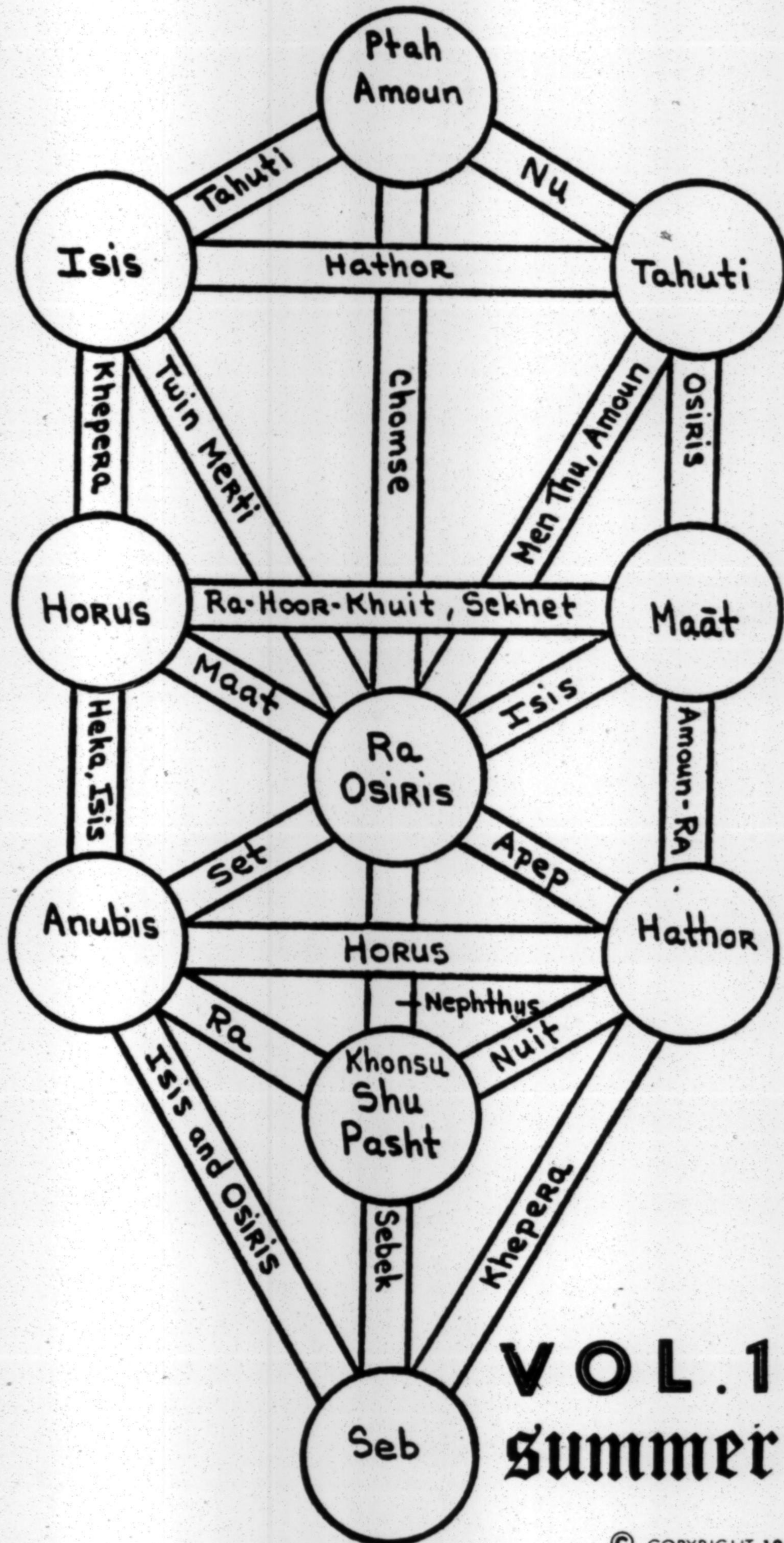


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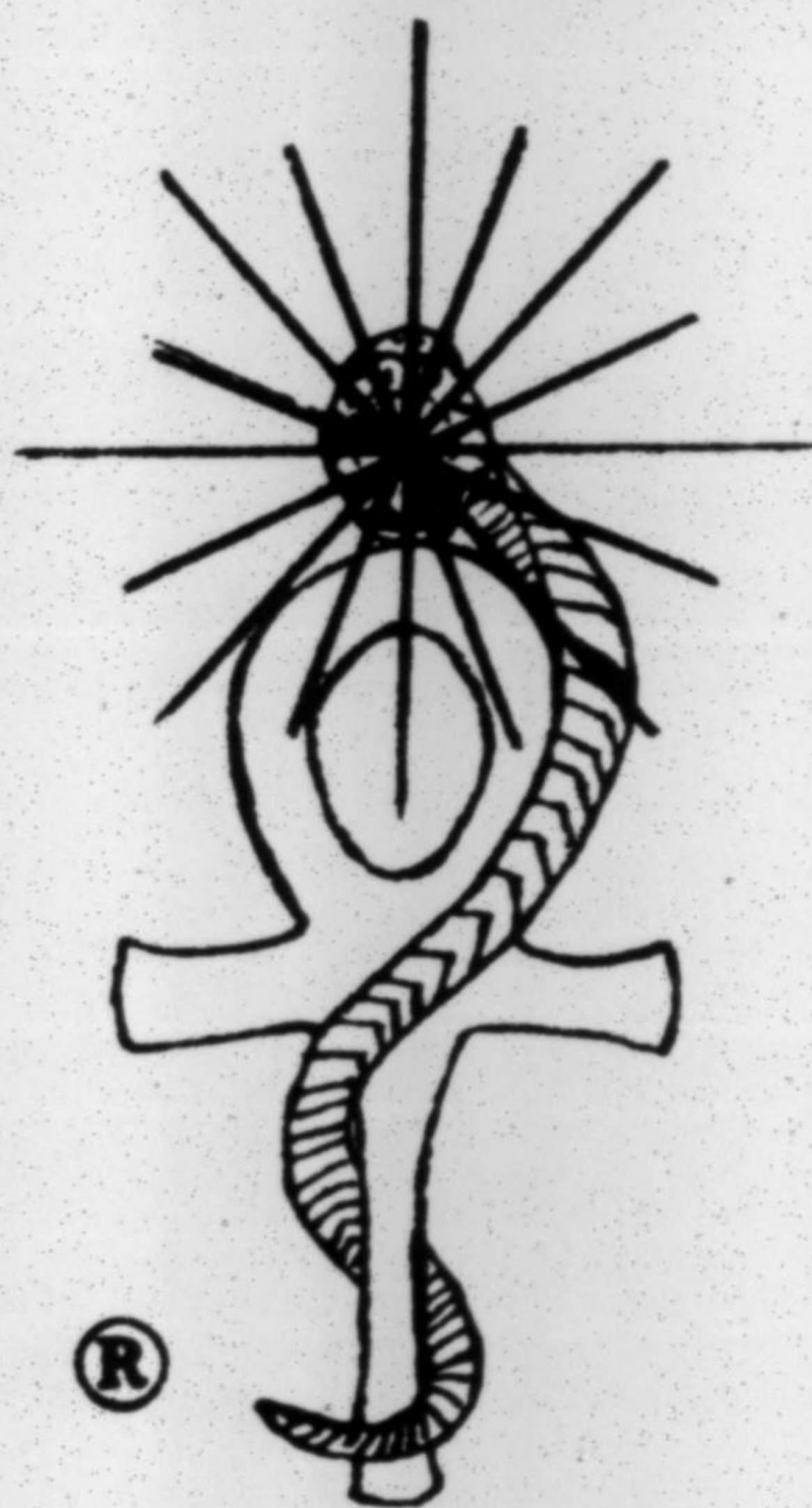
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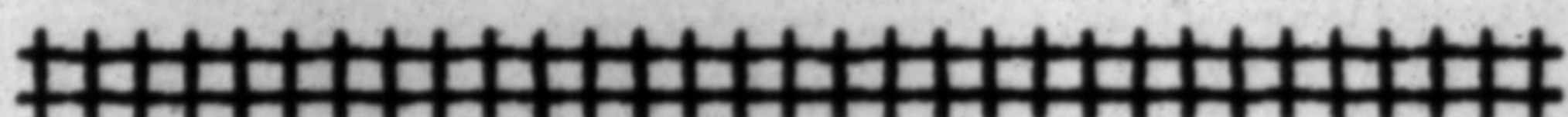
