (q.v.) in the pathway of light. Used to build energy.

DESIRE, RITUAL:

A term used by Don Tyson to define the emotional motivation that gives rise to and drives a particular ritual expression. The ritual desire is what the ritualist seeks to fulfill by conducting the ritual.

DESTINEY:

The complete and perfect fulfillment of human potential.

DEVIL, THE:

See Satan.

DEVILS:

An alternate name for the legions of demons in Hell that serve Satan.

DIALECTIC, HEGELIAN:

See Thesis-Antithesis-Synthesis Theory.

DIRECTIVE:

A sample or representative of what is sought, used as an aid in dowsing (q.v.). Sometimes, especially in dowsing with a pendulum (q.v.) this substance/material is called a Witness.

DISCARNATE:

Without physical body. Discarnate beings can have become separated from their physical (e.g., human souls after death) or may never have had earthly bodies (e.g., archangels (q.v.), elementals (q.v.), etc.).

DIVINIATION:

1) The art of revealing by occult practices the future or matters that are hidden.
2) Discovery of the future or of the unknown, usually by a specific technique rather than spontaneously. The different types or techniques of divination are too many to mention here, but Western occultism favors astrology (q.v.), palmistry (q.v.), the Tarot (q.v.), numerology (q.v.), and more recently, the runes (q.v.).

DOWSING:

A method for seeking out material objects, and living beings, usually with the use of a "fork" or other instrumental aid.

DRUIDISM:

An ancient Celtic brotherhood of scholarly priests that underwent a modern revival in Minnesota in the early 1960's. Druids worship in groups called groves (q.v.) and venerate the Goddess through trees, especially the Oak. Like modern Witches (q.v.), they believe in reincarnation.

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EARTH:

1) One of the five magickal elements. It has the qualities of coolness and dryness. The element of the North. 2) One of the planets of the solar system. The planet that all human beings are from.

EASTERN OCCULTISM:

The magickal systems of India, China, Tibet, Japan, and other nations of the far east. It's range is roughly coequal with that of Buddhism (q.v.). In the late 1800's, the writings of Helena P. Blavatski (q.v.) and the Theosophical Society (q.v.), were primarily responsible with bringing the teachings of Eastern Occultism to the West.

ELECTRO-ENCEPHALOGRAM; E.E.G.:

A chart, made by means of electric terminals attached to person's head and connected to a tracing instrument, to track and show changes in electric patterns and potential in the brain.

ELEMENTAL:

1) A non-physical entity composed entirely of one of the magickal elements. These entities should actually be more properly called "Elementaries" (q.v.) according to classic grimoires (q.v.). 2) A spirit formed entirely from one of the four magickal elements (q.v.) being: Fire = Salamanders; Air = Sylphs; Water = Undines; and Earth = Gnomes. These attributions were made by the ancient German occultist, Paracelsus. 3) A "nature spirit," one of the living beings of the astral (q.v.) world. Less individuated than human beings, sub rational, highly sensitive, emotional, and imaginative creatures with the primary make up of one element (q.v.) and that element's attributes.

ELEMENTAL, ARTIFICIAL:

An entity similar to an elemental, but created by a magician from an element (q.v.) or a combination of elements for a specific purpose.

ELEMETARIES:

The actual group name for elementals (q.v.) according to classic grimoires (q.v.).

ELEMENTS:

There are five recognized magical elements in our system of Magick/Mysticism. These include Air (q.v.), Earth (q.v.), Water (q.v.), Fire (q.v.), and Spirit (q.v.). Some systems have a four element system of Air, Earth, Water, and Fire; some systems utilizes a three element system of Air, Water, and Fire. These names and systems are indicative of Western Esoteric systems.

EMPATHY:

From the Greek, "en," meaning "in" and "pathos" meaning "feeling." Literally translated as, "in feeling." The psychic (q.v.) or psionic discipline of feeling the emotional state and/or responses of other souls or entities.

EMPOWERMENT:

The assumption of responsibility and control by the individual over his or her own life. Also, the giving or awakening of power to a person, place, or thing.

EMPTY ONES:

A term used by Donald Michael Kraig to represent entities who personify despair on a physical or non-physical level. Physical empty ones have no soul, and no hope for the future.

ENCHANT:

Literally, "to sing into." The act of casting a magickal spell, especially through the use of muttered, recited, or chanted words of power.

ENOCHIAN:

A system of magick channeled by Dr. John Dee, (q.v.) advisor to Queen Elizabeth I of England, and his assistant, Edward Kelley. It was attributed to the Jewish patriarch, Enoch by them. Sometimes this system is called "Angelic." The system was further developed by the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.].

ENTHUSIASM:

A word of Greek origin, which initially meant, "inspiration or possession by a god." In our context, an emotional interest which can lead to total absorption of attention in a subject and hence to some degree of "altered states of consciousness" (q.v.).

ESBAT:

A lesser gathering of Witches for the purposes of celebration and works of magick. An Esbat usually occurs on the nights of the full or new moon.

ESOTERIC:

Greek for, "secret." A term used to imply a type of knowledge or wisdom that is reserved only for the few.

E.S.P.:

See Extra Sensory Perception.

EVIL EYE:

The projection of malefic occult force through the glance. Persons, beasts, and growing things "overlooked" by the evil eye are believed to wither and die. A form of intentional psychic attack (q.v.).

EVOCATION:

1) To Evoke (q.v.). 2) The calling forth of spirits into tactile and sometimes visible appearance or presence. Usually spirits are evoked inside an equilateral triangle of the art (q.v.) beyond the limit of the protective magick circle that surrounds the magician.

EVOKE:

1) From the French language from the Latin "e" meaning "out" and "vocare" meaning "to call." Thus literally meaning, "To call out." 2) To bring an entity from the higher planes into your field of awareness.

EXARP:

Pronounced, "Ehx-ahr-pay." It is the Enochian (q.v.) name for the spirit of air.

EXORCISE:

From the Old French from the Latin from the Greek, "ex" meaning "out" and "horkizein" meaning "to make one swear" from "horkos" meaning "an oath." To drive out. Exorcism rituals remove (drive out) unwanted entities and influences (such as supposed evil spirits) out of an individual animal or person by ritual charms (q.v.) or enchantments (q.v.). To free one from such a spirit. One classification of Abjuration (q.v.).

EXORCISM:

To exorcise (q.v.). A verbal formula or ritual used in exorcising.

EXPERIMENTAL METHOD:

The measure of truth used in science. A hypothesis is arrived at through observation and research, then tested further by further observation and the use of experiments to determine its validity. If replicable experiments support the hypothesis, it may then be developed into a theory. An experiment is not considered valid unless it can be successfully reproduced. If a theory is replicated by experiment over enough time and by several different people, and proven to

be true, then the theory becomes a law of science, until disproven by another theory.

EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION; E.S.P.:

A term coined by Dr. J. B. Rhine, generally used to indicate a variety of different phenomena. The gain of awareness without using the physical senses. Denning and Phillips state, the pure ESP, such as the gain of awareness directly from the subject matter, not taking it by telepathy from one mind to another. Generally speaking, we view telepathy as one form of ESP. ESP is the functioning astral senses that correspond to our physical senses. They are all psychic in nature. These include but are not limited to: Clairvoyance (q.v.) as astral sight; Clairaudience (q.v.) as astral hearing; Telepathy (q.v.) as astral speech; Psychometry (q.v.) as one form of astral touch; Empathy (q.v.) as another form of astral touch; Telekinisis (q.v.) as one form of projecting astral force; and Psychonisis (q.v.) as another form of projecting astral force.

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FAMILIAR:

A spirit or entity that has established a close, constant relationship with a human being, usually of a beneficial or benign nature. Often the spirit communicates through the physical body of a pet animal such as a cat.

FATE:

The end result of the actions of life, either good or bad. The completed karma (q.v.).

FEW, OGHAM:

One of the characters of the Celtic tree alphabet called ogham.

FIRE:

One of the five magickal elements (q.v.). It has the qualities of being warm and dry. It is the element of the South.

FIRST MATTER:

A mixture of the serpent (q.v.) and the Menstruum (q.v.). Used in Alchemy (q.v.) and Sex Magick (q.v.).

FORTUNE, DION (nee VIOLET MARY FIRTH):

A past member of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.) who was a lay psychologist as well as a natural psychic (q.v.) and Ceremonial Magician. Dion Fortune founded her own Order based upon that Order's Teachings and Gnostical Christian Mysticism known as The Society of The Inner Light. She wrote works including Sane Occultism and The Mystical Qabalah.

FUTHARK:

A word made up of the first six rune (q.v.) characters in the German rune alphabet: F-U-Th-A-R-K. Other rune alphabets are called by slightly different names due to variations in the pronunciation of the letters. The English rune alphabet is known as the Futhorc.

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GABRIEL:

Pronounced, "Gahb-Ray-Ehl." The Archangel (q.v.) and Cosmic Guardian of the West and of elemental water. In the tradition of Christian Mysticism, Gabriel is the "Heavenly Herald. The Archangel of the Annunciation, he who didst bring blessed tidings to our Blessed Lady, Mary, The mother of Christ."

GARDNARIAN (WICCA):

Modern witches (q.v.) who follow the teachings of and use the book of shadows composed by Gerald B Gardner (q.v.). The first major tradition of modern Wicca (q.v.) A combination of neo-paganism and High Ceremonial Magick, much of which was "shortened" and incorrectly abbreviated from the perspective of modern magicians.

GARDNER, GERALD B:

The founder of the Gardnarian tradition of Wicca (q.v.). His book in 1954 entitled Witchcraft Today, was the first book about Witchcraft by a self-proclaimed Witch. He is considered the father of modern Wicca. Claimed to have been initiated into Wicca (witchcraft) by the "New Forest Coven" of Wicca in England. A one time member and leader of the O.T.O. under Aleister Crowley (q.v.) of whom he was a student of ceremonial magick.

In Hebrew, "Strength". Pronounced, "Gih-Boor-Ah," it is the fifth Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

GEMATRIA:

A method of the Literal Kabbalah (q.v.) which assigns numbers to each of the Hebrew letters. Words of equal value are believed to have an important relationship with each other. A specific field of numerology (q.v.).

GEMINI:

"The Twins." In Astrology (q.v.), the third sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of mutable (q.v.) and air (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Mercury (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color orange. Keywords include: versatility, duality, with communication, intellectually, alertly, rationally, nervously.

GHOST(S):

1) When not caused by psycho kinetic activity (see Psychonisis), in a living person (as can be the case in some poltergeist cases), these are entities that are

the Astral remains of deceased people stuck in the lowest levels of the spiritual planes after the death of the physical body. 2) The soul of a dead person that is bound to Earth (q.v.), usually to the specific locality where the person died, or to it's former home, or it's place of burial. 3) Disembodied souls.

GHOSTS, PSEUDO:

Entities similar to what Donald Michael Kraig refers to as "little nasties" (q.v.) or "Astral Junk." These entities are intelligent beings from the lower planes, and can tell you things about your past and future, giving the appearance of being the ghost of a loved one. These entities feed off of the energy given to them by persons who believe that they are communicating with the spirits of deceased family members and friends.

GOETIA:

Howling. A popular grimoire (q.v.) with instructions for evoking (q.v.) non-physical entities. A part of The Lesser Key of Solomon. Often mistakenly thought of as that entire book. High magick (q.v.) that is involved with so-called demons (q.v.).

GNOMES:

The elemtaries (q.v.) / elementals, (q.v.) of Earth (q.v.). The Good spirits (q.v.) that live in the depths of the Earth. Traditionally, they are said to guard buried treasure.

