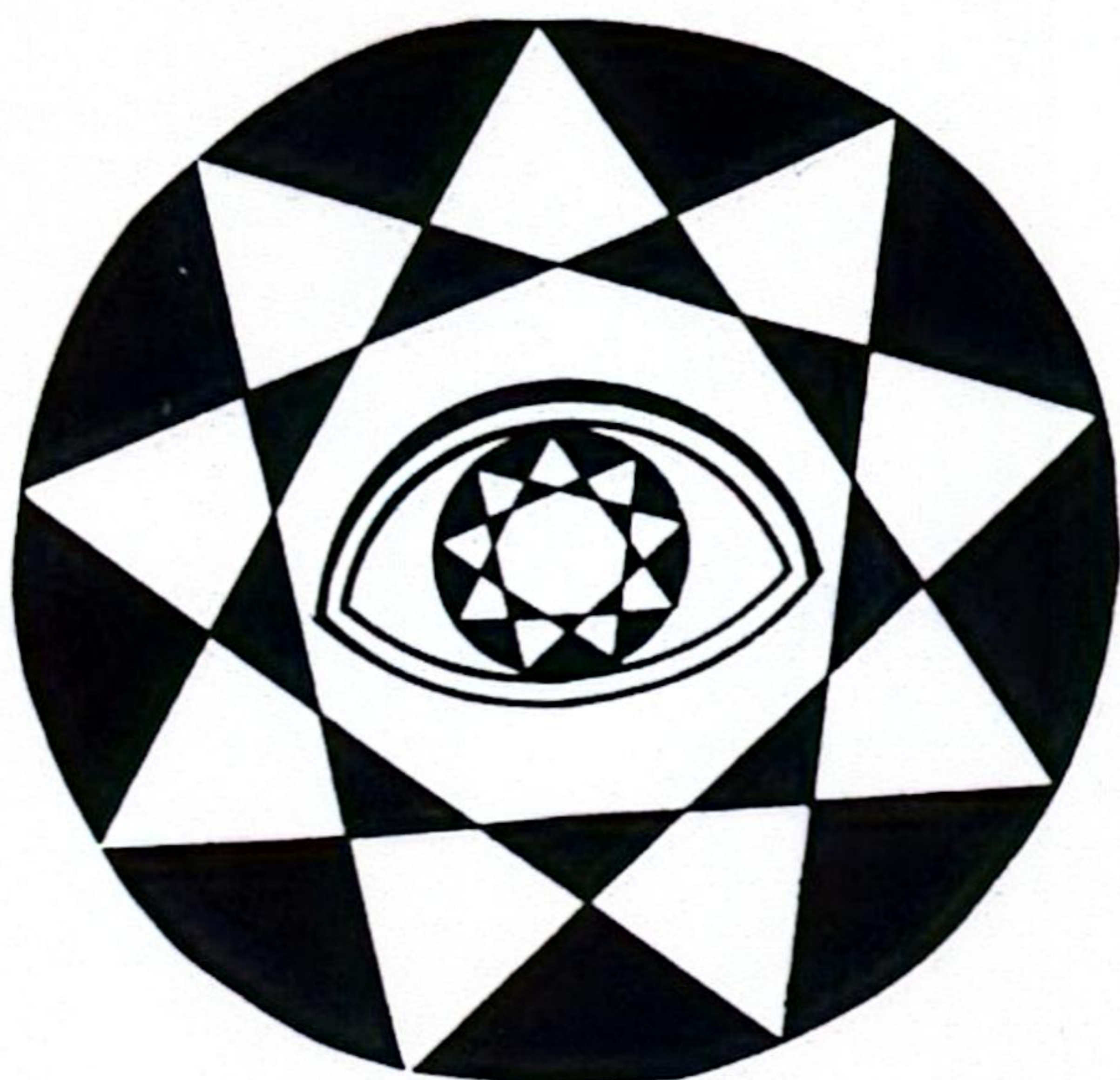


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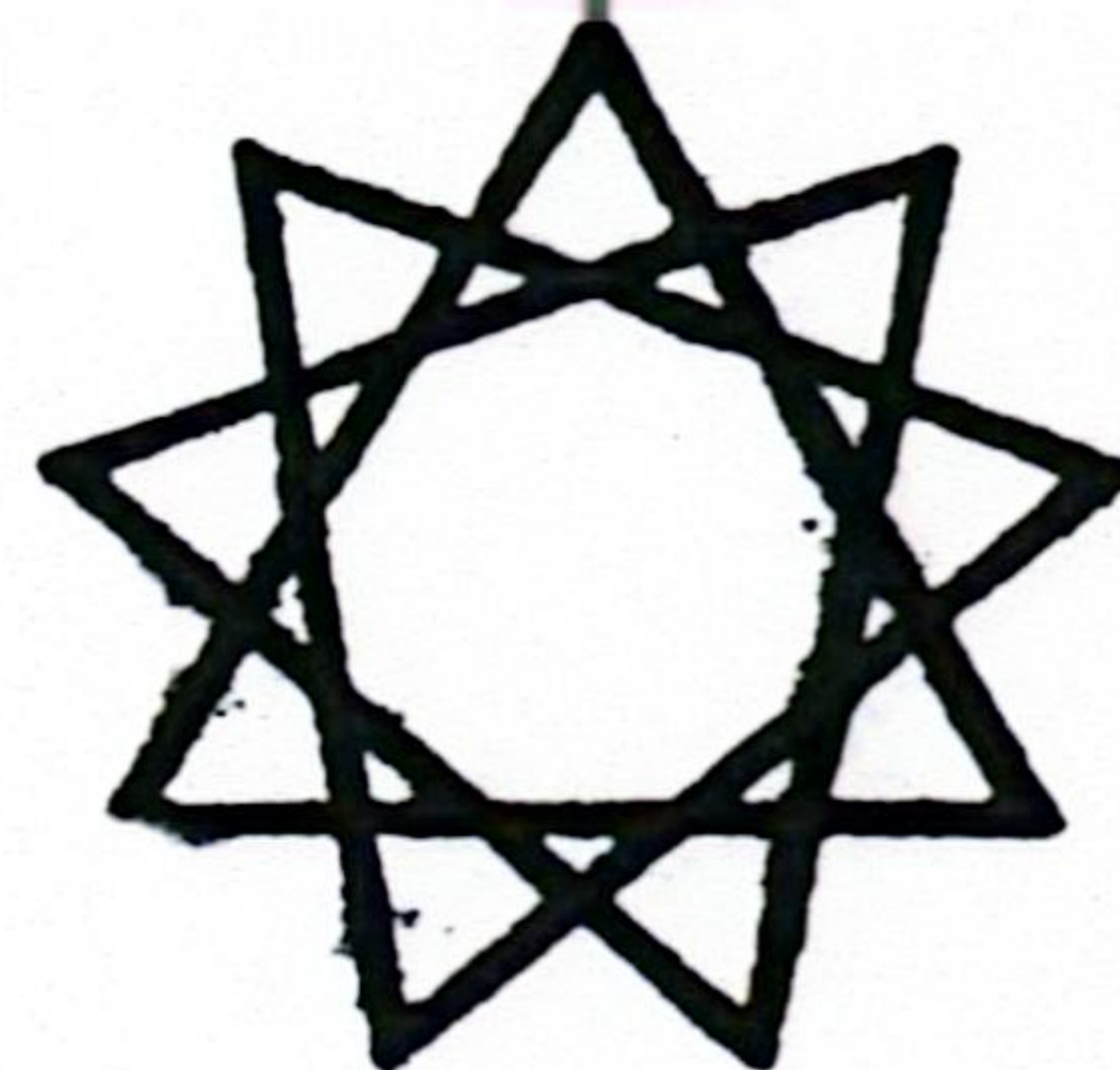
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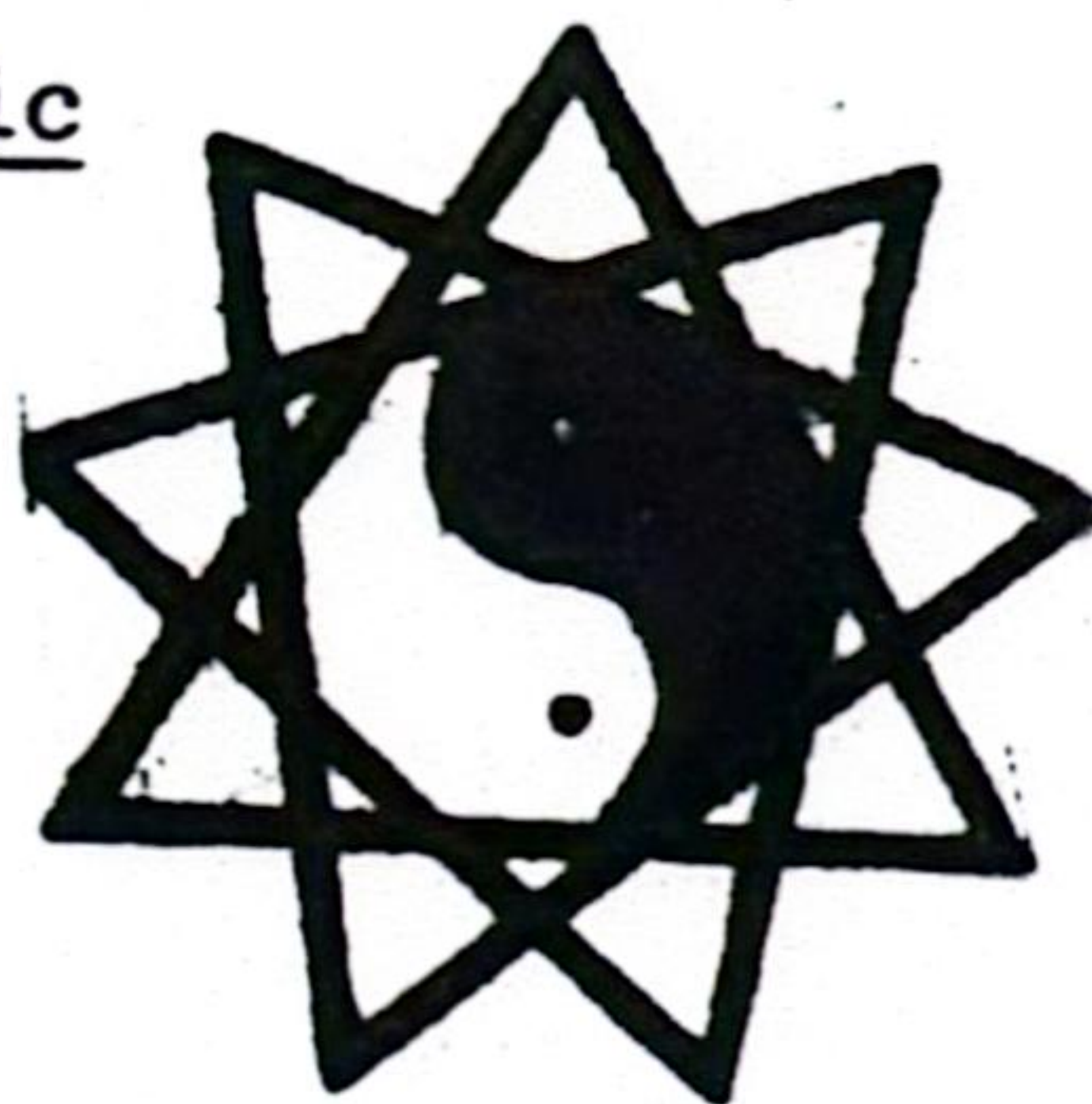
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THE KABBALLA

by

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The ten globes of the Hasidic Sephiroth are not called the tree of life for nothing. Tree branches floating in a drop (or an ocean or a fountain) of water are a universal symbol for the great differentiation of spirit which divided the One into many. The Magian tree of life, preserved for us by Jewish mysticism, is an exact map of the results of this differentiation, portraying the various realms of psyche and Brahman which are part of the Self, part of us, in other words, as we are part of it. The various paths are symbolic of the various kinds of experience. The various kinds of experience come first; the Magian Hermits of the period from 200 B.C. to about 800 A.D. knew all the categories of experience eternally being re-discovered by pagans, psychoanalysts (witch doctors, dream interpreters, scryers), poets, prophets and mystics. The pagans discover sephiroth 10, students of dream and myth discover 9, poets and artists dwell in 7, and 8 is the realm of conscious, literal and critical minded ego, 6 is the sun-gate known to the prophets

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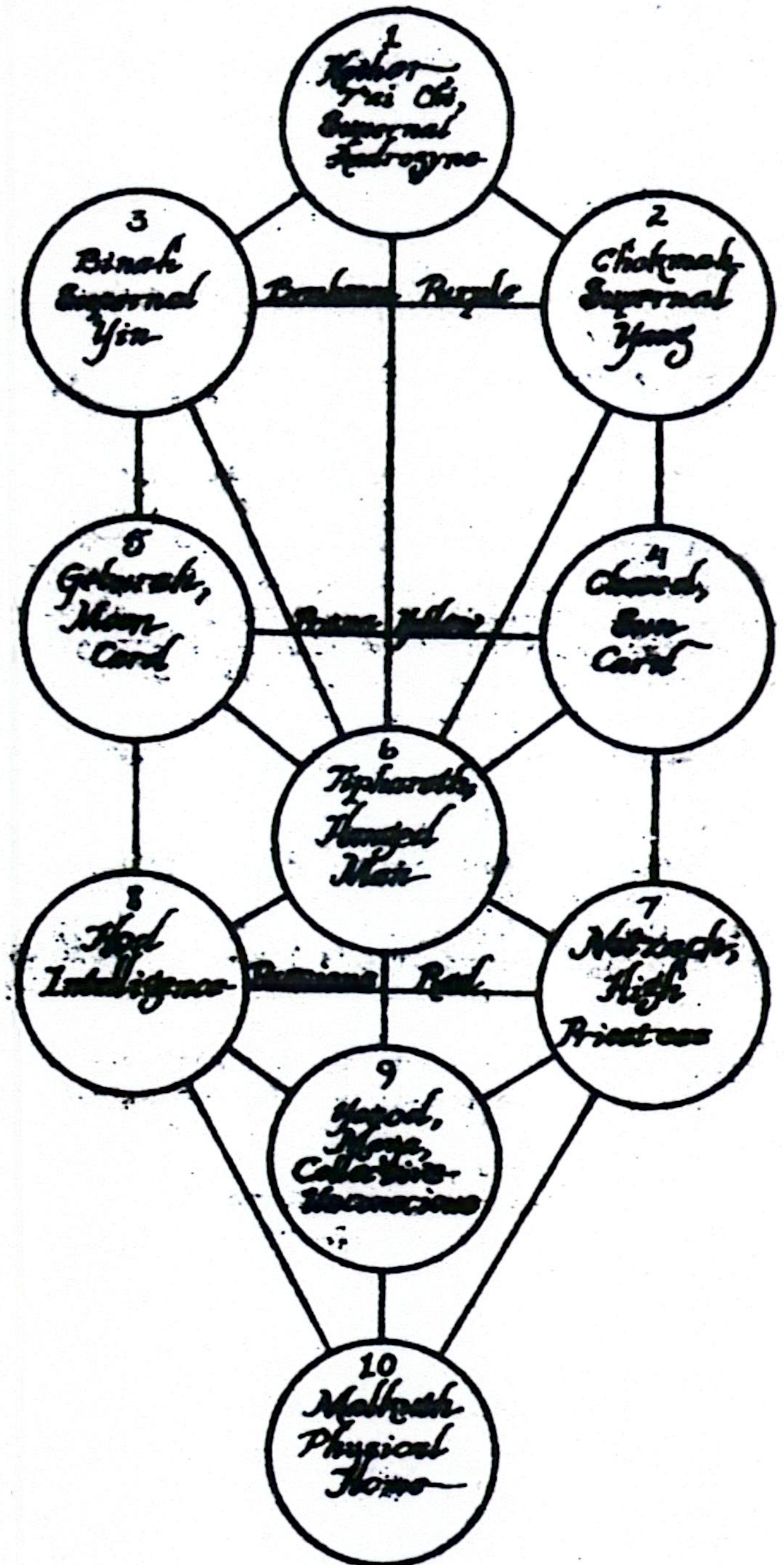
and illuminati of every culture, which leads through 6 either to the father (4) or the mother (5) while the supernals (3, 2, and 1) represent three stages or realms of the mystic experience. For 500 years 'rationalists' lumped all this together as 'myth' or 'mysticism'. The fact is, these are 10 quite different realms of Self and each path is a wholly different experience.

As a child I knew the thought-feelings of sky and earth, moon and clouds. For 25 years I neither spoke nor wrote nor read nor heard a word about such experiences. There are no words in literal English to describe the earth-roots experience nor any of the other paths. But there are others who have known them. Wadsworth for instance.

Spiritual experience is what is important. The Hasidic tree of life merely turns out to be a convenient and accurate map corresponding to all types of spiritual experience; theology only comes later when the number of visionaries and illuminati is beginning to decrease. In any case, the mythic formulations of spiritual experience of every culture can be expressed in terms of the tree of life. There is nothing specifically Jewish about it.

The three great archetypes of Hindu mythology can be correlated with the three pillars of the tree of life. Brahma the formulator corresponds to the right-handed pillar of dissolution; while Vishnu the preserver is the middle pillar of balance and beauty. At first it did not seem to me that cold and scientific Urizen should be

on the side of dissolution and destruction, but reading Spengler convinces me that science is largely the objectivication of the assumptions which are latent in the religion and art of a culture. Religion and art are formulated by Luvah, the poet, though its sources come from the other sephiroth,



Viracocha, the crying god of meso-America, corresponds exactly to the Hanging Man of the new Tarot, which is an evolution of the Hanged Man of the old Tarot, corresponding to the sun-gate. All saviors, redeemers and deliverers have the sun-gate and the illumination of fire as their source. Kali is another archetype from Hindu mythology, which corresponds to the spider-woman from native American myth and 'Chaos and Old Night' in poetry (Milton's). I'm sure the Cosmic mother reveals different aspects in different stages of civilization. At present it is all-renewing Death, the cup of Shiva-fire which is revealed. Myth is not falsehood, but the highest truth, symbolically expressed. The Mirror That Smokes is another archetype from native American myth, and the mirror, or the sea of Tharmas is another symbol of what the psychiatrists call the collective unconscious.

"I'll sing to you to
the soft lute, and shew you
all alive The World, when
every particle of dust
breathes forth its joy."

William Blake

Other passages in Blake make it clear that the four-fold vision is of the four goas, Urizen (cold & scientific 8), Luva (pitying and weeping, passion and feeling, 7) Los (fierce prophetic boy 6) and Tharmas (parent power, the sea of spirit). The three-fold Beulah's night 15 the threshold to infinity, the three sephiroth immediately above us. It is also apparent that what Blake experienced through the sun-gate was the cosmic mother, as I did, as have other illuminati of recent centuries. In the chapter

of WHOLE-EARTH INNER SPACE called "Adventures of the Fool" I put this illumination of fire experience in the form of a parable making use of the old Tarot.

But let me express the insight as a personification of T, in the language of the new Tarot, the Book of T:

"I am the sun. By my yellow and orange rays those who can see shall know me. The fire is within you. Take the cup and drink. It is not the warmth of spring I bring, but the darkness of chaos and old night, the fierce winds of winter and the Shiva-fire of destruction and withdrawal. The stones of your heart and of your cities shall dissolve into a fine white ash, which shall take roots in the oceans of the unconscious. It is the fire of the great mother that the Deliverer brings. For there can be no rebirth without death. Take the cup of fire and drink, and thaw and resolve yourself into a dew. Rest your world-weariness and corruption, O Fellaheen sophisticate of stone-dead megalopolis! It is winter-time and barbaric, shallow men of money and power rule. Shall the armor glisten into the dusk? If we think but do not act, then the maggots will crawl in this corpse of civilization. The thinker has become the devil card, the ruler of stagnation, as the Devil card becomes the Thinker in the new Tarot. Stagnation is the only evil. The Sun must become the Doer. The politician-Emperors think they act, but it is only a play they perform. The creative act of self-transformation. Seek the Fire Oh Seeker!

Out of the mouth of the

Speaker come doves and thunderbolts."

This was written some months ago, out of a state of inspiration from contemplation of the new Tarot.

I do not claim the illumination of fire to be a "revelation from god" but simply as an experience of the sun-gate, sephiroth 6. such illumination experiences are very exhilarating and give a meaning to everything in life.

I have not personally experienced the four highest sephiroth, but many mystics have (at least the three supernals). It may be that Brahma is closed to us since we have gone too heavily in the masculine direction in the past 500 years.

Earth-Roots experience took me out of Urizen to the pagan realms of nature; reverie took me to the collective unconscious (9, the mirror that smokes) and the feeling of destiny that one can tap there. But it took some hard knocks culminating in psychoanalysis to open up to me the other half of conscious human nature, the mythic and symbolic and intuitive realms of the poet and artist. At last I was able to dwell in the symbolic systems such as the I Ching or the Tarot and this make it possible to communicate and understand communications dealing with these other realms of Self.

While contemplating the historical stages that correspond to the major arcana of the Tarot, I had the illumination of fire. This is an integrative, intuitive experience in which you see a single purpose behind all the

polarities of life (good and evil, suffering and joy, self and other). In a single flash, everything I knew or had experienced was seen as part of a single pattern, the Great Way. Only gradually did I begin to learn how to speak of this experience. William Blake knew this same illumination:

"...Such is my awful Vision:
I see the Four-fold Man,
The Humanity in deadly
sleep And its fallen Emanation,
The Spectre and its cruel
Shadow. I see the Past,
Present and Future exist-
ing all at once. Before
me."

Or another passage:

"Now I a fourfold vision see,
And a fourfold vision is
given to me;
'Tis fourfold in my supreme
delight And threefold in
soft Beulah's night And
twofold Always. May God us
keep From Single vision &
Newton's Sleep!"

Still another:

"Unless the eye catch fire
The God will not be seen
Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard
Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.."
...And I would stand,
If the night blackened with
a coming storm, Beneath some
rock, listening to notes
that are The ghostly language
of the ancient earth Or
make their dim abode in
distant winds. Thence did
I drink the visionary power...

Except for Theodore Roszak, every-
one thought this was poetic fancy,
or even the fallacy of projecting

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THE GREY WITCH

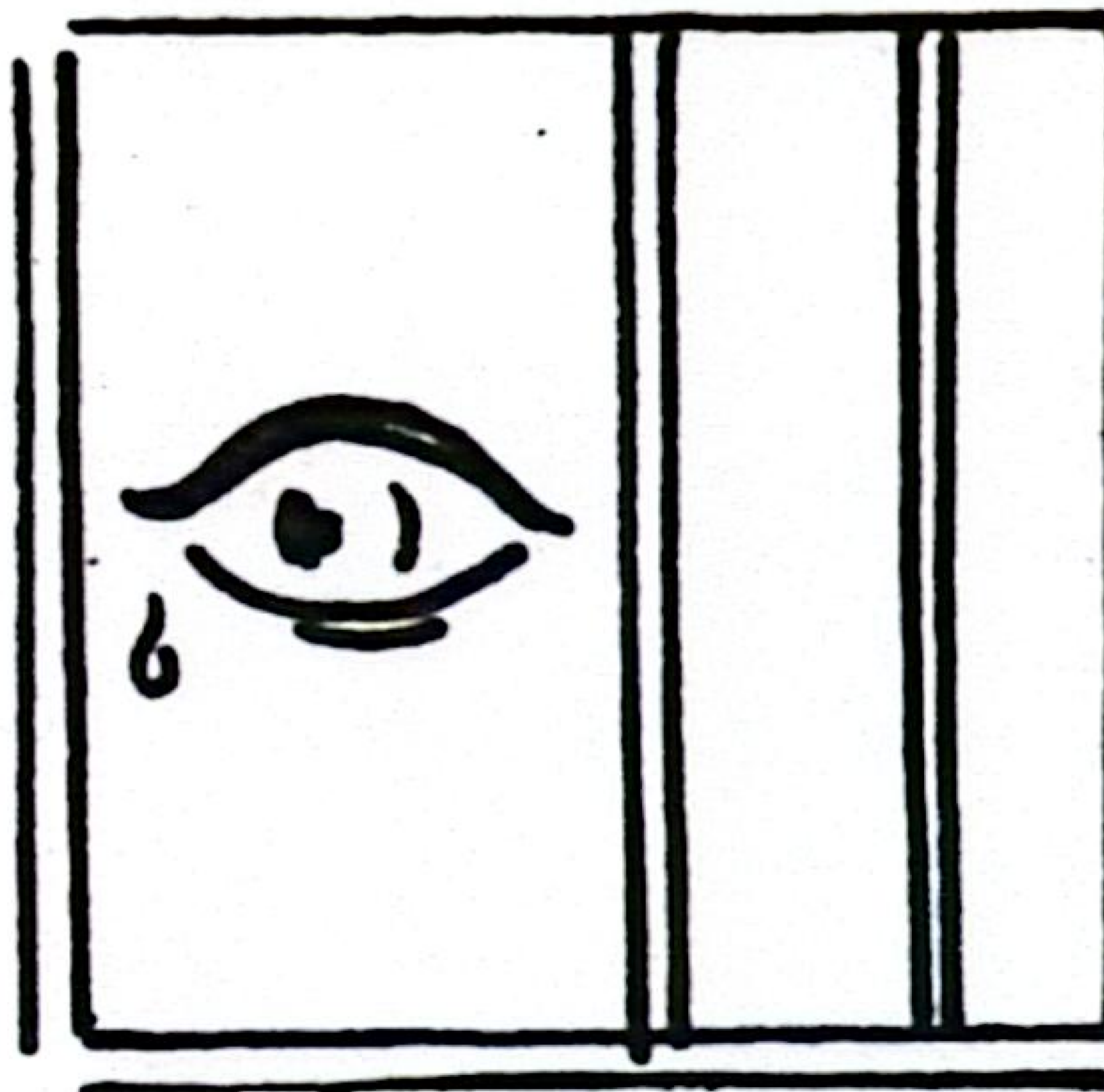
OCCULTISM BEHIND BARS

Recently the very interesting book, "Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain" was published. But right here in our own country and in Canada we have occultists who are behind another kind of iron curtain, prison bars. As an ordained minister I became interested in the plight of prisoners and have come in contact with many of them. Some have had an interest in the occult and others have been introduced to it by me. In this months column I will tell about some of their experiences.

A Canadian prisoner who is in for a life term tells in his own words and poems how the occult has helped him.

"I study the occult sciences, which is all I can handle, but the farther I get into it I find more to learn. The deeper I go the more interested I become, so much so that everything else becomes secondary, even the fact that I'm doing life is no longer important. I feel that I am becoming freer within myself than ninety percent of the so-called free-society. In the past year I have found, seen, felt and become one with more beauty, love and serenity than I have known throughout my whole lifetime.

It is really funny in a way, (God's joke on me?), because I started reading books on the Black Arts about five years ago to find a way to cast



spells of revenge and hate against, I guess, the whole world, but as I became more involved and read a greater number of books, I felt less hate and more compassion without even realizing my inner changes in attitude. Then a couple of years ago I read Israel Regardie's "The Golden Dawn" and Rudolf Steiner's book, "Occult Science". These volumes blew my mind completely and I found a great void within me filled with the beauty of the inner mysteries and I found I could no longer attempt anything selfishly against any living creature with the use of the occult powers in myself. Now I will not even kill an insect intentionally. I will still fight physically if provoked though.

I will not try to force my religion, Occult Science, on others and will only touch on minor surface knowledge if someone asks me about it. Unless the person fully shows me that he is very serious in his studies of Occult knowledge.

Occult Science is a very serious thing to me and as yet I understand about as much or the mysteries of Occult Science as the new born baby understands of his first look at whatever his



Mystic Cauldron (soup pot) By David

cent credentials as a health food ,
filled with minerals and vitamin c
make it even more important as a
daily addition to the family diet.
PLANT PLENTY....

Parsley was first dedicated to the mistress of the underworld but later for some obscure reason was dedicated to St. Peter. Early American gardeners believed one had to plant parsley on Good Friday to ensure a good harvest.

Being a terrible dawdler, parsley takes its time to come up.

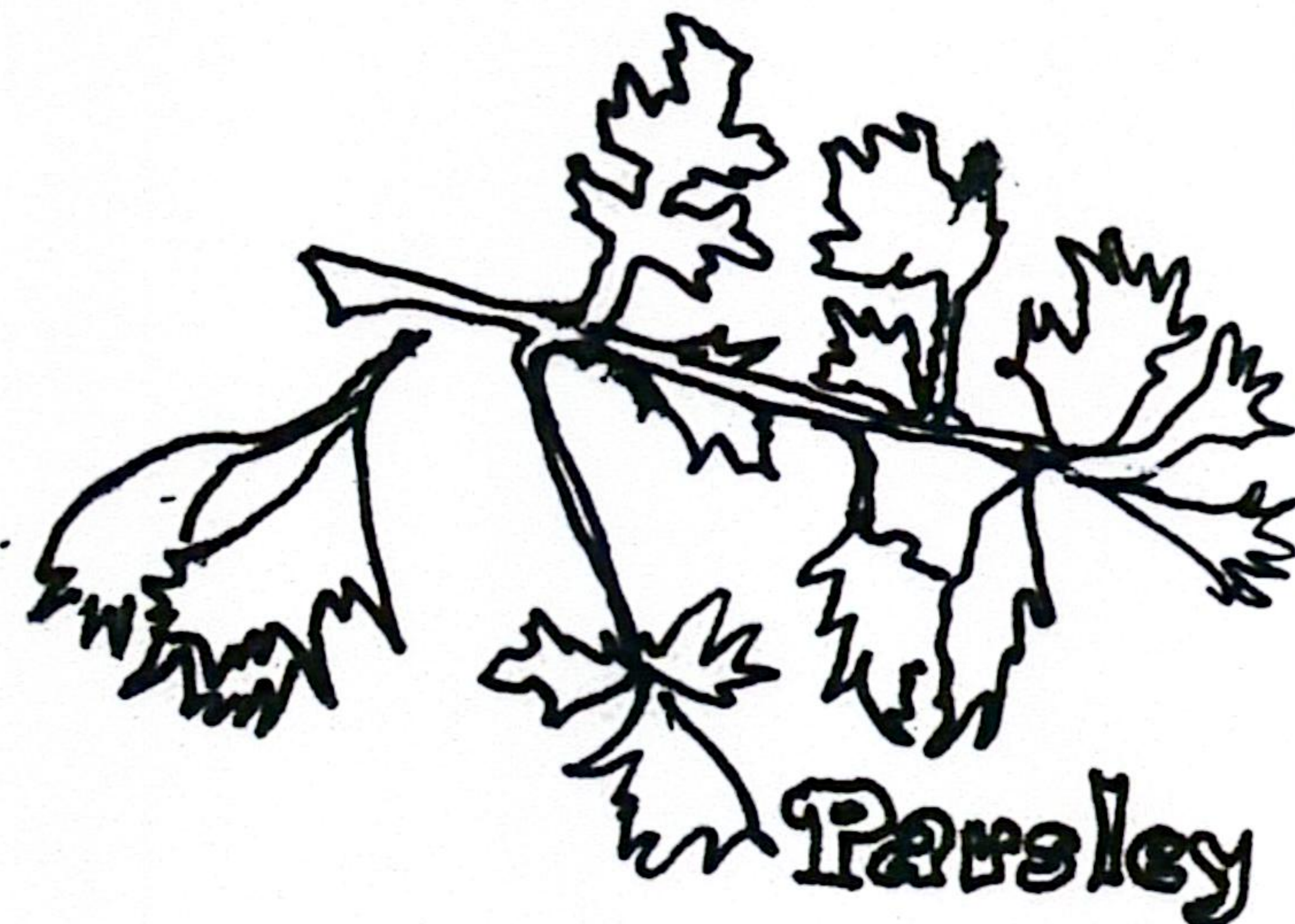
Legend says its seed goes nine times to the devil and back for permission to grow.

Folklore insists that parsley will not tolerate having its roots meddled with. To this day, old fashioned New Englanders say that they never transplant parsley for fear of bringing misfortune down on the house. In some southern states, negroes consider it unlucky to take the parsley plants from an old home to a new one and they believed that if you powdered your head with parsley seed three nights every year that your hair would never desert you.

Scores of users attest to the versatility of parsley, from bouquets, for flavoring to use in soups, salads, meat and poultry. Its magnifi-

Parsley Soup

3 cups boiling water or stock
(half milk may be used)
1 tbs. butter
3 tbs. chopped parsley
1 clove garlic
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup cream
salt and pepper
Fry parsley in butter, add stock and garlic and bring to boil. Take out garlic. Stir in egg yolk with cream and add to soup just before serving. Serve with croutons fried in butter or toasted French bread.



Parsley Sauce

3 branches parsley 1 tsp. vinegar
3/4 cup boiling water 1/2 tsp salt
1 tbs. melted butter 1 tsp chopped parsley
1 1/2 tbs. flour 1/8 tsp. white pepper
1 egg yolk 2 tbs. butter
1 tbs. cream

Wash parsley and cook in boiling water for 5 min. Mix in a sauce pan the melted butter and flour and cook 1 min. Strain the parsley water into a pan and stir until it comes to a boil, add chopped parsley and seasoning. Mix egg yolk with the cream and vinegar and add to the sauce with the 2 tbs. butter. Briskly mix 1 min. and pour into a sauce bowl.

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The people at the Lucis Trust Library have recently informed me that I have been misrepresenting their location and services. I stated that the library was inside the United Nations and this is not so, they are actually a block away from the U.N. and not associated with them at all. I also said that information about their Arcane school could be obtained by writing to them. Actually what happens is that when you request a library application they send a list of other materials which includes mention of the Arcane school. You must write separately for information regarding any of their other services.

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"The Runestone is a journal of the old Norse religion and is dedicated to the revival of the values of courage, freedom and personal independence which are associated with it."

This quotation seems to explain the purpose of this interesting newsletter out of New York. Anyone really 'into' the old Norse religion will find this publication a 'must' in their library. Others, however, may find it a little narrow in scope and may well wonder if one must be of blonde blue-eyed Norse descent to qualify for membership or interest in the Viking Brotherhood which is responsible for the newsletter.

The last page included notes on a changing world and was a plea for all Norsemen to establish their own personal programs for self improvement. All of seemed aimed at improving their individual and collective strength during the ongoing worldwide struggle in the constant quest for Valhalla. All proving "ODIN LIVES"

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At last Ohio has a new occult publication worthy of note (In addition to ours, of course). In its first year, the Psychic Eye is still in a newsletter format of sorts. It seems a little short and in need of stapling to make it better organized. The

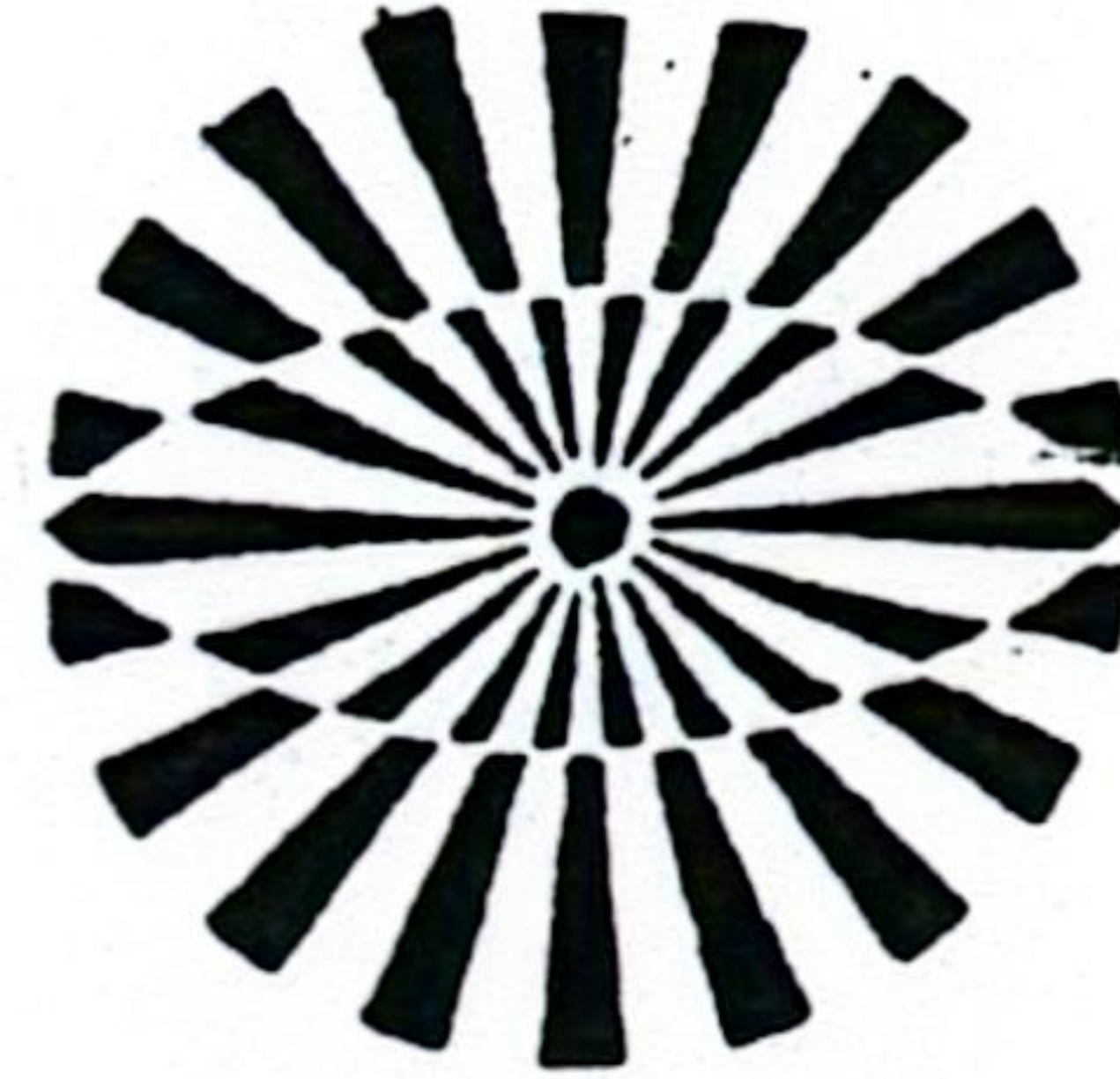
articles are brief but informative on various aspects of the occult scene. The ads are the standard variety. The printing company is obviously trying out many effects; from two or three color pages to at least nine different styles of type. Perhaps more consistency would cut down on printing costs and make more space for articles rather than ads.

Old friends from other publications make their appearance within the pages of Psychic Eye such as Dr. Sloane and the Frosts making the reader feel assured that the newspaper is already in good hands. It is a welcome addition to the occult scene!