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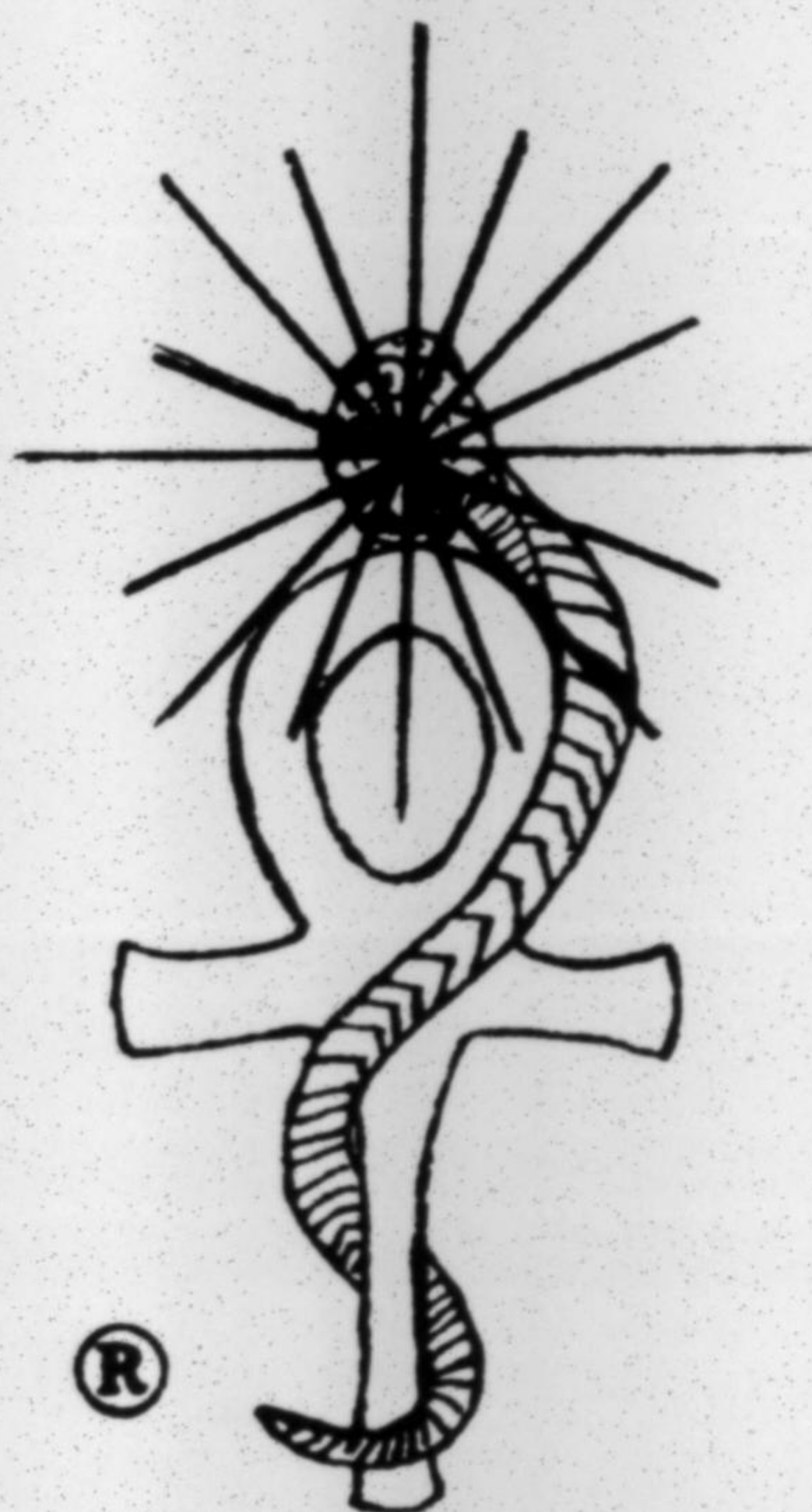
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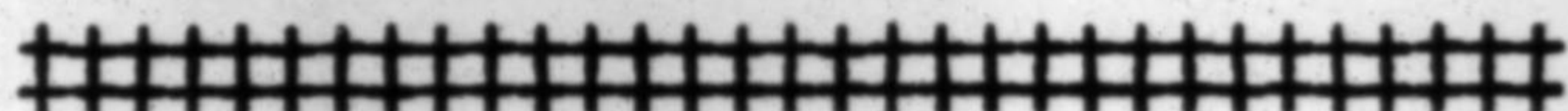
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# Modus Operandi Magica