GNOSIS:

Greek for "Knowledge." A total gestalt comprehension of the universe and the relationship between Divinity (God) and humanity. The goal of members of Gnostic sects that flourished in the early centuries of the Christian Era.

GOBLINS:

Evil spirits noted for their ugly appearance and malicious habits.

GOD-FORM:

The outer expression or posture and mindset of a god or entity. The magician takes on the characteristics and powers of a god/entity by invoking (q.v.) the god/entity through ritual. This was known in the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.), as assuming a god-form.

GODS:

Powerful, immortal, spiritual beings who command the lesser spirits and living creatures of the Earth and the Universe and are worshipped by humanity with prayers, offerings, sacrifices, and the erection of temples and images.

G.D.; GOLDEN DAWN, THE; (HERMETIC ORDER OF):

See Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, The.

GOVI:

A clay pot in Voudoun (q.v.) into which the soul of the dead relative that has been called back from under the waters of the sea is made to reside and respond to questions.

GREAT VOICE:

Silently. One Vibratory Formulae (q.v.) method. In some situations it is impossible to vibrate words out loud. In these instances the practitioner say them to themselves, thus causing the "Great Voice." However, the practitioner should still cause themselves and the universe to vibrate as if saying the word(s) out loud.

GREAT WORK:

The spiritual work of the initiate. The initiate's process he/she uses to obtain his/her ultimate goal. Surmounting self with magickal methods to obtain the supreme mystical union of self to divinity. The work of an Adept. The obtaining of the knowledge and conversation with the Holy Guardian Angel (q.v.).

GREY MAGICK:

The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) in conformity with will, using means not currently understood by traditional Western science, for the purpose of causing either physical or non-physical good to yourself or others, and is done either consciously or unconsciously.

GRIMOIRE:

In French, "Grammar". A text on magick (q.v.). The famous classic ones are all incomplete and should serve as guides only. A book of magickal practices, usually anonymous or pseudonymous. The word may have been introduced into English by A. E. Waite (q.v.), at least, the Oxford English Dictionary cites Waite as it's first source.

GROS-BON-ANGE:

The souls of the dead that are venerated in Voudoun (q.v.) worship. See Voodoo.

G'UPH:

The physical body as an aspect of the mind.

GURU:

Eastern term for a teacher of occult and spiritual matters, who instructs mainly by example.

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HAHM-SAH:

The oldest known mantra (q.v.), it is the sound of the breath going in and out during respiration.

HA-OH-LAHM:

The World or Universe. In particular, one of the four Kabalistic worlds.

ASSIAH:

Pronounced, "Ahs-Sie-Ah," The fourth of the Four Kabalistic Worlds in descending order. It means world of creation.

ATZILOOT:

Pronounced, "Ahts-Ih-Loot," It is the uppermost of the Four Kabalistic Worlds. It means the world of Archetypes or Emanations.

B'RIAH:

Pronounced, "B'Ree-Yah", it is the second of the Four Kabalistic Worlds in descending order. It means world of creation.

YETZIRAH:

Pronounced, "Yeht-Sihr-Ah," It is the third of the Four Kabalistic Worlds in descending order. It means world of formation.

HAZARD:

"Pure chance." In testing with a standard, plain deck of ESP (q.v.) cards, the average of right answers which can be expected from a "random" machine or a person of no psychic ability is termed "hazard level." In practice, this is twenty percent (20%), or five (5) correct answers in twenty-five (25) attempts. Both higher than hazard and lower than hazard overages are significant.

HCOMA:

Pronounced, "Hay-Coh-Mah," it is the Enochian (q.v.) name for the spirit of water.

HEATHEN:

A person who comes from the heaths. This word has a similar history as Pagan (q.v.). A word used to indicate a person who is a social but non-religious pagan.

HEGEMON / HEGEMONE:

From the Greek word "hegemononios" meaning, "a leader", "a guide", "one who has authority over others", and "one who shows the way", "a person who does

something first", "a commander"; "to train", "to educate" and "to weigh in the balance". More generally, an assistant of the mysteries who reconciles opposing forces during initiation, and assists the Hierophant (q.v.) and the Hiereus (q.v.) in initiating the same. In the Order of the Astral Star, (q.v.) a senior officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. The Associate Adept and a member of Clergy (Chief Deacon / Deaconess) of a working Lodge of the Society whose station is at the White Pillar in regular working, or at the Middle of the Hall during initiations to symbolize a balance and reconciliation of forces.

HEH-CHA-LOHT:

Hebrew for, "Accent." See Merkabah.

HEPTAGRAM:

A star of seven (7) points drawn with a straight, single, unbroken, reflecting line. It's points are related to the seven traditional planets of astrology. The principle symbol of the Argentium Astrum [A.A.] (q.v.).

HERMETIC ORDER OF THE GOLDEN DAWN, THE; [G.D.]:

A secret society organized in the late 1880's. It was able to unite several forms of magick and occult philosophy. Most books on magick written in this century have been written by people who were members of that Order, or who were directly or indirectly influenced by that organization.

HEXAGRAM:

A star of six (6) points formed by two overlapping equilateral triangles. Also called the Star or Shield of David, it is the symbol of modern day Jewish Faith. In modern magick, it is used to evoke (q.v.), invoke (q.v.) and banish (q.v.) the spirits and powers of the seven ancient planets. A celestial symbol of the Macrocosm (q.v.) in the Greater and Lesser Rituals of the Hexagram. See LBRH (q.v.). This figure is used by members of the Order of the Astral Star when a figure involving planetary operation requiring the applications of elemental (q.v.) fire (q.v.) or water (q.v.) is needed.

HEXAGRAM, UNICURSAL:

A hexagram (q.v.) that is drawn with a single, unbroken, reflecting line. This figure was developed by Aleister Crowley, and is used by members of the Order of the Astral Star when a figure involving planetary operations requiring the applications of elemental (q.v.) air (q.v.) is needed.

HIEREUS / HIIEIA:

From the Greek meaning "Priest or Priestess" More generally, any priest (priestess) of the mysteries who assists the Hierophant (q.v.) in initiating members. In the Order of the Astral Star, a senior officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. The Assisting Adept and a primary member of Clergy (Priest / Priestess) of a working Lodge of the Society whose station is at the Black Pillar in regular working, or at the West end of the Hall during initiations to symbolize a terrible and avenging force at the confines of matter, at the borders of the Qlippoth being enthroned upon matter and robed in Darkness (black).

HIEROPHANT:

Originally, the High Priest of the Greek Mysteries at Eleusis. More generally, any priest of the mysteries who reveals sacred secrets to initiates and candidates during initiation. In the Order of the Astral Star, the chief officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. The principle Adept and ranking Clergy (High Priest / High Priestess) of a working Lodge of the Society whose station is at the East - the direction of light in regular working and initiations. In regular workings, it is customary for a Past Hierophant to stand as the Warden of The East, so that the Hierophant may direct the workings from the center of the Circle.

HIGH MAGICK:

Ritual or Ceremonial magick. It is called "high" because it was first developed in places which were at a higher elevation than where farming was done, i.e. in towns or cities. Usually divided into two major classifications according to Don Tyson, Theurgy (q.v.) which literally means "God Work" in Greek and it's opposite, Goety (see Goetia).

HIGHER SELF:

According to Don Tyson, That which you really are, as opposed to what you think you are. The truest identity of the individual stripped of all transitory veils.

HODE:

In Hebrew, "Mercy". The eighth Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

HOUNFOR:

Distinguished from the peristyle, or ritual enclosure of Voudoun (q.v.), hounfor is a more general term that means all the physical area, ritual equipment, and persons under the immediate authority of the Houngan, or priest. As such, it is equivalent to the Christian Parish. It may also be used in a more restricted sense to mean the small chamber adjoining the peristyle that contains the alter of one or more Loa (q.v.).

HOUNGAN:

A male priest of Voudoun (q.v.), who presides over the rites and gives counsel and magickal aid to worshipers of that religious faith.
See Planetary Hours.

HOURS, PLANETARY:

A division of the day and night into sections ruled by the energies of the planets. To determine the length of each Planetary Hour, divide the daylight hours by twelve. They will be different in length than the night hours (To determine the length of which you divide the total time of darkness by twelve). except on the equinoxes when the Planetary Hours are all sixty minutes in length.

HUMORS:

The four elemental qualities that make up the human body according to the ancients. When they are in balance, health results; imbalance creates sickness.

HYPNAGOGIC STATE:

A state between sleep and wakefulness, which can tend in either direction. In this state, the consciousness becomes intermittently invaded by images and impulses from the unconscious. A mild dreamlike state.

HYPNOSIS:

According to Don Tyson, the techniques for inducing a trance state in another person or persons (including oneself) during which the will and judgment are temporarily and partially placed in abeyance and become subordinate to the will of the hypnotist. Often it occurs without the knowledge and consent of the entranced individual, the result of a sudden shock or rhythmic sound or gesture. More properly, the techniques for inducing various states of trance in oneself or in other persons during which time the conscious mind is temporarily and partially placed in abeyance and become subordinate to the subconscious mind of the one hypnotized.

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IAO:

Pronounced, "Eee-Ahh-Ohh," the name of the supreme godhead in Gnosticism.

IMAGES, TELESOMATIC:

A system used by the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.], (q.v.) to develop images for visualization based on the letters of the name of the entity to be given an image.

INCUBUS:

A spiritual entity classified as a minor demon (q.v.) that comes in masculine shape/form to have sexual union with a mortal woman, often against her will and usually while she is asleep. The plural is incubi.

INITIATE:

A person who has undergone, or is about to undergo the primary rite of entry into an occult organization or current.

INSTINCT:

An innate, sub-rational and usually unconscious impulse, prompting living beings to act in given ways in certain situations which are critical in their lives.

INTELLIGENCE:

A non physical, spiritual entity usually said to reside in the heavens. Intelligences are benign spirits of considerable power.

INVISIBILITY:

The withdrawal of involvement by an individual from the exterior world to so great an extent that other people and even animals fail to notice the presence of that individual within their presence. If they are noticed they are immediately forgotten about, and paid no attention to. A ritual to accomplish this state.

INNER ALCHEMY:

A method of controlling the psychic (q.v.) energies of the body as they are raised during sexual excitation for the purposes of working magick (q.v.) and achieving enlightenment.

INRI:

Letters written on Jesus' cross, they have been interpreted to mean different things, depending upon who you talk to. Primarily a notarikon (q.v.) from the Latin by Christians as meaning, "Iesus Nazarenu, Rex Iudaeorum" interpreted as, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Used to mock the Christian Messiah Jesus (q.v.) Christ as he was crucified on the cross of galgatha (called Calvary). Secondly said to be a Latin notarikon, "Igne Naturae Renovatur Integra," meaning "Nature by fire is renewed in its integrity" by the Alchemists of the Renaissance. Medieval alchemists also used INRI as a Latin notarikon, "Inge Nitrum Raris Inventium," meaning, "Shining (or glittering) is rarely found in fire." Finally, INRI is said to be a secret Notarikon of the Jesuit Order of Catholicism from the Latin "Iusticum Necare Regis Impium," meaning, "It is just to kill an impious king."

INVOCATION:

To invoke (q.v.). A general incantation or prayer to invoke a deity or other entity.

INVOKE:

1) From the French language from the Latin "in" meaning "on" and "vocare" meaning "to call." Thus literally meaning, "To call on." 2) To allow an entity to use your body as a temporary vehicle for communicating with the physical world. 3) The calling of spirits into an object, such as a crystal, or into a Human Being. Mediums and channelers invoke spirits. See Channeling. It is done by a magician to obtain intimate communication with a spirit or to assume a portion of the spirit's knowledge, skill, ability, or powers.