Anthony Egan publishes a free newsletter and booklist covering the occult and psychic world. He not only has used and rare books for sale but his newsletter includes classified ads, reader wants and news clippings of interest to occult buffs.

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Memo from Miroslav



The poem-memo from Miroslav this issue was written in a small mid-western county jail. It seems that the Law, Pot and the Poet came into confrontation. Digging into his new environment, Miroslav organized a hunger strike to protest the rather sub-human conditions he experienced. Thus the fast.....

'While in a fasting fervor I vehemently construed a bombastic array of consonants.

COSMIC CESURA

Firey orange salamanders stipulately crawl into the cathartic cauldron as the air sylphs apparitions form abstruse arabesques among morning arora.

Iconoclastically chanting zealots of the burnoosed caduceus conjure the ethereal elixir, while beyond the courtyard of their baroque domain, among a mythically malodorous mist, the alchemist crucible of auriferous igneous glows.

Suddenly the bell tolls echoing the equinox. The Gnostic theocracy beckons forth the believers of its faith for the merging of minds. The consolidation of consciousness coagulating towards the cosmic censura, the hyperbolic overtrump of space and time intrinsically exposing the ephemeral eon, the mystic intermezzo, that reprehensible interregnum releasing the fervid exultation of Genesis itself.

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human thoughts into nature. In the chapter of WHOLE EARTH INNER SPACE called "Thales", I describe the experience, using the language of the trigrams:

"The earth-spirit's thought-feelings are not like those of people; and it does not particularly notice people, any more than it notices ants. Nature's thoughts are objective, slow, long, dry, all-encompassing and indescribable...The scudding, puffy clouds and undulating, sighing wind murmur eternal, peaceful truths that sooth and excite at the same time...He used to immerse himself in them and dream and drift and expand on a Sun day, which can come anytime of the year in Oklahoma."

SUN trigram is wind, gentle, penetrating. Thales was my name for the source of these experiences. Later, I discovered that Thales was an earth-god according to OAHSPE, and I also associate it with T, the source of the Book of T, and with Thoth-Hermes, whose symbol is the winged serpent or caduceus. We find this symbolism everywhere, for instance, the native American archetype of Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent, who is also associated with the bearded white man who is to return and redeem native American culture. A snake is something that comes out of the earth, out of the depths, and the wings or feathers at the top of its climbing form symbolize flight out of the narrow prison of the body.

The ancient pagans who lived rooted in nature must have felt these various psychic centers in nature very keenly. It is not

surprising that they worshipped trees and stones and the moon and lightning and could understand the 'language' of clouds, birds, and the bowing and sighing of trees. Urban life and rootless existence obscures this experience and allows us to think of nature as something dead to be exploited at will.



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eyes are focused on when he first opens them.

Someday I hope to be

able to understand the powers hidden within me and to learn to use them with much wisdom. I am far from understanding completely the occult and probably won't find my goal in this quest in this lifetime and maybe not for many life times. It is very hard in here to buy books for my studies for the powers that be (the man) is constantly putting stumbling blocks in my path. I have been trying to get permission for 18 months to buy "The Magus" by F. Barrat and the "Encyclopedia of Occultism" by Lewis Stone with no luck so far because I have no one on the outside to help me with obtaining my rights concerning religion."

POEMS by FRED J. MORRY

I am awake
Yet i sleep;
Forgotten is the past,
Deaf, dumb and blind
In the now,
Fearful of the Future;
A Father stands alone
Among his loved ones
Guarding his greed,
Sending his only son
To kill others sons,
Trading his daughters innocence
In his climb.. to what?
Filling the jails
Before they are built
For the crime of being human,
I cry in shame
At what i am;
Man!

HUMANITY

I cried out my love
With indifference you turned away;
I spewed out my hate
You gave me your love.

A young man in a California detention establishment tells his story next:

"I am serving time in a minimum security establishment. Its called a rehabilitation center, but no matter what its called, its still a prison. But at least its not as strict as the others.

I work as a disc-jockey in the evenings over the prison's own radio station. This gives me a lot of free time in the evenings and the ability to walk around the grounds and buildings late at night. I have found a quiet place to get away from it all, down in the basement storage room.

I have read the wonderful books of the ESP Lab., you (Dale) have sent me on meditation and astro-travel. Down in the storage room I have found a perfect place to practice.

It was hard to let myself go at first. Everytime I would start to get into a deep trance, my conscious mind would say, 'this can't be happening and that if I left my body I might not be able to return. But your reassurance and words about the power of belief gave me the help and strength I needed. So after several months I was finally able to find release from this earthly body of mine.

Mephistic Musings

by Darn Ol' Nahpets

This issue brings to our readers a new contributor! Darn Ol' Nahpets, an individual who has been long associated with both physical and psychic phenomena. And investigator of both the spurious and the genuine, Nahpets is no stranger to the abounding mysteries around us. After a recent Euroasian tour, Nahpets was finally secured as an occasional columnist for this publication .

The cavern holds much promise as a temporal switchyard if we are to assign any credibility to the following report which just came to my attention:

'A young woman was exploring a cave in British Honduras near some old Mayan temple ruins. In fact, there was even an old Mayan altar inside the labyrinthine system. As she explored deeper into the cavern her headlamp suddenly went out and could not be relit. Groping her way along the floor back toward the entrance, she came across an old reed torch which, although smoky, and rapid-burning, furnished her with enough light to find her way out. As she passed the altar, it looked different in some way but she was unable to tell just what was different about it. Upon exiting she was much relieved to see the bright sun light of day again and for the moment noticed nothing out of the ordinary. Then it struck her that the trees were all wrong; different sizes and types and in different places. Upon climbing the ridge wall that the cave mouth was located in, a second shock greeted her. The sharp white lines of buildings were visible through the waving treetops below; just where hours before there was the overgrown brumbling ruins of the temple complex.

She then instinctively knew that fifteen hundred years of time had fallen away. A feeling of forlorn loneliness crept over her. To be lost 150 miles

from your family and friends is one thing, but a millenium and a half! The lostness was quickly replaced by a sensation of dread. At any time she expected a priest or temple attendant to appear on the path. She was familiar with what treatment would be accorded a stranger who could not communicate and who was found in the sacred zone.

Quickly she retraced her steps down the cliffside and re-entered the cave. Painfully crawling on all fours, stumbling in the darkness, she prayed that the process would reverse and return her to her own time. After several hundred feet of confusion and panic she rested weeping against a large boulder. The only sounds accompanying her sobs were the steady drips of far off water echoing through the limestone tubes.

At length there was an almost imperceptible change in her environment. Was it the change in air flow or temperature, or the centuries flapping past? She would have to risk going back out to be sure. As she rounded the last bend

and entered the entrance twilight zone, she was almost overcome with apprehension and hope.

She glanced at the altar and in an instant she realized from its broken, discolored appearance that she was safely back in the present. This was confirmed a little later when she found her bright yellow Toyota pickup standing on the trail where she had left it. For a long time she avoided returning to the cave. Finally, several years later, she returned and found that the experience could not be reproduced. She often come back to the cave now, fully prepared to accept what it may have to offer.'

What an interesting experience! Did she go back fifteen centuries? Or was it hysteria? Who knows? One thing is for sure. the cave, or innerspace environment IS timeless. Nature hollows out these voids in the Mother rock over, not millenia, but over millions of years. The "ayans found the same eternal darkness and quiet that our young friend did. Temporal switchyard? Perhaps, only through experiment can we ascertain this for ourselves.

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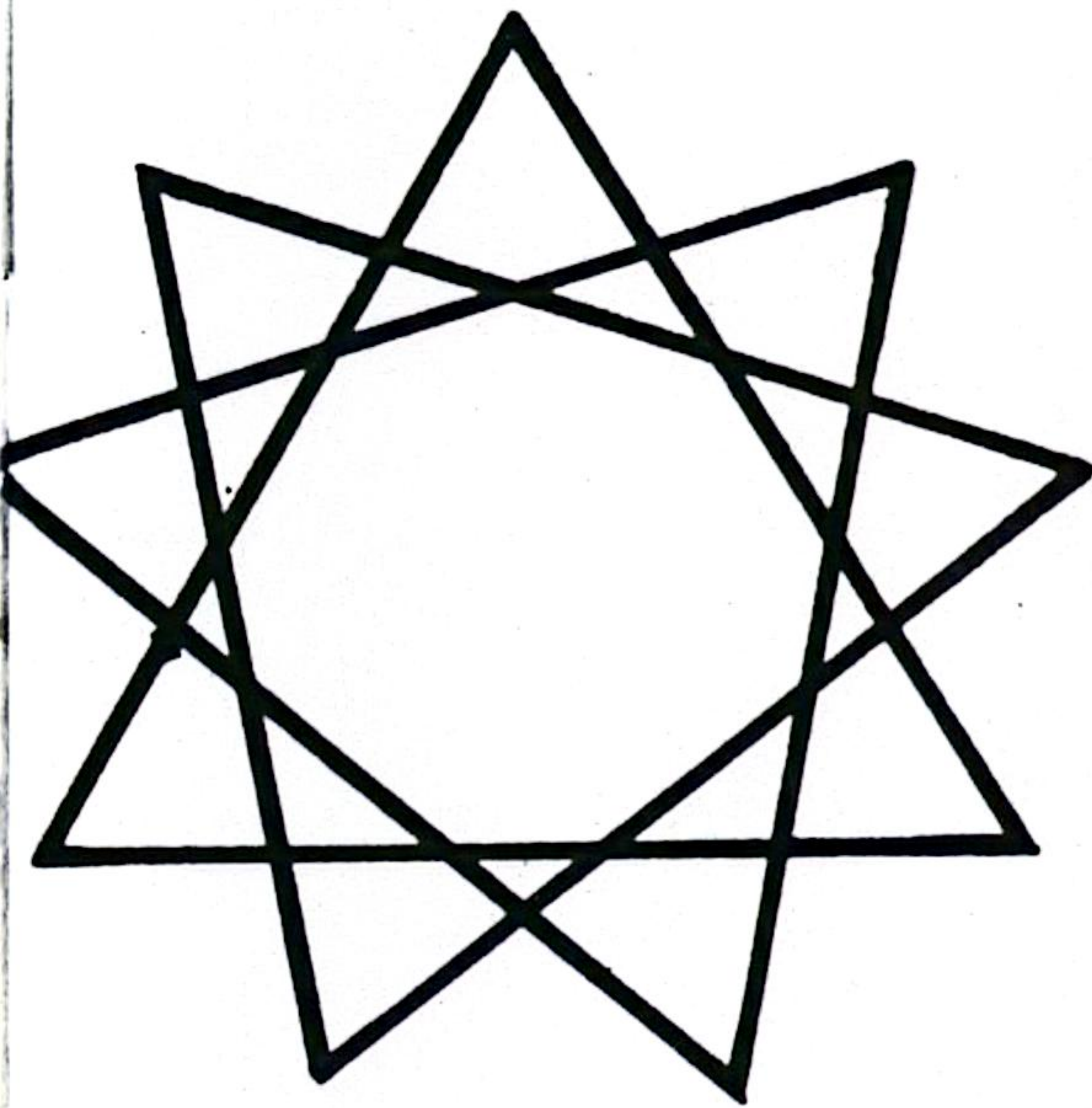
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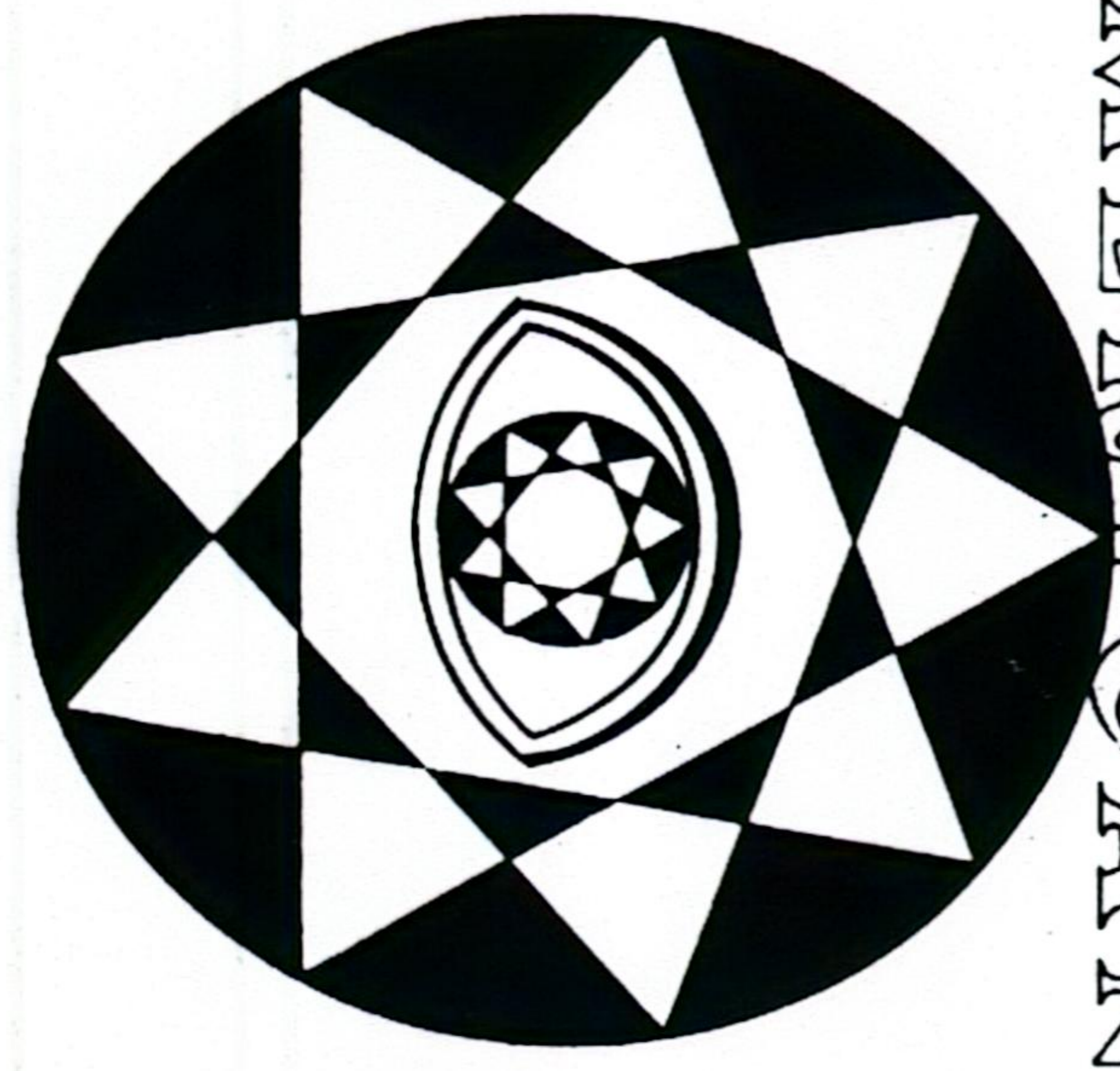
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THE SPIRIT HOUSE

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Probably the strangest house in the entire country is the Winchester House located in San Jose, California. Its bizarre resident was Sarah Pardee Winchester. In 1862 Sarah wed William Wirt Winchester, the wealthy rifle manufacturer's son in Connecticut. She was happy for awhile, then her husband passed away and later her one and only child died too. Since she was despondent over the deaths of her husband and infant daughter, she consulted a seeress who told her to sell her property in the east and settle in the west. The seeress advised Sarah to continually add rooms to her new house for the spirits of the victims that succumbed to the Winchester rifles deadly bullets.. and she would never die!! Sarah finally settled in California, where she bought a small farmhouse from a



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Dr. Caldwell. Quickly she hired servants and carpenters to begin construction. Work continued even on Sundays and holidays because the hammering and sawing had to be constant if Sarah was to live forever".

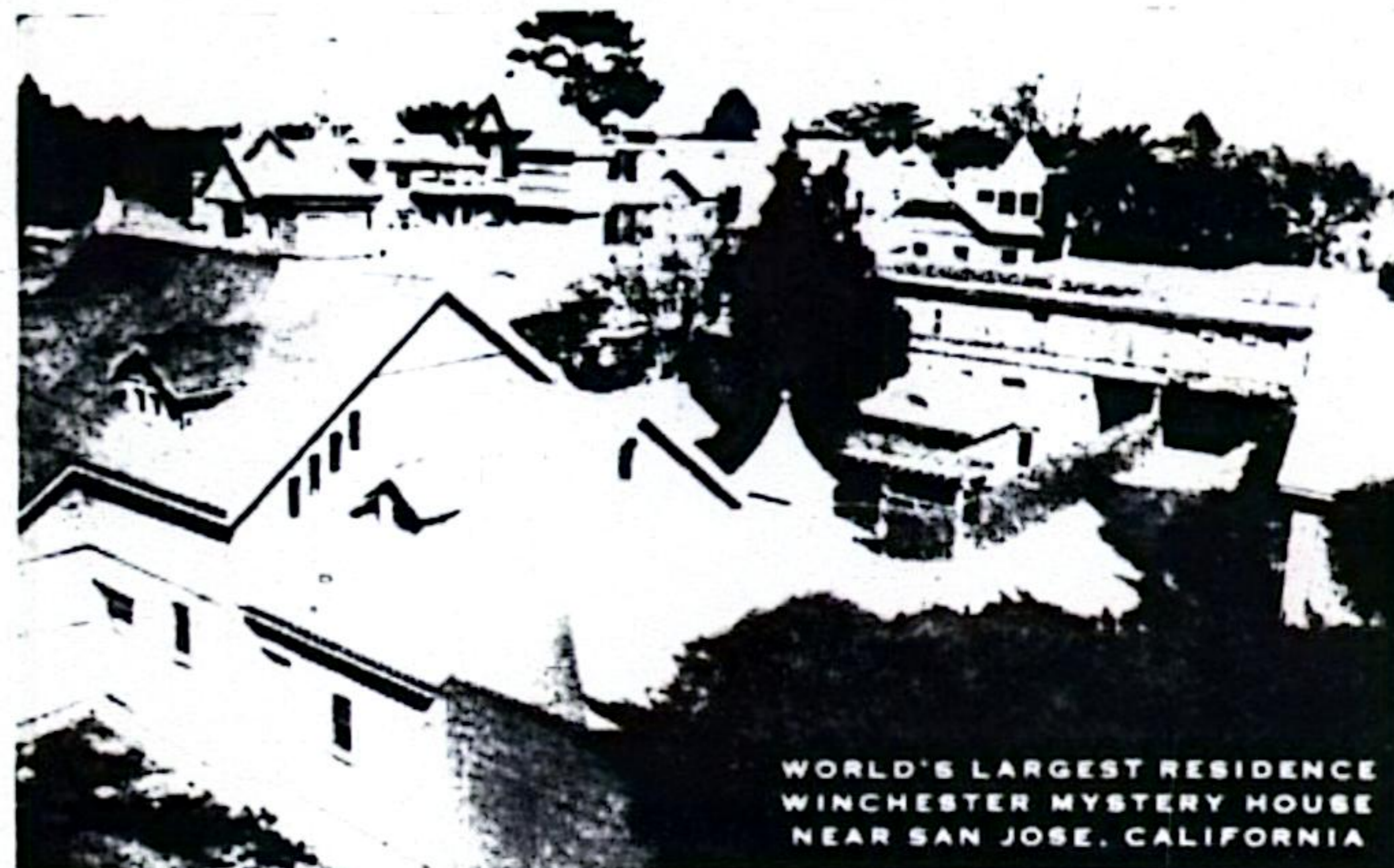
Sarah could have had a spirit-proof house if she so desired. One of the oldest beliefs is that spirits hate mirrors, and the story goes that if a spirit catches sight of its own reflection it will disappear. All Sarah needed to have done was install mirrors on all four sides of each room to make the estate spirit proof, but it would have kept the good as well as the bad spirits away and she didn't want that. Only two mirrors were installed in the house. One in her bathroom and the other in her bedroom, as she felt that the spirits would respect her privacy in those two places.

The house, shrouded in tall trees and an unscalable wall, had chandeliers with 13 lights, ceilings with 13 panels, 40 stairways with 13 steps, 13 bathrooms, trap doors and secret panels and upside down posts. It was an ancient Egyptian custom to build posts in that style to ward off evil spirits.

The structure was purposely designed to confuse the unwanted spirits and to please the nice spirits with whom Sarah hoped to join if she ever left this world.

2 Constantly, she would

hold her own seances with the respectable spirits in her seance room. No one was permitted to enter this area, the route to this room would have discouraged any spirit because it was difficult to reach.



Along with these many eccentricities, the house had some beautiful and costly items, but amidst all of the splendor other oddities existed: a stairway with 2" high steps, a linen closet the size of a three room apartment and a nearby cupboard less than 1" deep. It was said that in her declining years Sarah had arthritis and the 2" high steps enabled her to climb the stairways. Eerie music was often heard late at night, but it was only Sarah exercising her arthritic fingers when she was unable to sleep.

For thirty-six continuous years, Sarah spent \$5.5 million dollars on a 160 room house that covers 6 acres of land. Despite the time, money and promise of everlasting life, Sarah died at age 85. All construction ceased at her death in 1922.

She was a wealthy woman. There was never a problem with money because she inherited 2,777 shares of stock from the Rifle Arms Company, of which the royalties alone brought her an income of \$1,000.00 a day that was tax free until 1913. Yet, she chose the life of an eccentric recluse. Why? What was the purpose behind all this? Did Sarah have a peculiar sense of humor or were the spectors indeed her architectural advisors? Only the Winchester Mystery House has the answers..... and it isn't telling!


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by Darn Ol' Nahpets

This issue brings to our readers a new contributor! Darn Ol' Nahpets, an individual who has been long associated with both physical and psychic phenomena. And investigator of both the spurious and the genuine, Nahpets is no stranger to the abounding mysteries around us. After a recent Euroasian tour, Nahpets was finally secured as an occasional columnist for this publication .

BARBARA, THE GREY WITCH(2 record set)
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content: Housewife Bewitching
style: Light, chatty
technical merit: Fair
Performance merit: Fair

A two record set, "Barbara's" first media piece comes across as an introduction of her and the young housewife/witch scene. She chats suburban housewife fashion with one of her colleagues about witch 'stuff' but in such a non-serious style that we are left wondering as to the merits. Either it is the prattle of self-delusion or this gal only slows down in heavy traffic. Frankly she seems unconvincing to me in her ability to handle supernatural forces should they ever care to present themselves in her neighborhood. She does give a sampling of definitions, practices, etc. that are in line with accepted witchcraft materials published for centuries. Her principle error seems to be in the 'democratizing' of the specialty ; "Anyone can be a witch; even you! Really? We would have second thoughts about her statement if we substituted doctor, scientist, psychiatrist,

minister etc. To excel and be potent in any discipline seems to require natural talent and much hard work and study, not just ill-defined interest and avidness for a certain sphere of knowledge and endeavor. One point worth mentioning is that although Barbara sounds very young on the discs, jacket photos however show a tougher person who is intriguing in appearance. A warlock friend of Barbaras is on the records also, he is equally wimpish. Barbara is indeed a grey witch, neither black nor white. The softened image lacks impact and can only be ill-advisedly based on her attempt at mass appeal. There may be some value in this album for people who have an interest in witchcraft, who are somewhat isolated from other sources and need assurances.

Darn Ol' also reviews two other occult records: Anton LaVey's Satanic Mass and a Hollywood style record by Vincent Price.
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The decline of cathedral building after the Protestant Reformation inspired some lodges to admit honorary non-working members to the lodges in order to keep the membership roles filled. Eventually this new group took control and recreated the purpose of masonry.

The Grand Lodge of England was established in 1717, with the Book of the Constitution written at that time and remaining today as the basic charter of Freemasonry.

Not many years later Daniel Coxe was granted a deputation appointing him Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. During the American revolution the lodges sometimes served as meeting places for the revolutionists.

American Freemasonry was scandalized when the Masons were accused of

abducting and murdering Capt. William Morgan of New York in 1820. He had planned to publish an expose' of the Masonic rites. A wave of anti-masonic preaching and journalism spread over the country. Many Masons renounced their memberships and few new members joined the lodges. By 1840 the scandal had been forgotten and Masonry became popular again.

Each state has its own Grand Lodge. The Masonic Services Association coordinates activities of all the Lodges but has no power over the Grand Lodges.

Today the majority of the members are loyal to the society because of its benevolent and social functions. At the higher ranks members recognize the mystical significance of some of the more recently formed degrees.

Violent negative attitudes toward Freemasonry were rampant in America during the later part of the 19th century. Roman Catholics created and spread wild rumors of diabolical occultism practiced in the high ranks of the society.

The Masons themselves fanned the flames of these rumors by zealously guarding the secrets of the strange and sometimes garish doings at the secret meetings.

THE NEW YORK SCENE

by Frank Dale

THE GREY WITCH

OCCULTISM BEHIND BARS

This issue I would again like to explore the life and experiences of Fred. J. Morry serving a life sentence in a Canadian prison.

Just before Christmas Fred tried to reach me telepathically. Several days after the attempt he told me;

' I felt that I was getting close in my trances and meditations to reaching you, but at the time I took sick and had to stop. Maybe I was pushing myself too far too fast, but I got so involved in trying that I forgot everyday things as sleeping and eating and I'd end up a wreck. When back to my old self I will try again.'

From what he related to me about the impressions he got, I know that he did reach my home because he described many of the things in my closet and also the weather conditions at that time.

Fred has a couple of requests that some of the readers my be able to help him with.

"I wish I had someone that I could discuss the visions I am receiving in the meditation and trance states, especially when I know that the vision is very meaningful to my studies. I don't have the wisdom to

comprehend them because the meaning is far above my level of knowledge. After I get a clear vision of exceptional beauty I feel very frustrated because I feel that I have been shown the key to some of the mysteries . For instance a recent vision;

Six neuter beings (human form) appeared to me one at a time until all six were before me.

They were identical, golden skin, fine yellow hair and perfect bodies. All wore gold crowns at different angles. A seventh being appeared and the other six, in one flowing motion, became one. At this moment I realized that each had only worn a portion of the crown which now was whole, but not completed. The seventh being who now was clearly visible turned out to be a beautiful woman with flowing jet black hair and radiant alabaster skin with a touch of gold. From her left ear ran a fine gold wire over her head to her right ear. She also merged with the other six and completed the crown around which the wire was surrounding. This wire began to vibrate and change colors, then separate into millions of fine particles flowing in an arc over the crown. The particles looked like fine iron filings, only blacker, then the vision faded. All the colors were very beautiful , radiant and shimmering.

I felt that the crown was the important part of the key offered me, with the beings only used as models for the different sections of the completed crown. I also felt the seventh being in the woman's form contributed a very important element to the vision, perhaps turning the six neuter beings into female, yet when she merged with the six it was again like one neuter being. So I don't know. You can

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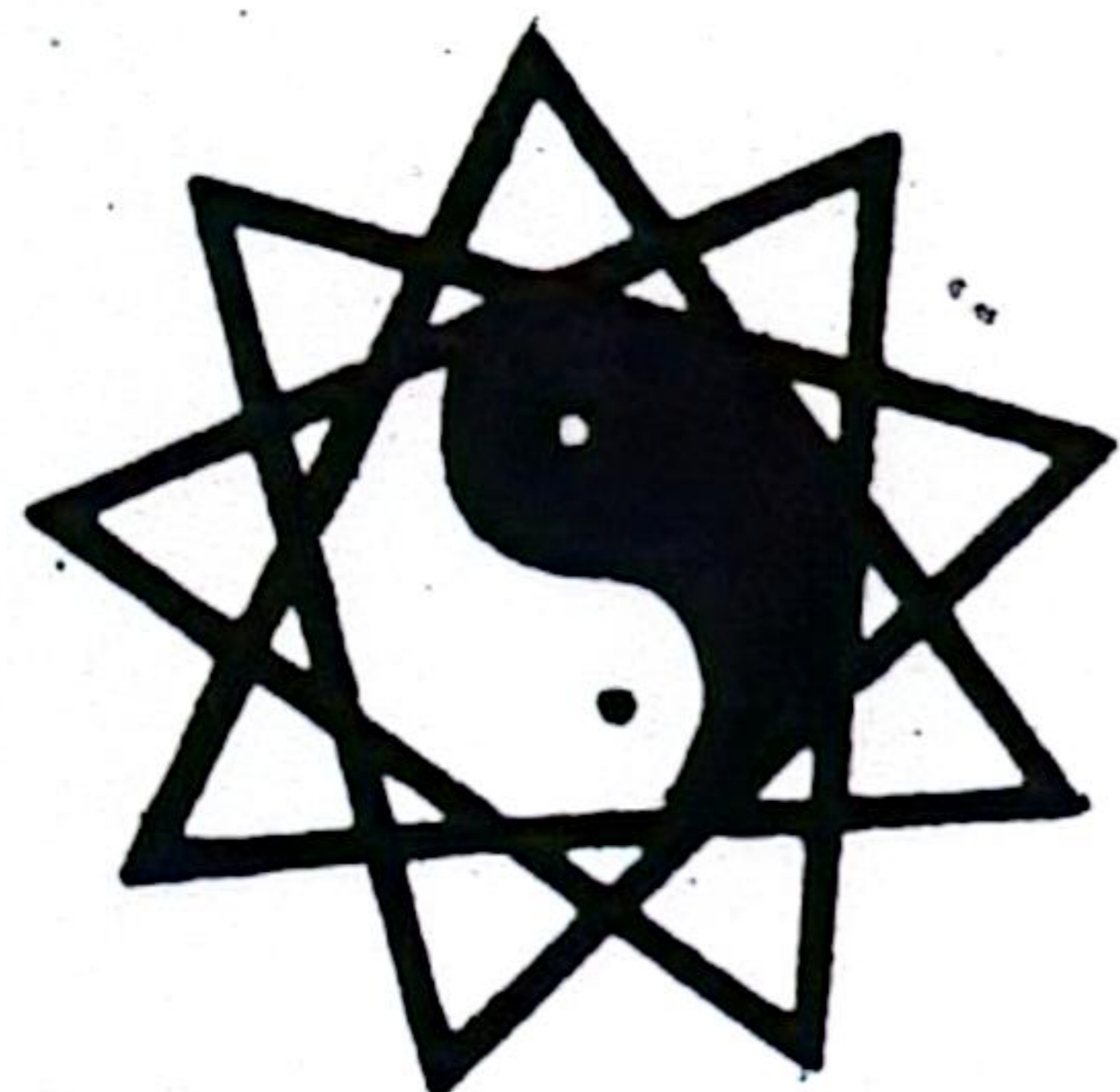
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Was the Philosopher's Stone merely an idealistic dream fruitlessly searched for all through history? Or, is it possible that dreams themselves contain the Philosopher's Stone? Perhaps we have been looking out when we should have been looking in. If, when we sleep our dreams are the repository of all answers about Life and Death that humans have ever asked, how do we get at those answers?

The purpose of this column is to explore that question. Exciting research is happening in America, many books and articles are currently on the market. This column will try to keep the reader informed about the What, When, where and How of the Dream Scene in America. I encourage the readers to contribute relevant information or comments.

How dreams can actually be used as a socializing force is described in this excerpt from Art Rosenblum's fascinating book UNPOPULAR SCIENCE which is described on the Book Shop page of this issue. Kilton Stewart was a research psychologist who spent a year among an isolated jungle tribe in Central Malaya. The uniqueness of this tribe is their ability to avoid violent crime, mental and physical disease and a police force.

Fifteen years of experimenting, says Stewart, with Senoi ideas has convinced him that everyone, irrespective of their actual cultural environment, could profit by learning about them.

Senoi psychology falls into two categories. The first deals with dream interpretation; the second with dream expression in the agreement trance or cooperative reverie. The cooperative reverie is not participated in until adolescence, and serves to initiate the child into the states of adulthood. After adolescence, if he spends a great deal of time in the trance state, a Senoi is considered a specialist in healing, or, the use of extrasensory powers.

The children are seriously encouraged to discuss and analyze their dreams with parental and community help. Dream experiences are related to the child's own psychological make-up. The general theory is that a man develops hostile images of his environment, turning against himself and

his fellow men. This hostility manifests itself in physical, psychic, and organic tensions. Dreaming enables him to analyze his psyche and avoid abnormal attitudes toward his fellows.

However, this system of interpretation has broader implications beyond personal development. It is felt that positive images in dreams are contributions the dreamer must share with his society. Any pleasures in dreams must be enjoyed to their fullest, and understood as an indication of the favor of beings from the spiritual or emotional universe. Sexual love (in dreams) must be culminated after orgasm, with the dream lover giving the dreamer a poem, a song, or a dance or any useful knowledge that will enable him to express the beauty of the relationship to his tribesmen.

Injury to a friend in a dream requires the dreamer to compensate for such hostility in his waking hours by expressions of friendship and cooperation. Hostile dream characters only

use the images of those persons towards whom the dreamer himself shows little good will. If the dream character is a friend who does some misdeed to the dreamer, he must tell the friend so that whatever conflict exists in the relationship might be corrected.

Accepting a friend's dream as being part of his free inner expression is an acceptance of that friend.

After considerable acknowledgement and analysis (and full development) of the dream process, the Senoi learns to neutralize the unpleasant dream experiences and finally reverses them entirely, turning them into constructive contributions for the good of the whole society. He overcomes the bad by adding a good image; then he eliminates the bad entirely by creating a positive product, be it a lyric poem or a solution to a community problem.

The elements of the interpretive process may be seen as: 1) the child receives social recognition and esteem for discovering and relating what might be called an anxiety-motivated psychic reaction. This, among the Senoi, is the first step towards convincing the child that he is acceptable to authority even when he reveals how he is inside.

2) The working of the child's mind is described as rational even when he is asleep. To a Senoi, it is just as reasonable for a child to adjust his inner tension states for himself as it is for a Westerner to expect him to do his homework for school.

3) The interpretation characterizes the force which the child feels in the dream as a power which he can control through a process of relaxation and mental set; a force which is his as soon as he can reclaim it and learn to direct it.

4) The Senoi education indicates that anxiety is not only important in itself, but that it blocks the free play of imaginative thinking and creative activity to which dreams would otherwise give rise.

5) The method establishes the principle that the child should make decisions and arrive at resolutions in his night-time thinking as well as during the day, and should assume a responsible attitude towards all his psychic reactions and forces.

6) It acquaints the child with the fact that he can better control his psychic reactions by expressing them and taking thought upon them, rather than by concealing and repressing them.

7) It initiates the Senoi child into a way of thinking which will be strengthened and developed throughout the rest of his life, and which assumes that a human being who retains good will for his fellows and communicates his psychic reactions to them for approval and criticism is the supreme ruler of all the individual forces of the spirit-subjective-world-whatsoever.

Finally, Stewart concludes by saying that we Westerners feel that the thinking we do while asleep is childish, muddled, or psychotic because we can't accept dreams as significant or creative. And this means a poor education.

The above article is a review of a longer article found in a book of readings called **Altered States of Consciousness**. That book is edited by Charles T. Tart of the University of California at Davis. It is published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (New York, London, Sidney, Toronto).

This excerpt points out dramatically how dreams can be used to tap the psychological secrets of mankind. In Frank Dale's article in this issue, Occultism Behind Bars, he interviews a prisoner who tells of a mystical dream. Anyone who wishes to help Fred with an interpretation may write directly to him or to O.A.

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SATANIC MASS, Anton LaVey
Murgenstrumm# MM6660
content: San Francisco Satanism
\$6.00 (1968)
Style: Pseudo-documentary
Technical merit: Fair
Performance rating: Fair-to-good

Mr. LaVey needs no introduction, being the High Priest of the Church of Satan, years before the current pop revival of the occult in America. His record does serve to acquaint one with Anton and his church's style however. Included are sections from a satanic mass, the dedication of his infant daughter and other occasions. Despite poor microphone placement Anton's incantations are absorbing. The flaw is in the style of the LaVey church. It is best described as Negated Roman Catholicism. In 'Antonian' monotonous devilsihy chant, we hear the inversion of meaning. After a while we hunger for a positive format. Cannot sensual earthiness and hedonic self-gratification be exhorted by itself without the repitious reverses of the 'One True Church'? To focus this way, unfortunately gives more impetus to the original organized superstition.

It may be the Barbara and Anton have found pragmatic 'funnels' into their movements by appealing to fallen away catholics and the speculative middle-class. What 'makes sense' does not always guarantee increasing adherents (As Unitarians-Universalists have found for almost two centuries running).

In any event, Anton deviates enough from custom in not uttering the Latin forms backwards; and besides the Devil is an accoutrement to the existing religion.

LaVey has proficiency on the piano and organ and one wonders if it is his nimble fingers playing the sinister chords we hear as background. Some of the mood music seems mis-chosen because of the non-satanic imagery evoked in the minds of people who have an acquaintance with the classics.

The commercial crassness of this satanic cult can be seen in 'Black Arts Today' no. 1 Centurion Press, 1974, Box 62 L.A. CA 90028 @ \$3.50, available at better porn shops. Anton and his disciples are featured in the main photographic spread. In a series of rather contrived color photos we see LaVey cavorting (sometimes in ragged headgear) with his nude, nubile nymphs. Though not identified, the location seems to be the High Priest's house.



Combining his weak, high-pitched voice projection from the record, and the embarrassingly amateurish tableaux offered in the magazine yields us quite a deflatory impression of the Church of Satan and its leader.

Because of LaVey's current prominence however, this record is probably a must acquisition for the serious occult collector and historian.

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Content: Light historic survey of Magic and Witchcraft
Style: Dramatic narration
Technical Merit: What you'd expect from a major studio.. very competent
Performance: Compelling

Price makes no the pretenses found in the above two recordings. Of course we accept him as a traditional narrator and actor in dark world material. The production values possible with a first rate reader, studio, effects, library, etc. are all here. Where the others falter, Price succeeds effortlessly to compel and chill. His voice nuances and inflections are worthwhile enough in themselves!

Vincent's material is well known also, in fact he insists on reading word-for-word (without proper credit) from Kurt Seligmann's The History of

Magic 1948 Pantheon Books, or its most recent update, Magic, Supernaturalism and Religion 1968, Grosset & Dunlap.

As mentioned before, the special effects work generally well but the 'here-and-then-not-here-and-back-again' echo chamber is distracting. Perhaps 40 minutes of either flat or reverberant Price would have been bad, solely this was no solution.

When not plagiarizing, Vincent, or a writer, has done some embellishing largely for shock value. These sequences may work though.

Largely the most listenable of the three albums reviewed this issue. Witchcraft and Magic manages to succeed on class alone. It would never be accepted as an "IN" work. I hope this says more about the missed possibilities of 'genuine' occult records than it does about my appreciation of well done productions.

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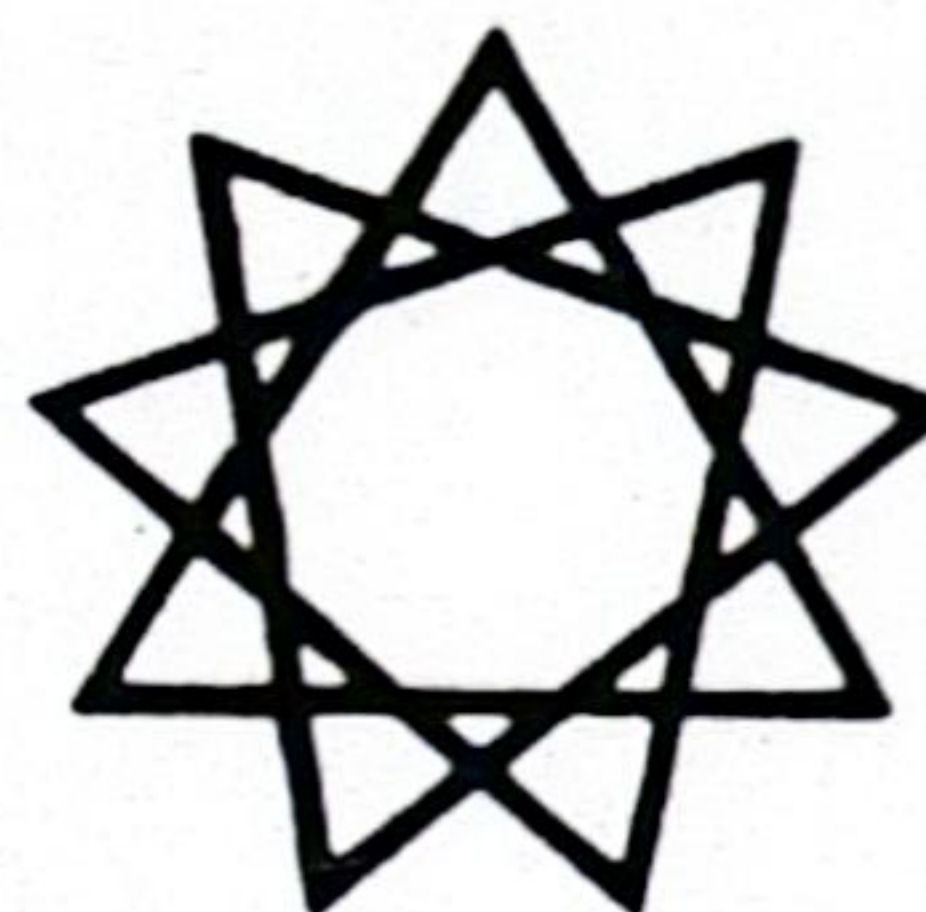
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Mystic Cauldron

(sex pot)

By David

The Italian influence on American drinking habits is apparent in the 'old country' medieval origins

For a smaller gathering the 'Scarlet Omen' is just the drink.

1 cup gin
2/3 c dry red wine
1/3 c cranberry juice
1/4 c lemon juice

Mix, stir and pour over cracked ice.

of the names given to these favorite drinks. The only obvious American influence is seen in the flourishes added to these powerful mixtures. A recipe handed down in our family has always been known as the Devil's Dividend. I suspect that the ingredients have been altered through the years only to conform improved commercial bottling processes, and that the original early American versions were of materials that could be obtained from the small but well cared for back-yard gardens of the inhabitants of the 'Little Italies' that grew up in all American cities. I offer the following recipes, wielded from unwilling relatives, as a sample of the curious mixture of assimilation, with a stubborn clinging to the old-world influence, as indicated by the names of these drinks.



Devil's Dividend
Mix in 1/2 gal. pitcher
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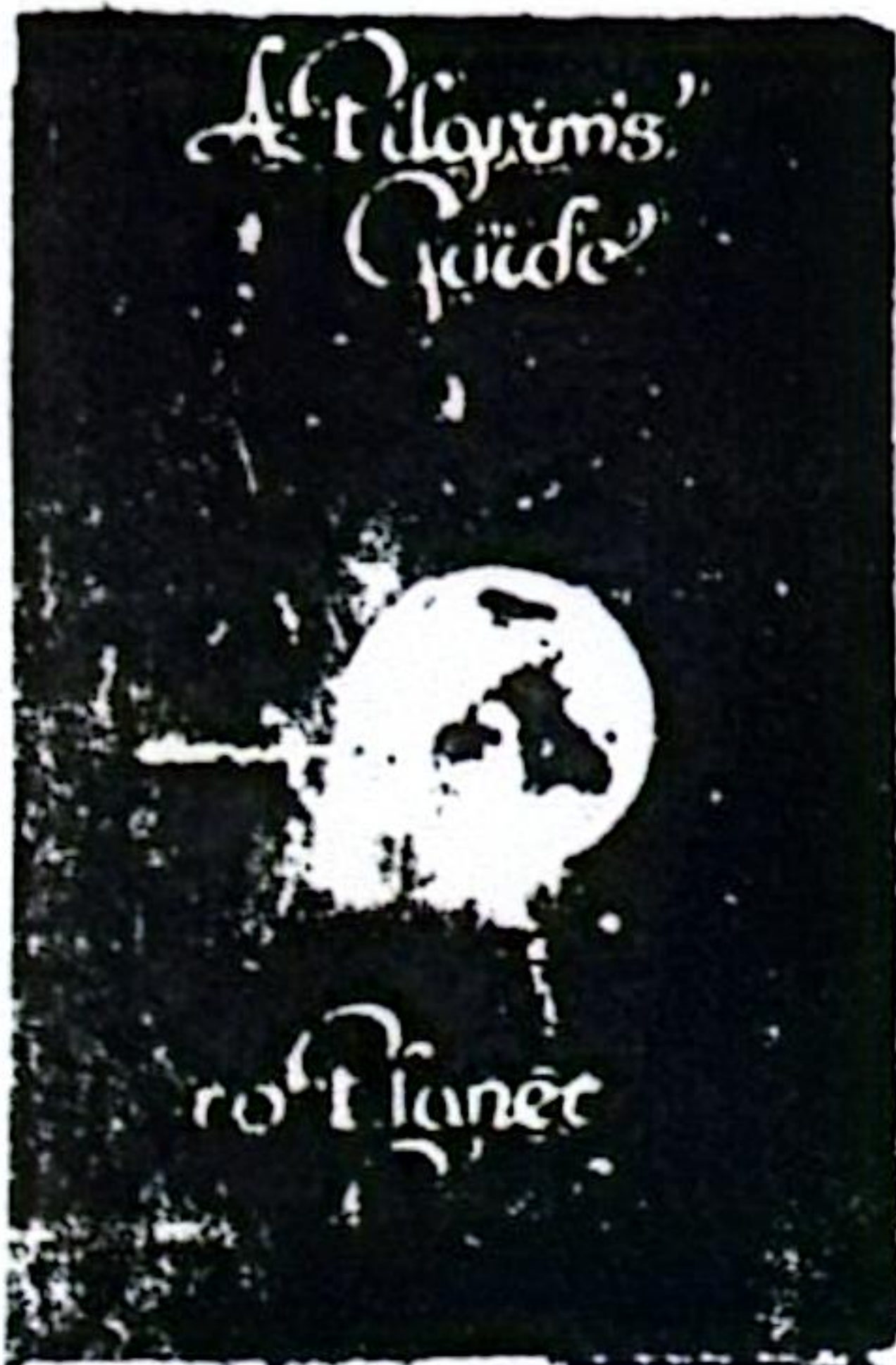


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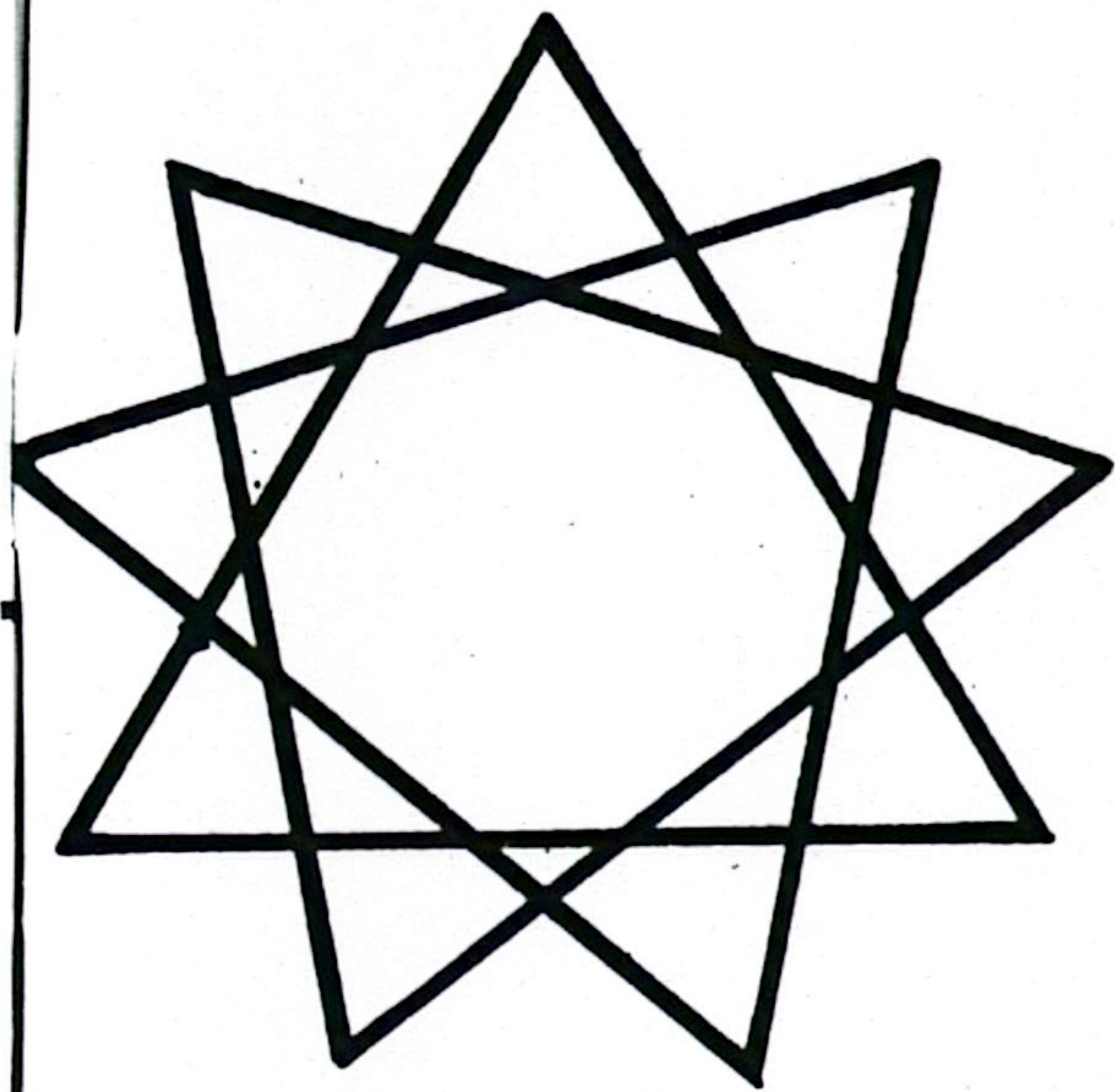
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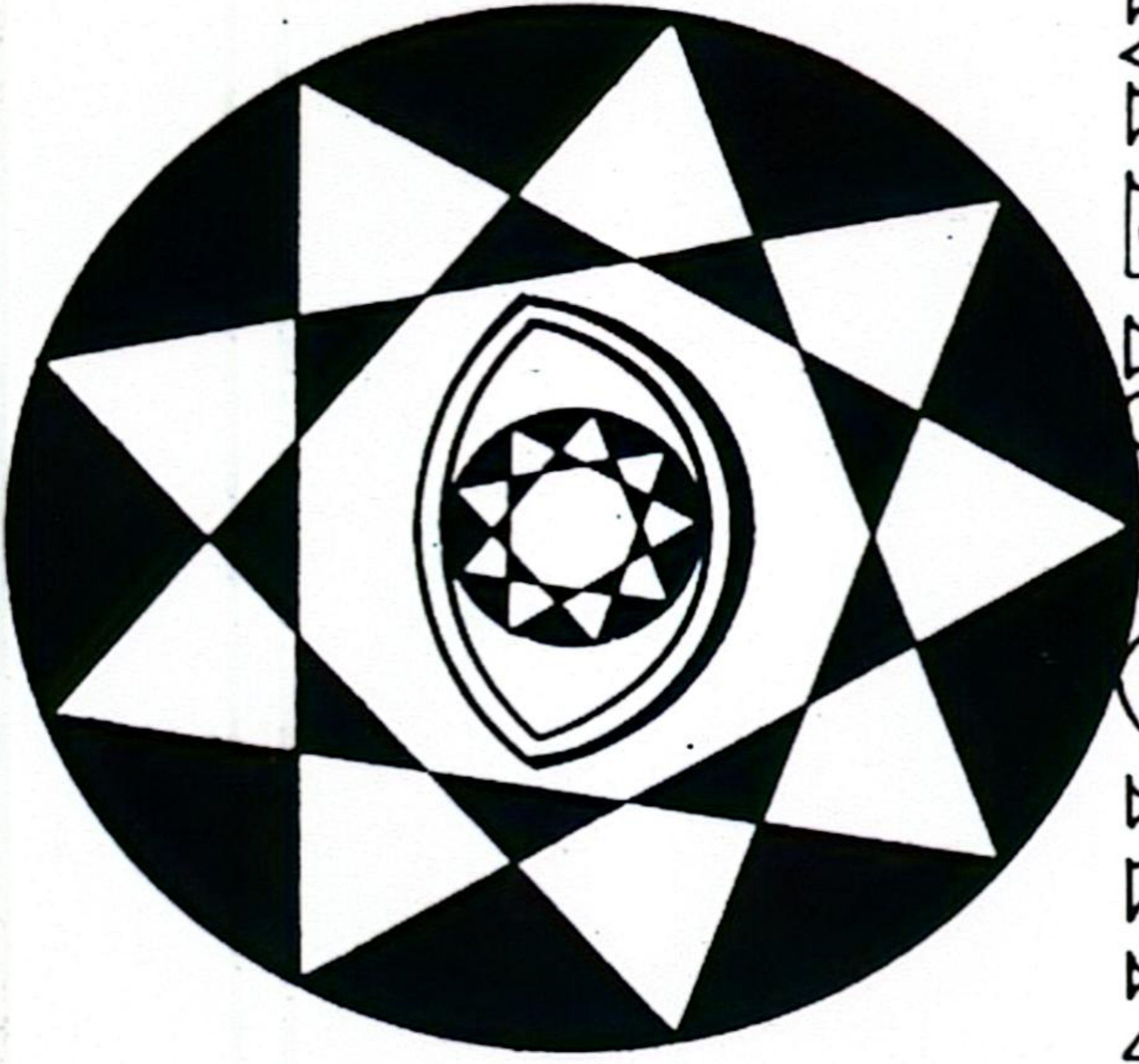
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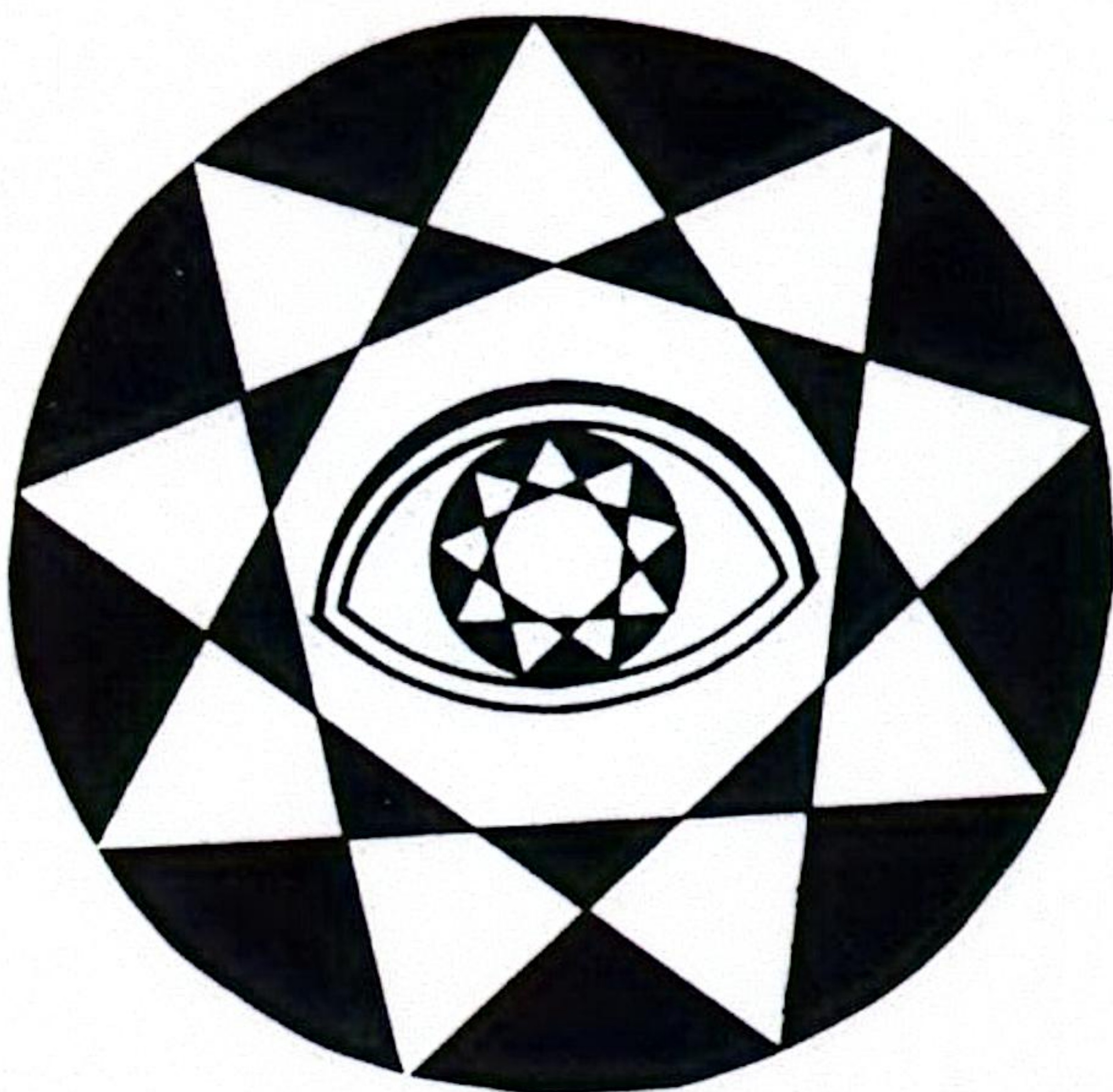
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PORTRAIT OF AN ASTROLOGER

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Anybody ask you your astrological sign lately? Chances are if you've been getting out socially you've been asked that question more than once. The question, "What makes us tick, or not tick?" has been one of interest since the year One Science can detail how our blood flows through our veins. Religion can help explain our spiritual needs and thoughts.

But astrology completes the picture, according to Dr. Denis E. Gorges, a professional astrologer who makes stars and people his business.

"People are looking for answers about themselves that science and religion can't provide. Religion has become bureaucracy that doesn't tell people the truth about themselves. Both are valuable but astrology completes this need and helps people to better know themselves," said Gorges, who heads up Kozmic Dimensions, located at 4029 Memphis Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

What he says could explain the recent upsurge in interest that astrology has experienced. In this topsy-turvy, fast paced, ever changing world, there seems to be an increased need to delve into our psyches, to help interpret who we are and why we are here on this planet.

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"What a person eventually does with his life depends on his ability to understand himself. Everyone falls in love and also hates. But each person does it in a different way. And this is what a horoscope chart can explain. It can tell a person why he acts and reacts as he does", said Gorges.

Every person is unique and their makeup can be interpreted through the positions of the stars the moment they were born, he believes.

"That's why the newspaper type of astrology has very little value. The columns which group people under one sign are strictly entertainment. People are unique and contain a mixture that makes them individuals. So everyone's astrological chart is unique and has varying influences on us," said Gorges.

Gorges says that astrology is really a tool to understand human potentialities.

"By interpreting a chart, I can show a person what potential he has, what areas he is best in and help explain why he acts like he does in certain situations. The three most important elements are:

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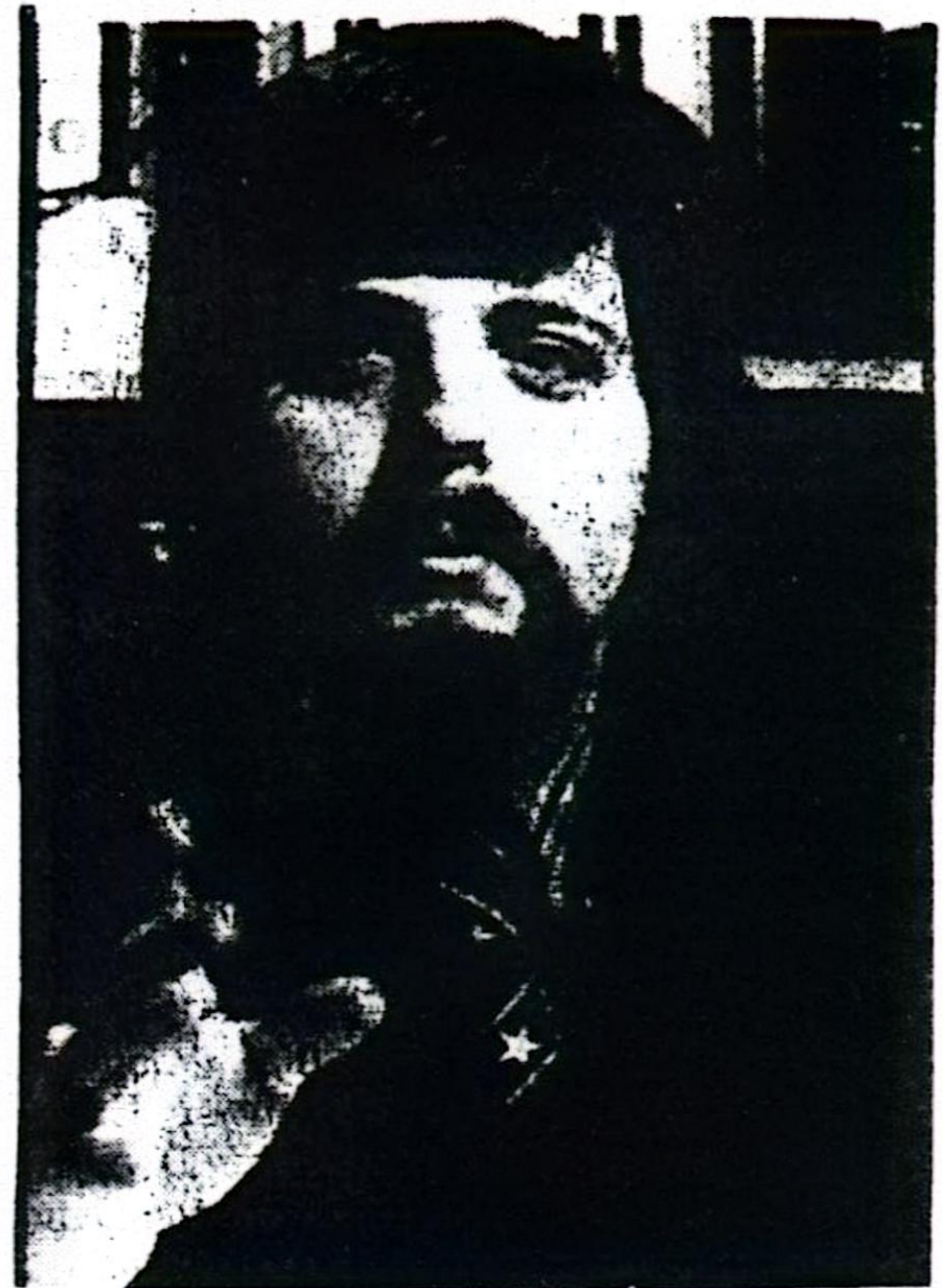
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(3) MOON SIGN

This sign tells of your subconscious urges, emotions and feelings."

These are the signs, houses and planets in your chart. The signs represent your character-



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istics in each area of life. The houses represent areas of personal experience. The planets deal with the intensity of your experience. Astrology tells what your potentials are -- you may not have lived up to this but it is a picture of what you could be or should be.

On compatibility, all signs are compatible to some extent. The key is knowing where your objectives are compatible in life. You get along best with people who are going in the same direction you are going.

According to Dr. Gorges, the key to all human relationships is human understanding. There

There has to be a compatibility in goals and directions. If you give in the wrong areas and take in the wrong areas you may destroy your relationship.

People that are particularly compatible tend to have what the other person lacks. Most astrologers believe in reincarnation and Karma, which indicates that in the end everything balances out and eventually you have to pay back debts you owe, either in this life or in another life.

But it is up to the individual to decide his own fate. He knows what he is working with, but he alone makes the decision about whether or not he makes it.

"I don't tell people what to do. I only tell them what is possible for them to do themselves. I'm not a 'believer' in astrology, instead, I've found that astrology is a tool that can be used with success. When I was 15 I became interested in the subject when studying psychology in school. I started doing research and drawing up charts and as I got deeper and deeper into it I discovered that it really worked." said Gorges.

He has been drawing up individual charts for 14 years, but on a professional basis for only four. He has done graduate work in experimental psychology and studied astrology under such teachers as Dr. Marc E. Jones, Dane Dudhyar, Dr. Zipporah Dobyns and others.

As a member of the leading astrology organizations he is involved in numerous nationwide

research projects. He and other professional astrologers are drawing charts of persons who are drug abusers, accident prone, alcoholics, etc., to see if there is any correlation between their signs and their problems.

He tells us that, "We've found, for example, that drug abusers tend to have weak Neptune, or one that is badly placed. This type of Neptune placement causes a need for escape which leads, possibly, to drug abuse.

In the next issue the interview continues with the astrologer Gorges explaining the role of astrology in the Aquarian age. He tells us how astrology is being used to further the understanding of human relationships and how it can further help mankind to "reach an agreement with life."

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By Hari Jean Zandler

Before the late sixties few people in the United States had even heard of Sufism, an oriental spiritual teaching derived from Zoroastrianism and Islam. Murshid Samuel Lewis, a Sufi master (whose accent and appearance seemed more like that of a rabbi from the Bronx), travelled throughout the Middle East and India studying various esoteric teachings and practices. As a synthesizer he was a master who could translate age-old sectarian rituals into pageants of universal brotherhood. Sufi Sam, as he was known, was the essence of Sufism.

On one hand he was a man of purity who had been initiated in the strictest spiritual disciplines; on the other hand, he was the unpredictable Madzoob or madman of God who would scold you in one breath and praise you in the next.

The Sufis say God is Love, Lover and Beloved. In order to truly find peace within and without, it is necessary to be totally absorbed in the Love of God. By rising above the differences of subject and object which separate and divide men, each person can transform his conditioned self-interest into unconditional self-giving love. Thus the Sufi, besides being an ecstatic absorbed in the love of God and Brotherhood, rejects all forms of materialism and separatism, whether it be nationalism or me-ism. A new humanity is offered which will break through external attachment and subordinate material life to the unifying creative life of Spirit.

The charisma of these spiritual teachers came not only from the appeal of their all-embracing ideals, such as brotherhood based on the universal self and divine love, but more directly out of the practices they gave to realize such ideals.

Love was rediscovered as a powerful cosmic force which each individual could tap by going within and applying certain disciplines for the release of this energy. The Sufis and Yogis gave specific high-power techniques, such as the Breath of Fire and the Whirling Dervish dances, which infused seekers with direct experiences of the universal life force. Once aflame with this creative energy, blissful devotees could then concentrate on the superintelligence behind their substantial experience and receive guidance in all affairs. Soon former drop-outs began to lead purposeful lives as they learned to redirect the subconscious visions and creativity which had previously been dissipated in the use of drugs.

Many first sought out meditation, yoga and Sufi dancing as a means of staying high without the harsh chemical effects of drugs. Soon these transcendental experiences became part of a new, drug-free way of life which was sustained through constant purification of thoughts and working on self.

Sufi Sam, by importing and synthesizing the ancient mysteries, had put them into delightful forms of energy sharing. Yogi Bhajan, 210-pound Sikh master and teacher, visited numerous great masters of India and taking their most powerful techniques and mantras, integrated them into his system called Kundalini Yoga. Kundalini is the coiled energy or sexual force sitting at the root of the spine which may ultimately be raised to the "third eye" or pituitary gland. This yoga facilitates purification of the seven spiritual center chakras--by stimulating glandular secretions, cleansing out poisons and strengthening the various systems of the body, i.e. nervous, muscular, cardio-vascular.

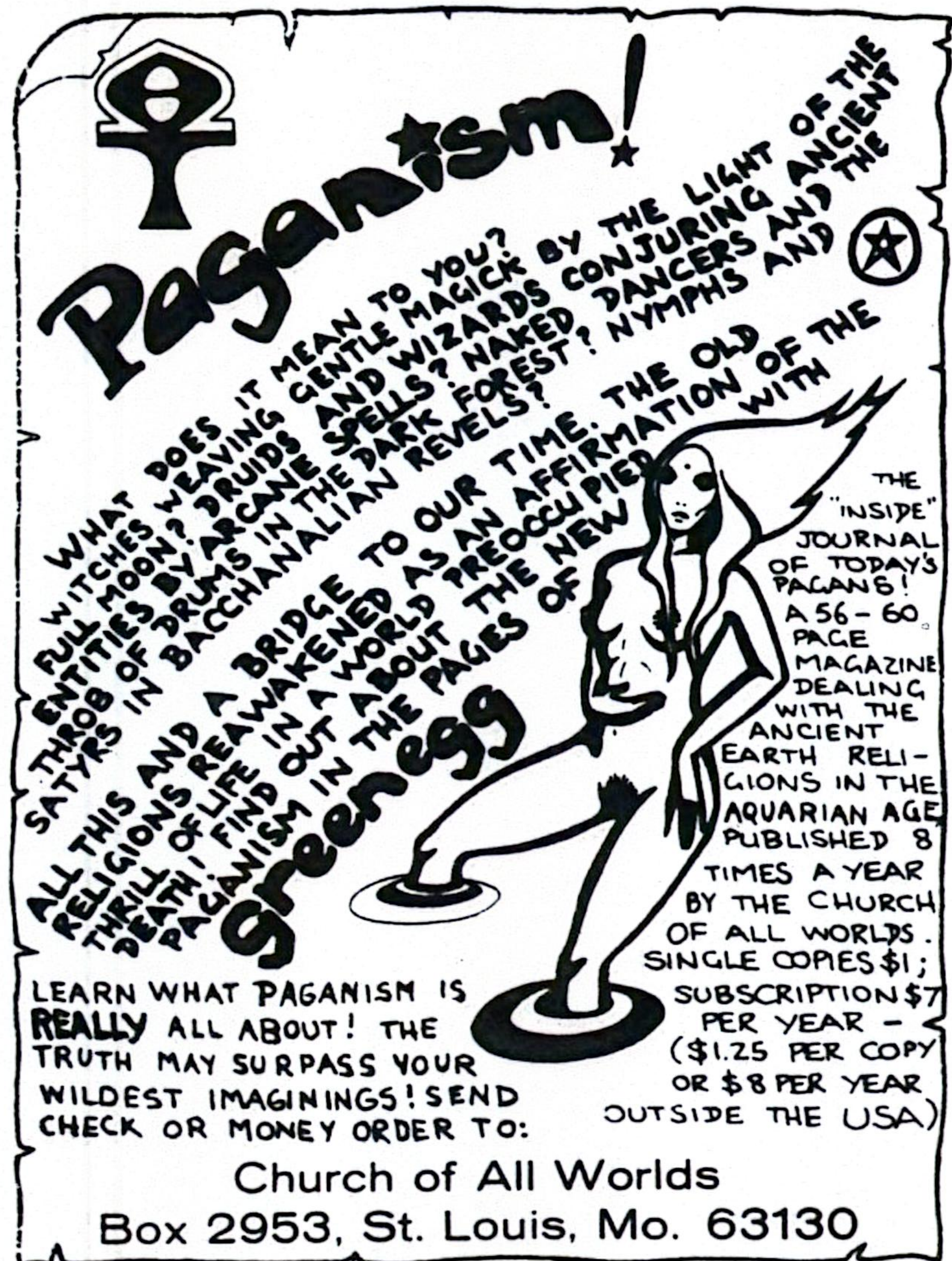
Once the primordial energy is awakened, it begins to bestow an increasing awareness on the individual as it rises through his centers. At each center certain inner blockages, with their corresponding negative psychological attitudes, must be dissolved. As the sexual energy is transmuted and raised, the individual is imbued with more refined purposes and

perceptions, especially as it reaches the pineal, at the base of the brain. Here superior powers of ESP, artistic expression, and healing emanate. The seminal fluid is converted to ojas, which is the source of quickening consciousness and high-voltage radiation.

Though certain seekers went to classical yogis for highly individualized kinds of training, the youth movement had already gone too far in group awareness to slip back into rigid master-disciple relationships. Sufi Sam and Yogi Bhajan were actually mavericks of the eastern tradition. Both discouraged Guru-worship. Instead, they told students to seek the Teacher within. Thus, after a period of self-discipline and purification, students were expected to transform themselves and begin living for others. Though at first many wanted to "sit on" the light and energy released through meditation, they soon found that the only way to balance and sustain their high energy was to give it to others.

The Kundalini energy, once stimulated, begins to seek nourishment in one's relationships. The ecstasy and dynamism it generates, if properly guided, may inspire the student to create a more healthy environment, wherein the physical is arranged in such a way as to reflect the qualities of the guiding spirit within. On the other hand, if it is distracted and limited to the narrow demands of selfishness, the Kundalini will backfire and may become destructive for the individual and those around him. For this reason people like Sufi Sam and Yogi Bhajan have shown their followers the importance of directing this energy to build a brotherhood. And so these two eccentric masters also westernized the idea of Sangha and Kalsa, Brotherhood of the Pure, to provide the foundation for new spiritual communities.

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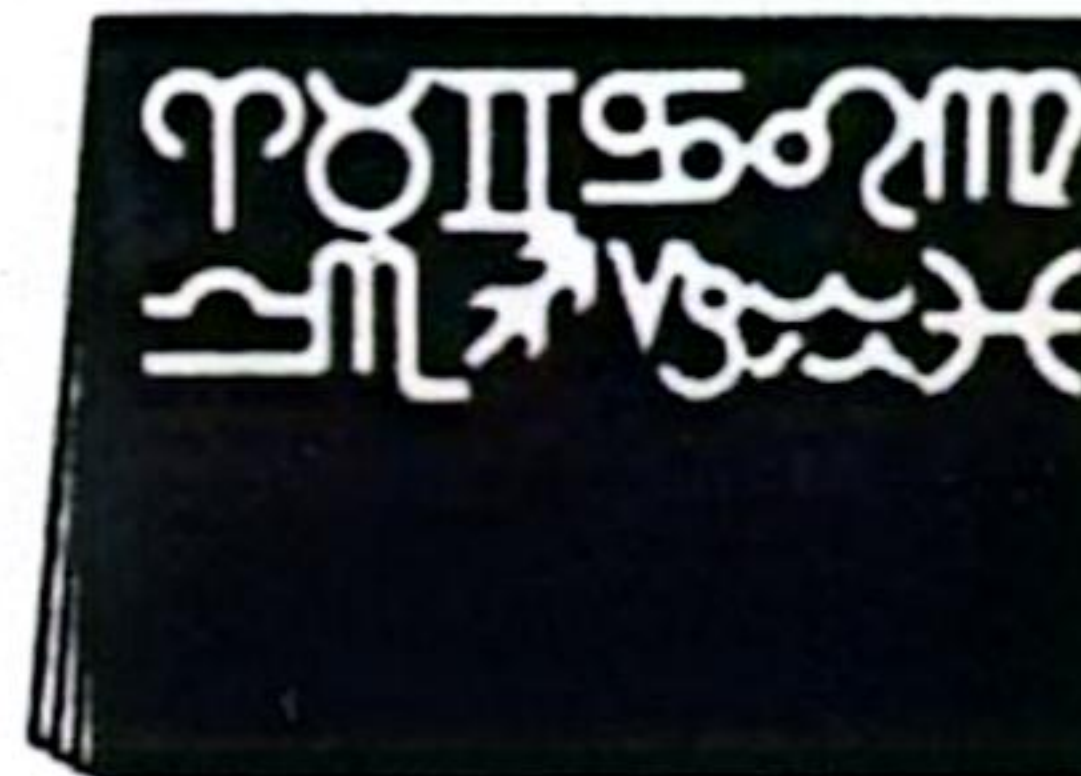
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After an in'depth reading which required a staff meeting, we came to the unanimous decision that the editor/publisher and 'leader' of the Neo-American Church must be really either out of his mind, conversant with someone 'up there' or perpetrating a colossal "put on". His nitty-gritty description of arm-eggedon Neo-american style, his bigoted and negative opinions of the inner city school system, his solutions to world famine and overpopulation are totally ridiculous and unrealistic. His

referral to himself as impartial, unbigoted and open minded is in contradiction to most of the text in which we find blatant evidence of anti-Catholic, Jewish, Christian, hippie and Negro material. The several philanthropic projects he seems to sponsor, such as support of Korean orphans and free publication of names and addresses for world-wide correspondence are completely overshadowed by cruel satire and facetious commentary.