I.O.B.:

A ritual developed by Donald Michael Kraig, as a powerful method of getting rid of negative things in your life, based on Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.) techniques mixed with methods of exorcism. The letters stand for 1) Identify; 2) Objectify; and 3) Banish.

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JESUS:

1) Born in circa 6 A.D. to humble parents, this prophet and teacher was said to be the Son of God incarnate sent on earth to re-unite the created order with Divinity. The Founder and Messiah of the Christian Religious Faith. 2) A title known as the Pentagrammaton (q.v.).

JUNO:

One of four thousand known asteroids, but treated as a very minor planet. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Greek goddess who served as the patron deity of marriage. She was the wife of Jupiter, though the marriage was not a happy one. Keywords include: spouse, wife, partnerships, law giver, judge, women's issues, weather, money, seduction and rape, sex as a weapon, abused persons, alternative lifestyle marriages.

JUPITER:

The fifth planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Roman god who served as the king and ruler of the gods. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Sagittarius (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) Jupiter is attributed to the fourth Sephirah (q.v.), Chesed (q.v.). Keywords include: abundance, expansion, abstract thought, excess, philosophy, religion, science, law, professions, higher learning, compassion, wisdom, long journeys, growth, generosity, Santa Claus, gregarious, optimism, faith, hope, lucky, gamble, happy, jovial, humor, magnanimous, counseling, charitable, extravagance.

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KABALAH [KABBALAH]:

Hebrew for, "tradition." A Jewish mystical philosophy, the central doctrine concerns the emanation of the world from the Godhead in the form of ten divine names or spheres of light. A mystical system which is the basis for Western religion as well as Ceremonial magick. The word is transliterated Hebrew, and is spelled in English in several ways including Qabala, Cabala, Etc. There are many different forms of the Kabbalah.

KABALAH, DOGMATIC:

The study of books of the Kabbalah such as the Torah (q.v.) and the Sepher Yetzirah (q.v.).

KABALAH, LITERAL:

Interprets the codes found in Hebrew words, especially words found in the Torah (q.v.) and other mystical books. Methods include: Gematria (q.v.), Notarikon (q.v.), and Temurah (q.v.).</A.< DL>

KABALAH, PRACTICAL:

Refers to Kabalistic methods of making talismans (q.v.) and amulets (q.v.).

KABALAH, UNWRITTEN:

That part of the Kabalah which deals with the correspondences of the Tree of Life (q.v.).

KALAKAKRA:

A Tantrik magick circle. See Tantra.

KAREZZA:

A male technique for delaying orgasm. It is said by the oriental mystics, to have beneficial effects to both members of a loving couple.

KARMA:

Sanskrit for "action." It is the law of cause and effect extended to its widest possible. This law states that you get back what you give out. A very important concept in Hindu philosophy that is used to justify apparent injustices in the world. According to the Law of karma every action, however small, has its inescapable consequences. Sooner or later each good action is repaid by good, and each evil action is repaid by evil. Some occultists believe that it may take many lifetimes [as in reincarnation (q.v.)] to work out your Karma. The Hebrew term for this concept is "Tikoon," pronounced "Tee-Koon".

KERUX / KERUKIANS:

From the Greek meaning, "a herald", "pursuivant", or "public messenger." Originally, an officer whose duty it was to summon the members of the General Assembly. The Kerux was originally a political office, but was eventually made a religious office with the responsibility of maintaining order, and maintained charge over all sacrifices. In the Order of the Astral Star, a junior officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. A member of Clergy (Deacon / Deaconess) of a working Lodge of the Society who serves as the Warden of the North in regular workings.

KETHER:

Hebrew for "crown". Pronounced, "Keh-Tehr," it is the first (1st) Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is at the top of the Middle Pillar on the Tree.

KING, YI:

An ancient book of wisdom from China, commonly called I Ching. Like the Tarot (q.v.), it has many spiritual purposes, but is popularly known for giving divinations.

KOBALOI:

A Greek word used to indicate a wicked spirit invoked by rogues. The origin of the German Kobold and the English Goblin (q.v.).

KOBOLDS:

Mischievous Earth elementals that are said to inhabit German households.

KRISHNA:

Although only the sixth Avatar, or incarnation of Vishnu, Krishna has developed into a popular Hindu deity due to his representing unbridled sexuality. Some Hindu traditionalists would down play this reason for his popularity, citing his role as "Savior," and "Messiah," in Hindu culture.

KUNDALINI:

An energy said to lie dormant at the base of the spine, ready to rise through the spine to the top of the head and bring down enlightenment. Actually, this was an allegory. In reality, the energy is controlled by the mind.

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LAMEN:

Originally a plate of metal upon which occult names or symbols were inscribed. The personal or group identifying consecrated charm (q.v.) of a magician or group of magicians. In modern times, it has come to mean the symbol of occult authority worn by the magician about the neck during rituals. Inscribed on it are the most potent words and signs of the magical current followed by the magician.

LARVAE:

Non-physical psychic vampires said to "feed" on the energies of the sick and the injured.

LBRH:

The Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Hexagram. A powerful ritual technique popularized by the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.) to rid your area of unwanted positive influences. Used in conjunction with the LBRP (q.v.) to create a neutral space, where magickal operations can begin in a kind of "psychic vacuum". This ritual is celestial in nature.

LBRP:

The Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram. A general method of Abjuration (q.v.). A powerful technique popularized by the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.) to rid your area of unwanted negative influences. Also a good technique of psychic self defense, as this ritual strengthens, fortifies, and magnifies the aura. This ritual is terrestrial in nature.

LEMURES:

See Larvae.

LEO:

"The Lion." In Astrology (q.v.), the fifth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of fixed (q.v.) and fire (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Sol (the sun) (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color yellow. Keywords include: loudly, proudly, powerfully, creatively, dramatically, heartily, need for recognition, pleasure seeking, dramatically.

LEVI-ZAED, ELIPHAS [nee ALPHONSE LOUIS CONSTANT]:

Famous 19th Century occultist whose writings helped begin the "French Occult Revival" that led to the founding of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.]. Wrote several influential works including, Transcendental Magic, and interpreted, The Book of Splendor.

LEVITATION:

The occult suspension of a physical body without apparent support. Usually applied to the suspension of a human being. Christian saints, Hindu yogis, and Victorian spirit mediums were sometimes credited with this ability.

LIBRA:

"The Scales." In Astrology (q.v.), the seventh sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of cardinal (q.v.) and air (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Venus (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color green. Keywords include: relate, balance, complement, expressive, diplomatically, socially, discontentedly, harmoniously, impartially.

LICENSE TO DEPART:

Granting an entity permission to leave an area to which it has been called.

LITTLE NASTIES:

A term used by Donald Michael Kraig to denote non-physical dwellers on the astral plane that can be shocking when first seen. This happens when the practice of magick opens up the ability to "see" into the astral plane. They may be surprising, but are harmless. Others refer to this phenomena as "astral junk," or "astral garbage".

LOAS:

Gods or deities in the religion of Voudoun (q.v.), the religion of Haiti, or Voodoo (q.v.) in general. They enter their devotionaries via invocation, and the worshipers act like the deity and are treated as the deity by other worshipers. They are descended from the practice of ancestor worship, but their beginnings are lost in the past. Singular form is Loa.

The only satellite of the planet Earth. In Astrology (q.v.), this satellite is called a luminary and is treated as a planet. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Cancer (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.)

Luna is attributed to the ninth Sephirah (q.v.), Yesode (q.v.). Keywords include: emotion, response, feelings, reflected, changeable, fluctuate, protective, mother, nurture, instinctual, domestic, home, care, subconscious memory, parenting, environment, security, babyhood, public opinion, the public, masses, women.

LURIA, ISAAC:

Famous Jewish Kabbalist. His prayers form part of standard Jewish prayer books to this day. One of his major interests was said to be in reincarnation and the doctrine of the transmigration of souls.

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MACROCOSM:

The greater world, or universe. Distinguished from the Microcosm (q.v.), with which it corresponds.

MAGICK [MAGIC]:

Definitions of this term vary widely. 1) The art of causing change in the manifest world through the Unmanifest. 2) The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) to occur in conformity with will using means not currently understood by traditional Western science. The use of the "k" at the end of the word was introduced by Aleister Crowley (q.v.) to differentiate real magick from what a trickster does on stage with hats, handkerchiefs and rabbits. To some practitioners, the "k" also stands for "Kteis", a Latin word indicating Sex Magick (q.v.) to those who practice that form of magick.

Some Definitions of Magic(k) by famous Magi:

- -Paul F. Case: "the art of determining the forms and shapes which shall be taken in the outer world by the veil of Reality".
- -Jollivet-Castellot: "Magic is by no means, as most outsiders imagine, the negation of science. Quite the contrary, Magic is Science, but Science with syntheses, almost integral Science, its horizons being the absolute, the Infinite in Unity. ...In truth Magic is the knowledge of the action and combination of the forces of the Universe, the study of their conduct, their involution, their evolution..."
- -Aleister Crowley, (Magick: Book Four) "Magick is the Science and Art of causing Change to occur in conformity with Will."
- -Paul Clark: "the art of producing desired effects, initiated by changes in consciousness, by directing or aligning with the secret forces of the Cosmos".
- -Dion Fortune: "the art of causing changes in consciousness at will."
- - Symonds and Grant, (in their introduction to Magick) "The Anglo-Saxon *k* in Magick, like most of Crowley's conceits, is a means of indicating the kind of magic which he performed. K is the eleventh letter of several alphabets, and eleven is the principal number of magick, because it is the number attributed to the Qliphoth - the underworld of demonic and chaotic forces that have to be conquered before magick can be performed. The 'K' has other magical implications: it corresponds to the power or *shakti* aspect of creative energy, for k is the ancient Egyptian *khu*, *the* magical power. Specifically, it stands for *kteis*(vagina), the complement

to the wand (or phallus) which is used by the Magician in certain aspects of the Great Work."

MAGICK, BLACK:

1) The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) in conformity with will, using means not currently understood by traditional Western science, for the purpose of causing either physical or non-physical harm to yourself or others, and is done either consciously or unconsciously. 2) Magick (q.v.) that is worked for evil purposes or that involves malign actions, agents, or entities.

MAGICK, CEREMONIAL:

A magickal system involving rituals performed by several people. Many Westerners find that this style of magick is most appropriate to their consciousness. Group ritual magick.

MAGICK, GREY:

The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) in conformity with will, using means not currently understood by traditional Western science, for the purpose of causing either physical or non-physical good to yourself or others, and is done either consciously or unconsciously.

MAGICK, HIGH:

Ritual or Ceremonial magick. It is called "high" because it was first developed in places which were at a higher elevation than where farming was done, i.e. in towns or cities. Usually divided into two major classifications according to Don Tyson, Theurgy (q.v.) which literally means "God Work" in Greek and its opposite, Goety (see Goetia).

MAGICK, LOW:

The magick of paganism (q.v.) which was developed in the low lands where farming was done.

MAGICK, NATURAL:

See Low Magick.

MAGICK, RITUAL:

Although this could refer to any type of magick where a pattern, or ritual is followed, it usually applies to those styles of magick where more complex rituals are used. It is also used synonymously with Ceremonial Magick (q.v.), although a ritual can be performed by one person, while Ceremonial Magick (q.v.) requires a group of people to perform.

MAGICK, SEX:

The ability to use the powerful energies raised during sexual activity for magickal purposes.

MAGICK, WHITE:

The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) in conformity with will, using means not currently understood by traditional Western science, for the purpose of obtaining the Knowledge and Conversation of your Holy Guardian Angel (q.v.). Also known as experiential mysticism.