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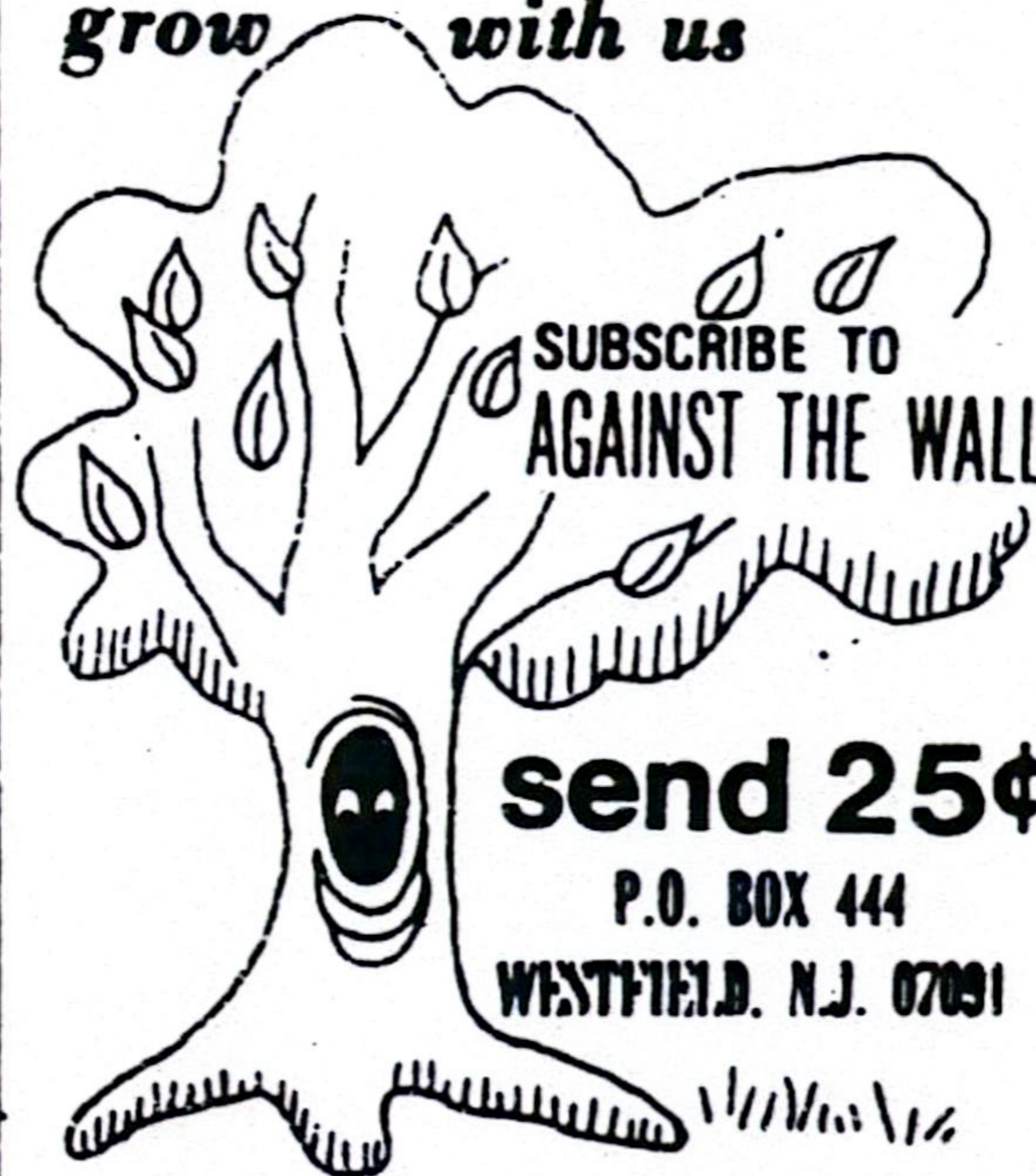
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For those of you who tend to be more than occultist in interests, this publication is available. That is, if you tend toward libertarian, pornographic, amoral life styles. I personally found the whole magazine disgustingly graphic from the artwork to the four-letter expletives in the text. Somehow, I had always thought that one could be a Pagan without resorting to pornography and such. But if this is an example of the "Mouth-piece of the Pagan Movement in America", then the Pagan movement needs its mouth washed out with soap!

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Dream Scene

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AN EXPERIMENT WITH DREAMS

"Wake up and Dream!" Warnings from contemporary prophets of Dreamology range from the 'Program your dreams for fun and profit' to the frightening challenge to civilization that 'not to dream is to die'.

In this issue I will consider the 'Dream or Die' theme and save the 'fun and profit' motif until next issue.

Even though these writers come on strong with a depressing assessment of our civilization's progress, predicting almost imminent self destruction, they do outline for us a way out. It is an exciting path we can follow, a way of growth and super constructive behaviors. All this through proper use of our sleep-time dream world.

Consider their logic; I think it makes sense.

If we assume that dream images tell us things about ourselves, individually and collectively, that are a subconscious reality, then the images we dream in our sleep state are important enough for us to think seriously about.

These images can be related to the projected images we all experience in waking

life. If we can understand the fact/fantasy quality of what we consider reality of perceptions in waking life, then perhaps we are more able to begin accepting the fact part of our sleep perceptions.

Remember Plato's famous cave dwellers? They were chained in the cave so that they could only see the shadows of people and things from the outside world. Those shadows were what they perceived to be reality. At the other end of the scale we have Art Carney's children's record where Art, as a little boy, sees Doodleboops, MONSTERS on his bedroom wall. These monsters turn out to be shadows but the overly imaginative projections of the little boy's mind 'saw' more than what was really there.

In our waking life it is how we interpret the shadows around us that points out our level of maturity, spiritual growth and emotional healthiness. So in the same sense, our dream images can tell us where we are even more accurately. Our job then, is to learn to read them.

The recent books on dream therapy stress that this is a method of self-analysis and only you can know what the dream is telling you.

. Here is where you are AT. If you are operating with certain images in your dream life, you are not aware of the significance of the messages available to you unless you deal with these images as a part of your own reality: The prophets of the Dream or Die school point out that unless mankind comes to terms with, becomes aware of, where he's really at, he will continue to destroy his own civilization.

As an example of this type of Dreamologist I quote from Raymond De Becker's book, The Understanding of Dreams.,

"Of one thing I am sure: that a systematic use of dreams, including new ways of inducing them, for cultural or artistic therapeutic or analytical, motor or prospective ends would entail a profound modification of our vision of the world, an absorption of the infantile, archaic and germinal contents of the unconscious by consciousness would put an end to the state of dissociation and deracination that characterizes the modern world. By placing the individual in the totality of the universal-realities which condition him, it would wrest him from the absurdity of his existence and undoubtedly enable him to rediscover the meaning of life. One of the great duties of

contemporary man is to learn how to dream again."

Next issue Dream Scene will cover some of the contemporary studies on Dreaming for Fun and Profit.

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By David

that Comfrey has been found valuable for cases of anemia, increasing appetite, and providing nutrients needed for the body. It may be taken with unsweetened pineapple juice or as a tea.

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Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*) also known as Knitback, Blackwort and Slippery Root is found as a common wild herb throughout the United States.

This herb is considered bitter, funeral and melancholic. Astrologically speaking Comfrey is ruled by the planet Saturn, along with Oak gall, Solomon's seal and Nightshade.

Without a doubt Comfrey has more recorded uses than any other herb. Needless to say I don't have the space to cover all the uses; however here are a few.

Various stomach conditions, including cases of stomach ulcers, have been aided by this herb. The leaf or root powder is usually placed in the small gelatin capsules (size 0) and two or three taken before meals for several days.

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Until next issue..... David

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I went walking in the woods
all hushed and white with snow,
and God spoke secrets in my ear,
things that I should know.

Enfolded me with silent song
and let the truth go deep,
how Earth and all replenish
in Winter's cold sleep.

So slumber on each hibernee
and be restored within.
Waken in the springtime
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It Can't Happen Here?

In Los Angeles, California, a woman has her nine-year-old son taken away, because she is a witch. In Saint Louis, Missouri, a man loses his child in a divorce case, because he is a well-known pagan. In Rockford, Illinois, a small family of occultists are attacked with rocks by their fundamentalist neighbors, who'd been listening to sermons about how "Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch to Live." In Montana, any person found dowsing for water or minerals can be thrown in the state prison. All across America, astrologers, gypsies, faith healers, mediums, tarot readers and others are persecuted and prevented from earning a livelihood by repressive and bigoted laws and customs.

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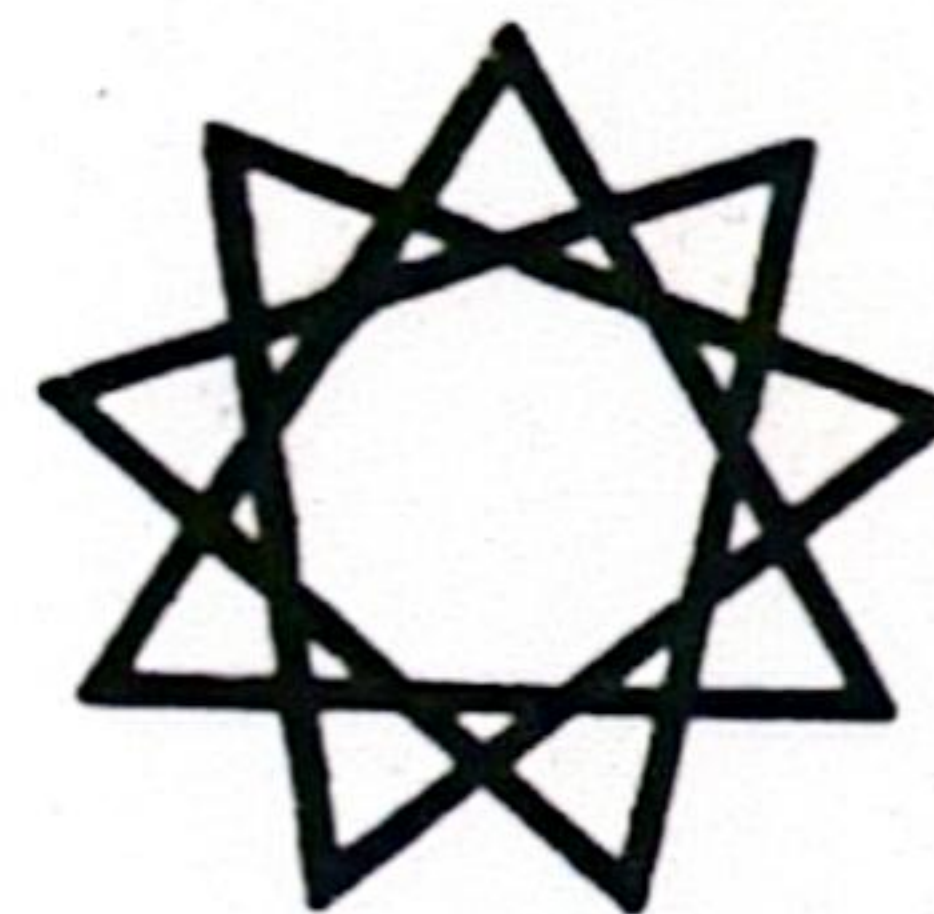
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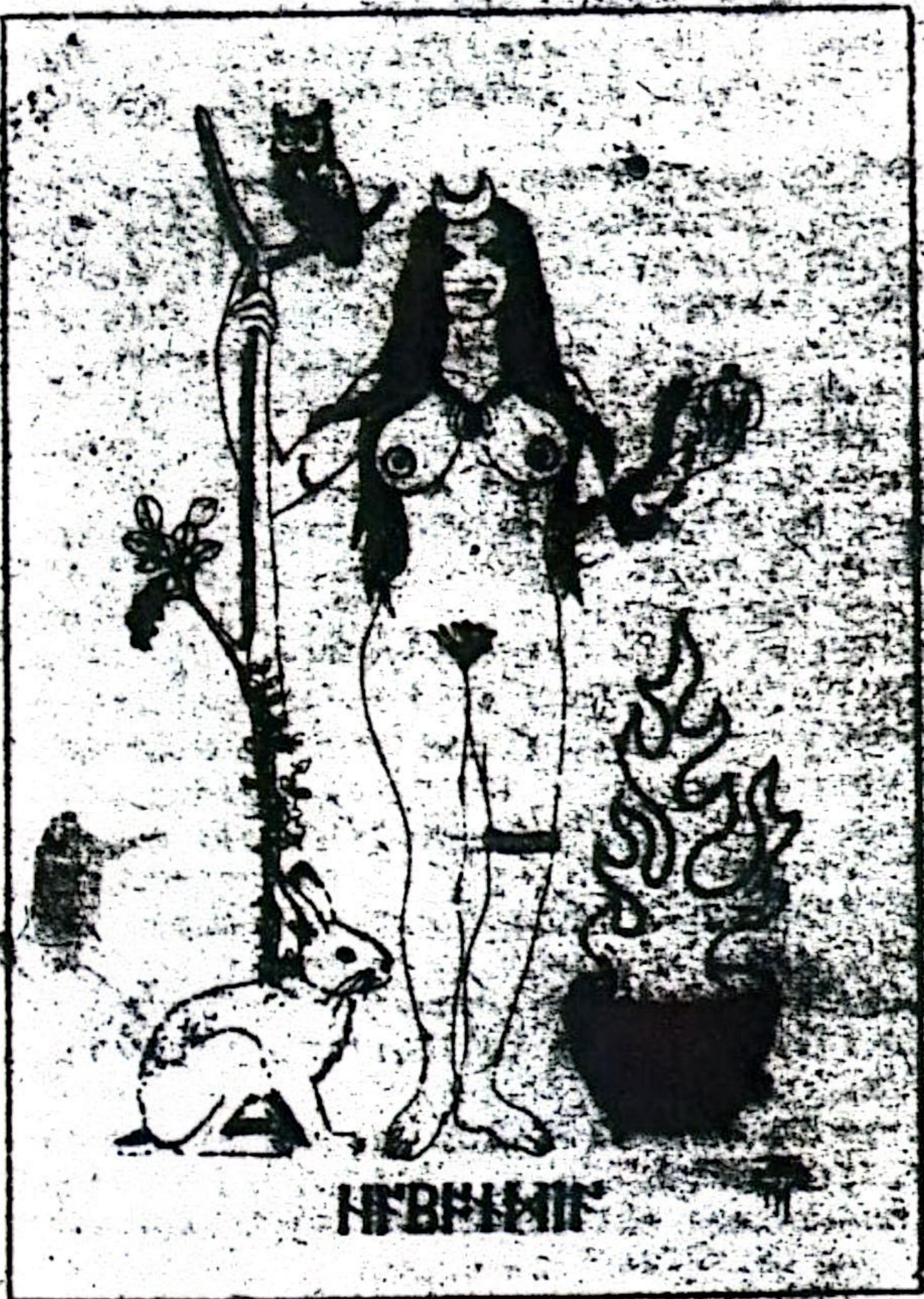


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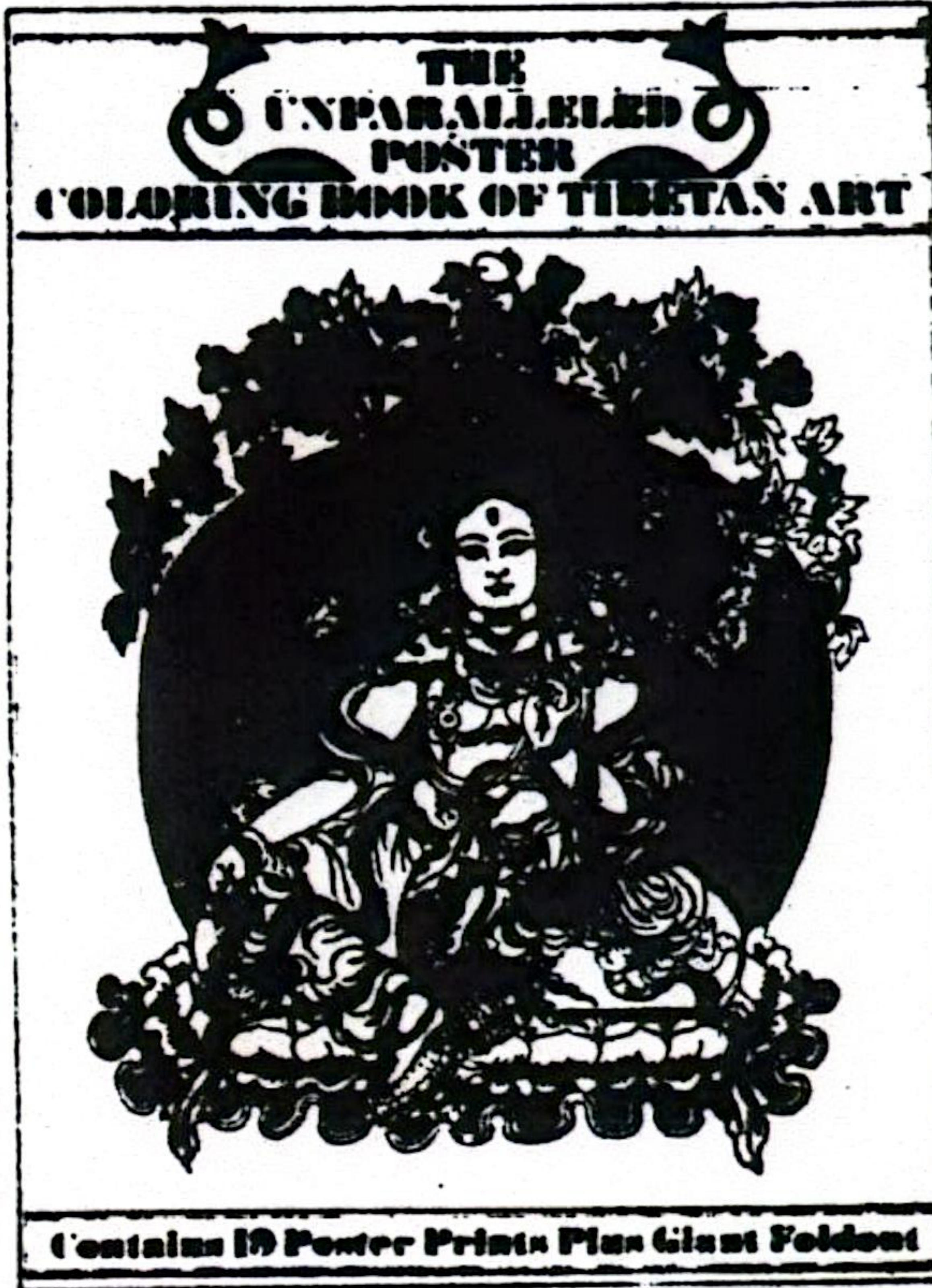
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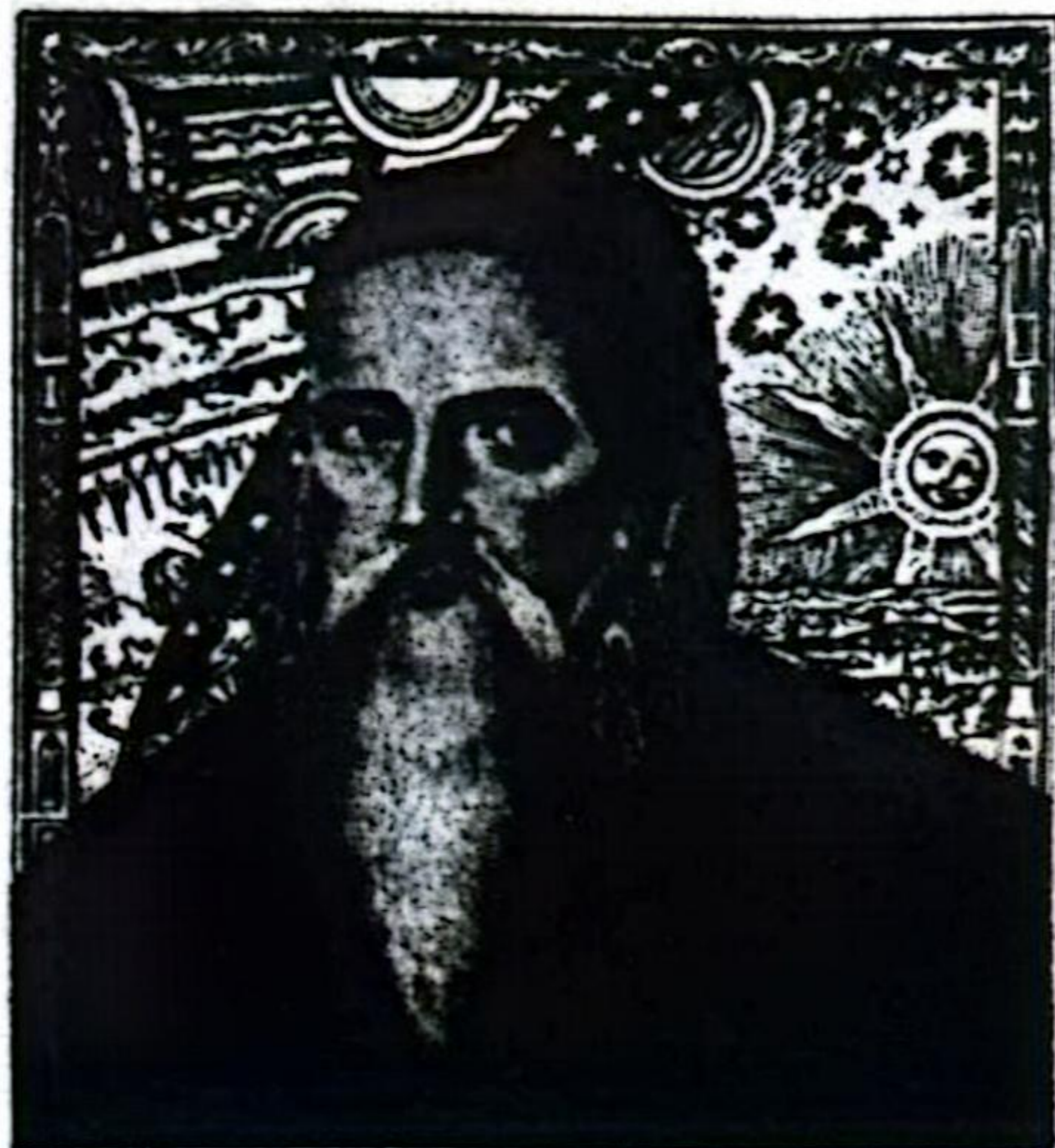


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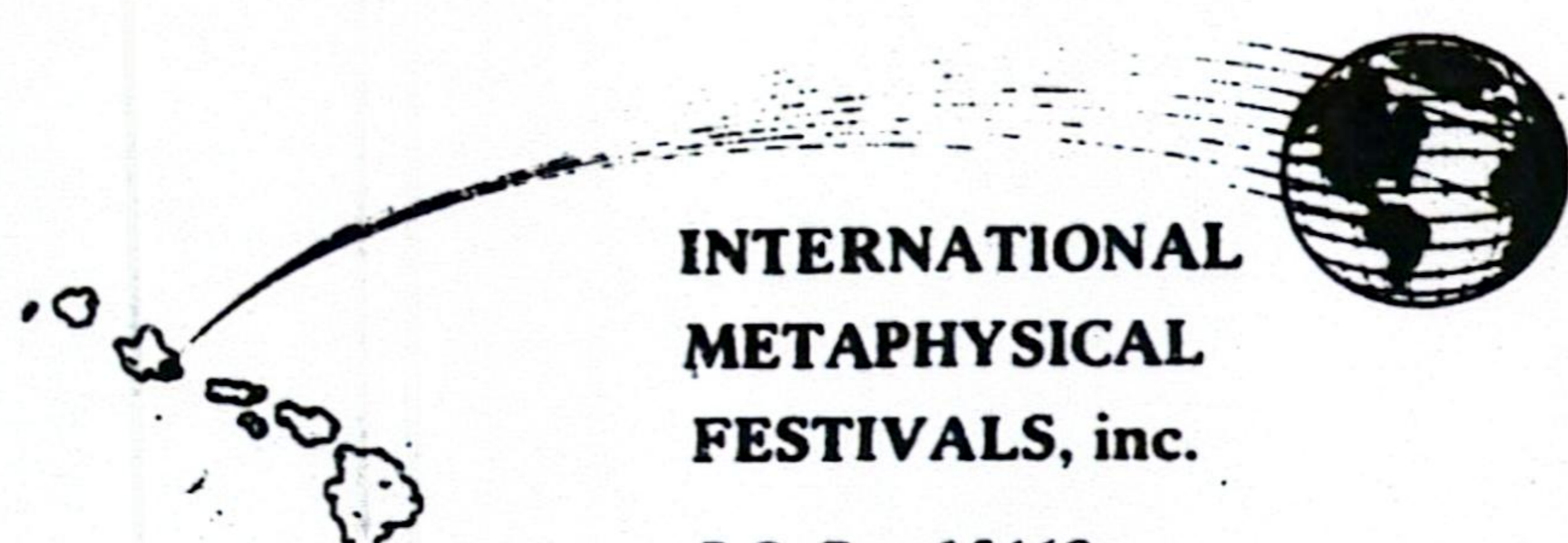
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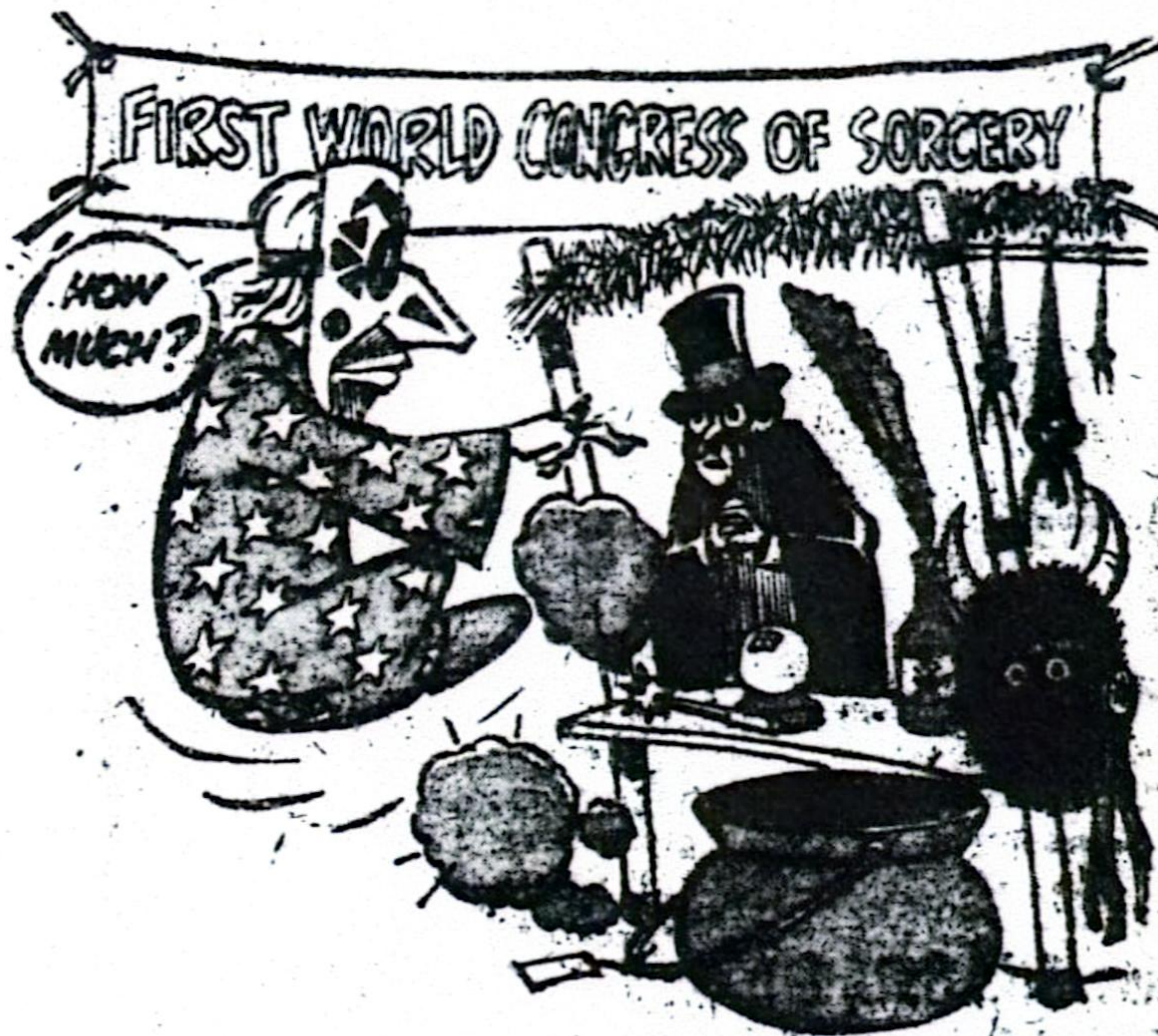
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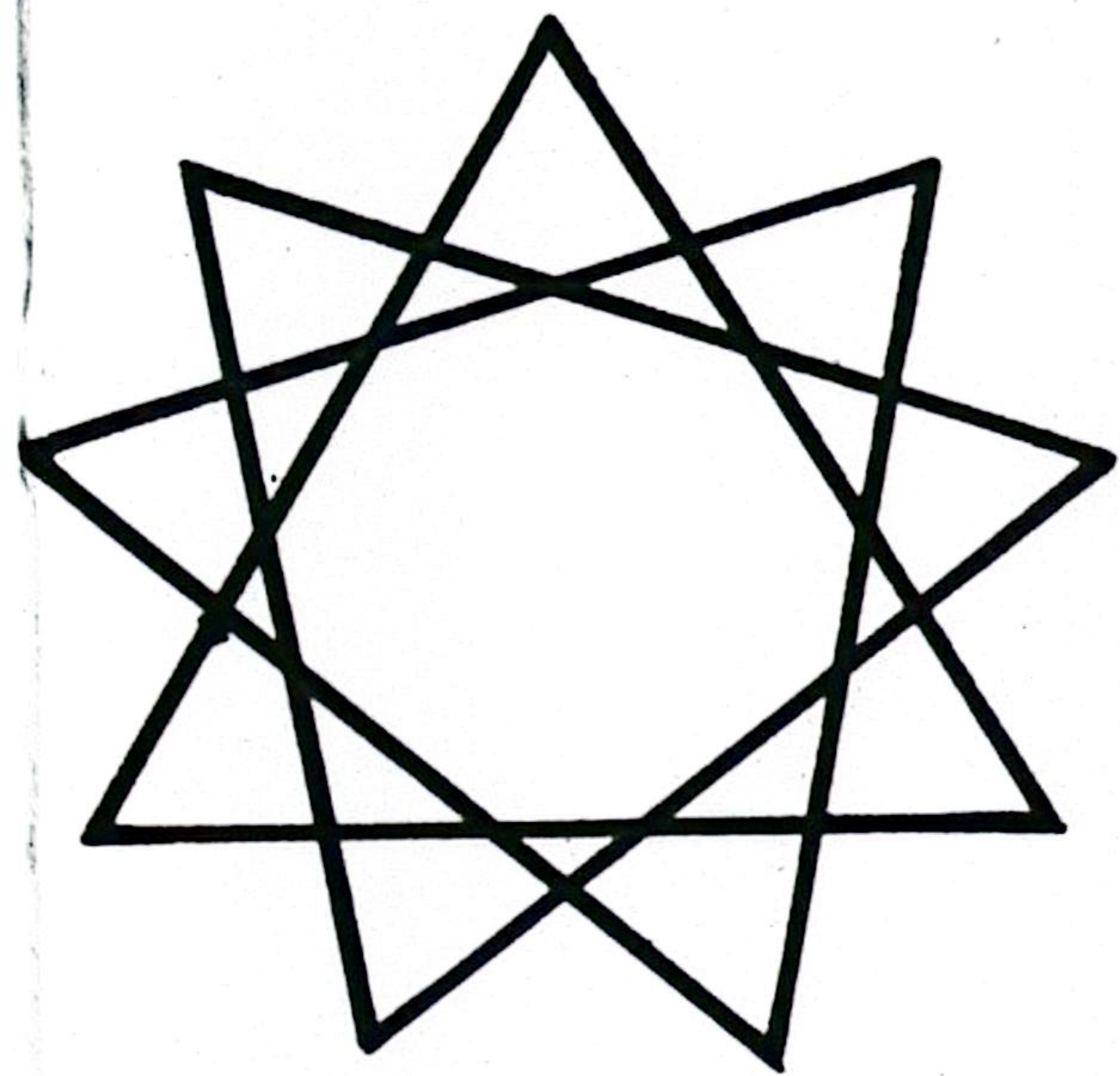
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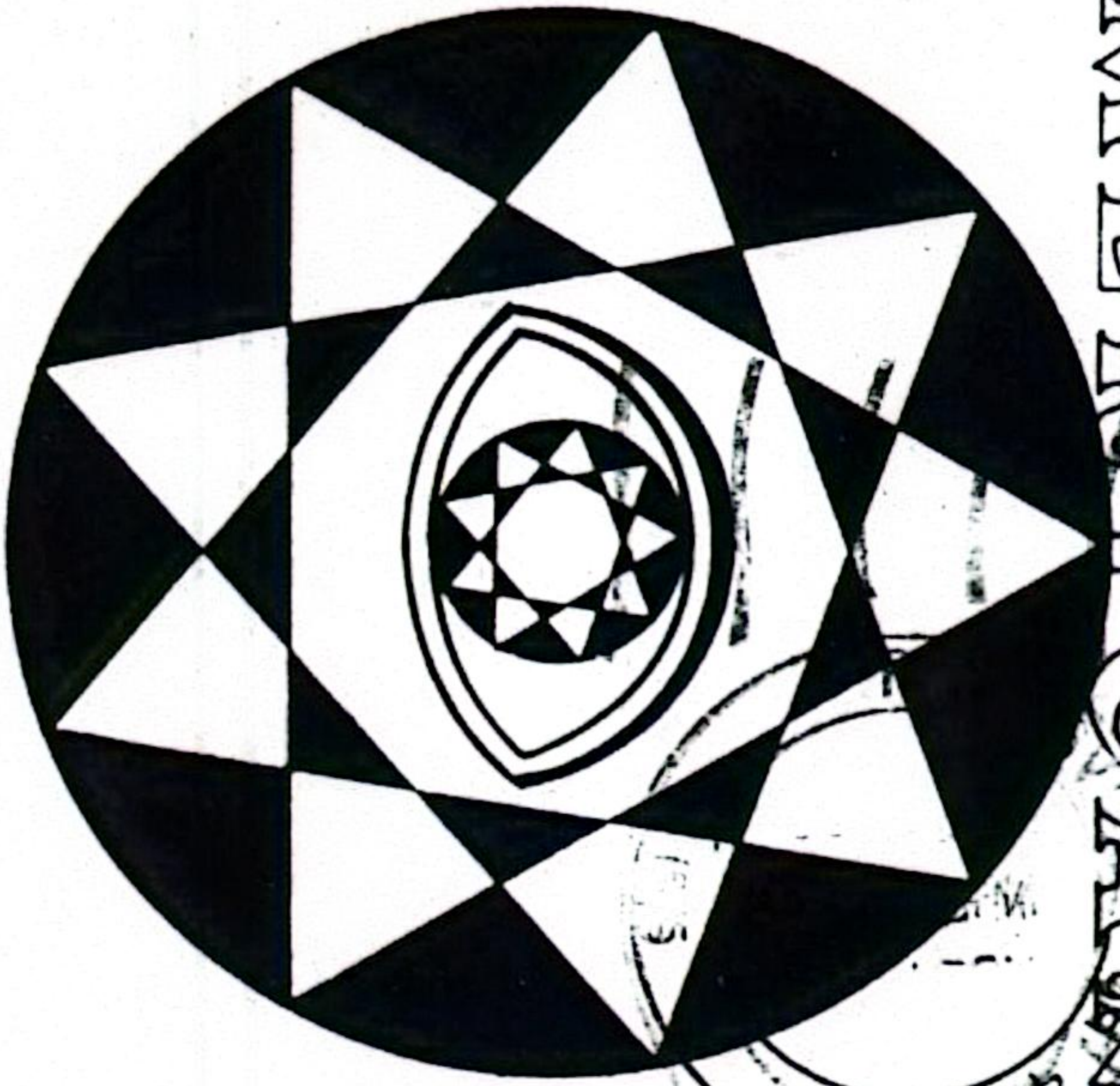
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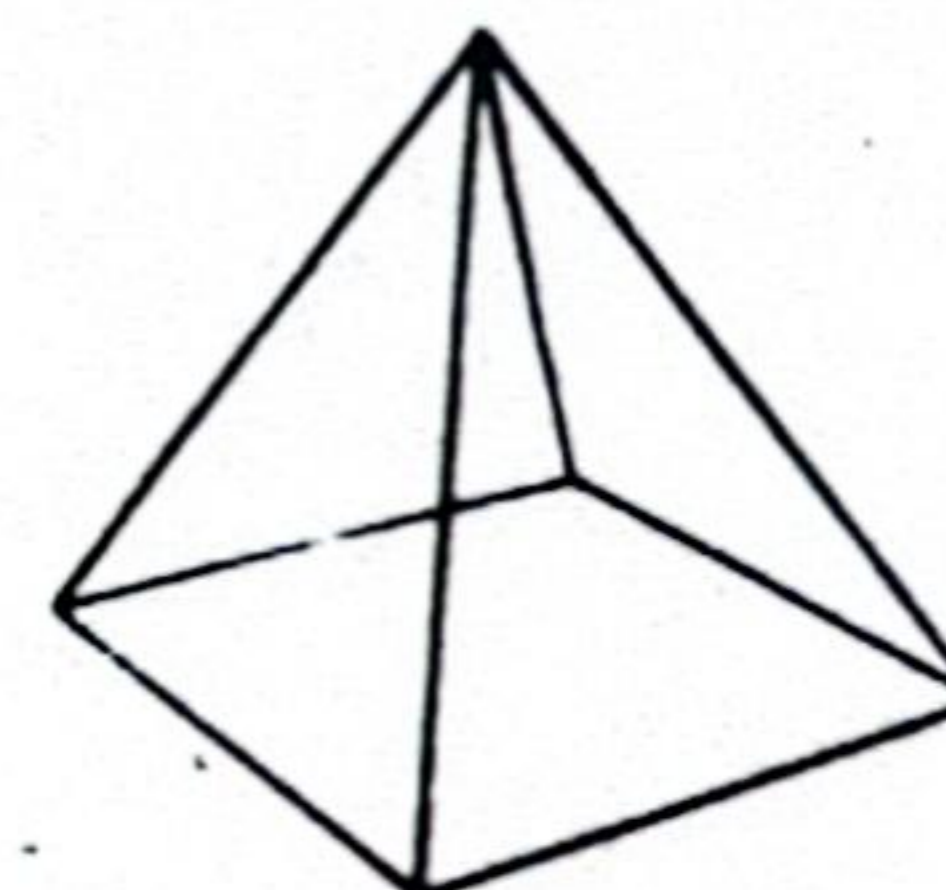
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PYRAMEDITATION an interview



Robert Lawrence of Cleveland Hts., Ohio, uses, builds, sells, gives lectures about and is a sincere believer in Pyramid Power. He is very personable and allowed me to follow him about with my tape recorder as he assembled his 6 ft. pyramid just before giving a lecture at a local college. ... the editor.....

PYRAMID POWER

PYRAMID PRODUCTS

ROBERT G. LAWRENCE
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BARB: How did you get into pyramidology?

BOB: The first pyramid I had was a small one for sharpening razor blades. I saw an ad and a write up on it.

BARB: About how long ago was that?

BOB: Oh, that's probably been six or eight years ago. The small pyramid sharpened razor blades but since I was using electric and safety blades at that time, I quit using the pyramid for that purpose. Then I read about using them for meditation and I was in

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it and so I ordered a 12 inch one for meditation and when I saw what it was doing for me I started telling people. At first I was going to keep it quiet and then decided that this was information worth sharing.

Barb: Had you been involved in any other area of parapsychology before your experience with pyramids?

Bob: Oh yes, I got into parapsychology by dowsing. The first time I went into the field I went coin-shooting. This is the simplest form of treasure hunting, usually people go with metal locators but I used a pendulum and found about \$15 in coins. That was my first introduction and from there I experimented with psychokinesis which was successful.

Barb: That sounds fascinating, tell me more about that.

Bob: I suspended a pendulum from a tripod and making the pendulum move from across the room by mind projection. Then I became acquainted with people involved in spiritualist work. Then I attended the International Esoteric Meet in Toronto and I met Bill Cox and saw him demonstrate his ability to leave his image on a wall against which he had been standing, leaving his aura there and stepping away and seeing the out-line. I thought that if he could do it, I could do it. I had been demonstrating to people how to hold up the hand and see the aura so I decided to do the same thing with my whole body. The first time I tried it it worked. People who are clairvoyant tell me that I disappear completely, that's because of the amount of energy I work up. I'd been working with pyramid's too and one day I was invited to attend a meeting and

actually I was conned, at the end of the meeting the M.C. of the meeting said that Bob Lawrence is with us and will give us a talk about pyramids. So I did talk to them and that made me realize there was a need to educate people about pyramids, and I been doing it ever since.

Barb: Tell me about the kinds of things you have been able to do with the pyramids.

Bob: Well, as far as getting into meditation, you can get into deeper meditation, much faster and this will open doors for you, doors that have been closed. Just this past week I set up a big pyramid, about 10 feet high over the garden and everything just sprouted up, just like that in three days. I told my mother the other day to go out and look at this, she just laughs. But that doesn't bother me, I know what I know and I know what I'm doing works. These things do work and things do happen.

Barb: You mentioned before, when I heard your talk at Mysticon, that people who are doing this must prepare themselves, opening themselves to receive this power.

Bob: Right, I started my astral travel with using the pyramid, I'm dreaming dreams that I dreamt years and years ago. It has just opened up more and more doors for me.

Barb: Do you have a few words to say to my readers to encourage them to try out this method?

Bob: These experiences can be yours without drugs or a long involved training period. You can do a lot with dreams in terms of color and dimensions. It's very exciting. And any kind of study or recall comes

easier, when you get into studying you will find that memory and concentration comes more easily.

As far as sleep and rest, you can get by with 2 or 3 hours a night.

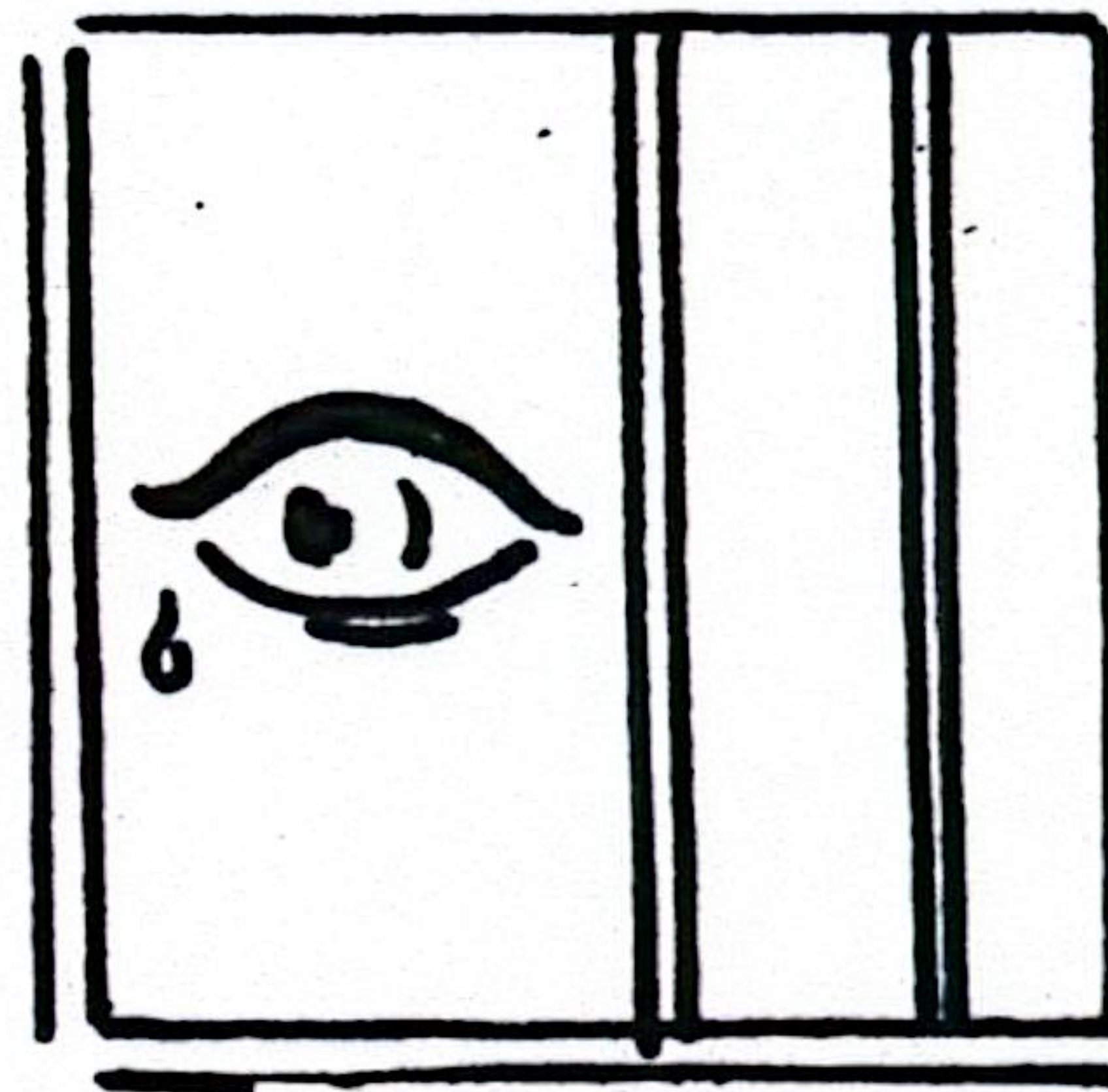
Barb: This is something you do?

Bob: Oh yes, this is much different from before I got into using pyramids for sleep, I can accomplish much more now and need less sleep.

Barb: Can you give my readers an experience from your life that will illustrate this?

Bob: Well Christmas time, I was working 12 hours a day and I was kept up all night with aggravation, I stopped all my meditation. I was working with a gal that had just come out of the hospital, I was trying to help her, she was an alcoholic, I was able to help her but she used to get drunk and rant and rave and holler and keep me up all night. Never did I complain that I was tired or sleepy. Whenever she would leave the room for a few minutes I would put^{on} the pyramid, the 12 inch one, and fall asleep with it on my head and even a brief nap would rejuvenate me and give me back all my powers. Just recently they found out that this is what Edison was doing, that he would work for long periods then crawl under the pyramid and getting his rest and then returning to his work.

Bob had finished assembling his 6 ft pyramid and people were filing into the auditorium and so we ended the interview. His lecture was fascinating and the audience receptive



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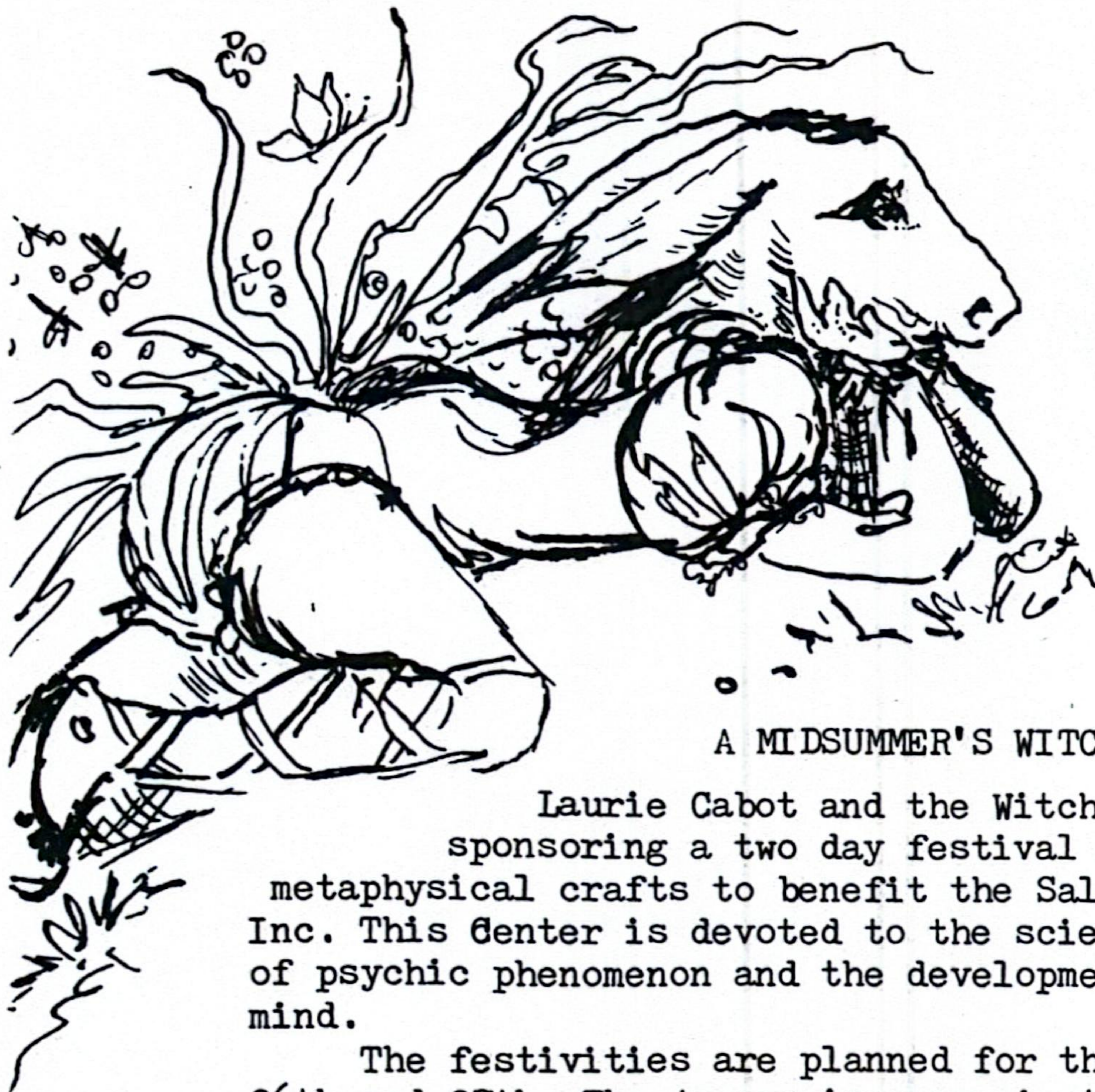
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Medicine Man



The American Indian medicine man faces new problems and challenges with the emerging racial consciousness of his people. This is an excerpt from an interview given by a medicine man, Semu Huaute who practices inner tribal medicine in the southwest. The talk was given to a tourist group interested in the American Indian's use of herbs.

"The American Indian knew the importance of personal conflicts with regard to physical discomforts long before psychiatry was known to the white man.

If a wrong has been committed which disturbs the Indian in a way little understood by other people, it must be rectified, and ways to right the wrong are recommended without delay.

For example, if something has been stolen, it must, when possible, be returned to its owner, if this can be done gracefully and in good faith. In some cases, it is returned by the medicine man who alone knows the taker.

When an article is not available for return, it is replaced with an equivalent, often demanding great hardship on the guilty person. In instances where this is not possible, the

confessor is obligated to perform a task, a good deed. This is often in a service to the one offended. Whatever the plan, however, it remains with the medicine man and the one making amends. A stolen article returned becomes a 'treasure' to the Indian- the symbol of a wrong made right.

Quarrels between lovers are easy to mend, even serious ones. The medicine man is both father and grandfather image, who, through the centuries, has represented wisdom and law in such matters.

Delinquent teenagers are becoming a problem to Indian parents, which was unheard of until the white man attempted to educate the Indians. Respect for parents and elders and love for family members was once the most beautiful part of the Indian's way of life, forced associations have changed that. The young Indian today is all but convinced that the wisdom of his elders, respect for his parents, or even common courtesy for his fellowman, is not for this 'with it' generation.

These are but a few of the social difficulties that confront the medicine man today, but his effort to recapture the once 'contented heart' of the American Indian does not cease. His problems, however, like those of the white man, are



mounting daily.

About the use of special clothing, chants, incense and special herbs when we visit, these are important to create a mood so that the person needing help will be receptive. We always begin with respect for the thoughts and feelings of the person to be helped. We know suffering and understand problems. We listen carefully and wait until the necessary rapport is established. Then the silence, this is when the Great Spirit speaks and its voice is clearly understood by those who can enter this silence within themselves.

To successfully treat anyone, we must have their undivided attention because we work with the senses which is the source of distress. One must control his senses before he can hope to control and therefore change his environment.

Extra sensory perception is a natural ability to the medicine man, highly developed and utilized. This sensitivity is considered to be natural for the Indian, its lack of use with our changing way of life has minimized its application.

We, as a unique race of people, have a place in the future of America, as we have had in her past. And while it would be foolish to say that we have not been beaten, let it be known that we have not been conquered. Our spirit is an expression of the ONE GREAT SPIRIT; patient, forgiving and unconquerable."



AN OPEN
LETTER
FROM A
DIANIC
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in
the Pagan Community;

My coven, the Susan B. Anthony Coven #1, and I have gone through a grueling experience: the first witch trial in three hundred years. I was charged and found guilty of fortune telling (divination), which is very much a part of my Dianic tradition.

I could have copped a hundred dollar fine, as many of us have for so many years, with a guilty plea. I could have made a deal; instant reverend, instant pastor, instant license from people who were not my peers. I choose to fight on a 'not guilty' platform, because that's the reality, even if it is not the easiest road to take. I am not a martyr, but I am very much obligated by my tradition to behave with courage and dignity. We are facing a fight for the next two years. We have to endure even more losing before we start winning. And win we will.

During these coming years, I hope to see a coalition grow between the pagan community and the feminist community. 7

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Dynamic Pastry

(sex pot)

By David

RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE GRAHAM CRACKER

The historian of a vegetarian sect in Philadelphia, the Bible Christians, claimed that Sylvester Graham was originally inspired by their teachings.

During the 1830's a reformer, Sylvester Graham, who had at one time been agent for the Pennsylvania Temperance Society, attacked the prevailing negative attitudes concerning fruits and vegetables. He tried to get Americans to eat more of these foods and less meat and white flour. He stressed the use of natural foods that "the Creator has designed for man in such condition as is best adapted to the anatomical structure and physiological powers of the human system", as he expressed it.

Graham's impact on diet-reform during that period in American History was so strong that bread and crackers made from whole-wheat flour were later named for him.

GRAHAM CRACKER CAKE

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup maple syrup
2 eggs
2 cups G.C. crumbs
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk

Melt shortening, add corn syrup and maple syrup and mix thoroughly. Add beaten eggs, one at a time. Mix cracker crumbs with baking powder and salt and add alternately with milk. Bake in two layers in moderate oven about 20 minutes - Put together with whipped cream filling.

GRAHAM CRACKER DOUGHNUTS

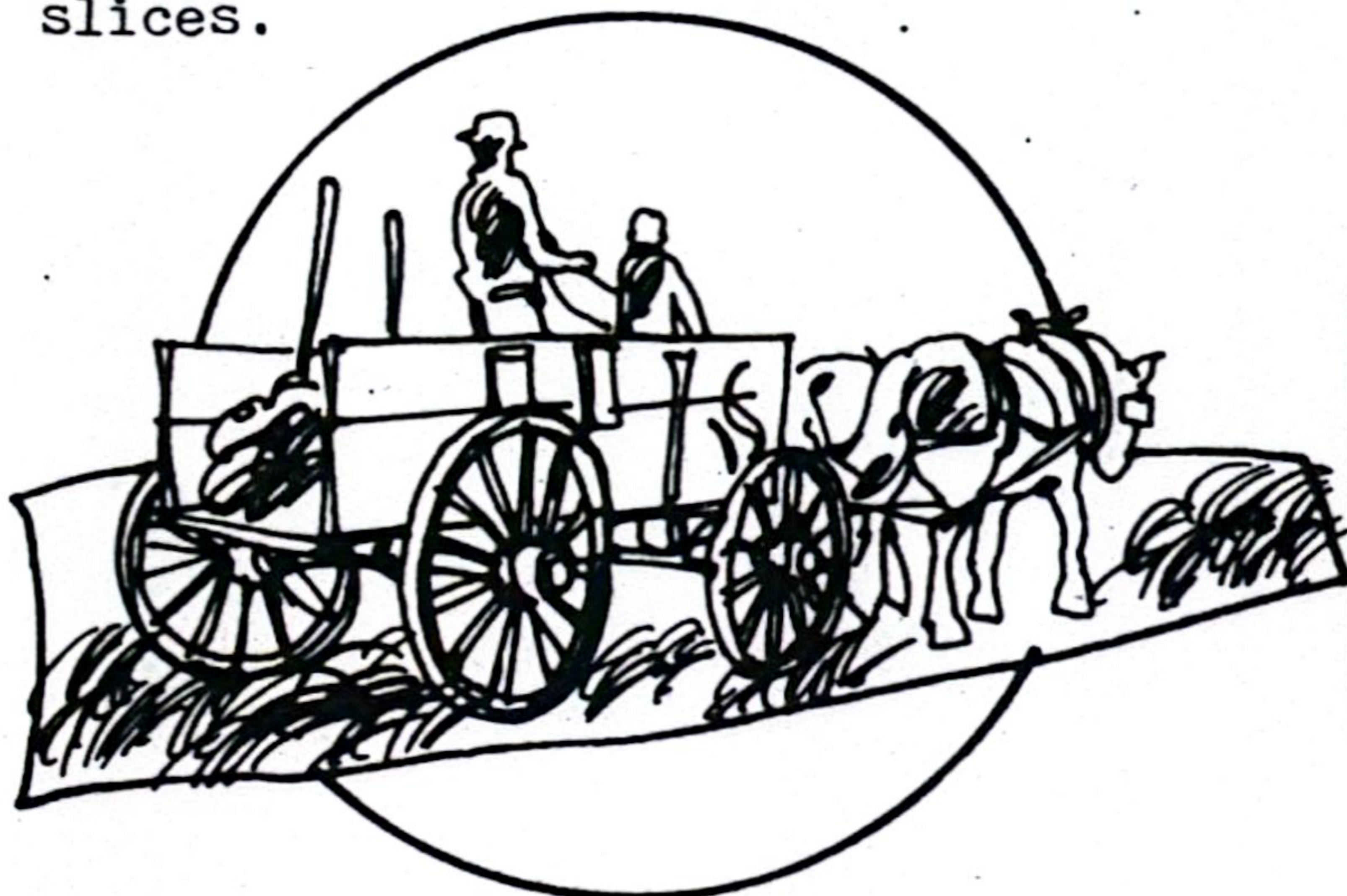
2 cups g.c. crumbs
1 cup flour
4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. nutmeg
2 tbs. butter
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1 egg
1/2 cup milk

Roll crackers very fine, then sift with flour, baking powder, salt and spices. Melt butter, combine with corn syrup, add beaten egg. Add

a little extra flour if necessary to make dough stiff enough to roll. Turn out on floured board, roll to 1/2 in thick, cut with doughnut cutter and fry in deep hot fat until lightly browned on both sides. Drain on brown paper.

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PORTRAIT OF AN ASTROLOGER

DR. DENIS E. GORGES

by R. Hutchings Vader



In our last issue, Vol.3 No. 3, we began an interview with a Humanistic Astrologer, Dr. D.E Gorges D.D., Astro-Psychoanalyst from Cleveland, Ohio. Our interviewer, R. Hutchings Vader continues, with Gorges explaining the role of astrology in the Aquarian age and how it is used to further the understanding of human relationships. Dr. Gorges believes that astrology can help mankind 'reach an agreement with life'.

As a member of the American Federation of Astrologers, International Society for Astrological Research, and International Committee for a Humanistic Astrology, Gorges is involved in numerous nationwide research projects. Along with an insurance company, research is being done on the accident prone. Charts show that persons with Saturn or Mars in bad placement tend to revolve towards accidents.

But Gorges' main area of concern is interpersonal relationships. Understanding is the key to all Human relationship problems. If you can understand yourself, and others, then this could be a better world and people would get along better. We only fear what we don't understand.

Gorges' realm of counseling, based on individual charts, runs from marriage, sex, love, business and personal problems to drug abuse and similar situations.

During the interview, his phone rang several times, a harried investment man was consulting him on the

advisability of sinking some money into the market.

"Again, we don't predict for people. But in the area of investments, there are certain cycles that are more advantageous than others," he said. "Speaking of cycles, he continued, we do birth control charts with a 97% accuracy."

As evidence that astrology is coming of age, Gorges cites the instance of a New York State school Superintendent who said students should be taught and classified by signs. And the Republican National Convention was scheduled according to President Nixon's chart.

As astrology gains momentum, Gorges is concerned with the number of phonies who will jump into the field to make money. He currently, along with members of several astrological associations, is pushing for the legalization of astrology. He would like to see every astrologer licensed by the state.

"Astrologers should have some college in the field of social sciences and they should be required to pass state boards. Too many of the wrong

type of people are entering the field. Anyone can draw up a chart. But it takes the right sort of person to interpret what the chart means," he said.

"I try to get people counselled as cheaply as possible. It's a labor of love," says Gorges.

And it must be because he gives free seminars open to the public at his institute to discuss astrology and answer questions about charts. "I want to reeducate the public about astrology so they won't be taken in by phonies," he said.

The native Clevelander is on hand to help interpret those stars.. whether you need help in second guessing your boss or want to better understand your wife.

Astrology has certainly withstood the test of time. It began around 6,000 to 8,000 B.C. with the Babylonians and Egyptians.

"Back then, they used astrology to help predict certain events on earth. We've come a long way because we use it to understand ourselves and our potential. And what could be a better goal?" he continued, "Men struggle until they reach an agreement with life. If astrology can help some along the path, so be it."

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It Can't Happen Here?

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Lying in the grass, blossoming,
In nature's silence,

Smelling the breeze,
Through the warmth of the sun,

Talking to myself,
About myself,

Bringing me together,
In soft circles,

With dandelions that blow away,
And stand strong,

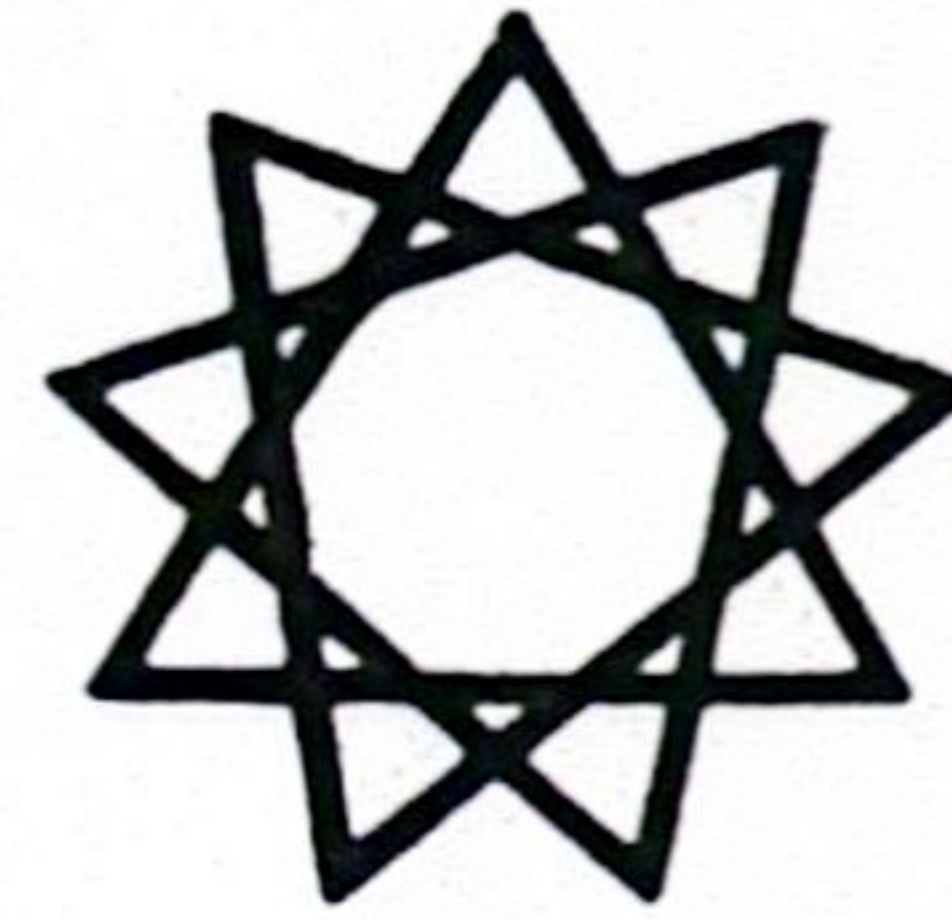
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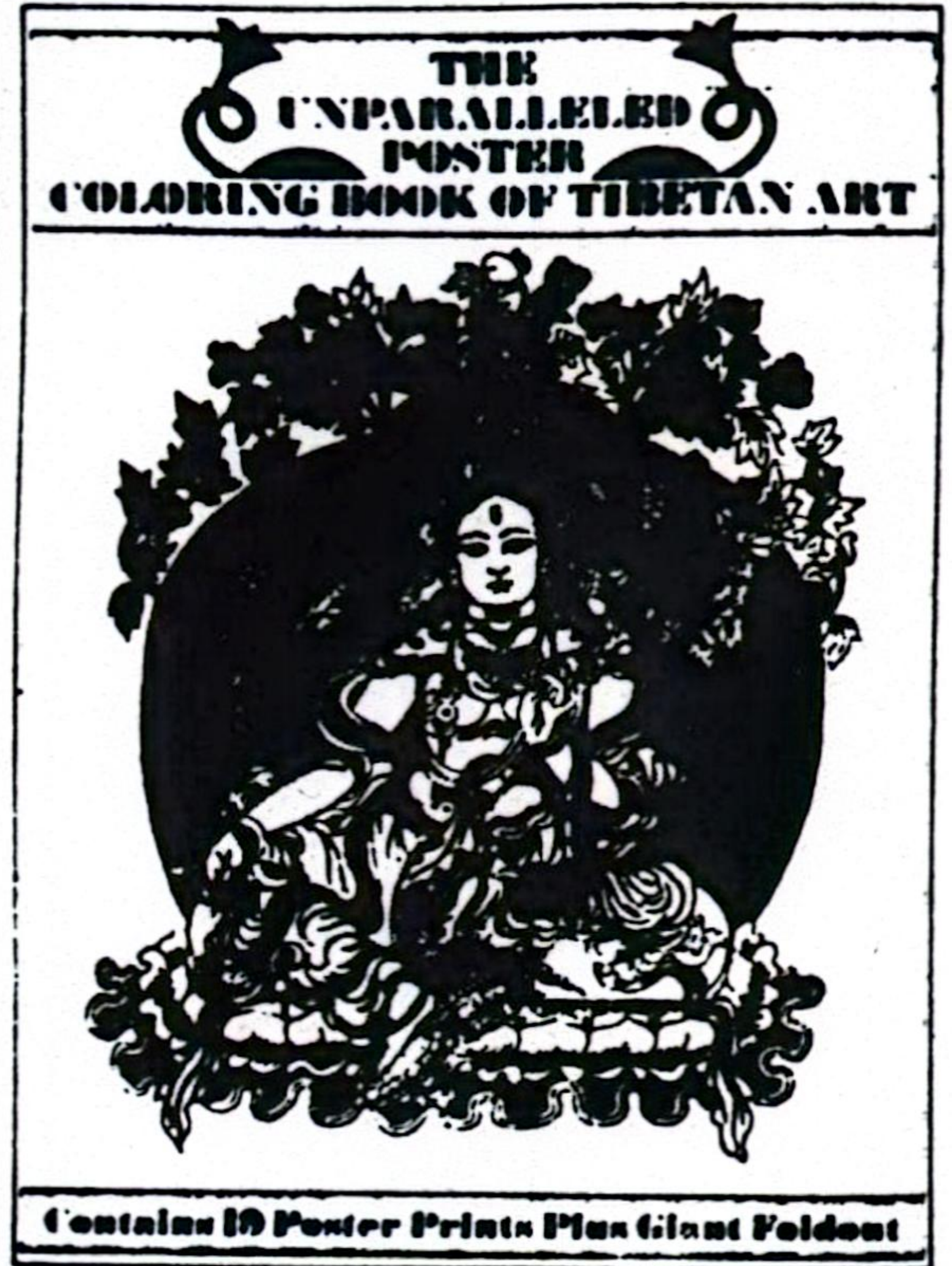
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Media Editor, Ms. Wiggins, is a free lance writer for religious publications...

Mysticon

MYSTICON 1975

This psychic phenomenon convention was held, would you believe(?), in Parma, Ohio - white socks and all-over the weekend of May 30, 1975.

Since this weekend also coincided with my birthday, I received it as a gift.

Many interesting personalities from the occult world had booths and displays at the event, and several of them were featured speakers. Alan J. Manak, who organized this gathering along with Robert Easley, was the master of ceremonies. He and Mr. Easley are editors of UFO magazines as well as fervent addicts to UFOlogy. Mr. Easley produces his magazine UFOLOGICAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS free of charge as a testimony to his thorough belief in the on going phenomenon. Mr. Manak produces the UFO

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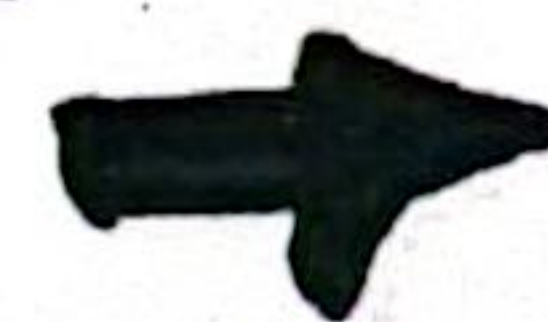
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ing on "Monsters".

Eugene Steinberg, formerly of Caveat Emptor and now managing editor of one the better mags, Beyond Reality, spoke on the Bermuda Triangle during the Friday night session. He also showed slides of the mississippi fishermen, Hickerson and Parker of the 'encounter with outer space people' fame. He reviewed the several theories explaining the Bermuda Traingle mystery, external energy sources and the underwater energy source theory.

Robert Lawrence also enlightened the Friday night audience with his pyramid-power talk (see lead article this issue). Curt Sutherly fascinated one and all with the legend of the Thunderbird.

Saturday was more of a nostalgia day with the comix conention and Star Trek memorabelia in full swing, and a seriers of classic Science Fiction films. All of the convention was interesting and Here's to More of the same kind of "CON"...

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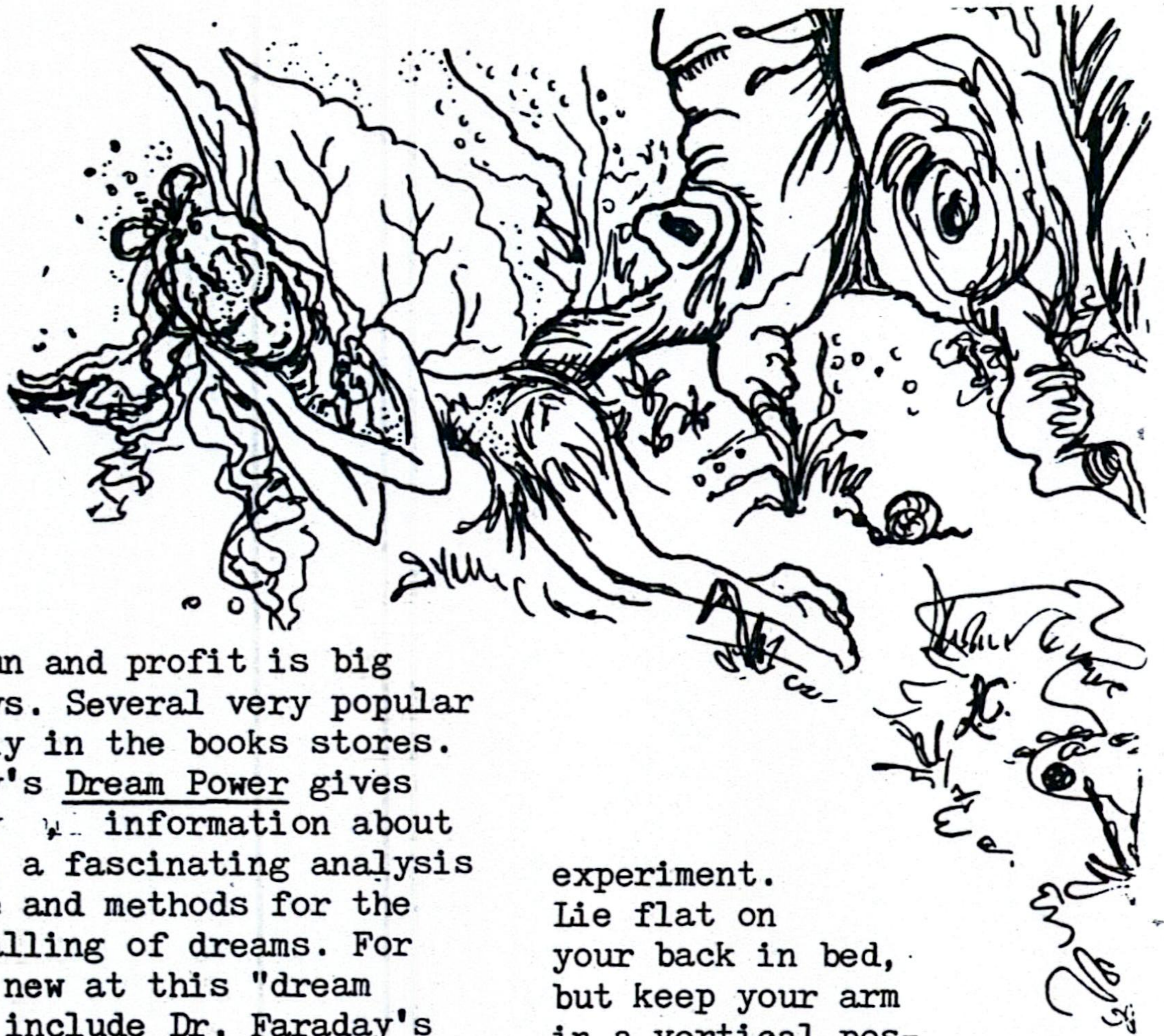
More and more feminists are embracing the old religion, Goddess worship; and more and more pagans are getting policed to their own particular oppression; the two must meet in interests and strength. So be it.

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Dream

Scene



Dreaming for fun and profit is big business these days. Several very popular books are currently in the books stores.

Dr. Ann Faraday's Dream Power gives a detailed history and information about current research, a fascinating analysis of the dream state and methods for the recording and recalling of dreams. For the reader who is new at this "dream catching game", I include Dr. Faraday's suggestions for catching dreamlets.

DREAMLETS

"Dreamlets occur at sleep onset, the borderland between wakefulness and deep sleep. It is known as the "hypnagogic" dream, and often takes the form of unusual bodily sensation, strange conversations, and hallucinations, such as disembodied faces passing before the mind's eye. These may give way to dreams very similar to those experienced during REM (rapid eye movements) periods, even though the sleep onset period is not accompanied by rapid eye movements themselves. On the whole, however, hypnagogic dreams tend to be shorter and less dramatic than REM period dreams, and for this reason are sometimes referred to as 'dreamlets'.

The reader who is interested in catching these dreamlets may try the following

experiment.
Lie flat on your back in bed, but keep your arm in a vertical position, balanced on the elbow, so that it stays up with a minimum of effort. You can slip fairly easily and deeply into the hypnagogic state this way, but at a certain point, muscle tonus decreases, your arm falls down and wakes you up. Write down immediately whatever was going through your mind just prior to waking. The results can be amusing and may even provide some useful material for interpretation."



Another lady psychologist who works with dreamology has written a popular book called Greative Dreaming. Patrica Garfield, PhD, tells us how to keep a dream diary, how to induce dreams, how to make dream friends and generally how to control dreams so that we can greatly enrich the quality of our waking life. I've tried it and Dr. Garfield is right, it's like being in love in that if you haven't experienced it you don't believe it could happen to you. To be aware in your own dream and deliberately tell a dream 'where to go', so to speak, is at first a strange experience.

This book has a chapter on the technique of dream recall which, the author points out, is an acquired habit and therefore can be learned. She points out too that dream success generates a mood of capability in the waking life that is carried over.

A summary of her basic steps for inducing dreams are as follows;

1. Find a place where you feel peaceful and undistracted.
2. Clearly formulate your intention for a desired dream.
3. Put your intention into a concise, clear, positive phrase.
4. Deeply relax your body.
5. While in a drowsy, relaxed state, repeat your desired dream phrase several times to yourself or aloud.
6. Visualize your desired dream as though it is happening, and picture yourself after having had the desired dream.

7. Believe that you subconscious can provide the desired dream

8. Make observations or engage in activities relevant to your desired dream, especially just before sleeping.

9. Inducing dreams is a learned skill; it takes time and practice. Don't give up if you don't have immediate success. Keep trying.