MAGICKAL CATHARSIS:

The release of magickal potency at the climax of a ritual or ceremony. It is usually accompanied by an emotional release, and in some forms of magick by physical climax. The catharsis of Greek tragedy was no more than a pale echo of the original magickal catharsis of the Greek Eulusion Mysteries.

MAGICKAL MEMORY:

The memory of past lives.

MAGICKAL NAME:

A name given to an initiate, or chosen by one who receives initiation, to signify the death of the old life and the birth into the magickal life. Also called the Motto (q.v.).

MAGNETISM, ANIMAL:

A universal fluid postulated by Fredrich Anton Mesmer (1733-1815) that renders human bodies susceptible to the influences of celestial bodies and other human beings. It manifests itself in the body with opposite poles of force similar to those of the magnet.

MAHATANTRA:

Great Tantra (q.v.). An orgasmic experience that result in an altered state of consciousness commonly known as enlightenment.

MAIT-TETE:

Literally, the "master of the head." Each worshiper in Voudoun (q.v.) has a special Loa (q.v.), usually the one by which the person was first possessed, with which the person enjoys a more familiar relationship.

MALKUTH:

Pronounced, "Mahl-Koot," it means "kingdom" in Hebrew. The tenth Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is at the bottom of the central pillar and relates to our physical plane.

MAMBO:

A priestess of Voudoun. In some parts of Haiti, she is considered lower in status than the Houngan (q.v.) or priest, but her role is similar.

MANA:

A Polynesian word for the occult essence that pervades the universe and gives objects, words, animals, people, and places their magickal potency. Mana is the force or energy of magick (q.v.).

MANTRA; MANTRAM:

A word, phrase, or sentence which is repeated over and over as a purpose of focus during devotion or meditation (q.v.). Although some say that any phrase or sound can be used as a mantra, some special mantras of mystical import can make profound changes in a person mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

MARS:

The fourth planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Roman god who served as the Chief Warrior of the gods. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Aries (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) Mars is attributed to the fifth Sephirah (q.v.) Geburah (q.v.). Keywords include: energy, action, accidents, injury, hyperactive, force, conquest, dynamic, initiative, assert, pioneer, boldly, courage, to be first, irritation, frustration, anger, violence, destruction, fabrication, constructing, war, military, soldier, fight, danger, cuts, heat, burglary, hate, rage.

MATHERS, SAMUEL LIDDEN [MACGREGOR]:

Born 1854 in Hackney of East London England, and died in 1918 of influenza. A Co-founder of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.](q.v.), who became the leader and guiding light of the group until schisms developed circa 1900 and the group divided into numerous factions. Most noted for writing the initiatory rituals of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.) from a cipher manuscript. He was responsible for the interpretation and eventual publication of many classic grimoires (q.v.) of ceremonial magick (q.v.) including The Sacred Magic of Abramelin The Mage, The Greater Key of Solomon The King, The Goetia of the Lesser Keys of Solomon The King, and The Armadel of Magic. Additionally, S.L. Mathers translated portions of The Zohar and commentaries upon the Kabbalah entitled, The Kabbalah Unveiled.

MAYA:

Illusion. A Sanskrit word which does not mean, as many people believe, that the world is an illusion. Actually, it means that our interpretation of the world around us is an illusion. The world is not totally what we perceive it to be.

MEDITATION:

1) The act of quieting the small voice of the conscious so that you can commune with your Higher Self and the universe. 2) The act of turning the mind inward with focused attention. There are many forms and methods of meditation which are distinguished by the immediate object the mind focuses itself upon. Meditative reflection upon silence seeks stillness of the mind, whereas meditative reflection upon a specific idea or problem necessitates mental activity in a certain direction.

MEDIUM:

1) A person who let the consciousness of an entity , allegedly a the spirit of a dead person, enter into themselves, and take over his or her consciousness for a time. 2) In Spiritualism (q.v.), a person who becomes an intermediary by providing the spirit(s) with means of communicating with the carnate, material human beings. Today, called a channeller.

MEMORY, MAGICKAL:

The memory of past lives.

MENSTRUUM (nee MENSTRUUM OF THE GLUTEN):

In alchemy (q.v.), the result of the slow heating of a substance in the Athanor (q.v.). In Sex Magick (q.v.) the female lubricating fluids and/or female ejaculatory fluids.

MERCURY:

The first planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Roman god who served as the Herald and Messenger. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) signs Gemini (q.v.) and Virgo (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) Mercury is attributed to the eighth Sephirah (q.v.), Hode (q.v.). Keywords include: communication, intellect, perception, speaking, writing, computer, words, printed, read, trades, publishing, teaching, learning, schools, reason, logic, conscious memory, travel (local), consciousness, microphone, information, broadcast, distribution, self expression, thoughts, translated, details, brain, nervous system.

MERKABAH:

Hebrew for, "Throne." Merkabah Mysticism was a system of pre-Kabalistic spirituality where one would (?astral) travel through seven palaces with a goal of seeing God on "his" throne.

MICHAEL:

Pronounced, "Mee-KahI-Ehl," The archangel and Cosmic Guardian of the South and of elemental Fire. In the tradition of Christian Mysticism, Michael is the "Defender, The protector and keeper of the sword of fire and of heaven. Commander of the armies and legions of Heaven."

MICROCOSM:

The lesser world, man, which in the Middle Ages was believed to correspond in every respect with the greater world, the Macrocosm (q.v.). This correspondence was used to explain many magickal effects.

MOTE:

An Old English word meaning "must." Frequently used at the end of rituals or spells in the expression, "So mote it be."

MOTO:

A magickal name or expression, usually in Latin, Greek, or Hebrew. Magicians choose one for themselves as a representation of what they magickally represent. This has been the practice of many magickal orders, including the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.); the Argentium Astrum [A.A.] (q.v.); the Ordo Templi Orientis [O.T.O.] (q.v.); The Order of the Aurum Solis [O.S.V.] (q.v.); and the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.).

MUDRA:

A Tantrik positioning on the hands with mystical import.

MURRY, MARGARET:

Anthropologist whose controversial book, *The Witch Cult In Western Europe*, in 1921 sparked a revival of interest in Witchcraft. She followed this work with a book entitled, *The God of the Witches*.

MUTABLE:

From the Latin "mutare" meaning "to change." 1) movable., not firm. 2) In Astrology, a term used to identify one of the three qualities (also referred to as a triplicity) indicating that a sign of the zodiac (q.v.) has the trait of making all planets within it as having a more fluctuating and adaptable influence in the chart. Mutable signs include: Gemini (q.v.), Virgo (q.v.), Sagittarius (q.v.), and Pisces (q.v.).

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NANTA:

Pronounced "Ehn-Ah-Ehn-Tah," it is the Enochian (q.v.) name for the spirit of Earth.

NATURAL LAW:

A sequence of events in nature that has been observed to occur without variation under the same conditions. Natural law is the basis of the experimental method (q.v.) in science, and is dependent upon cause and effect.

NEGATION:

Erasing from your consciousness something you have been concentrating on. The third step in meditation.

NEGATIVE EXISTENCE, THREE VEILS OF:

Description of the ultimate unknowable deity, beginning with Ain, or no-thing understandable, then the Ain Soph (q.v.), or the quality of limitlessness. The third veil is the Ain Soph Aur, or limitless light.

NEMYSS:

A simple ritual headgear of Egyptian origin used by members of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.), consisting of little more than a piece of folded cloth.

NEO-PAGANISM:

Modern day Pagans (q.v.), "those of the earth," who are attempting to re-construct an ancient non-Christian religion from the original source material of a particular mythos.

NEOPHYTE:

A beginner. Literally a new plant. In most magickal orders, students in the first or earliest degree are known as neophytes. In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), a neophyte is numbered the second degree; Zero or Ought Degree = Aspirant; First Degree = Adelphon; Second Degree = Neophyte, correlating to the Water of Earth in the Sephiroth of Malkuth.

NEPHESCH (nee NEPHESH):

The most superficial layer of the ninth Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

NEPTUNE:

The eighth planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Greek god who served as the Lord of the Ocean and Seas. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Pisces (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) attributed to the first Sephirah (q.v.) Kether (q.v.). Keywords include: idealism, illusion, spiritual, drugs, alcohol, confusion, deceit, elusive, astral plane, psychic, charlatans, impressionable, wishful thinker, false, occult, escape, mystic, dreams, visions, lacks substance, gaseous, diffuse, foggy, vicarious, spell, self delusion.

NESCHAMAH:

The intuition. Corresponds with the third Sephirah (q.v.) of the Tree of Life (q.v.).

NETZACH:

Victory. The seventh Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

NINETY-THREE (93) CURRENT:

What the followers of Aleister Crowley call their path or tradition. It's holy book is Crowley's Book Of The Law, and it's creed his infamous, "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law, Love is the Law, Love under Will." The Ninety-three comes from the numerological reduction via Gematria (q.v.) of the Book Of The Law's creed.

NOTARIKON:

An aspect of the Literal Kabalah (q.v.) which works with acronyms of abbreviations.

NUMEROLOGY:

1) The science and art of reading the future and hidden events from numbers relative to a system of letters in an alphabet. 2) The provable science of interpreting the science of the mathematician.

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OCCULT:

From Latin meaning, "Hidden." Occult wisdom means hidden wisdom. Occult knowledge means hidden knowledge. It does not mean or imply evil.

OGHAM:

A magickal alphabet of the Celts composed of twenty (20) letters called fews, each standing for a different kind of tree. It is very simple in appearance, being made up of short vertical or diagonal strokes set against or across a horizontal line.

OLD HORNY:

An affectionate name for the horned male consort of the Goddess of the Witches. Early Christian priests either mistook this pagan god for Satan (q.v.) or deliberately misidentified this pagan god for Satan for political reasons.

OLD RELIGION:

A modern day reference for wicca (q.v.) or witchcraft (q.v.), which many occultists believe to be the descendant of an ancient pagan Goddess religion.

ORDER OF THE ARGENTIUM ASTRUM, THE; [A.A.]:

The Great White Brotherhood. The Order of The Silver Star. Founded by Aleister Crowley (q.v.) as a replacement for the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.]. Crowley was the first member to re-produce the Golden Dawn's Rituals in a public publication called The Equinox. Today, the A.A. is co-sponsored by the O.T.O.

ORDER OF THE ASTRAL STAR, THE; [O.A.S.]:

The Order of The Astral Star, Inc. Founded in 1980 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, USA, by a group of ten teenagers including GHFr. Pneuma Asteros, GHSr. Alethia Asteros, and GHFr. Skarff Tou Asterou and seven other members upon the principles of Christian Mysticism and Ceremonial Magick. The first degree is founded upon the ideals of Christian Knighthood, and the magickal secrets of the Christian Eucharist. The Order practices Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.)

style ceremonial/ritual magick. The symbol of the Order is an eight rayed star on it's point, inscribed with the glyphs of the signs of the zodiac, the planets, the numbers, and colors. A gold, silver, and red Crux mystica is in the center, and the star itself is surmounted by a crux mystica. The Order was incorporated in Kentucky on the Vernal Equinox, 1993 .

ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS [O.T.O.]:

The Order of The Temple of The East. A well known and still existing originally German occult order which has become the primary promulgator of the teachings of Aleister Crowley (q.v.), who at one time was the head of that international Order. Kenneth Grant was also a one time past Frater Superior of that Order. Today, Hymneas Beta is Frater Superior of the O.T.O.

ORGONE:

A name used for Praña, Ruach, or Chi, the universal life force, by Dr. Wilhelm Reich.

OUTER ALCHEMY:

Making use of the magically charged sexual fluids for magickal purposes.

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PAGAN:

From paganus, "those of the earth." Originally it described people of the land and their simplicity. Later, it focused on their choice of Pre-Christian deities and was used as a type of insult. Today, many Witches consider themselves to be Pagans or Neo-Pagans. For the most part, non-magick using Wiccans (q.v.).