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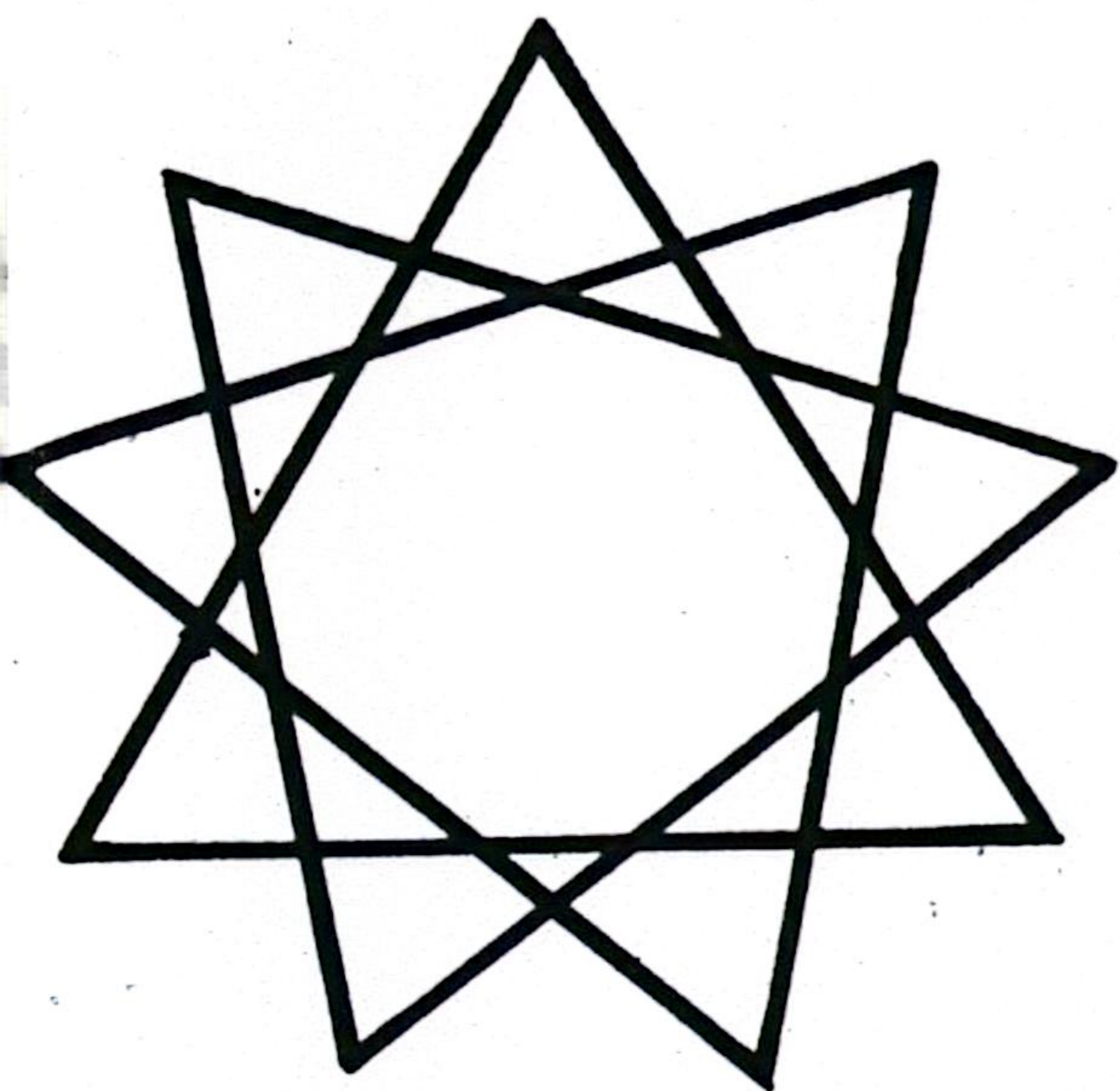
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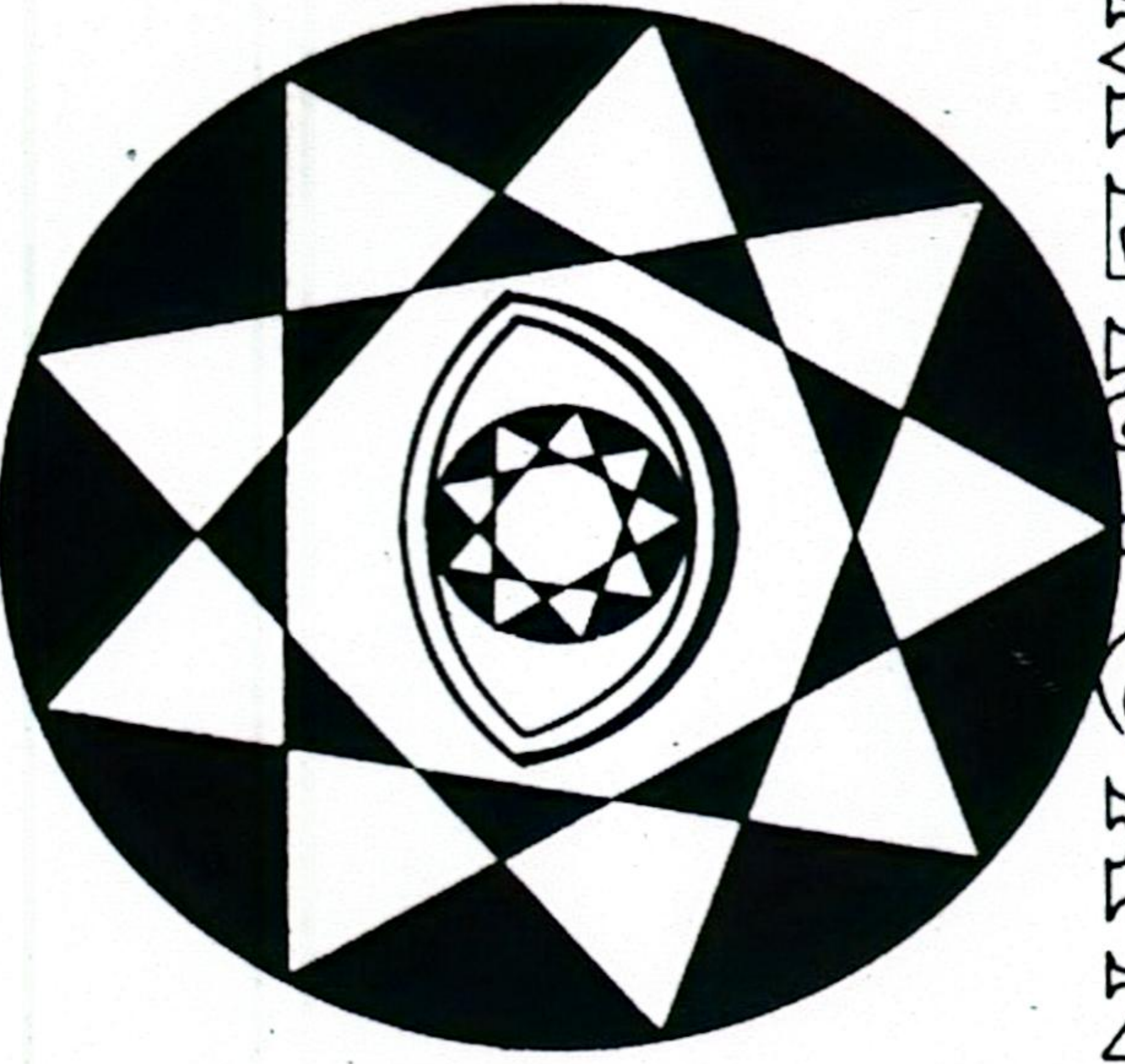
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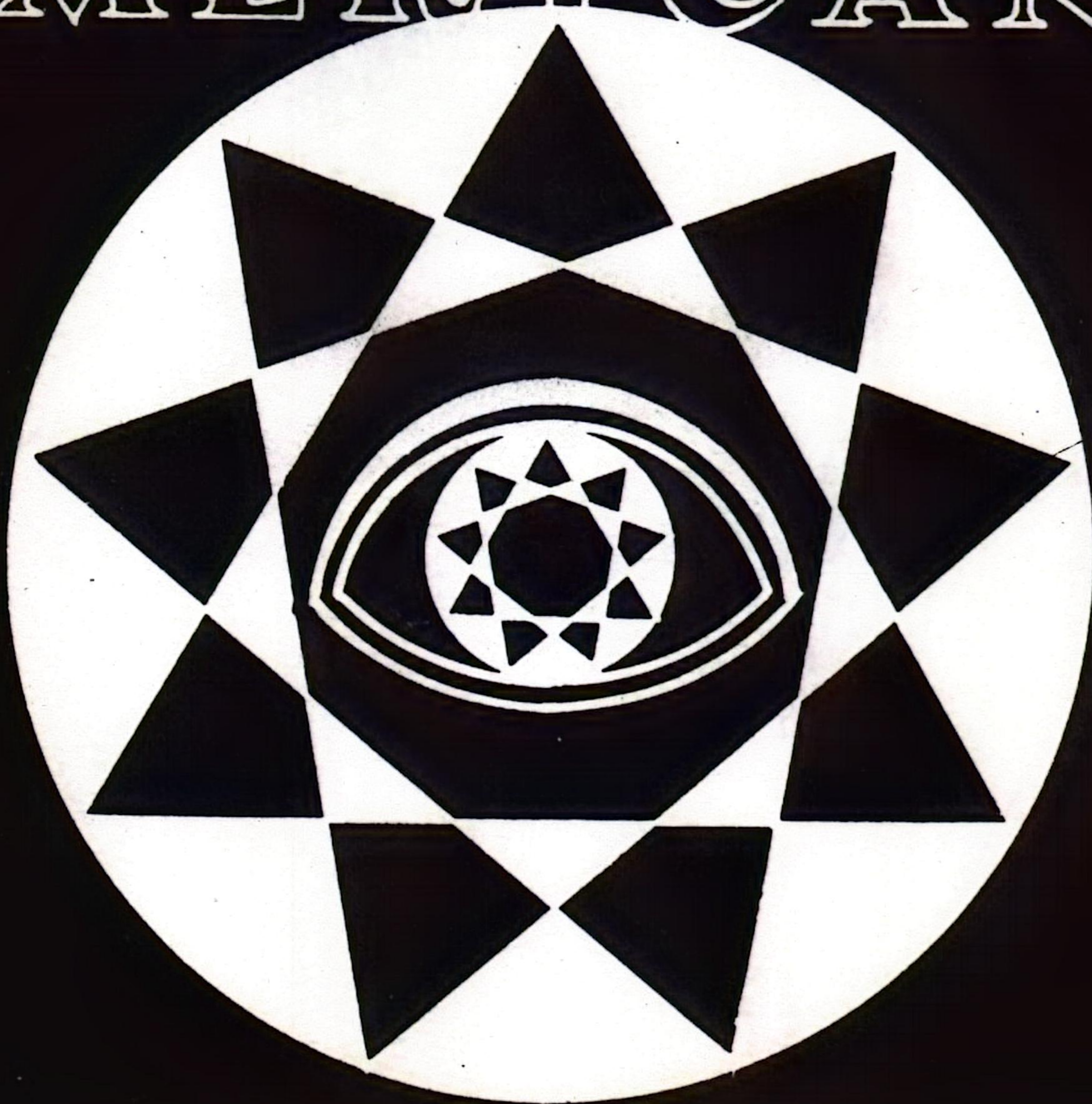
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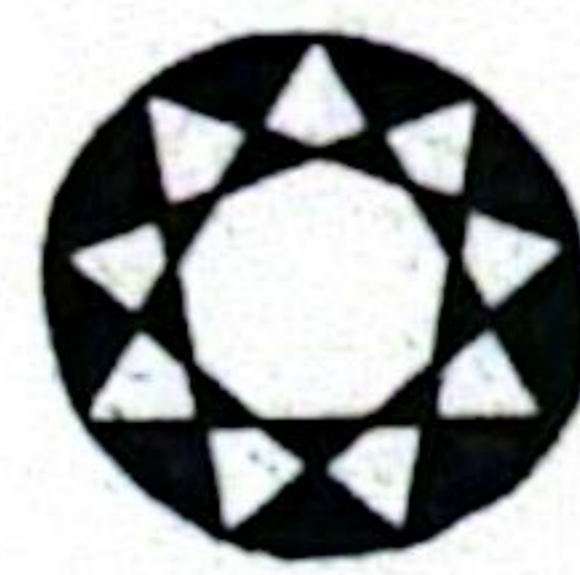


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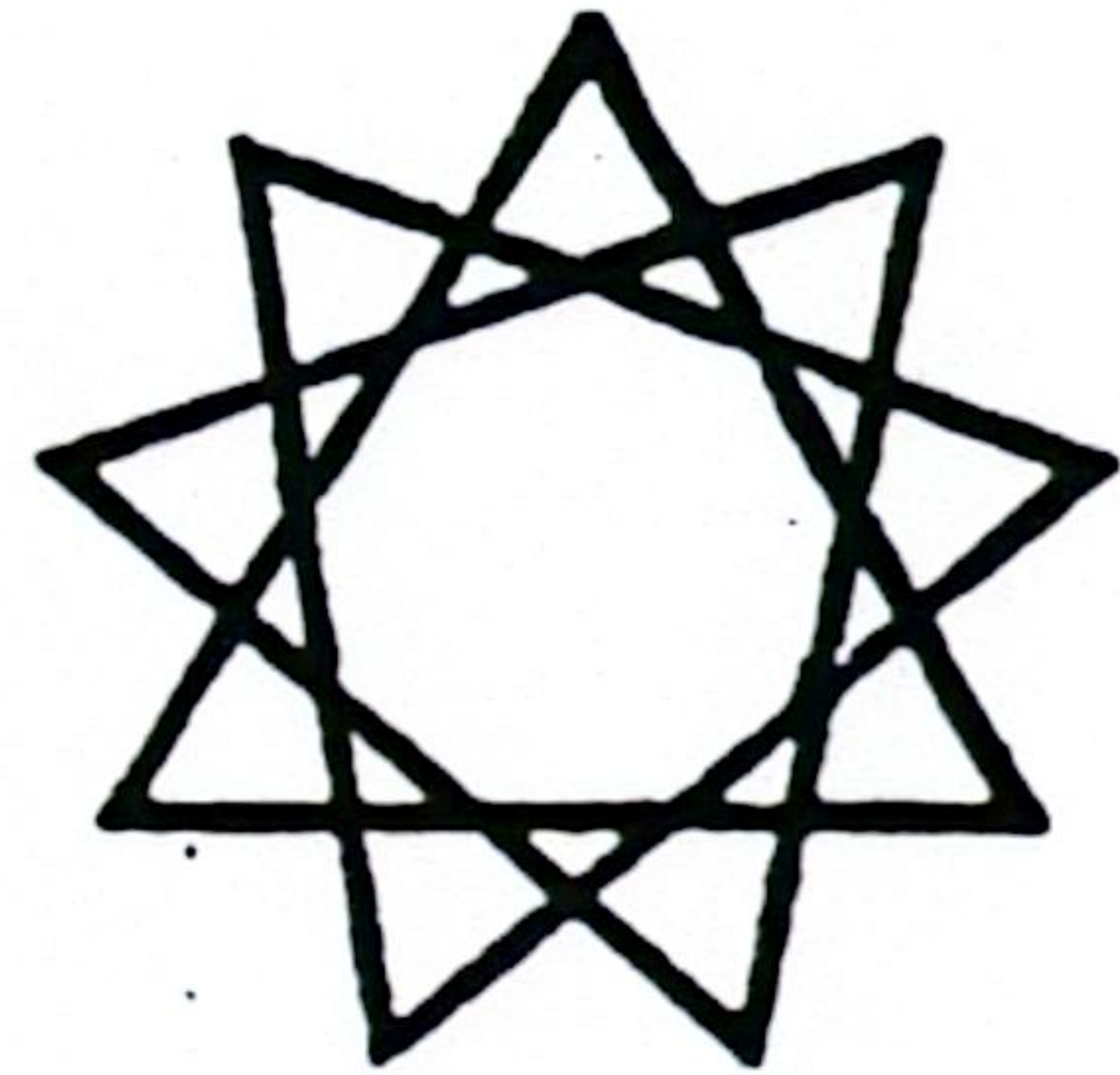
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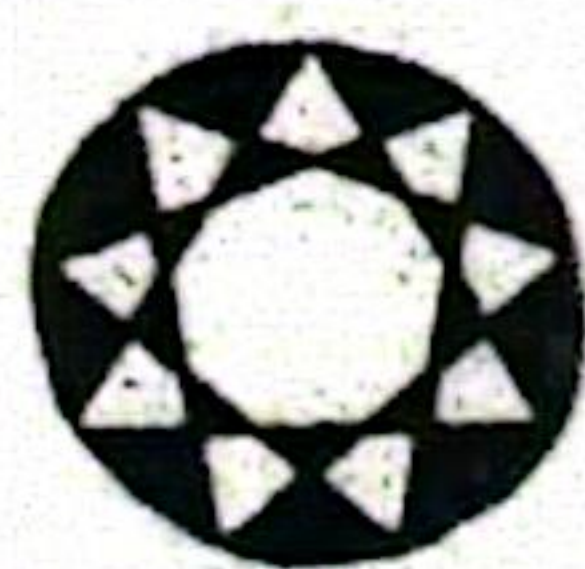
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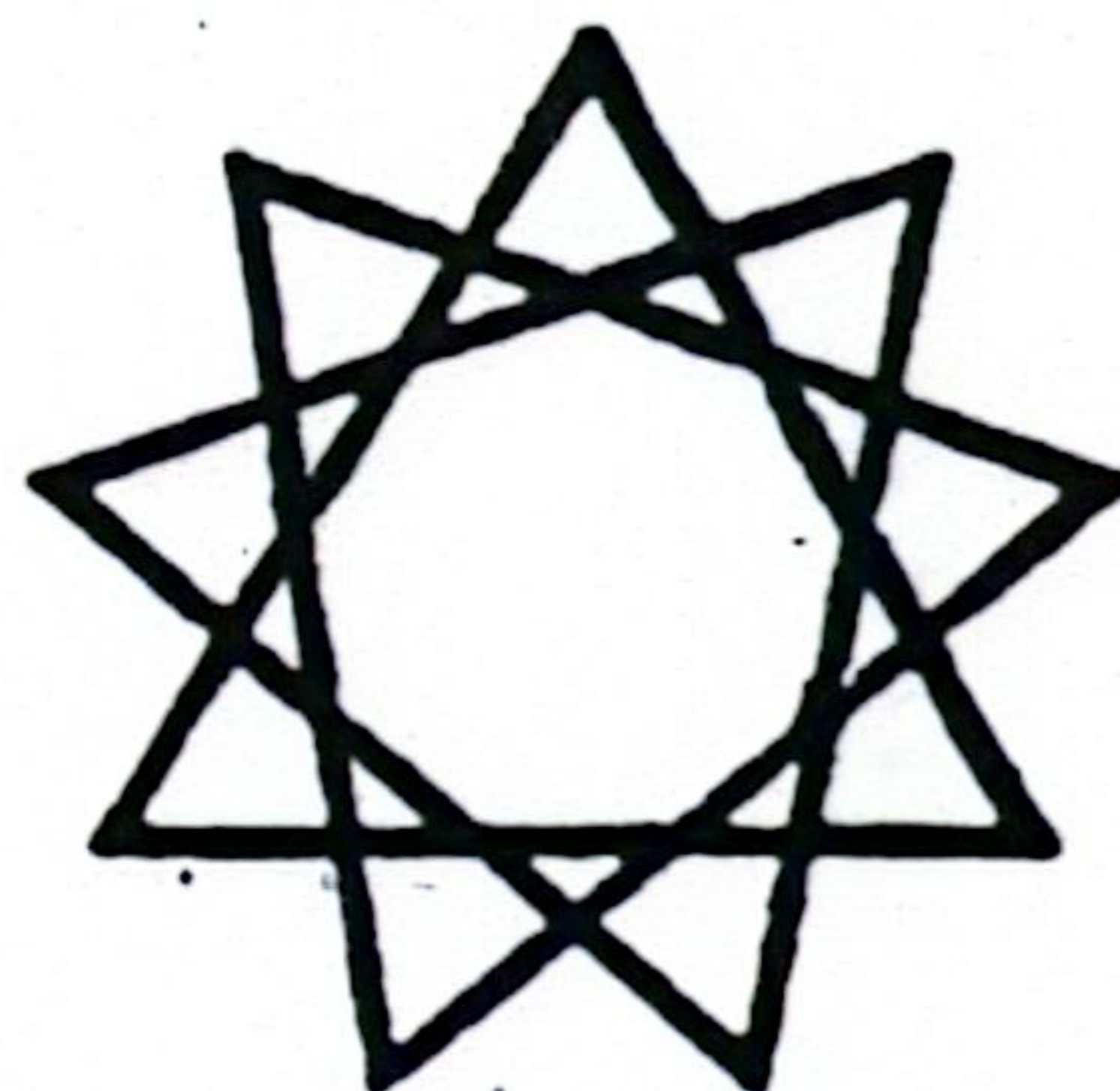
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Structurally, voodoo is composed of a 'Bon Dieu', or Supreme Deity and 'loa' which are lesser deities and conform to Roman Catholic saints. The cults are headed by priests called 'Hungan' and priestesses called 'Mambo'. Ceremonies are performed on annual cyc such as the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. Snake worship is common in Voodoo. The religion has no central creed, dogma or tenets and is primarily Dionysian in context. Possession by an evil force is typical.

Voodoo took firm hold in Saint Dominique but it wasn't until the violent Black revolution of 1804, which drove out the French and renamed the former colony Haiti, that the folk religion began to make appearance among American slaves.

From the French-based creole culture of Haiti, Voodoo came to America through its most natural route - New Orleans. Louisiana also had a French-based creole culture and Voodoo initially found fertile ground. The Louisiana Purchase, however, brought an influx of Anglo-Saxons into Louisiana who were determined to rid creole speaking areas of any vestiges of non-Christian religion.

Voodoo never really reached a high degree of cultist popularity among black Americans as was found in Haiti. It never, actually, spread in any great numbers outside of the French-creole areas. Its popularity was hindered because of the lack of mobility of the black slaves. There were also language difficulties. It had a high degree of sexualism which was frowned upon by the puritanical southern Anglo-Saxons

and most importantly, Voodoo, as developed in the Ante-Bellum South, never was religious in nature but rather magical or medical. Voodoo was never seen by black slaves as being a religion but rather a means to cure the sick and dying. The term 'Voodoo doctor' consequently was incorporated into American jargon.

Today, Voodoo is virtually nonexistent in America, even though it is still the national religion of Haiti. It does exist, however, in some metropolitan areas such as New York and Los Angeles. The Voodoo practiced in these urban areas is pretty mild stuff when compared to the Haitian cults.

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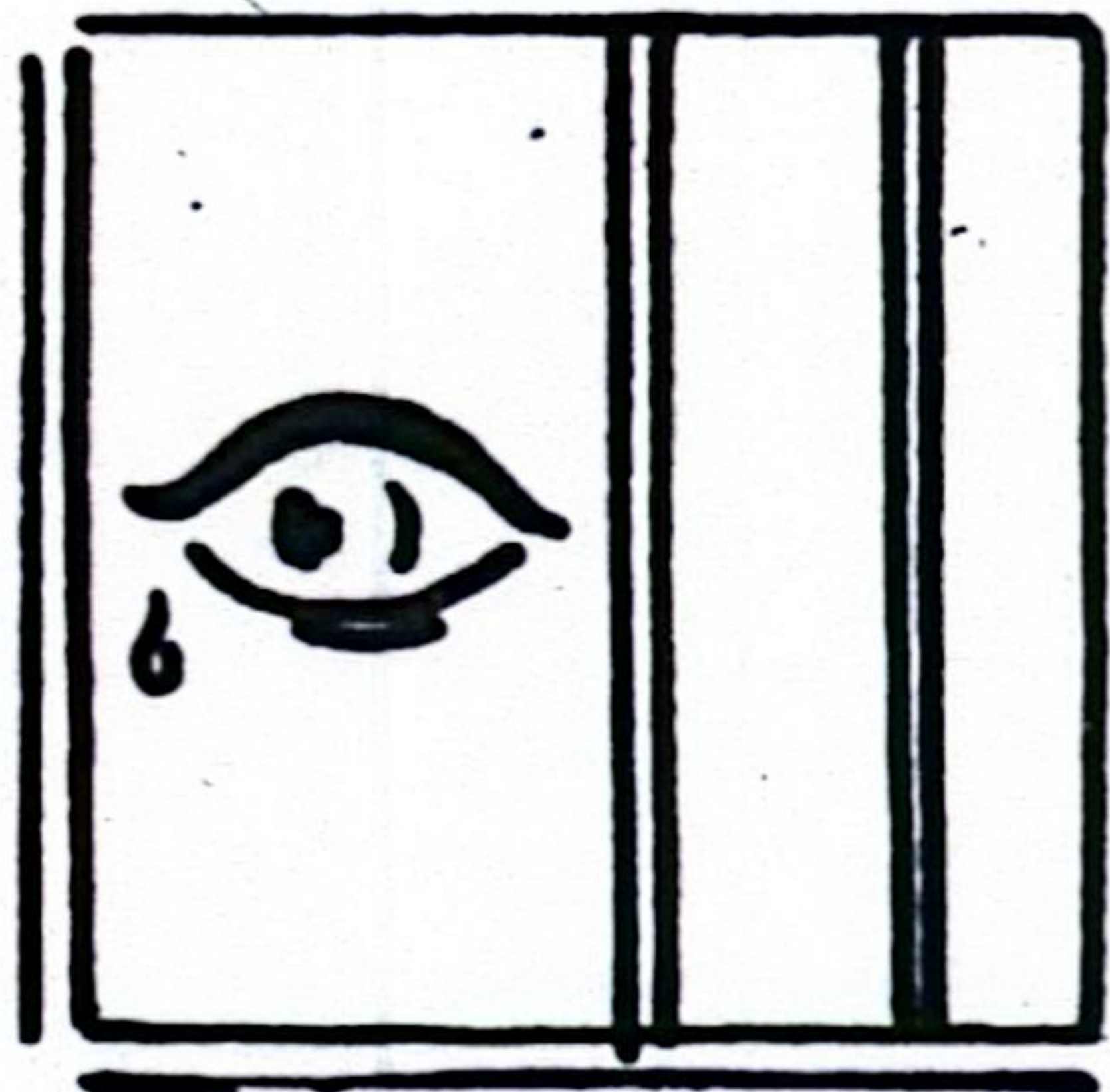
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Books Behind Bars cont

you know about his experiences. He tells me that a reader asked him to find the NECRONOMICON for him. George says that when he gets stuck he turns to Tony Egan, 172 E. 4th St. New York, N.Y. 10009. Tony says about this book:

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Thanks Tony. Also George complains that some of you want 'subject areas' and that book-finders want specific titles. So here are some subject areas that readers might be able to respond to. We have buyers for books about Pennsylvania Dutch and other folk hex signs as well as any other magick signs and symbols as used on talismans, charms and amulets. We have buyers for ANYTHING' related to the OAHSP people, called the Faithists, or John Ballou Newbrough who channeled the book. Also historical works on Levi. H. Dowling who wrote Aquarian Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have any information or saleable material for these people

send it to Gene White % O.A. and I will simply forward it.

One more comment, prisoners need books but they would prefer real live people to write to them.. Their bodies may be imprisoned, but their minds CAN grow, or not. It's up to you.



Church of All Worlds

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See page 9 col 2 this issue of O.A. for some questions and answers about this Neo-Pagan modern Earth Religion.

Dream Scene

by BARK

The Witchery of Sleep

In 1903 Willard Moyer wrote a book called THE WITCHERY OF SLEEP. He gathered together the "surest facts and the best thoughts, in an endeavor to form a sequence of interest."

Chapter on DREAMS

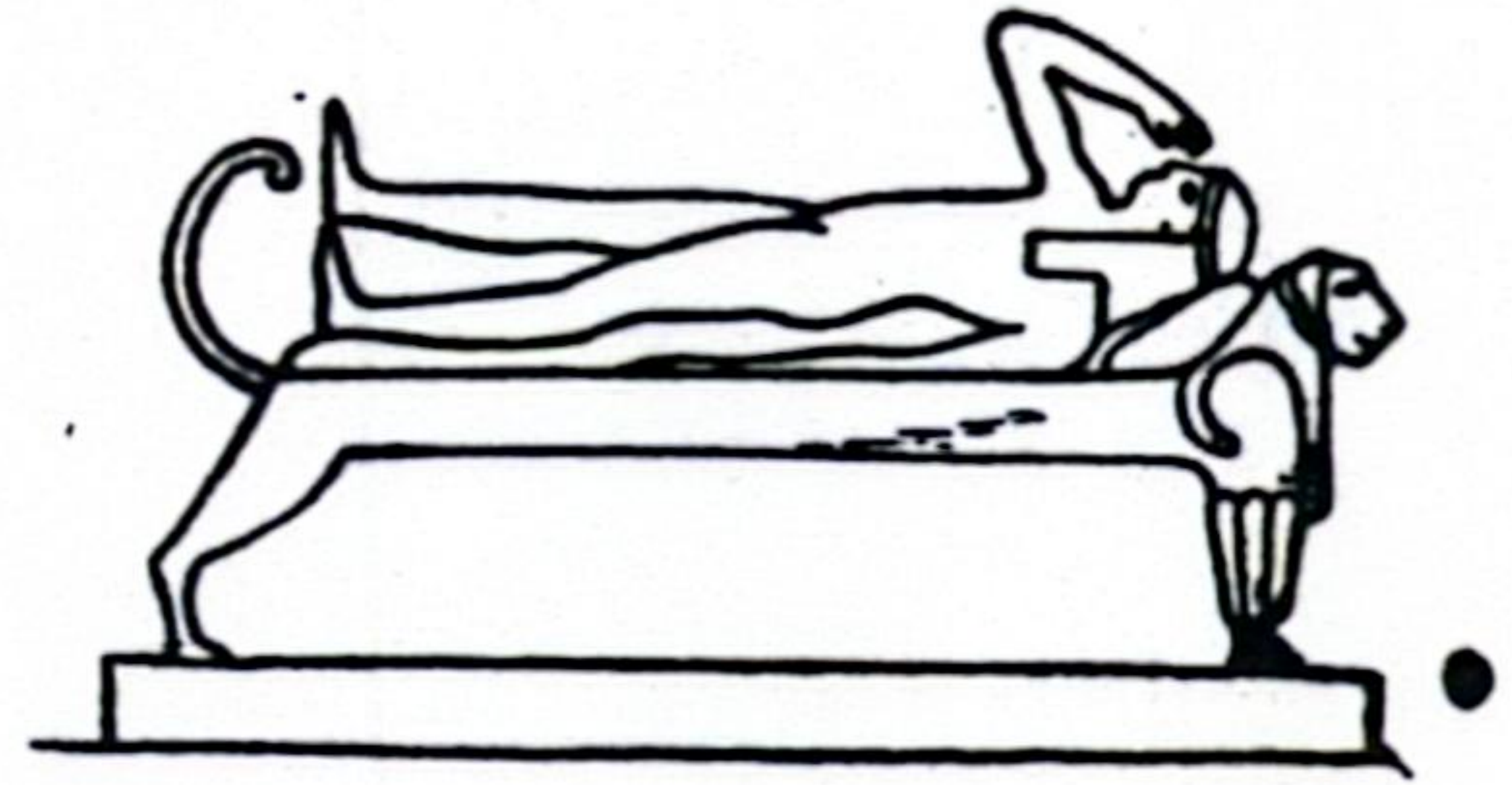


WHEN we are in good health, our dreams will be normal, and the outcome possible. Sane natural dreams, which will add color to our sleep, without interrupting its progress or disturbing its serenity. Of course the reverse happens should our physical condition be impaired. A cheerful spirit accepts the result calmly and hopefully, or dispels any fear as to the outcome of certain projects and hopes - projects and hopes born in the real world of our yesterdays, or the world of our connected dreams.

Dreams of the pessimist, to the contrary, are full of vain imaginings. Characteristics cannot be shaken off with the coming of "tired nature." The awakening is a haze of unrest- and naturally a depleted mental and physical equipment for the days work.

Mystery, never satisfying, but always fascinating, has ever dominated our days and dreams, time out of mind. Who can tell a con-

*"We sleep to wake,
Yet wake to sleep again."*



nected story of a mysterious vision? No one can describe clearly the subtle effect it has had upon him? In the everyday of life it will always remain as something which seldom seriously affects or directs our own affairs. In dreams, it has the same effect upon us, for mysterious dreams are generally the result of some physical or mental disorder, and thus do not count in predicting events."

And that's what was said about dreams in historical American dreamology. According to what we are currently being told about dreamology, dreams are considered to be much more important than they were in our past. . . . Correct dream interpretation can predict the beginnings of serious illnesses. The dreaming brain is less protected from 'games playing' than the awakened brain.

If a dream repeats itself over and over, it may be telling ourselves something about our body condition that we don't really want to hear. We are told today that dreams are 'sentries that watch over our health'.

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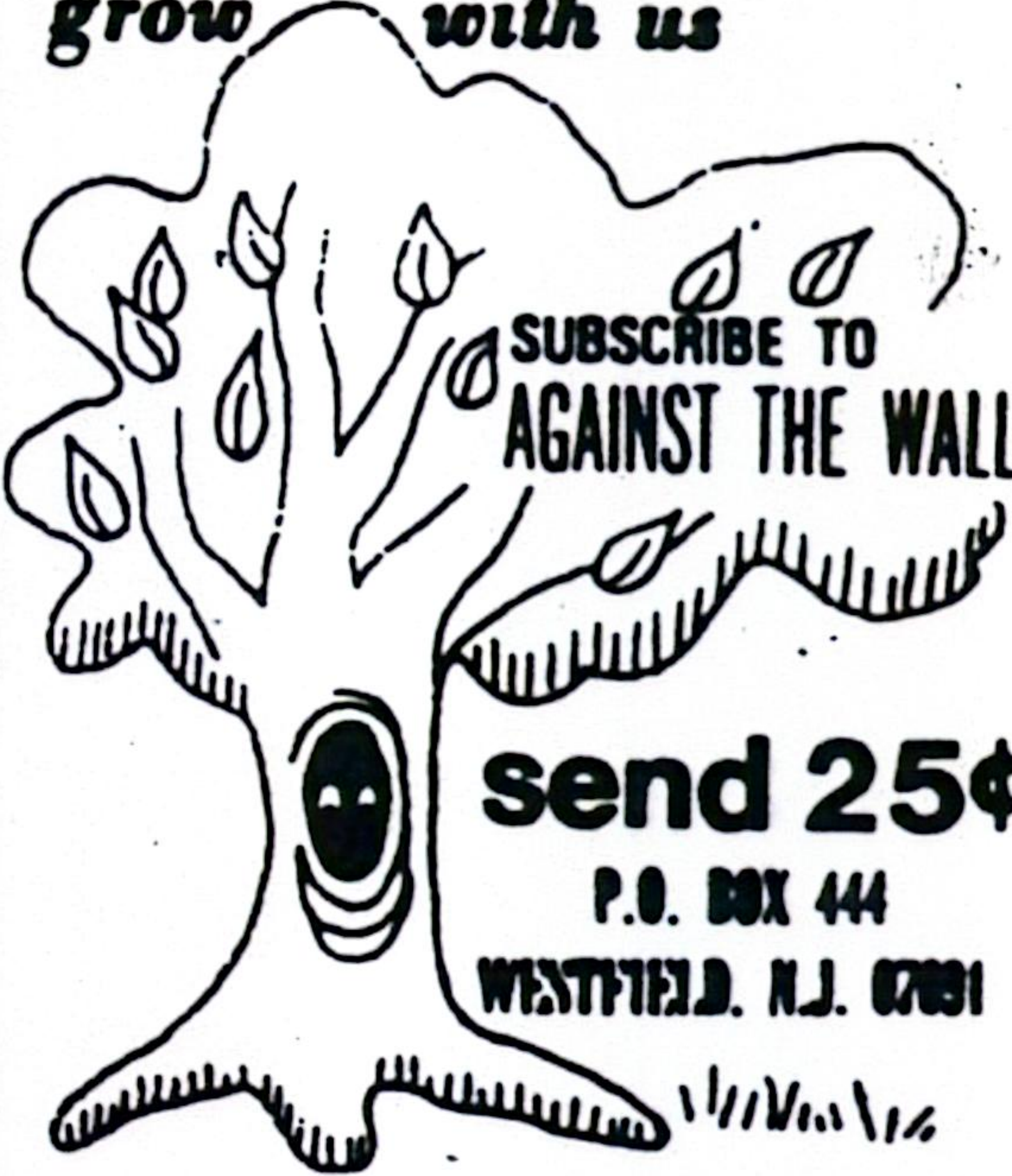


If your dreams repeat themselves again and again with the theme of a chest wound, you may be facing the danger of a heart attack. Or a consistent dream of jealousy or being constantly chased by an enemy would possibly indicate the beginnings of emotional unbalance.

Much work is being done in this area and amateurs are warned not to try to analyze their own dreams to diagnose ailments. If a strange dream does persist the dreamer is advised to tell his doctor about it, at least to

draw the doctor's attention to the patient's concern about that particular area of the body. More about dream studies next issue.....

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In Los Angeles, California, a woman has her nine-year-old son taken away, because she is a witch. In Saint Louis, Missouri, a man loses his child in a divorce case, because he is a well-known pagan. In Rockford, Illinois, a small family of occultists are attacked with rocks by their fundamentalist neighbors, who'd been listening to sermons about how "Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch to Live." In Montana, any person found dowsing for water or minerals can be thrown in the state prison. All across America, astrologers, gypsies, faith healers, mediums, tarot readers and others are persecuted and prevented from earning a livelihood by repressive and bigoted laws and customs.

It can happen here. It can and it *will* happen here unless something is done to stem the tide of fear, hatred and repression being created by the New Witchburners. Unless some group steps forward to unite the myriad factions of the occult and metaphysical communities into a single, effective political force.

That organization exists. It is called the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, Inc. It is the only organization in the world actively working to defend the lives, careers, rights and freedoms of *all* of the citizens of the Aquarian Age.

But political action and public relations campaigns cost money. Large quantities of it. On a regular basis.

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Remember, the New Witchburners have a stake in your future. Do you?



Requests for further data, as well as donations, may be sent to: Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, Inc. National Headquarters, Box 3720, Minneapolis, MN 55403.



Nostalgic Soufflé (sex pot) By David

Well, readers, it seems that 'The religious past of the Graham Cracker' spoke to the hearts - and stomachs - of quite a few of you. I received several letters with recipes and nostalgic commentary. The hands down winner for popularity is the graham cracker crust. A Mennonite lady sent in several unusual recipes and I will include one here. I was so inspired with all this enthusiasm that I went out and bought some crackers, but what a decision, honey flavored, cinnamon and sugar and other fancy varieties. I include a fun sounding recipe that came on the package.

For new readers of O.A., the name 'Graham' was given to pure whole wheat products because of the diet-reform work done in the 1800's by Sylvester Graham who was inspired by the Bible Christians' vegetarian creed.

PIE CRUST

20 crackers finely crushed
2 tablespoons sugar
6 tablespoons melted oleo
(3/4 stick is 6 tpls.)

Mix cracker crumbs and sugar. Stir into melted oleo and mix well. Press firmly on bottom and sides of 9 inch pie pan. Chill one hour before filling, or bake in moderate oven for seven minutes and cool before filling.

Here's one for the 'back to the land food purists' sent in by a Mennonite lady from Pennsylvania.