PAGANISM:

Although most people today use this as a derogatory term, occultists simply equate it with mostly non magic using Wiccans (q.v.), although some pagans do use magick and do not call themselves Wiccans (q.v.).

PALLAS:

One of four thousand known asteroids, but treated as a very minor planet. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Roman goddess who served as the ruler of the sky. She has the same attributes as the Greek goddess Athena. Keywords include: wisdom, daughter, creative intellect, intellectual crafts, calculated war and peace, political activism, social concern, skillful, strategy, rational, literate, professional soldier, martial arts, competitive, technical, police and fire fighters (as protectors of the city), militia.

PARAPSYCHOLOGY:

The scientific investigation of the mental process of paranormal events including E.S.P. (q.v.), Telepathy (q.v.), Telekinesis (q.v.), hauntings of Ghosts (q.v.), etc.

PATHWORKING:

Astral projecting (q.v.) through the Tree of Life (q.v.) in order to meet and communicate with non-physical spiritual entities. A highly advanced technique, most of what is described as "pathworking" today is actually nothing more than guided visualization.

PENDULUM:

A device used in one form of divination (q.v.) by dowsing (q.v.). The motions of a pendulum, a small weight at the end of a short length of thread or fine chain, are often used to communicate with spiritual entities.

PENTACLE:

Any device which has a Pentagram (q.v.) on it. Usually circular in shape, and made of metal, wood, parchment, or clay material. Also, the tool of elemental earth.

PENTAGRAM:

A five pointed star. Also called the pentalpha because it can be formed by five capital "A's." It is used to represent spirituality (Spirit over the four elements) when it has one point up. With two points up it is said to represent materialism or "evil." Some forms of wicca (q.v.) do use the pentagram with two points up as a symbol, but for them it has no evil or negative connotation. The two points up represent the second of (usually) three degrees of initiations into Wicca.

PENTAGRAMMATON:

Five lettered name. YHShVH or YHVShH which is pronounced "Yeh-Hah-Shu-Ah" or "Yeh-Ho-Vah-Shah", respectively. It adds the Shin (q.v.) to the Tetragrammaton (q.v.), thus adding the Spirit of God to the formula of the ultimate divinity.

PERISTYLE:

The sacred enclosure of Voudoun (q.v.) rituals.

PHILOSOPHUS:

In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), a philosophus is the title of the sixth degree of membership, and correlates to the Sephiroth of Netzach (q.v.). The primary principle of this grade is based on mastering the element of fire (q.v.). This grade was originally used by the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.), and was related to that order as being related to the element of fire (q.v.) in their initiatory pattern.

PILLAR:

A column used to support a structure.

PILLAR, MIDDLE:

The central column on the Tree of Life (q.v.). Also a ritual designed to help move the body's energy throughout the "Middle Pillar," of the spine. Similar to Laya Yoga (q.v.).

PILLAR, OF MILDNESS:

The central column on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is composed of the first, sixth, ninth, and tenth Sephiroth (q.v.). Also known as the Middle Pillar (q.v.).

PILLAR, OF MERCY:

The right hand column on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is composed of the second, fourth, and seventh Sephiroth (q.v.), and is said to be masculine in nature.

PILLAR, OF SEVERITY:

The left hand column on the Tree of Life (q.v.). It is composed of the third, fifth and eighth Sephiroth (q.v.), and is said to be feminine in nature.

PISCES:

"The Fish." In Astrology (q.v.), the twelfth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of mutable (q.v.) and water (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Neptune (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color crimson. Keywords include: impressionably, emotionally, vaguely, idealistically, spiritually, with compassion.

PLACE OF COMFORT:

A special place within a magickal circle for a couple to engage in Sex Magick (q.v.).

PLANE, ASTRAL:

A non-physical level of existence which is the basis for the physical plane, and the place where many non-physical entities exist.

PLUTO:

The ninth planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Greek god who served as the Lord of the underworld and death. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Scorpio (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) attributed to the Unmanifest Sephirah (q.v.) Daath (q.v.) and the Abyss. Keywords include: transformation, degeneration, extremes, horrible, transmutation, refining, crucible, refectory, atomic energy, annihilation, regeneration, subversion, coercion, sewage, elimination, hidden forces, inner psyche.

PORTAL ADEPTUS:

In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), a portal adeptus is a sub-grade of Adeptus Minor (q.v.) within the membership of the Order, and correlates to the crossing of the veil. The primary principle of this grade is based on working on a specific occult discipline, and achieving some level of recognized competency. Furthermore the Portal Adeptus grade is used as a time for serious reflection on what it means to be an Adept.

POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS:

The use of phrases, repeated over and over, (as a mantra (q.v.) as a means of influencing your subconscious in order to cause a change on the Astral Plane (q.v.). This will result in a change in the physical plane.

POTEAU-MITAN:

The center post that stands in the middle of the ceremonial enclosure for Voudoun (q.v.) rituals. It is a form of the world tree so common to shamanism.

PRACTICE:

The only true method of developing psychic and magickal skills, powers, and abilities. That which one actually does.

PRACTICUS:

In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), a practicus is the title of the fifth degree of membership, and correlates to the Sephiroth of Hode (q.v.). The primary principle of this grade is based on mastering the element of air (q.v.). This grade was originally used by the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.), and was related to that order as being related to the element of Water (q.v.) in their initiatory pattern.

PRANA:

Pronounced, "Prah-Yah," it is a Sanskrit word referring to psychic energy that is in the air we breathe.

PRIEST / PRIESTESS:

From the Anglo Saxon "preost" from the Late Latin "presbyter" meaning "an elder". In the Christian Faith, a member of the clergy who is ordained to perform and administer the sacraments of the church for a congregation of believers. In the Order of The Astral Star, an Adept who has been so ordained. This class makes up the backbone of the clergy.

PROJECTION:

PROJECTION, ASTRAL:

The practice of and ability to separate your Astral Body and consciousness from your physical body.

PROJECTION, MENTAL:

The practice of and ability to send your mind or mental awareness and consciousness to a location distant from your physical body. Not true astral projection (q.v.).

PROPHECY:

A declaration of something which is going to happen in the future or otherwise ordinarily unknown. The word is often reserved to instances in which the seer or prophet obtains knowledge revealed by direct contact with divinity or God, by God seeking out the seer or prophet.

PSI (PSIONIC):

Short for psionic or psi-phenomena, or psychic phenomena, it embraces all forms of paranormal manifestation believed to be caused by the action of the mind via the brain.

PSYCHE:

Greek for, "Soul." The non-material part of a psycho-physical being.

PSYCHIC:

1) From the Greek, "psyche" meaning "the soul," and implies the mind or mental process. 2) The Psionic (q.v.) ability to perceive with extra sensory perception (ESP) (q.v.). 3) A person who has developed their specific discipline of extra sensory perception above the ability of a sensitive (q.v.) and can count on their perceptions eighty-five (85%) percent of the time or greater.

PSYCHOKINESIS:

1) From the Greek, "psycho" from "psyche" meaning "the soul," and implies the mind or mental process, and "kinesis" meaning "to move or to change" implying energy. 2) The psionic discipline of the changing objects without obvious material agency. Sometimes mistakenly called Telekinesis (q.v.). In Psychokinesis, the object is altered or changed in some way. Bending spoons with the mind is an example of psycho kinetic activity. 3) The Psionic discipline of changing matter with energy via mental process.

PSYCHOMETRY:

1) From the Greek, "psycho" from "psyche" meaning "the soul," and implies the mind or mental process, and "metry" meaning "measure", thus literally psychometry means "measure of the soul." 2) The Psionic discipline of "object reading." The faculty of gaining knowledge about an object, or about any matter associated with it, by handling the object and reading the psychic (q.v.) impressions from the object itself.

PYRAMID POWER:

The supposed occult virtue concentrated inside pyramidal structures by their triangular planes. It was believed by some to heal the body, restore vigor, sharpen razor blades, and effect other wonders. A variation on the idea of the cone of power of witchcraft (q.v.).

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QUARTER DAYS:

The solstices (q.v.) and equinoxes (q.v.), which fall at quarter intervals around the wheel of the year.

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RAPHIEL:

Pronounced, "Rah-Fay-Ehl," the Archangel (q.v.) and Cosmic Guardian of the East and elemental air. In the tradition of Christian Mysticism, Raphael is the "Healer, guardian of wind and tempest."

REDUCTION, THEOSOPHICAL:

A method of numerology where the digits of a number are added together to form a new number. This is repeated until the sum is one digit, or is a "same" two digit number, i.e., a master number such as 11, 22, 33, 44, etc.

REFLEXOLOGY:

Based on the notion that the body is one inter-dependent whole, it is a form of remote massage. By massaging certain points on the hands or feet, therapeutic effects are assumed for the internal organs and other parts of the body that are connected to these points via the nervous system.

REGARDIE, FRANCIS ISRAEL (nee ISRAEL REGUTY):

A magician of the 20th Century. After serving as Aleister Crowley's (q.v.) personal secretary, he joined the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.). He found the group almost moribund, so in order to save the Order's secret teachings from oblivion, he broke his vows of silence and revealed them in the four volume (now one volume) book entitled, The Golden Dawn. As a result, more people than ever have studied the teachings of that famous Order.

REGRESSION, PAST LIFE:

A hypnotic technique in which a person in trance is led to remember or imagine that he or she is remembering events that occurred in previous past lives, when the soul of the person inhabited other physical bodies. Often the regressed person and even the therapist conducting the regression do not realize that a trance state has been induced or that suggestions are being given.

REINCARNATION:

The doctrine that souls are born, live, die and are re-born into other bodies, either human or animal (see transmigration of souls) after death.

RELAXATION:

The first step of true meditation.

REMANENCE:

Occurrence of reactions relating to a bygone material object or condition, as if the object or condition were still present. A term used in dowsing (q.v.).

RETORT:

In alchemy (q.v.), a type of container. In Sex Magick (q.v.), the vagina.

RESULTS, LUSTING FOR:

Being focused on results rather than on the ritual to obtain the results. It un-centers the practitioner, diminishing his/her focus and chances for success. A practice to be avoided.

RITUAL:

A formalized series of actions both mental and physical, by which magickal and psychic potency is released and directed toward the fulfillment of a specific desire or goal.

ROSE CROSS:

1) A symbol of Adeptship in the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.) and 2) a ritual of protection and invisibility.

R.R. ET A.C.; ROSEAE RUBEAE et AUREAE CRUCIS:

From the Latin, it translates in English, "Red Rose and Cross of Gold." The second or inner order of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.). The R.R. et A.C. was composed of all members of the G.D. who had attained the grade Adeptus Minor (q.v.) and above. Members of this inner Order practiced Ritual and Ceremonial (q.v.) while the outer Order of the G.D. did not.

RUACH:

1) The psychic energy; similar to Praña (q.v.) and Kundalini (q.v.). 2) The conscious, consisting of the will, memory, imagination, reason, and desire. The Ruach corresponds with the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth Sephiroth (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.). Also corresponds to the psychic center at the solar plexus.

RUACH, ELOHEEM:

The Spirit of Divinity. Similar to Ruach (q.v.), but on a cosmic scale. Became the Christian notion of the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit by early church fathers.

RUNES:

Angular glyphs used both as magickal symbols and as letters of writing by ancient peoples of northern Europe. A method of divination (q.v.).

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SAGATARIUS:

"The Archer." In Astrology (q.v.), the ninth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of mutable (q.v.) and fire (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Jupiter (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color blue. Keywords include: wide ranging, boisterously, bluntly, expansively, optimistically, wisely, freely.

SANDERS, ALEX:

The founder of a tradition of Wicca (q.v.) known as Alexandrian Wicca (q.v.). Called by his followers, "The King of The Witches."

SATAN:

In the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic religions, the supreme arch-foe of God. The prince of darkness, the adversary of God. In modern thought, the lord of evil.

SATANISM:

A religion that basis it's beliefs on reverse and backward principles of Christianity. The worship of Satan, the arch-foe of Christ, through such practices as the black mass, sexual perversion, drug taking, violence, mutilation, killing, and sacrilege. In reality, most people who call themselves Satanists are simply neo-epicureanists, hedonists or egotists. The few who are truly dedicated to an evil entity they call "Satan" are shunned by most occultists. Satanism has no relationship to Wicca (q.v.), although many mainstream religious leaders have tried to make that association for reasons of power, politics, or ignorant lack of understanding.

SATURN:

The sixth planet of the terran solar system." In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Greek god who served as the keeper of time. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Capricorn (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) attributed to the third Sephirah (q.v.) Binah (q.v.). Keywords include: structure, limitation, loss, fear, pain, obstacles, depression, adversity, patience, caution, security, self discipline, control, restraint, responsibility, organize, thrift, stern, serious, time, clock, ends, form, architectural, crystal, foundation, old age.

SCANNING:

A method or technique used in meditation (q.v.) where the practitioner memorizes small strips of a figure or diagram at a time.

SCHOOL, OCCULT:

A general term to describe an organized occult tradition that has a specific magickal teaching or philosophy. It may or may not have an actual physical center or headquarters where students are instructed.

SCORPIO:

"The Scorpion." In Astrology (q.v.), the eighth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of fixed (q.v.) and water (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Pluto (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color blue-green. Keywords include: emotionally, intensely, penetratingly, cruelly, secretly, vindictively, compulsively, curiously, guardedly.

SCRYING:

Divination by allowing the eyes to rest on a plain surface so that the mind becomes stilled, and receptive to imagery which arises from the unconscious. A method of utilizing the psionic discipline of clairvoyance, via means of a crystal ball, black mirror, or bowl of water, etc.

SEANCE:

From the Old French "seoir" from the Latin "sedere" meaning "to sit". In Spiritism (q.v.), or Spiritualism, a session or meeting at which spiritualists attempt to contact with the spirits of the dead.

SECRET CHIEFS:

Supernatural beings who preside over the Rosicrucian (q.v.) and other occult (q.v.) and esoteric (q.v.) currents and communicate occult teaching to men and woman who seek to follow that path. The head of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn, S. L. MacGregor Mathers (q.v.), was said to be in communication with them, though he could not describe who and what they were. Aleister Crowley (q.v.) also claimed a psychic link to these entities.

SELF, HIGHER:

According to Don Tyson, That which you really are, as opposed to what you think you are. The truest identity of the individual stripped of all transitory veils.

SENTINEL / PHULAX:

From the French "sentinelle" meaning "a footpath", and from the Latin "semita" meaning "a narrow way." The greek word "phulax" means "a watcher", or "a guard." Originally, an officer whose duty it was to guard and protect the Temple, especially at night or when no one else is around. The Sentinel is the watcher without, just as the Kerux (q.v.) is the watcher within. In the Society of the Astral Star, a junior officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. A Knighted Member of the Order, who holds the rank of Sergeant (at Arms) within a working Lodge of the Society.

SENSITIVE:

1) From the Old French from the Middle Latin, "sentire" meaning "to feel." 2) A lesser psychic (q.v.) who has developed their specific discipline of extra sensory perception to an accuracy level between the positive hazard (q.v.) level of twenty (20%) percent and eighty-four (84%) percent of accuracy and reliability.

SEPHIRAH:

Hebrew for "Sphere." Pronounced "Seh-Fear-Ah." It is a sphere or area or emanation on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

SEPHIROHTH:

Pronounced, "Seh-Fear-Oht." The plural of Sephirah (q.v.).

SERPENT:

In Alchemy (q.v.), the result of heating a substance in the Athanor (q.v.). In Sex Magick, it is the semen.

SHAKTA:

In Hinduism and Eastern occultism, the male seed or spark of light that impregnates the womb of the universal goddess, Shakti (q.v.), and allows her to give birth to all things. It is viewed as a god in Tantrik doctrine. Shakta does not himself exist, but he enables existence.

SHAKTI:

In Hinduism and Eastern occultism, the universal power of realization that creates and sustains the world from moment to moment. In Tantrik doctrine, it is viewed as a fertile goddess who gives birth to all existing things, both material and immaterial (astral).

SHAMANISM:

The religions of the primitive peoples of north Europe and Asia, and more generally of primitive cultures around the world. Key features include animism, possession, soul travel, oracular revelations, and shape changing or shape shifting (q.v.).

SHAPE SHIFTING:

The magickal ability to assume the forms of beasts or other human beings with the soul while it is astrally projected from the body. Occasionally these altered shapes are seen by other people, who mistake them for bodies of flesh.

SHECHINAH:

Pronounced, "Sheh-Kehn-Ah," it is the Hebrew for the personification of the energy known as Ruach Eloheem (q.v.). It is seen as feminine in nature. Similar to the Tantrik notion of Shakti (q.v.).

SHEEOL:

Pronounced, "Shee-Ool," it is the Hebrew for, "Place of the earth." A word from the Old Testament meaning ground or earth. In some instances it was translated as "Hell," probably for political reasons. According to Donald Michael Kraig, there is no Hell in the Kabbalah because he maintains that reincarnation is a part of the tradition.

SHIN:

Pronounced, "Sheen," it is a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The letter Shin "a" is used to indicate the Ruach Eloheem (q.v.). When added to the Tetragrammaton it forms the Pentagrammaton, showing how we can purify ourselves by uniting and bringing the Spirit of Divinity within ourselves.

SHOWSTONE:

A crystal ball or globe used for divination and scrying. The magician uses the stone as a focus to induce a trance that causes images to appear in the depths of the stone.

SIDDHIS:

Magickal abilities such as clairaudience (q.v.), levitation (q.v.), telepathy (q.v.), and clairvoyance (q.v.) that manifest themselves as the by-products of yogic/magickal practices. They are not denigrated by Hindu and Buddhist yogis but are actively sought in their own right by sensitives (q.v.), psychics (q.v.), and some magicians. Most magicians train to accept these abilities as part of who and what they are, but do not get hung up over the manifested occurrences of such abilities if they occur without conscious willing of them, and continue focusing on their intentions on the actual ritual or rite at hand. If sought after too much, as in lusting for results (q.v.) they can become a distraction to one's magickal work.

SIGIL:

Latin for, "sign or signature." A simple drawn symbol representing something else, usually an angel, archangel, aspect of divinity, or other entity.

SILENCE, OCCULT:

An inward stilling and letting go of the emotions and mental preoccupations that prevent a ritual from working effectively. Outward silence is also necessary to prevent a similar destructive dissonance in the thought and feeling of others.

SIXTY-NINE (69) CURRENT:

What the followers of the teachings of the Order of The Astral Star (q.v.) call their path or tradition. The Sixty-nine comes from the numerological reduction via Gematria (q.v.) of the words "Manger or Stable," in Hebrew indicating that the Order of The Astral Star is founded upon the Christ event that led the wise men to a stable where the Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem.

SKY-CLAD:

Literally, implying naked, to "wear only the sky." A term used by Wiccans (q.v.) to indicate ritual nudity. Gardnerian (q.v.) Witches are supposed to work their rituals in this state. Most however, do in fact wear robes.

SOL (THE SUN):

The only star in the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Roman god Heliios adapted from the Greek god Apollo. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Leo (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) the Sun is attributed to the sixth Sephirah (q.v.), Tiphereth (q.v.). Keywords include: basic character, identity, vitality, creativity, ruler, king, ego, significance, crown, proudly, golden, heart, life-force, haughty, arrogant, egocentric, powerful, self esteem, inner self, value, forceful, leadership, will power, domineering, self-centered, egotistic, father, husband, authority, boss.

SOUL:

All that we are, the Higher self (q.v.) and the Lower self. Here the word is used to indicate the personal identity of a living being, it's feelings, it's thoughts, impulses, memories, and sense of self, i.e. awareness. The Astral Star teaches that we do not have things called souls, but rather, we are souls.

SPIRIT:

1) The highest level of the psyche (q.v.). 2) The fifth magickal element (q.v.) or other being which is disembodied by nature. 3) Self aware beings that lack a living, material body. Some spirits have the power to borrow the bodies of mortal men and women, and use them as their own. 4) In Spiritualism / Spiritism (q.v.), a disembodied human soul.

SPIRIT, HUMAN:

The vitalizing energy that burns within each individual and is one with the divine radiance.

SPIRITISM:

French equivalent to the Spiritualism of England and America. Thanks to the writings of the French occultist, Allan Kardec (1804-1869), it had an immense influence on the spirit possession cults of Brazil and other nations of South America. A religion of which a major aspect is the belief in the communication of the dead.

STOLISTES:

From the Late Greek "stolizo" meaning, "to equip or to clothe, to put in train." Originally "hierostolos", an Egyptian Priest who had charge of the sacred vestments. In the Society of the Astral Star, a junior officer of a Stellar Temple [S.T.]. A member of Clergy (Deacon / Deaconess) of a working Lodge of the Society who serves as the Warden of the West in non-initiatory rituals.

STATUES, LIVING:

According to ancient legend, Greek magicians possessed the power, most probably learned from the Egyptians, to cause gods or spirits to indwell in statues, which could then be made to speak oracular utterances or answer questions through signs. Some Living Statues were used as temple guardians.

STURGEON'S LAW:

Attributed to the famous science fiction author, Theodore Sturgeon. When asked by someone if ninety percent (90%) of science fiction was garbage, his response was that ninety-percent (90%) of everything is garbage.

SUBLIMINAL:

Literally, "below the threshold." Here applied to experience or knowledge which enters the psyche (q.v.), and can even result in action without itself coming to consciousness.

SUCCUBUS:

A spirit considered to be a lesser demon (q.v.) that comes in a feminine shape/form to have sexual union with a mortal man, often against his will and usually while he is asleep. The plural is succubi.

SYMBOL:

A sign or object that represents something else, especially what is obscure or hidden and cannot be expressed or manipulated directly.

SYMPATHETIC MAGICK:

The term used by James G. Frazer to describe the presumed mechanism of magick. It may be divided into the Law of Contagion (objects once in contact forever remain in occult connection) and the Law of Similarity (effects can be produced through imitation).

SYNCHRONICITY:

From the Greek, "At the same time." A word coined by Carl G. Jung, Psychiatrist, to describe the meaningful coincidence of events that have no discernible causal connection. Luck is an example of synchronicity.

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TALISMAN:

A type of charm (q.v.). Any object, sacred or profane, with or without appropriate symbols, charged or consecrated toward the achieving of a specific end. For occultists today, a device that will draw something (health, money, wisdom, etc.) toward the practitioner or wearer.

TALLIT:

A prayer shawl used by male Jews during prayer.

TALMUD:

A huge commentary on the Jewish law, or Torah (q.v.).

TANTRA:

Sanskrit for, "Warp and woof of all creation," or "that which extends knowledge." A mystical philosophy from ancient India (and later Tibet) which sees the physical world as spiritual. Also, several books about Tantrik philosophy. Tantra centers on the Great Mother, Shakti, as the fountain of all life. In the West, it is understood in a narrow sense to be the yogic practices and rituals involve piercing the seven major chakras (q.v.) of the body with awakened Kundalini (q.v.) energy. Tantra of the "left hand" advocates sexual practices that have been traditionally condemned by ascetic Christian and Buddhist priests, yet their ultimate goal is an exalted one - no less than the union of Shiva and Shakti vessels of human flesh for the purpose of transcendent enlightenment.