THE ORIGINAL GRAHAM CRACKER

1 cup shortening
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
4 cups graham flour
2 cups white flour
2 tsps. baking powder
1 tsp. soda
dash salt
1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla (pure)

Cream sugar and shortening, add vanilla, sift flour. Add salt, soda and baking powder. Add dry ingredients alternately with
8 → liquids. Roll out with flour.

Cut in squares or any shape, put on greased cookie sheet, bake at 350 until crisp and golden brown.

— Now, for the less adventurous, a recipe from the cracker box.

HONEY GRAHAM BLONDIES

— 3 cups finely crushed crackers
1 egg separated
1 cup chopped nuts
1 14 Oz can sweetened condensed milk.
1 tbls. milk
dash salt
1tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate, grated.

Preheat oven to 350'. Beat egg yolk until thick, beat egg white stiff. In medium sized bowl combine crumbs, egg yolk, nuts, milk, salt, vanilla and grated chocolate. Fold in beaten egg white. Turn into square greased pan and bake for 30 minutes. Cut in strip



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Some Questions & Answers on the Church of All Worlds

by Julie Carter

Q: What is the Church of All Worlds?

A: The CAW is a modern Earth Religion. We are dedicated to helping people to develop their full potential as human beings and to discover a feasible place in the scene of Nature that is creative, harmonious and sound. We see that the answers that each man and woman seeks are to be found in Nature, especially within ourselves, for we as human beings are part of Nature. We are working for a world of happy, fulfilled people who find joy in today, and who celebrate their oneness with all of Life.

Q: What does the CAW teach about God?

A. We see that God, or Divinity, is to be found within ourselves and within everything that is alive. To us Divinity comes from within, not from without. God is you and the people around you, the trees in the park, your pet cat; God is everything that is alive! Because of this, we like to think of God(dess) as Mother Nature Herself.

Q: What is the purpose of existence?

A: We say the purpose of existence is to live as fully and beautifully as you can every day, to make the very best of everything that comes along, to LIVE, here and now, right where you are. To live means to explore the potential of yourself as a human being and to develop that potential in ways that to you are meaningful. In doing so, you will probably find that your growth brings you into a more and more harmonious relationship with Nature, with yourself, and so with God(dess). If you choose, you can put your developing potential into action to improve your world. To live is to share your delight in living with others. Celebrate your existence with those you love - celebrate by singing and dancing and wild delight and by quietly gathering to meditate and share ideas, poems and stories, or any way you like. Celebration can become an everyday occurrence. Whatever you do, do it in joy, for joy is the ultimate purpose to all existence.

Q: What does the CAW teach about life after death?

A: When a person dies he or she is returned to the Earth. Beyond this we have no way of knowing exactly what happens to that person. We therefore leave it up to the individual to devise her own concept of life after death. We are not basically concerned with life after death, as we are busy living our lives here and now.

Occult



Since our staff Media Review Editor is currently doing the nostalgia bit in her Wisconsin home-town, this issue will be a combination of reader's letters and listings of aquarian age mags.

One of our readers, Jane Nordstrom, writes in with a change of address and the information that the old Massachusetts farmhouse they are moving into comes "complete with a friendly ghost". We hope she will keep on friendly terms with it and keep us informed. Jane has recently had a "Bread Book" published and we hope soon to include some of her more esoteric recipes in O.A.

Avis Blum, VOICE OF THE NEW AGE, wrote that she liked the poem "Blossoming" by Michelle Marrapese last issue. In fact Avis was reminded of one she wrote "a hundred years ago". With her permission we will include it this issue. When a poem speaks to someone else it has another moment of life.

Several readers enjoyed the article about the Indian Medicine Man. We will do more on Indian lore and religion.

Re; Cleveland astrologist Mr. Gorges, one local reader wrote in to tell us that the Ohio Astrological Association was gathering evidence to get him blacklisted. O.A. was not aware of that information.

Re: The predicament of Dianna Budapest, who is trying to get enough funds to fight her conviction for Tarot reading in California so that the existing fortune telling laws can be overturned, inspired a variety of responses. About half were in sympathy and the readers sent money to help out and the other half were inensed because Ms. Budapest is 'confusing' the religious freedom issue with that of feminism.

More letters and comments from readers in our "BOOKS BEHIND BARS" column.

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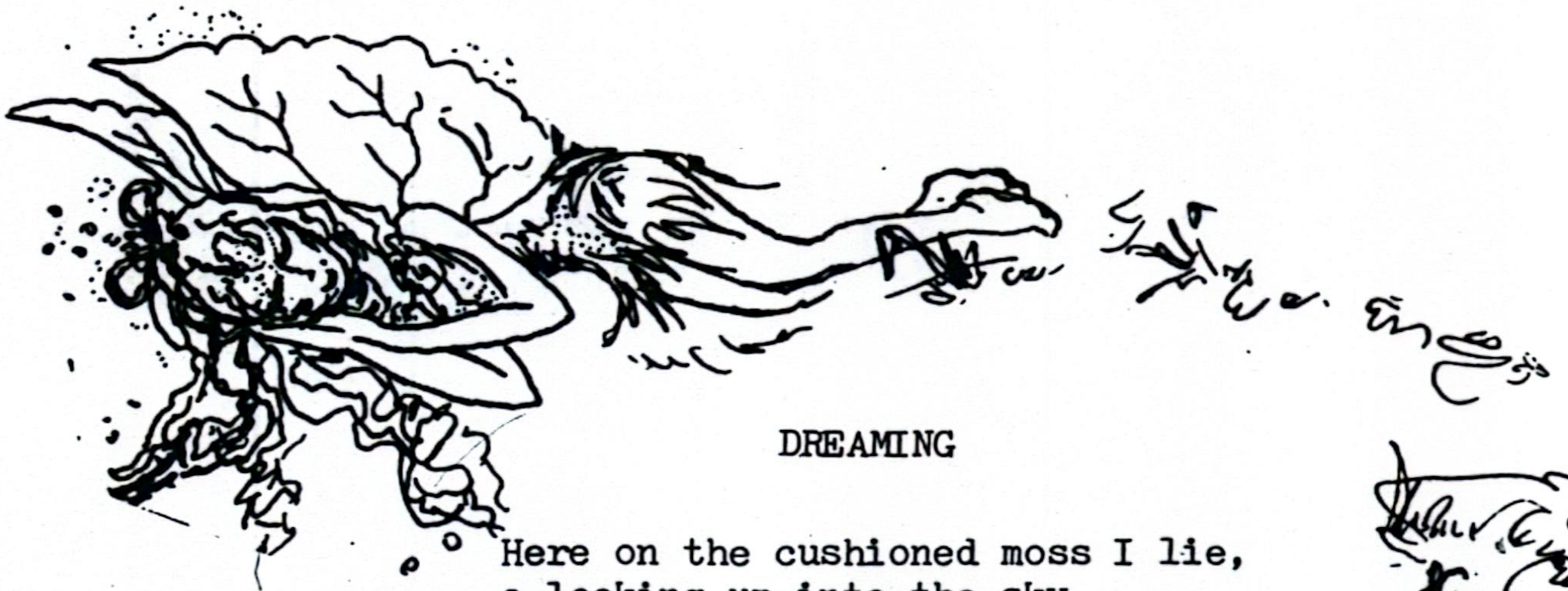
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between the birdsongs,
past a tree,
and into far
eternity.

Beneath my weight the ground is warm
and soft, to hold my slumb'ring form,
that all awake, my

thoughts can wing
into the sun's
bright, golden ring.

A green elf to a clover flies
and watches me with wond'ring eyes.
Today I do not

visit, I
am building castles
in the sky.

He sits and watches yet a while,
then smiling a bright, elfin smile,
like a green bubble

bursting, goes
invisibly
to paint a rose.

And all around me life goes on.
Even the moss I rest upon
buzzes with life, and

here I lie,
building myself
into the sky.

A V I S

Frank Dale

THE GREY WITCH

SPIRIT POSSESSION

Can a person be possessed by the spirit of another person? This has often been the question posed by novelists in many books now on the market. But this is the first time I really came in contact with a living example of this kind of psychic phenomenon. I met Jonny Bond, the subject of this interview, at a smart N.Y.C. disco called, MOTHERS. Jonny is an M.C. and stand-up comic and on this particular night he was M.C.ing the Pudgy Roberts show. He would be introducing Mr. Roberts and suddenly Jonny would switch into a monologue about God, Man, and Destiny. I really couldn't know if this was a part of his act or not, but I was able to find out later when he sought me out in the audience. This was because he had introduced me to his audience at the end of his performance.

DALE: Man, that was some routine you laid on the audience; A couple of times I was wondering where you were coming from.

BOND: You're not the only one, I often wonder where my material is coming from. It's not anything of this earth I can tell you that.

DALE: I think you had better explain that last statement.

BOND: Well, you see it's like this. Every once in awhile I get up to do my regular routine, the same one I've been doing for years, when what I've planned to say goes out the window and I come out

with this new material. All strictly off the top of my head. It's like I have no control over what I want to say, someone or something else is doing my talking and thinking for me.

DALE: Sounds like auto-writing only in a different sense. How often does this happen? Have you had other past experiences?

BOND: It doesn't happen often, it depends on the audience. Some seem to be more receptive than others. It started soon after I got interested in American Indian mysticism. In fact, I sometimes do an Indian dance routine in which I change from a young warrior into a beautiful white eagle which flies up to the sun and disappears in a burst of light. Also, I went through exorcism when a child.

DALE: What were the circumstances leading to this exorcism?

BOND: Well, when I was born I had been baptized during a Black Mass. Later when the priests of the regular church found out, years later, they performed the rites of exorcism. I can still remember the experience - it was a frightening one.

DALE: You know, a couple of times up there on stage, you sounded like Lenny Bruce.

BOND: That's interesting, since I once knew Lenny very well. That was in the days when he was still trying to make it in the business. We shared a room, smoke, and more. In a way, I sometimes feel that maybe we are still sharing things, thoughts. While he may be dead, right now I feel as if he just might be feeding me material through some sort of mental projection. I only wish that I could know when

he is coming through so I could record on tape what I am saying.

DALE: Couldn't you just write it down after a show?

BOND: I only wish that was possible. But, you see, I don't really always know just what it is I've said during my routine. It's as if I am in some sort of trance. People come up to me and mention some of the things I've said, and I just look dumbfounded. I am often surprised at the things that come out. I've experimented in different ways and with certain drugs to try to reach a higher level of consciousness and reach this person, if it be Lenny or whoever.

DALE: Aren't you afraid that maybe this other person might take over and you might become as one?

BOND: I have never thought of it before, but now that you bring it up, it makes me uneasy. But at the same time, this other being seems to have an important message to give the world and I seem to be picked as his or it's messenger. It's an important task, one I sometimes don't feel worthy of, but if that's the way it's to be, then I accept my fate.

DALE: Would you care to tell me more about that exorcism?

BOND: I really don't like to think about it too much, I still have nightmares about it. I was so young that it really seems more like a dream now, but I remember eight priests surrounding me, chanting, chanting, chanting! The whole thing scared me, since I didn't understand what they were doing. After many hours, I felt as if I was in a trance and I started to say strange things, none of which I understood. Then

suddenly, I was screaming in an uncontrollable fit. When I came

back to normal, I was lying in a pool of my own sweat, exhausted as if something was trying to hold on to my body and as he was forced to leave, he clung to me as if with claws which ripped at my flesh.

DALE: Maybe this thing is the same thing that is now trying to reach you - to reclaim what once was his?

BOND: No! That was something terrible. What is trying to reach me now is a friendly spirit. Don't ask me how I know, I just can feel it.

DALE: I only hope that you're right and that it's not something evil pretending to be your friend. I only hope that I will meet you again to follow up this interview.



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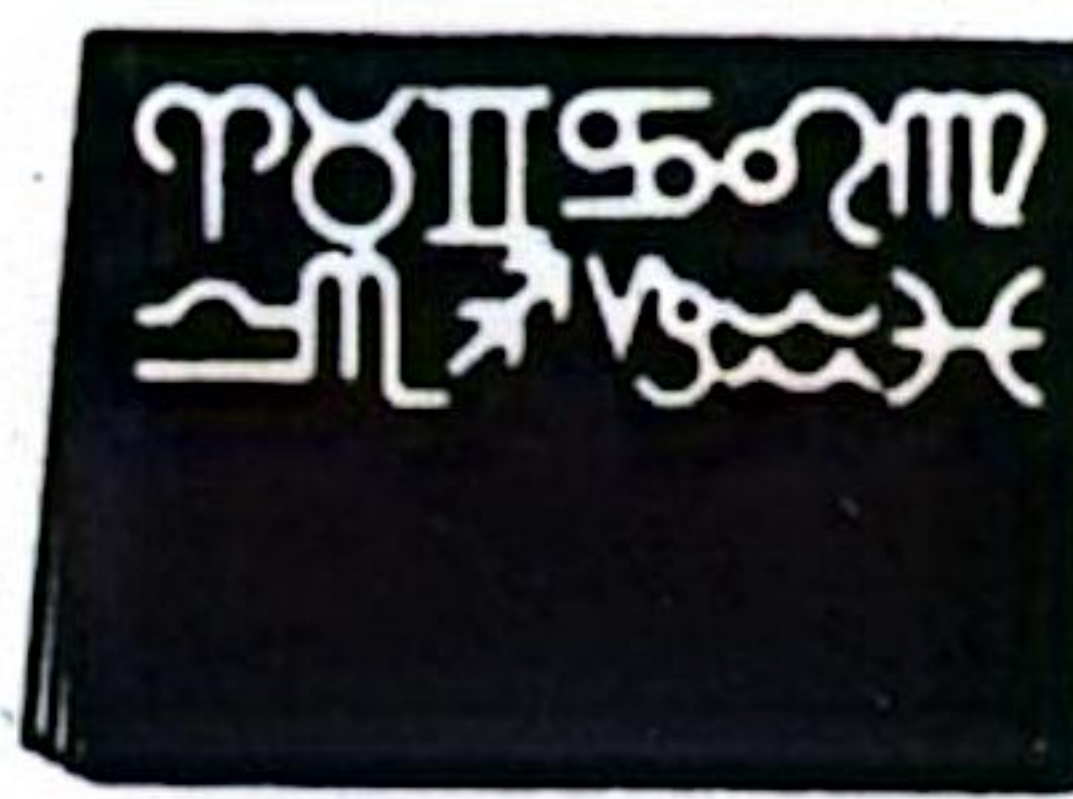
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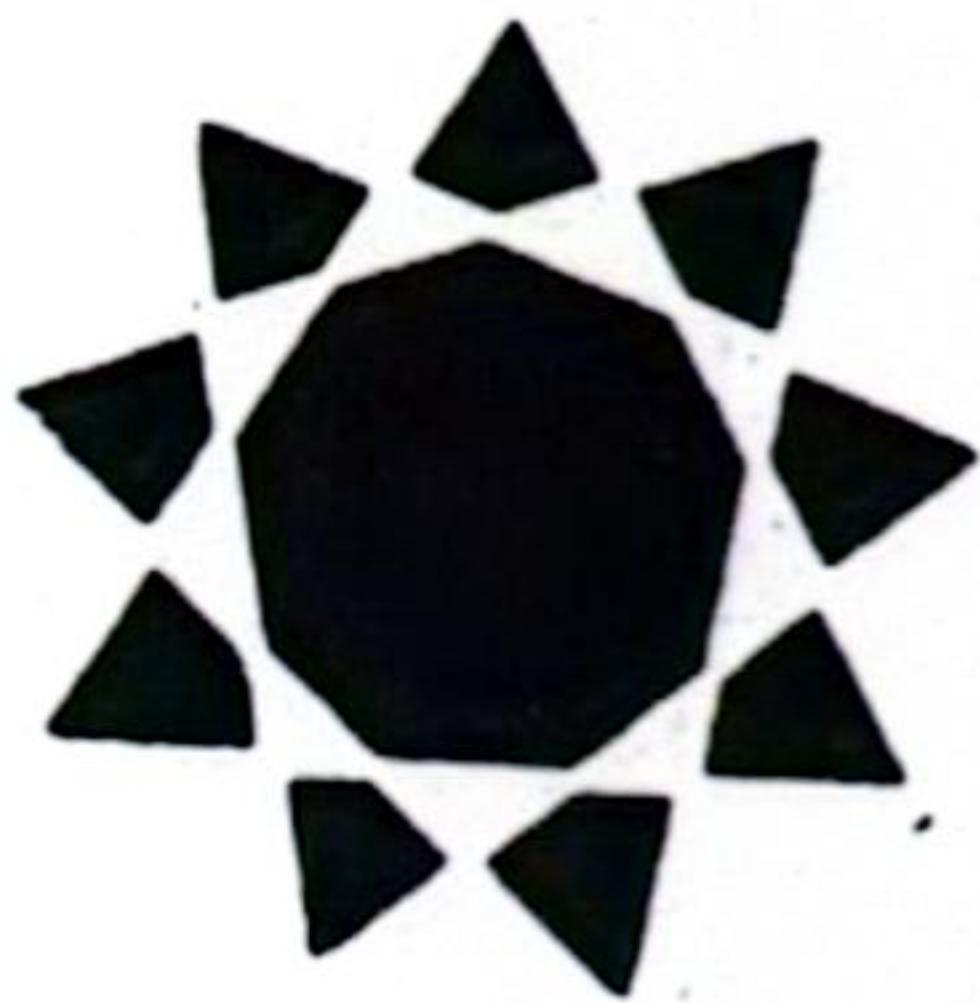
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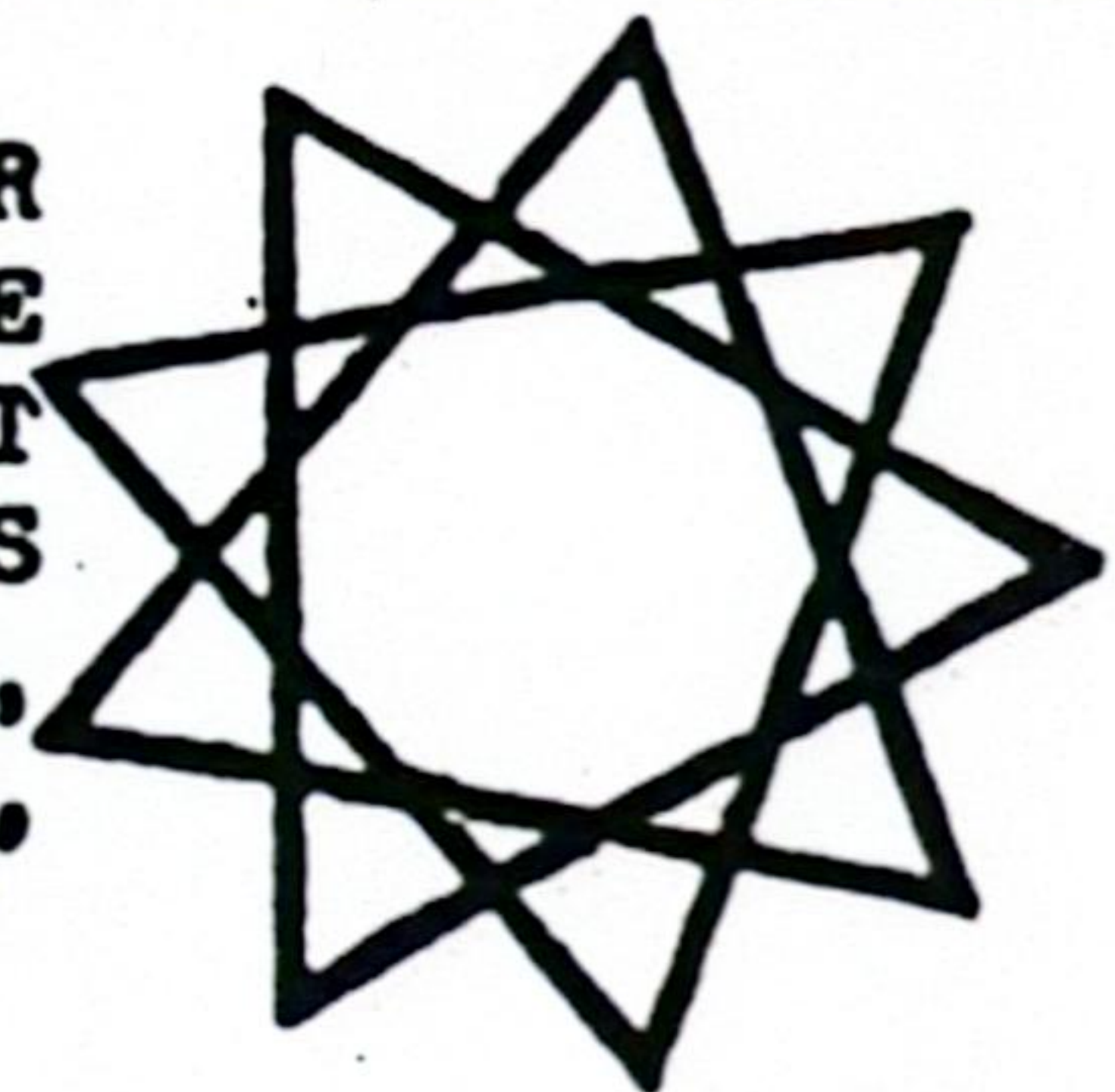
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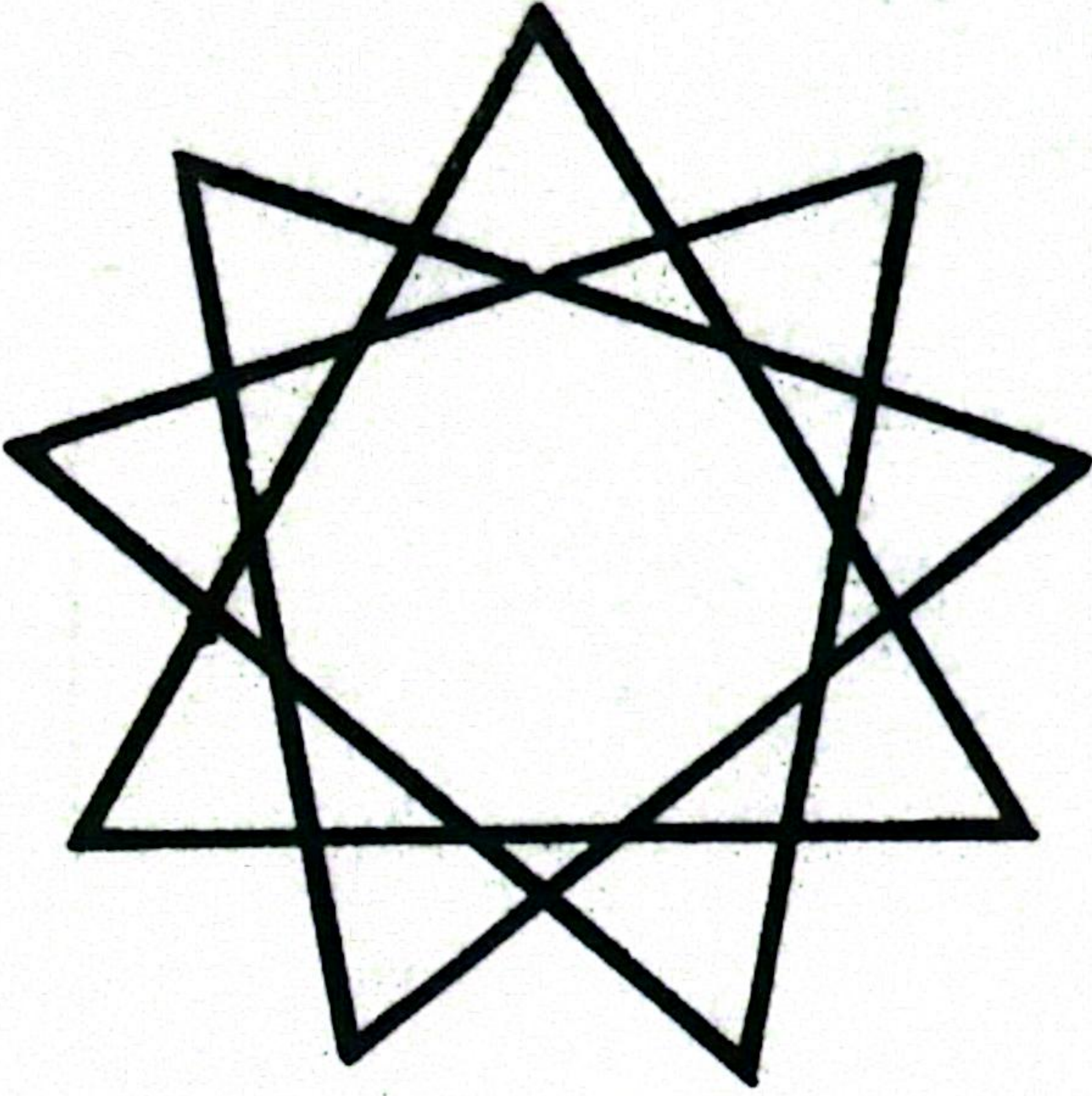
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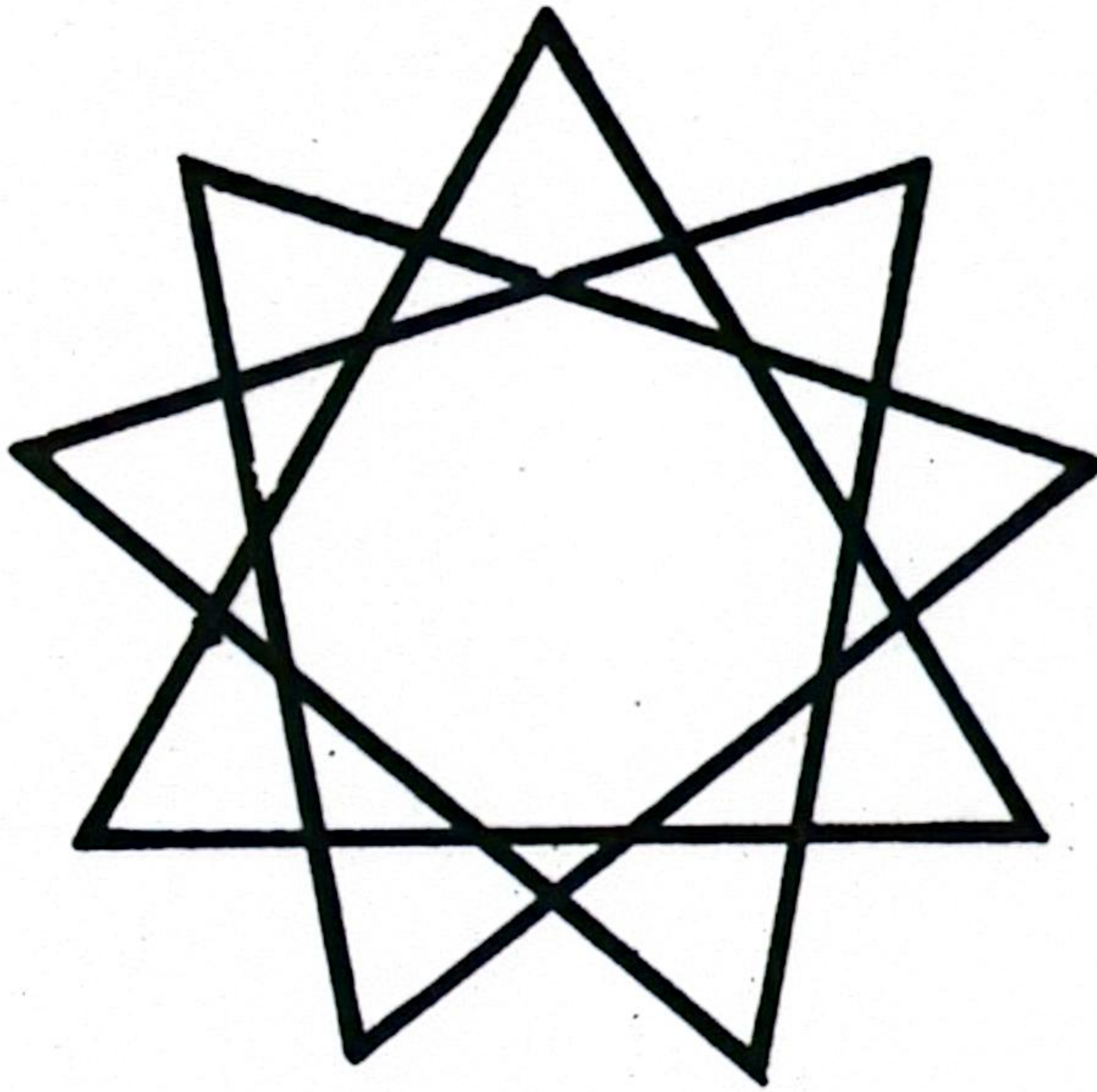
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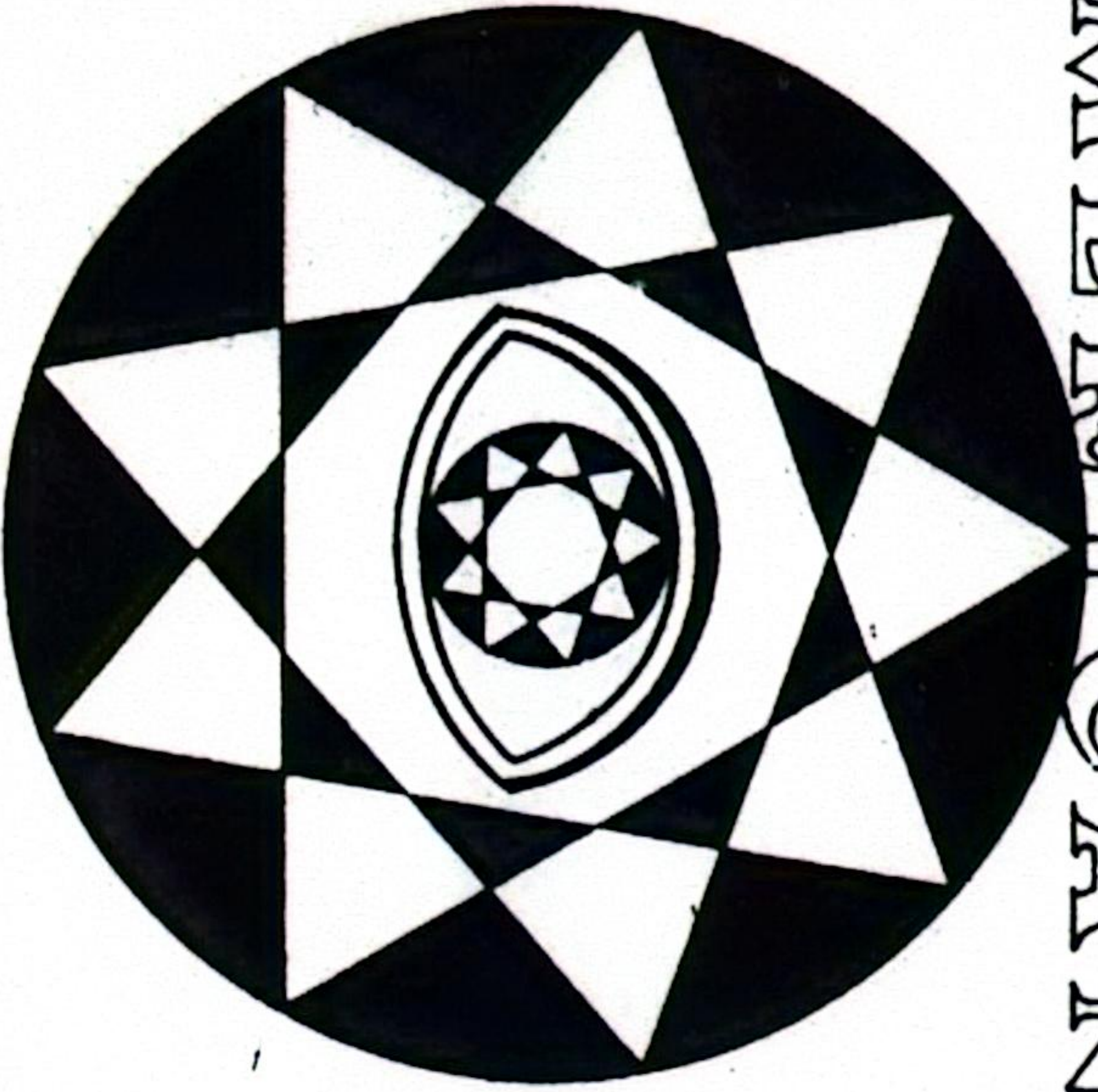
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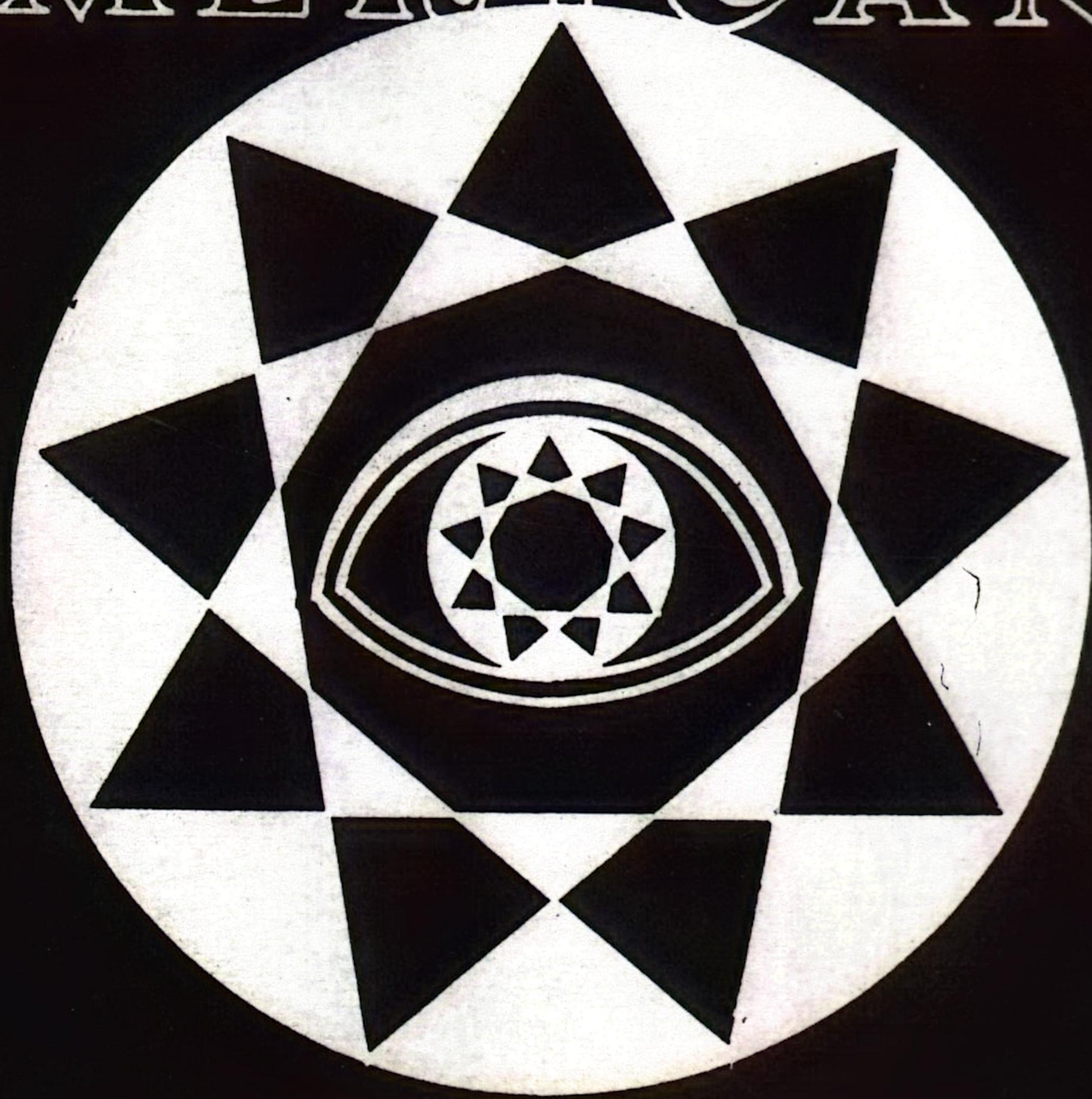


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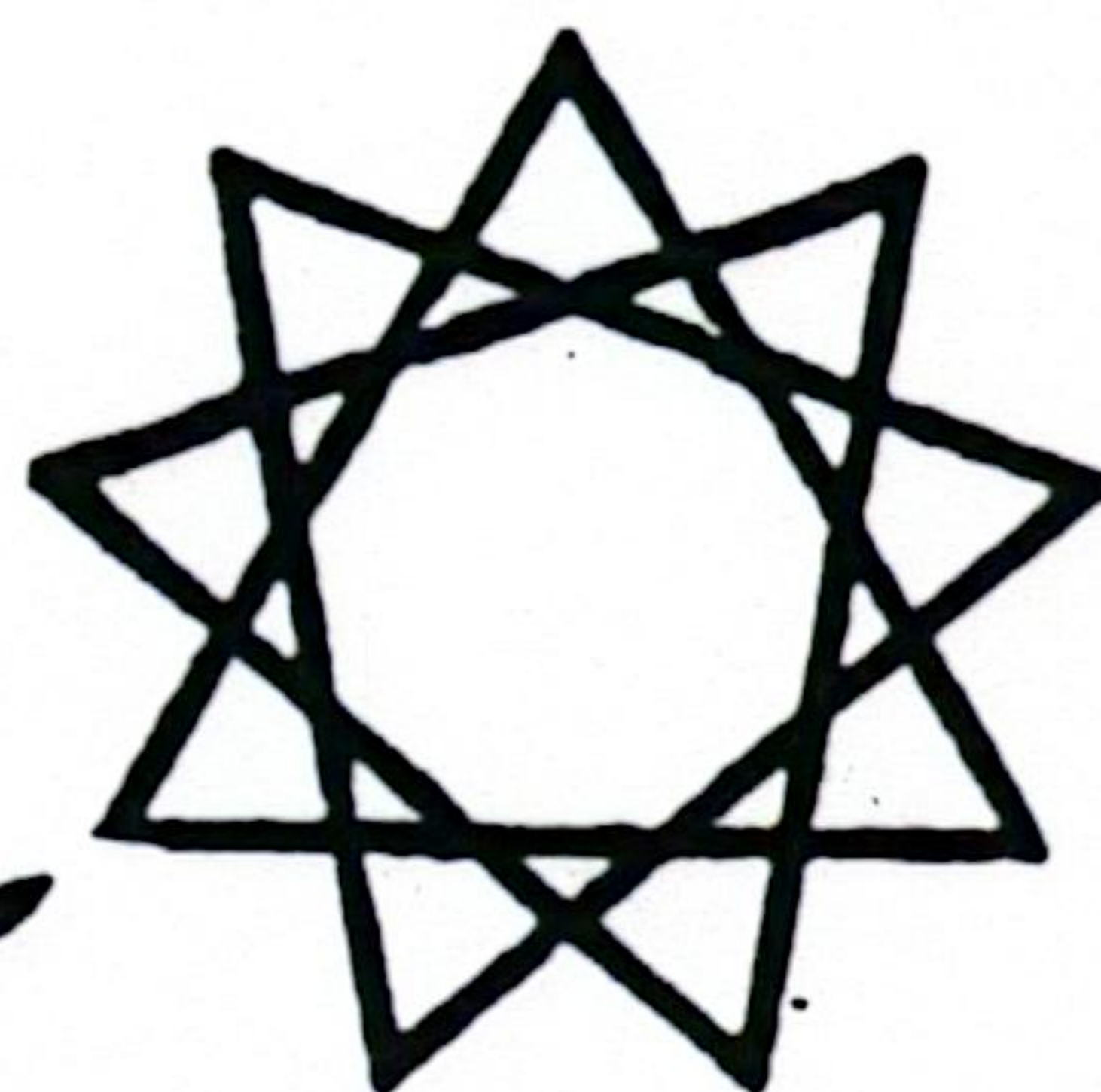
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AMERICAN BIBLES

by Barb Mraz

Americans are familiar with many 'home grown' bibles, such as the Book of Mormon translated by Joseph Smith and Key to the Scriptures channeled to Mary Baker Eddy. The Church of the Latter Day Saints and the Christian Scientists have long been a part of the American culture.