TAOISM:

Tao means "way." The teachings of the Chinese philosopher and mystic Lao-tse, who, like the Buddha, lived in the 6th century B.C. The Tao cannot be defined. It may be inadequately described as the undivided, unknowable spiritual source that generated and continues to vitalize all manifest things. In occultism, it may be likened to Mana (q.v.).

TAROT:

A mystical set of cards having an uncertain origin. Although these cards, covered with images, are most commonly used for divination, they have much more important spiritual purposes and esoteric uses. The Tarot is composed normally of seventy-eight (78) cards of two main sections, the twenty-two (22) picture cards of the Major Arcana (q.v.) of which the twenty-two Hebrew letters have been related, and the fifty-six (56) numbered cards of the Minor Arcana (q.v.). Some occultists believe that the Tarot has an Egyptian origin. Others claim an Eastern or Middle Eastern origin. The first Tarot deck known to exist is the Griginnior Deck of Italy, in the 15th Century.

TAU:

Greek for the letter, "T," and a cross with the horizontal bar at the top of the vertical line. The shape of a traditional ceremonial/ritual magician's robe.

TAURUS:

"The Bull." In Astrology (q.v.), the second sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of fixed (q.v.) and earth (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Venus (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color red-orange. Keywords include: stubbornness, patience, perseverance, deliberately, practically, obstinately, possessively, reliably.

TELEKINESIS:

1) From the Greek, "tele" meaning "far off or at a distance," and "kinesis" meaning "to move". 2) The psionic discipline of the movement of objects without obvious material agency. Sometimes mistakenly called Psychokinesis (q.v.). In Telekinesis, the object is not altered or changed in any way. 3) Movements of an object caused by psychic or astral (q.v.) means.

TELEMATIC:

In Golden Dawn [G.D.] style magick and its derivatives, the composite image of a spirit constructed in the astral world by the imagination through the use of visualization. Each Hebrew letter in the name of the spirit contributes part of the image through occult associations. See Images, Telesmatic.

TELEPATHY:

1) From the Greek "tele" meaning "far off or at a distance," and "pathy" meaning "feeling". Thus to abjure literally means "to feel at a distance," and implies an ability to perceive via some other means what another person is feeling, thinking, or doing from a distance. 2) A term invented by noted parapsychologist F.H.W. Myers to mean the communication of impressions of any kind from one mind to another, independently of the recognized channels of sense. The original term that was later to be replaced with the term, Extra Sensory Perception, or ESP (q.v.) 3) In modern uses the term telepathy refers to the Psionic discipline known as "thought transference," called mind speech or mind reading for short.

TEMURAH:

A system of the Literal Kabbalah (q.v.) which transposes letters of the Hebrew alphabet, especially words of the Old Testament. The new words thus formed are said to be important.

TEPHILLIN:

Small boxes containing scrolls with prayers written on them. They are worn by male Jews during certain prayers.

TETRAGRAMMATON:

From the Greek, literally, "The name of the four letters." The four-letter name of Divinity of the Hebrew God, YHWH (q.v.) in English. In Hebrew, "viv". It is a formula that indicates that the supreme Divine is unitary in nature, having all opposites united within itself. A name which is supposed to possess vast potency in magick.

THELEMITES:

From the Greek meaning, "will." The followers of the Ninety-three (93) Current (q.v.) revealed by Aleister Crowley (q.v.) through his Book of The Law. Their motto is, "Do What thou Wilt shall be the Whole of the Law. Love is the Law, Love under Will."

THEORICUS:

In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), a theoricus is the title of the fourth degree of membership, and correlates to the Sephiroth of Yesode (q.v.). The primary principle of this grade is based on mastering the element of water (q.v.). This grade was originally used by the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn (q.v.), and was related to that order as being related to the element of air (q.v.) in their initiatory pattern.

THESIS-ANTITHESIS-SYNTHESIS THEORY:

A theory stating that if you have one condition (A), and wish to change to a different condition (B), you usually get a mixture of the old condition and the new condition (AB), rather than the new condition (B) that you wanted to change to.

THEURGY:

From the Greek meaning, "God Magick." See High Magick.

THIRD EYE:

An imaginary eye located on the forehead between the eyebrows which is said to be the astral organ of psychic sight and clairvoyance (q.v.).

THOUGHT CONTROL:

A form of Sex Magick (q.v.) which is a method of controlling sexual energy via the mind during sexual excitation and orgasm.

TIKUNE:

Hebrew for "Correct." Pronounced, "Tee-Koon." According to Donald Michael Kraig, the word Tikoon is synonymous with the Sanskrit word, Karma (q.v.).

TIMES, OBSERVANCE OF:

Traditionally in magick, it has been considered essential to take into account the arrangement of the stars and planets in the heavens when working a ritual. Even the hours of the day and night were assigned the seven ancient planets. A magician who takes astrology into account when working magick is said to observe the times. See Hours, Magickal.

TIPHERET:

Hebrew for, "Beauty." Pronounced, "Tih-Fehr-Eht," it is the sixth Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

TORAH:

Hebrew for, "Law." The first five books of the Old Testament, commonly called the Pentateuch. Mystics believe that much of it is in Kabalistic codes.

TRANCE:

An altered state of consciousness (q.v.), especially the more withdrawn degrees resembling sleep or sleepwalking. A "waking dream."

TRANSMIGRATION (OF SOULS):

One doctrine of reincarnation. The idea that when souls reincarnate, they move up and down the evolutionary ladder or scale. I.e., people die and come back as a cat, dog, horse, or another person, depending upon their Karma (q.v.). See reincarnation.

TREASURE MAP:

A drawing or collage used to help the practitioner with magick involving "creative" Visualization (q.v.).

TREE OF LIFE:

A glyph (q.v.) which is a central symbol of the Kabbalah. It can help you memorize a vast amount of material by working as a sort of "filing cabinet" of ideas and concepts. It is also a way of understanding the Tarot (q.v.), Astrology (q.v.), Numerology (q.v.), psychology, and the creation of and maintaining of the Universe. It is also a map of the Astral Plane (q.v.). This glyph helps the magician

understand the casual relationships that exist between all things and events, referred to as synchronicity, by the Psychiatrist, Carl Jung.

TRIANGLE:

Any geometric figure of three sides.

TRIANGLE OF THE ART:

A large, three sided, equilateral, equiangular figure wherein non-physical entities appear to those trained to see them. A special scrying tool.

TRIANGLE OF MANIFESTATION:

A positioning of the hands which forms a triangle. Used in Gray Magick (q.v.). The grade sign of a Philosophus.

TRIANGLES, THREE (KABALISTIC):

One perspective or method of viewing, classifying, and understanding the Tree of Life (q.v.), as if the Tree of Life was composed of three triangles plus Malkuth. These triangles are:

CELESTIAL TRIANGLE:

The uppermost triangle, with one point up, composed of Kether, Chochma, and Binah.

MORAL TRIANGLE:

The central triangle, with one point down, composed of Geburah, Chesed, and Tiphereth.

MUNDANE TRIANGLE:

The bottom triangle, with one point down, composed of Hode, Netzach, and Yesode.

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UMBANDA:

One of the African-based cults of Brazil that is heavily influenced by Western spiritualism via the writings of Allan Kardec. It involves ecstatic possession.

UNMANIFEST:

A term used by Don Tyson for the unknowable source of existence. It is God stripped of all attributes, equivalent to the Tao (q.v.) of the Chinese philosopher and mystic Lao-tse; the Unground of Jacob Boehme, and the Ain Soph (q.v.) of the Kabbalah (q.v.).

URANUS:

The seventh planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Greek god who served as the Mage of the gods. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) sign Aquarius (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) attributed to the second Sephirah (q.v.) Chokoma (q.v.). Keywords include: change, individuality, intellectually, inspired, insight, originality, intuition, inventor, genius, disruptive, abrupt, unexpected, freedom, non-conformist, extremism, antiestablishment, revolutionary, unconventional, eccentric, detached, humanitarian, magnetism, electricity, astrology, scientist, experiment, sudden, discovery, unique, individual, surprise.

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VEIL OF UNKNOWING:

A term used by Don Tyson to indicate the boundary between manifest being and the unknowable source called the Unmanifest (q.v.) or the Ain Soph (q.v.).

VENUS:

The second planet of the terran solar system. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Roman goddess who served as the goddess of beauty. Attributed as being the ruler of the Zodiac (q.v.) signs Taurus (q.v.) and Libra (q.v.). On the Tree of Life (q.v.) within the Kabbalah (q.v.) Venus is attributed to the seventh Sephirah (q.v.), Netzach (q.v.). Keywords include: harmony, relationship, balance, attraction, beauty, love, party, diplomatic, art, music, drama, pleasure, possessions, lovely, candy, sweetness, lazy, indolent, enjoyment, taste, dressing table, make up, mirror.

VERVER:

The personal seal of a Loa (q.v.) or god, in Voudoun (q.v.). It is drawn upon the earth around the center post in the peristyle (q.v.) or ceremonial enclosure, with flour or ashes. Also called the Vévé in voodoo (q.v.).

VESTA:

One of four thousand known asteroids, but treated as a very minor planet. In Astrology (q.v.), the planet named after the Greek goddess who served as a comforter, keeper of the sacred hearth, and sacred harlot. Keywords include: sister, sexuality, fertility, comforter, charity, sacred chastity, virginity, sacred warrior, sacred harlot, sex as a sacrament, child bearing, diplomacy, legalist, altar, meditation, sanctuaries, rituals, secret societies, safekeeping, hospitality, tradition, prostitution, civil service.

VEVE:

A symbol drawn on the ground in Voodoo (q.v.) ceremonies and used as a talisman (q.v.) or device to attract the Loas (q.v.) or gods.

VIBRATORY FORMULA:

In Ceremonial Magick (q.v.), certain words are meant to be vibrated. This means that when sounded (loudly or silently) they should cause not only the practitioner, but all of space around the practitioner and all of the very existence of space before one to vibrate or resonate to the sound.

VIRGO:

"The Virgin." In Astrology (q.v.), the sixth sign of the zodiac (q.v.) having the qualities of mutable (q.v.) and earth (q.v.) and is ruled by the planet Mercury (q.v.). On the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) and on the Lotus Wand Aries is represented by the color yellow-green. Keywords include: picky, overly critical, practicality, with detail, industriously, modestly, analytically, discriminatingly, critically.

VIRTUES, OCCULT:

The magickal potency of efficacy of herbs, stones, beasts, and other things impressed upon them through the stars at the time of their creation by the heavenly Intelligences (q.v.).

VISUALIZE:

The process of forming a visualization (q.v.). To form a mental image. The important factor for success in this is the knowledge that the image is to be mental, not an optical illusion. It can however seem to be optically visible.

VISUALIZATION:

1) Seeing an image in the mind's eye. This is a willed image, and should not be confused with an hallucination, which is an unwilled picture in the mind's eye. 2) The practice of imagining a place, person, thing, or event with unusual clarity and intensity. Often it is done in a ritual context and reinforced by repetition.

VISUALIZATION, CREATIVE:

A process of using visualizations to affect you unconscious. This will have an effect on the Astral Plane (q.v.), leading to changes on the physical plane.

VOICE, GREAT:

Silently. One Vibratory Formulae (q.v.) method. In some situations it is impossible to vibrate words out loud. In these instances the practitioner say them to themselves, thus causing the "Great Voice." However, the practitioner should still cause themselves and the universe to vibrate as if saying the word(s) out loud.

VOODOO:

A religion mixing Roman Catholicism and the African religious practices called Voudoun (q.v.). Magick is an important aspect of the religion.

VOUDOUN:

The more pure religion created by the black slaves of Haiti. It has its roots in African tribal shamanism. The central rite is possession by spirits called Loa (q.v.).

VRIL:

The occult energy described by the English writer Edward Bulwer-Lytton in his science-fiction novel, *The Coming Race* (1871). Much the same as Mesmer's animal magnetism (q.v.) or Baron Reichenbach's odic force.

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WAITE, A. E. (nee ARTHUR EDWARD WAITE):

A member of the Hermetic Order of The Golden Dawn [G.D.]. More of a Christian Mystic, than a magician. He was the major member responsible for the G.D. splitting up into numerous factions, by demanding that Order stop performing ceremonial magick and that advancement in the Order's various grades be based not due to knowledge and work, but mere time in grade in the Order. He wrote several books which were basically compilations from other sources with his comments. His writing style is not considered modern, and whatever wisdom he may have wished to share (suspect as some hold it to be) is hidden beneath his turgid prose. Several of his translations of classical occult literature, including, *The Holy Kabbalah* has been very influential. He was the first person to produce a Tarot (q.v.) deck with a major book about Tarot (q.v.), *The Pictorial Key to The Tarot*, at the same time. This deck is known as the Rider-Waite Deck, and is the most widely known and used deck of today. The deck was drawn by G.D. member, Pamela Coleman Smith. Waite chose not to violate his vows to the G.D. by not revealing the correspondences of the Hebrew alphabet with the Major Arcana (q.v.). Waite is one of the people responsible for the non-acceptance of modern day Christian Mystics/Ceremonial magicians, due to his concepts of what they should have been. A. E. Waite and Aleister Crowley (q.v.) were bitter rivals.

WAND:

The primary weapon and tool of elemental Fire and of the South. A Ceremonial Magician's primary weapon, used to represent his/her will.

WAND, LOTUS:

In the Astral Star, the primary weapon of an Adept. This tool is used to represent "Elemental Spirit" for the membership. It is almost identical to the Lotus Wand used by the G.D. The Lotus Wand is of a Planetary nature, and is the Rainbow Wand (q.v.) of the Lord/Lady of the Portal (of Adepts) with the addition of the symbolism of the Lotus flower. This powerful weapon is used to signify the True Will of the magician in magickal operations.

WAND, RAINBOW:

The modified "Lotus Wand" of the G.D. by Donald Michael Kraig. The "shaft" of a Lotus Wand (q.v.). The central tool for use by a magician, used to represent no

single element, but is of a planetary nature; and the magician's higher and true will. In the Astral Star, the primary elemental weapon of one who is a Lord/Lady of the Portal (of Adepts).

WANING (MOON):

The Moon phase from just after Full Moon until it disappears, and becomes the New Moon.

WATCHTOWER:

An invisible station in the universe on the Astral Plane (q.v.), set at the quarters (East, South, West, and North). A Celestial Garrison of Angels (q.v.), under the command of an Archangel (q.v.). Some traditions hold that there are Watchtowers at the cross quarters as well as at the quarters. Note: There is only ONE Watchtower in each of the directions.

WATCHTOWER, OPENING BY:

A powerful ritual, written by Israel Regardie (q.v.) from the Elemental Grade rituals of the G.D., used to cast a magick circle in the tradition of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn [G.D.] (q.v.). This ritual is used by Adepts to consecrate and cleanse a hall (room) as a preparation for any magickal ritual, especially operations of Gray Magick (q.v.).

WATER:

One of the five magickal elements. It has the properties of being cool and moist. The element of the West. The elemental weapon/tool is the cup or chalice.

WAXING (MOON):

The moon from when the New Moon can just be seen to the time of the Full Moon.

WESTERN OCCULTISM:

The magick of Europe and English speaking nations around the world that has descended from the magick of Sumeria, Babylonia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, The Arabs and the Jews, as well as from the indigenous European magick of ancient times. It's range is roughly coequal with that of Christianity. The Kabbalah is said to be the heart of modern Western Occultism.

WHITE MAGICK:

1) The science and art of causing change (in reality or in consciousness) in conformity with will, using means not currently understood by traditional Western science, for the purpose of obtaining the Knowledge and Conversation of your Holy Guardian Angel (q.v.). Also known as experiential mysticism. 2) In low magick (q.v.), magick (q.v.) that is generally worked for good purposes or that involves benevolent actions, agents, or entities.

WHIPLASH, ASTRAL:

The result of your Astral Body and consciousness being suddenly drawn back into the physical body by a either disturbance near the physical body or an unpleasant occurrence on the Astral Plane. Symptoms can include: headache, dizziness, grogginess, muscle soreness, etc. Reprojecting and returning at a normal place will quickly overcome this problem.

WICCA:

A word of somewhat unknown origin and meaning. Although properly pronounced, "Wee-Kah," it is usually pronounced, "Wick-Kah," by most people today. It is the word from which the term, "Witch," (q.v.) is said to have evolved from. Some sources claim the word Wicca is derived from a word meaning "to bend, or shape," as in the ability of members of this faith to be able to bend, or shape their consciousness and thus reality to their wills. Another source claims the word Wicca came from a word meaning "wise." Thus, those who follow the path of Wicca are called, the "wise ones." A follower of modern day Wicca is called a "Wiccan." The modern Wiccan movement, as a formal religion and philosophy, began with the writings of Gerald B. Gardner (q.v.) and Doreen Valiente, in the mid 1950's. Anthropologist Margaret Murry (q.v.) wrote two books that prefaced this modern movement in the 1920's.

WICCE:

The feminine of Wicca (q.v.).

WIDDERSHINS [WINDERSHINS]:

Counterclockwise. Movement against the movement of the Sun. Occasionally the direction moved in within a magickal circle, but rarely so. Movement in this direction is used to help dispel excess energy within the circle that was built up, but not used. A grounding technique in Ceremonial rituals. Sometimes used to build malefic energies for the intentional purpose of performing black magick (q.v.).

WILL, TRUE:

The impulse inherent in human nature to realize individual human potential and thereby achieve harmony between the individual, the Universe, and the Almighty (q.v.). Aleister Crowley (q.v.) coined the term to distinguish this constant, unvarying impulse from what is called will but which is really no more than the vague impulse of the moment born of circumstance. Opposite of Want.

WISE WOMAN:

The solitary female witch (q.v.) who dispensed charms and prescribed healing herbs to common inhabitants of rural villages in medieval Europe.

WITCH:

A person, male or female, who practices the art and religious faith of Witchcraft (q.v.). See Wicca.

WITCHCRAFT:

Popularized by Gerald Gardner (q.v.) and many others, it is a peaceful religion based on the worship of the generative forces in nature. Witches generally worship the Horned God of the Hunt and primarily the three-fold Goddess of Life. Witches venerate the life force in nature and seek to be in tune with natural cycles. All Witches come from different Pagan (q.v.) religious traditions. Witches are not Satanists (q.v.). In fact, they do not believe that an entity called "Satan" even exists.

WIZARD:

Literally, a skillful or clever person. A wizard is a male magician who uses Theurgy (q.v.) or Goety (see goetia).

WORD OF POWER:

A word or name, often unintelligible, that is supposed to carry an occult potency. Many of the so called barbarous names mentioned by the ancient Greeks were undoubtedly once names of gods and goddesses that became corrupted over time.

WORK, GREAT:

The work of achieving enlightenment and unity with Divinity. Some people would say unity with one's own Higher Self. Classically, to become more than Human. The work of Adeptship.

WORK, MAGICKAL:

The series of ritual actions conducted in order to realize a ritual desire (q.v.), such as the performance of the Great Work (q.v.) of alchemy (q.v.). A working is an extended series of rituals designed to attain a single object.

WORLDS, FOUR:

A traditional way of looking at the Tree of Life (q.v.) as being composed of four divisions or "worlds." There are many variations of this theory. See Ha-Oh-Lahm.

WORLD TREE:

A myth of many different world religions. The great tree at the axis of the world that was believed in shamanism (q.v.) to hold up the heavens with its branches and provide a frame work for the entire universe.

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YEH-CHEE-DAH:

Psychic center just above the head, it is also the deepest level of the subconscious. Also called "The Higher Self."

YEHESHUAH:

The pentagrammaton (q.v.). The name given to Jesus by Christian Kabbalists during the Renaissance, who used it as the supreme word of power (q.v.) in their magick and worship. They intended it replace the Tetragrammaton (YHVH) (q.v.) of the Jews.

YESODE:

Hebrew for "Foundation." Pronounced, "Yea-Sohd." The ninth (9th) Sephirah (q.v.) on the Tree of Life (q.v.).

YETZIRAH:

The third of the Four Kabbalistic Worlds in descending order. It means world of formation.

YETZIRAH, SEPHER:

Hebrew for, "The book of formation." Considered to be the first Kabbalistic book. Re-produced in A.E. Waite's (q.v.) The Holy Kabbalah, and S.L MacGregor Mather's (q.v.) The Kabbalah Unveiled.

YHVH:

The Tetragrammaton (q.v.). The ultimate, unpronounceable, supreme name for God/Goddess. A code for the ultimate name of Divinity, indicating that the Divine being is a blending of everything physical, mental, and spiritual. Also indicates that the nature of the Divine being is a blending of opposites. This word has been mis-pronounced as Yahweh and mis-transliterated as Jehovah by ill informed people. Even to this day, the name is said to be so holy by the Jews, the word, Adonai, is said in YHVH's place while reading the scriptures.

YOGA:

Sanskrit for, "Union." Especially refers to a union between a person and Divinity. Religious disciplines of Hinduism (q.v.). Hatha Yoga, which involves physical postures and breathing techniques designed to promote a unity of mind and body, and a unity between man and God, is only one of the many systems of Yoga. Raja yoga involves mental exercises, Karma Yoga relies on good works, and Bhakti Yoga uses religious devotion, Mantra yoga involves chanting, Laya Yoga (q.v.) seeks to awaken Kundalini (q.v.), and Jnana Yoga concentrates on philosophical analysis.

YOGA, KUNDALINI:

Allegedly a method of exciting the Kundalini energy at the base of the spine and causing it to rise up to the head, bringing enlightenment.

YOGA, LAYA:

Pronounced, "Lie Yoga," it uses breath and visualization to recreate the changes that the physical and spiritual bodies go through during sexual activity. This is usually presented as an allegory of causing the Kundalini (q.v.) energy to rise. It is the source idea for Kundalini Yoga (q.v.).

YONI:

A Sanskrit term for the female genitalia.

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ZELATOR:

A term that means, "one who is zealous." In the Order of the Astral Star [O.A.S.] (q.v.), a zelator is the title of the third degree of membership, and correlates to the Air of Earth in the Sephiroth of Malkuth (i.e. the citrine colored quarter of Malkuth). The primary principle of this grade is based on mastering the element of Earth (q.v.).

ZEN:

A Buddhist sect widespread in Japan that seeks enlightenment through spontaneous insights that are generated by a single-minded devotion to simple physical actions, or by verbal paradoxes that cannot be solved in logical terms. In Zen, the intellect is looked upon as an obstruction to truth that must be circumvented on philosophical analysis.

ZODIAC:

From the old French from the Latin "Zodiakos" meaning, "Circle of Animals". An imaginary belt in the heavens extending on either side of the apparent path of the sun, the moon, and the planets along the ecliptic divided into twelve sections of thirty degrees each. Used in Astrology (q.v.).

ZOHAR:

A huge, mystical commentary on the Torah (q.v.) first written down in the fourteenth (14th) century by the Rebbe and Kabbalist Moses de Leon.

finis - the end.