Other bibles, usually written by automatic writing, were produced especially during the spiritualist craze in America during the last part of the 19th century. Some of the curious titles range from the Spirit Life of Theodore Parker to Messages from Oscar Wilde from Purgatory.

The currently popular Seth books are also automatically written.

Up-State New York seems to have the most positive vibrations for psychic communication because all the books mentioned so far were written there.

Other American bibles include ancient voices from the spirit realms disclosing the most startling revelations which claim to

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prove that Christianity came from a pagan origin. This book was channeled through J.M. Roberts in 1932 and was called Antiquity Unveiled. Since that time the pagan origins have become a popular subject for students of the history of religion. In 1920, Fred Seaborne wrote a book by automatic writing which was the "Lost New Testament" purporting to be the acts of the apostles, the complete lives of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Shakespeare, it seems, continued an active writing career in the spirit world. Hamlet in Heaven, a 5 act play, was written through the hand of Lincoln Phifer in 1916. On a more esoteric level, Lincoln Phifer was also the instrument for the revised teachings of Jesus according to the spirit of the great bard.

There have been many others and there are several currently on the market. The basic question underlying this series of articles is, why do some of these channeled writings inspire disciples with organizational ability to create a cult ?

We can not (at least some people say we can not) go back in time and examine the sociological and economic milieu of the established religious scriptures, Christian, Moslem, Buddhist, etc. But we can take a more realistic look at the scriptures closest to us in time. Perhaps by looking at the language, the cultural background and the known history of the founder we will be able to see more clearly why some scriptures did have an appeal to followers.

Some of the answers are obvious, but it is the more subtle answers that we are interested in in this examination of events.

Because we have information about the American bible Oahaspe and its author, this is where we will begin.

The author of Oahaspe was an Ohio farm boy, John Ballou Newbrough who was born June 5th 1828 in Springfield, Ohio. He graduated from Cincinnati dental college in 1848, was married and then hit the gold-dust trail. He followed his quest to California and later to Australia. Newbrough's involvement with free-masonry is important to the understanding of some of the rituals and ideology. He is reported to have been a 33rd degree Mason, an honorary degree.

Basically his book is a re-write of historical religious figures, a re-interpretation given to him from spirit sources. According to the new teachings, the true purpose of Jehovih's (sic) teachings was liberty. In the process of helping man to establish the organic Kingdom on earth, God established a parliament to deal with the matter of heaven and earth. A group in pre-history, during the time when all other humans were barbaric, remained true to the ideals of Jehovih. They were vegetarians, monogamists and non-resistants. They were called the Organic Brotherhood or the Sacred People.

It was from this group that the great Prophets of history appeared, always the product of Inspired Eugenics.

The first of these was Zoroaster who came 9,000 years ago and laid the foundation in popular knowledge



for the other prophets to build upon and who wrote the first bible.

3,000 years later Abraham came to Arabia, Brahma to India, Po to China and Eawahtah North America. The people of Eawahtah left remains of their culture and are known in our history as the Mound Builders.



MAP OF THE MOUND-BUILDERS
IN AMERICA

The false prophets, whose literature we are familiar with in the Koran and the Old and New Testaments, were trainees in the heavenly parliament (earth born mortals) who concluded that the principle of non-resistance was disastrous and that evil could only be destroyed by force.

From the book of Oahaspe:
"In their efforts to make men and angels believe that they were the original creators of all things,

the historians of heaven and earth were changed in all sorts of ways, and while some of them contracted the period of their alleged activity to a few thousand years, as is still recorded in the Christian bible - others stretched it out over those fabulous ages through which the Theosophists love to wander in peace and security!"

The Zoroastrian influence is seen in the similarity between the creation view of the Parsees and the Faithists, as the followers of the religion of Oahaspe are called. God did not create the world and the living creatures on it but a secondary creation Lord was assigned this task.

From the book of Oahaspe:
"The most audacious of these false prophets declared himself Supreme Creator of heaven and produced records to prove it. He chose one of his Lords to be proclaimed on earth as his Son and the Savior of men, thus establishing that favorite trick of his successors, and inspired such great wars and persecutions on earth that he was almost universally worshipped by the people that remained alive."

Thus the Faithists hold on to the ideals of brotherhood and a loving God in spite of the history of organized religions. It wasn't the God of the believers who condoned the crusades, medieval witch-hunts, etc. etc., but one of his false prophets.

A pamphlet written in 1908 by C.L. Brewer for the then active and flourishing Faithist groups in America gives the followers an historical outline of the book Oahaspe. He refers to it as the

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WHAT IS LUCK?

by R. Hutchings Vader

What is luck? A person has a string of good fortune or bad fortune - why? Is everything related to everything else, or is everything completely independent? These and many other questions have puzzled many people for centuries.

Let's discuss some possible ideas.. For example, if you're traveling in a line of cars, you can only go as fast as the slowest car and when the car ahead of you slows down, you also slow down or run into the back of him and have an accident. So in this way, everything was dependent, but not necessarily in the moral sense. For example, just because you did an imagined wrong (or real wrong- like a crime), does not necessarily mean you're being punished for this by having the accident. What could influence or cause misfortune after a real or imagined wrong could be brought on by guilt feelings associated with the misdeed which caused you to be less attentive, which led to the accident.

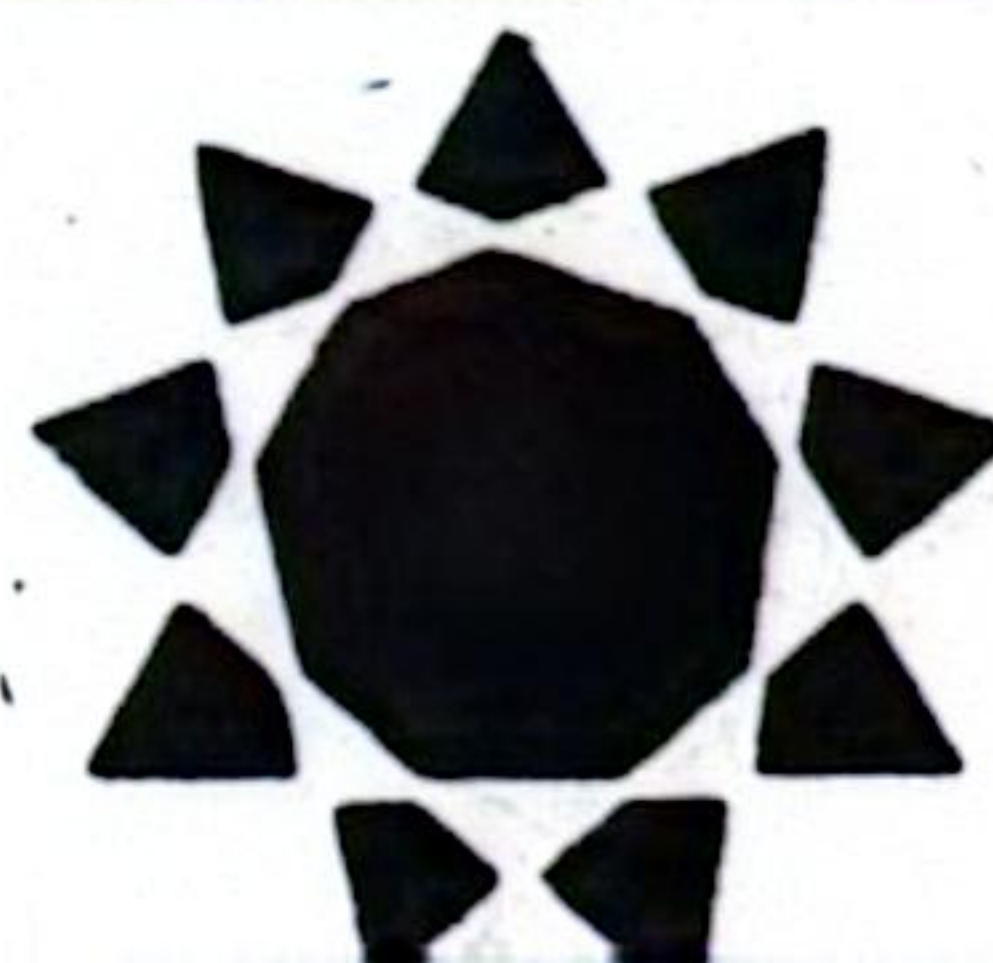
Also, a string of good or bad luck can be influenced by psychological factors that would help

bring on this string of good or bad luck - but actually each incident may be entirely separate, only to be brought together by a poor attitude or a good attitude. I might also add that people in a string of good luck can get their bubble broken by an individual happening that they may have no control over, though they do have a good attitude.

The poor or good attitude may be illustrated by a man who applies for ten jobs and is rejected each time. Should he take each rejection as a separate occurrence, or feel bad because of his total number of rejections?

In reality each rejection is a separate occurrence, but chances are pretty good that this man is projecting a defeatist attitude which may be bringing on his own rejections. It is also likely that this type of attitude will carry over into other facets of his life... bringing with it what he would call bad luck.

In conclusion, perhaps many people who have so-called bad luck could change this by changing their attitude, and putting more faith in themselves. This rearranging of attitude would cause other people to have more faith in them and might very well bring on the good luck that many people seem to have.



DREAM SCENE by Barb



If you have been really working on your dreams; recalling, recording, accepting and programming them, your life should have taken an upward turn. Has it???? If not, get busy. Try some of the techniques currently on the market. Check out your local library. We have mentioned several good books that deal with the 'new' method of dream interpretation. If you have been following this column you will know immediately what we mean by the 'new interpretation'. For new readers, and unconvinced oldtimers, a quick review.

THE OLD

Dream symbols are universal. If

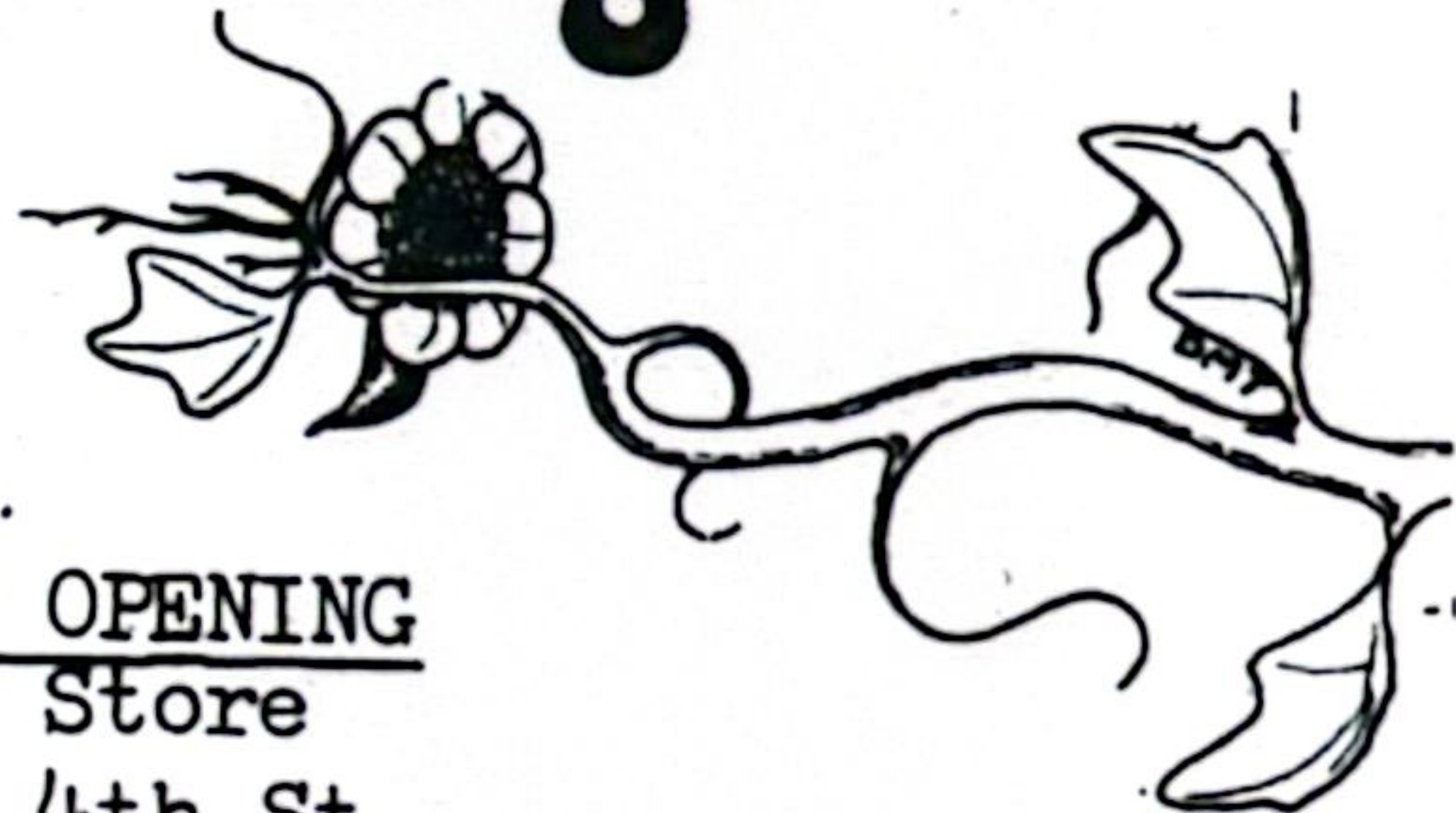
you dreamed of a voyage it had a universal symbolism, the dream book version. If you dreamed of cabbages, it too had a universal significance. And this was true whether or not you had had dinner of corned beef and cabbage at your mother-in-law's that night and then taken a trip on the Staten Island ferry. Or the Freudian idea that dreams were a product of the subconscious breaking through the repression of conscious control and everything took on a sexual connotation. The cabbage is female and the ferry is male. THE NEW: The subconscious is still very much with us, but very much related to what we did today in terms of what we dream about tonight, and interpretation is very much individual rather than universal. The past keeps haunting us and in our dreams we keep reacting to what happened today the same as we always did, if we haven't come to terms with those particular fears. And that is what we look for. How do we behave in our dreams? How can we reprogram our dreams and react differently and therefore react differently in our waking confrontations?

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This refers to the arrest and conviction of Ms. Zee Budapest this year on the charges of 'fortune telling'. The L.A.P.D. indicated that this Fair would be raided by the bunco squad. It is hoped that efforts will be made by the Aquarian community to work towards having this unfair law removed from the Los Angeles City Code.

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Mystic Cauldron (sex pot) By David

RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE CORN FLAKE

John H. Kellogg was a Seventh Day Adventist and an enthusiastic practitioner of Naturopathy, the medical craze of the 19th century. He founded the Battle Creek Sanitarium where he treated his patients by natural medicines. It is because of his influence that nature therapy plays such an important part in present Adventists beliefs.

He believed that some foods were carriers of poisons, especially meat. Abstinence and purging were the cure. Cereal flakes and peanut butter were important food items in his diets. In his book, HOW TO HAVE GOOD HEALTH, he tells how he invented the toasted cereal flake. He was convinced that indigestion and tooth decay were caused by the failure to chew properly, so he introduced dry zwieback as standard breakfast fare in his sanitarium. When so many of his patients complained about chipping bridgework, he experimented with flakes which could be eaten dry or with milk. He says in his book, "I'm glad to see that these products have been so generally adopted as components of the American breakfast."



"What do you mean 'it needs salt'? That's corn flakes and milk!"

Corn flakes have long since found their way into pies, cakes and as breadings for frying meats, a use Mr. Kellogg would not approve. The invention of blenders added to the list of creative corn flake cookery. Here are some modern corn flake recipes;

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CORNFLAKE MACAROONS

2 egg whites
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 chopped nuts
2 cups cornflakes
dash salt
splash vanilla

Beat egg whites until frothy, gradually beat in sugar and continue beating until stiff. Add remaining ingredients. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet with waxed paper. Bake at 300 F for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from pan while warm. Makes about a dozen cookies.

CHOCOLATE CORNFLAKES MACAROONS

1 cup cornflakes
1 lb. milk chocolate
1 cup chopped nuts

Melt chocolate; when slightly cool add the other ingredients. Drop by teaspoonsful on a greased cookie sheet and bake in slow oven at 300 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from pan while warm.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

1/3 cup corn flakes (crushed)
1 can cheese soup
1 tsp. prepared mustard
2 slices chopped onion
1 7 ounce package cooked macaroni
3/4 cup cubed cheddar cheese
1/4 cup pimiento
2 tbls. melted oleo

Combine soup, macaroni, cubed cheese, mustard and pimiento. Spoon into buttered 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Mix corn flakes and oleo and sprinkle around edges. Bake in moderate oven until hot and bubbly, about 30 minutes.

BAKED CHICKEN

1 cup coarsely chopped corn flakes
1 1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 chopped onion
1 dash salt
1 tsp paprika
dash pepper
1 cut up frying chicken

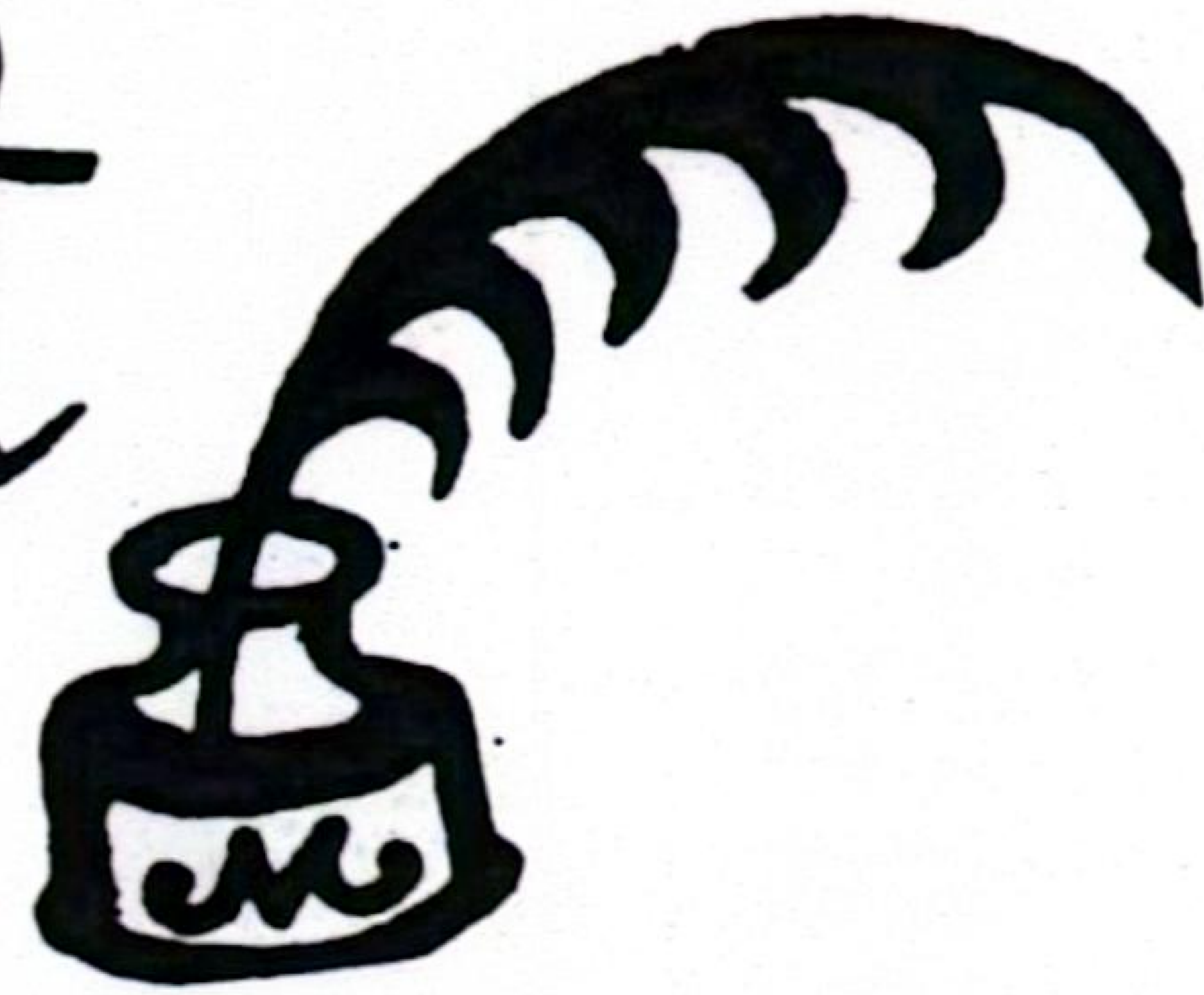
Combine everything except corn flakes and chicken. Spread chicken with mayonnaise, cover and put in refrigerator for 1 hour. Coat chicken pieces with crumbs. Arrange in oven-proof skillet. Bake in moderate oven about 1 hour.

SEE YOU NEXT ISSUE.....

EDITOR'S NOTE

A researcher at the ACLA School of Public Health believes that the diet and lifestyle of the Seventh Day Adventists account for the low cancer mortality rate within their group.

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by *Jane Wiggins*

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DOWSING

DOWSERS DO THEIR THING IN CALIFORNIA by Galen

This summer a hundred or so dowsers from all over the West met in Glendale CA. to compare techniques and swap stories. Some were professional and others were amateurs or just interested spectators.

Much of the discussion centered around the Mount Gleason water discovery. California has spent \$2.8 billion building canals and pumping stations to get Northern California's water to the arid Los Angeles area. Most of the dowsers are convinced that it was wasted money and effort since Mount Gleason covers sufficient water for all of the cities needs. It was discovered by map dowsing, a dowser held a pendulum over an aerial map. A half dozen top dowsers have reconfirmed that there is water in that location. No one seems able to convince the L.A. Water and Power Co.

The featured speaker of the dowser's gathering was Jon Olson, ass't Professor of anthropology at Cal. State, L.A. who is studying unorthodox scientific practices in history. He described the ancient Chinese practice of geomancy. The Chinese used Geomaners to locate sites for new buildings, time the planting of crops, and find good sites for wells. He added that a group of anthropologists dug for artifacts in Arizona based on the recommendations of a map dowser in the state of

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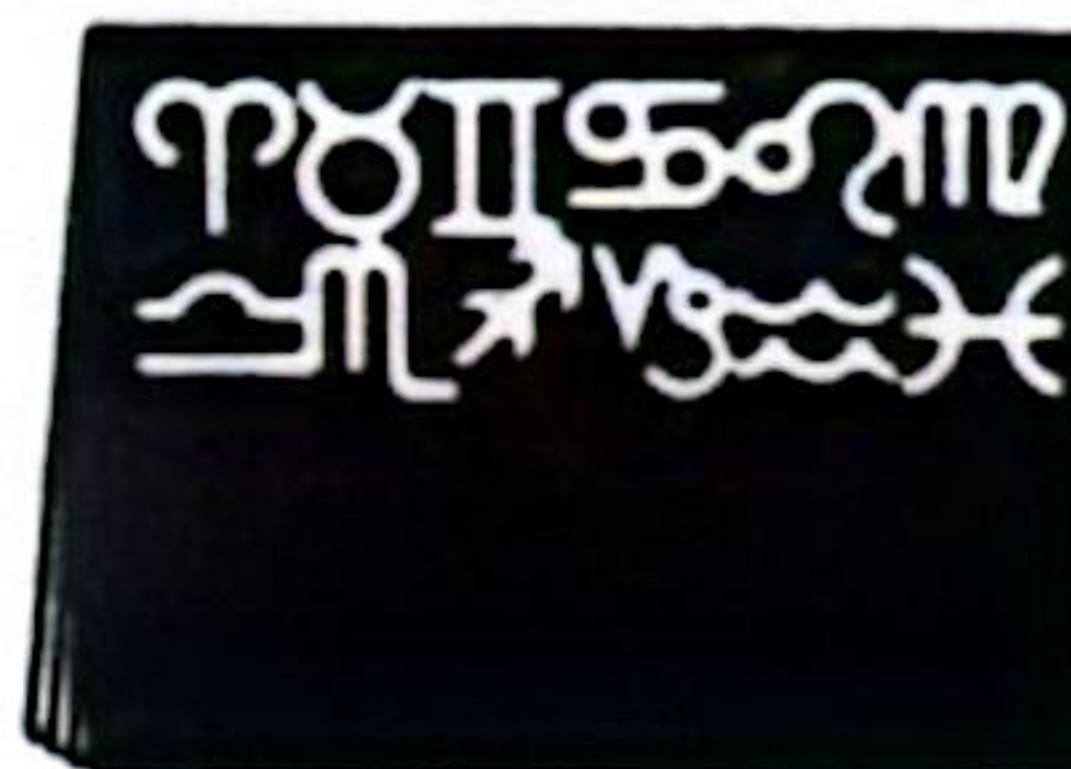
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In the mail;

Michael Pickering, who is chairman of the "Brotherhood of Spiritual and Psychic Freedoms " writes from the State Penitentiary in South Dakota;

His Order who are students of religion and law has organized a coalition to offer legal advice and support for the religious freedom of prisoners.

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tance from aware and concerned people out there. We need a typewriter and tape recorder to help with legal research and appeals to the State and Federal courts.

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This is an interesting group of prisoners who work with the legal machinery to correct injustice from within the prison structure.

WRITE:

Brotherhood of Spiritual and
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#17693 Michael D. Pickering
South Dakota State Penitentiary
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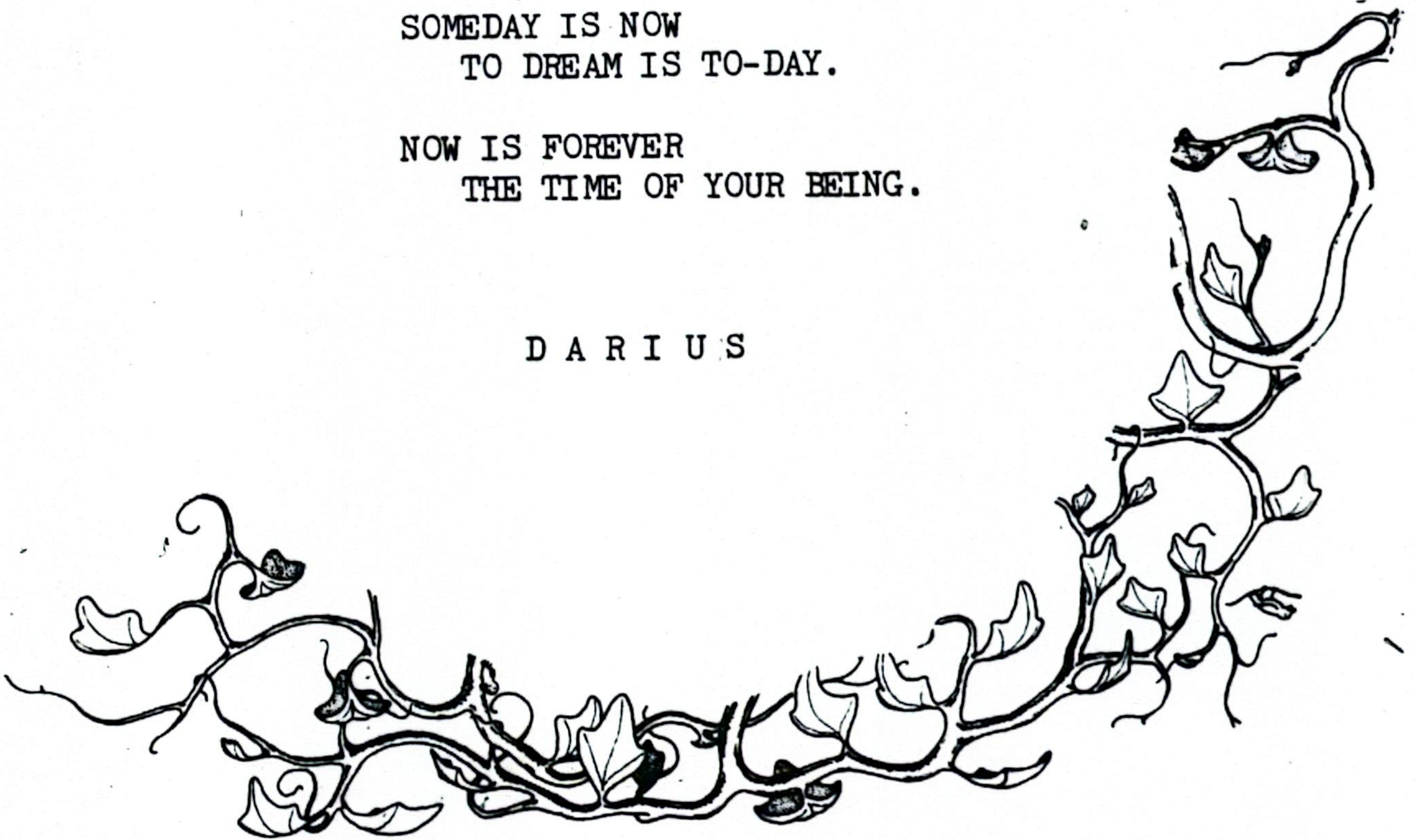
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George

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Cosmic Bible and calls it the "Uncle Tom's Cabin of the Millennial Dawn".

"When primitive man, learning by instinctive utterance the primary universal language, looked up at the sun-crowned, star-gemmed sky, he said, 'Oh!' and when his comprehending vision swept the verdent and varied landscape, he said, 'Ah!' and later on, 'Espe!' which was the sign for spirit and spiritual things; and so we have the name Oahaspe - the Spiritual record of the Earth and Sky."

The religion of the Faithists is visionary and evolutionary. From his address to a Faithist convention in the early 1900's,

C.L. Brewer says;

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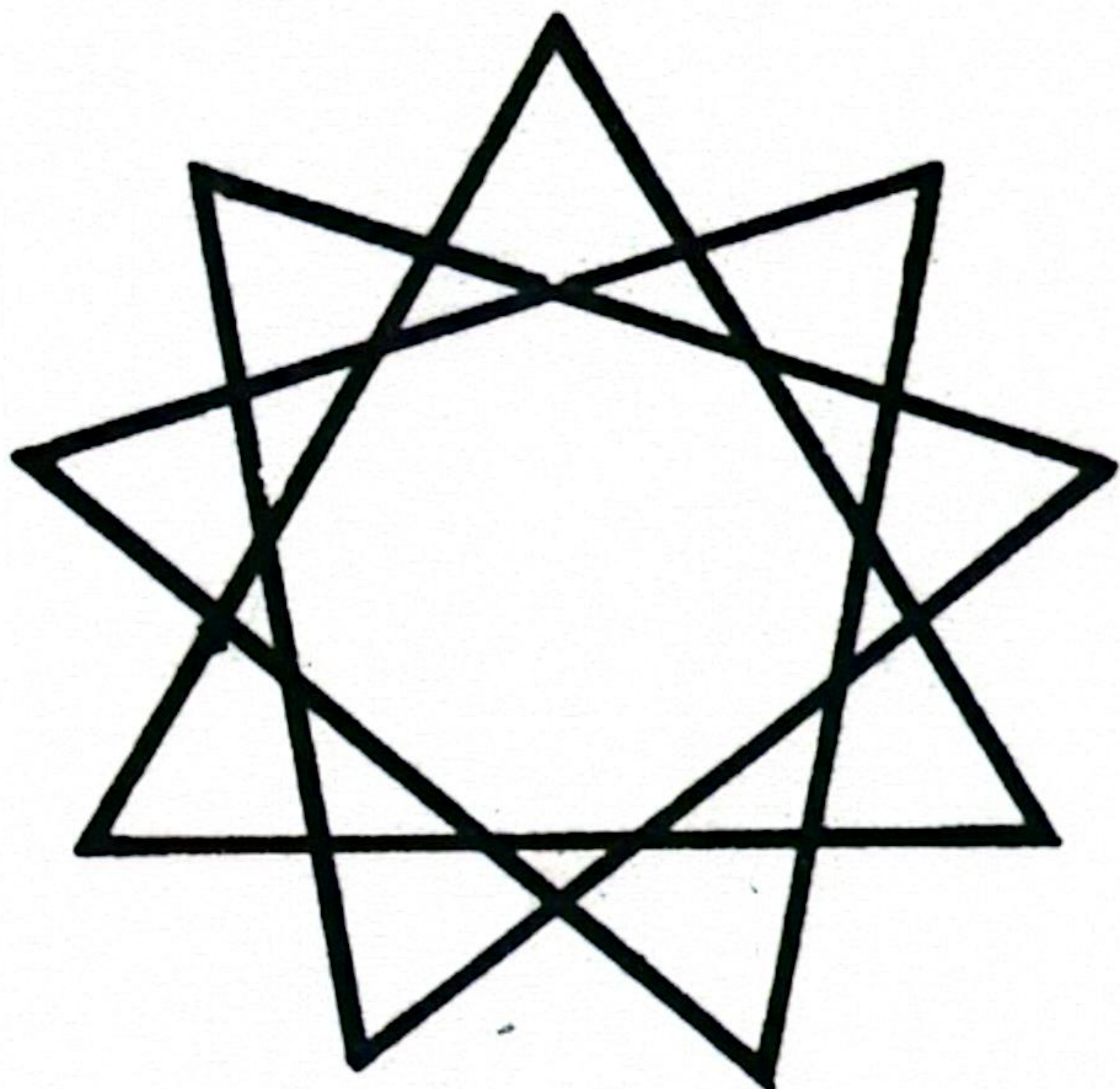
were to gather themselves in communes and federate the communes in a free Theocracy, thus establishing Jehovih's Organic Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

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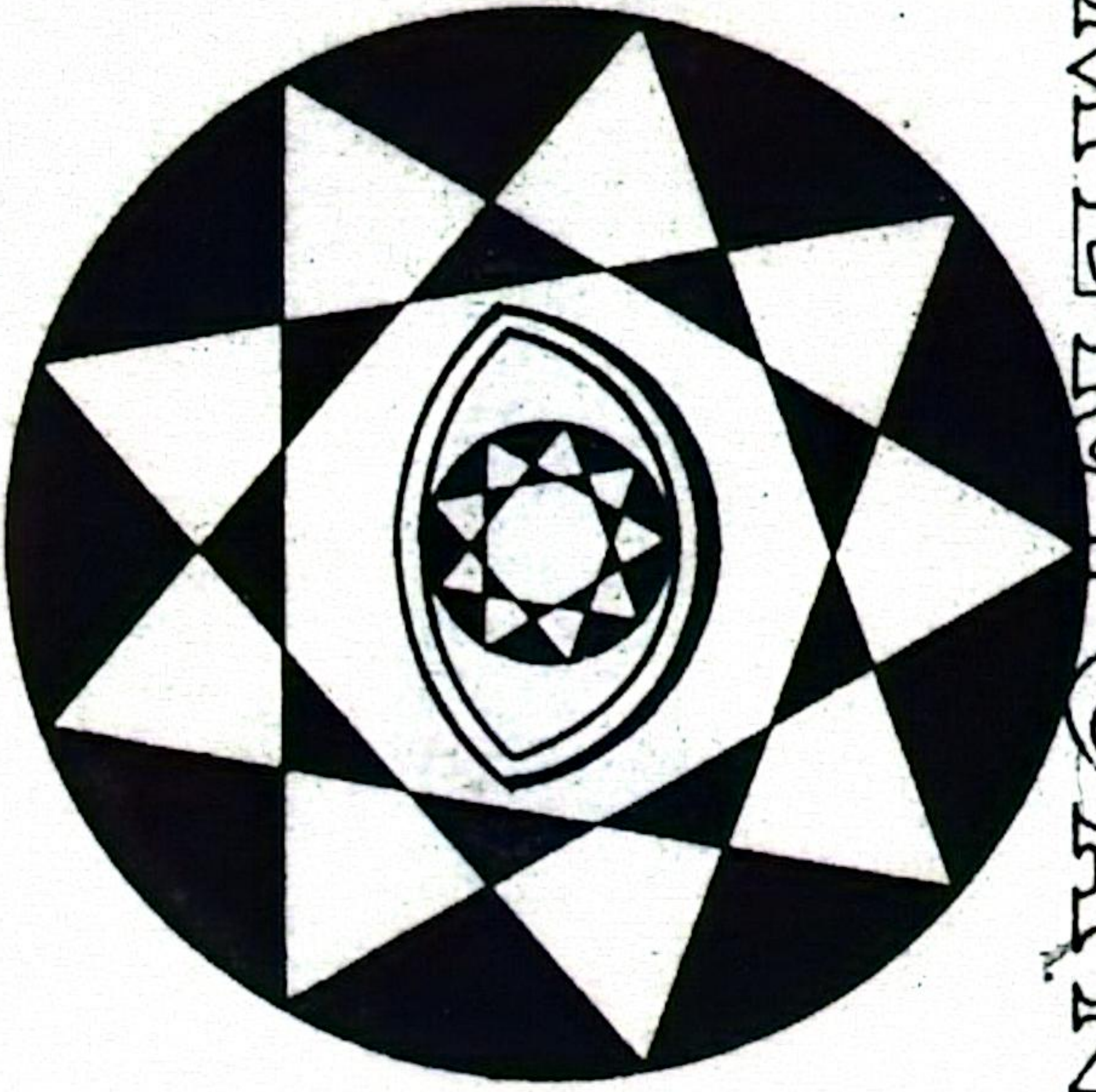
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