By: H.J. McBride (G.:B.:L.:)

Recently I have heard a leader of a Metaphysical group who, while giving a sermon, gave us his version of White and Black Magic. He says those who go into Magic for Soul purification would be White Magicians, while those who take up Magic for self-agrandizement would be black Magicians. To reply to this I have to borrow an "all inclusive" type of word from a good friend of mine. The word is "BALDERDASH". This view towards Magic seems to be widely held by many in the "field". Those who do, have little faith in the guidance of the HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL, THE INNER CHRIST, or the GUIDING LIGHT (call it what you will).

On the level where the conscious mind is influenced by the forces of the material world, the student may turn toward Magic to satisfy those superficial desires influenced by those forces. But, in the deeper levels of the mind, in the ARCHETYPAL WORLD, where reside the SUPERNALS of the Tree Of Life, comes the "real" inspiration to turn towards Magic.

The natural safe-guards which protect both the Universe and the student are, that in order for any aspiring student striving for "Magical Powers" or "abilities", that student has to do some work to develop himself. This work requires self-discipline, something which the conscious mind or EGO constantly balks at. It is here where the the sifting is done, that fiery desire for Magical powers may dampen, sputter, and go out. The spiritually lazy will go elsewhere, while the serious student that hangs in there and works at his development will discover that in time his attitudes toward life have changed, and in fact are constantly changing.

Now the student is philosophically perceiving the universe. During his contemplations he may discover that his original reasons for turning to Magic are a dim memory, and have now been replaced by a more profound desire, the desire of the Soul to EVOLVE. In Jungian terminology it's called individuation. In the jargon of the Magicians: KNOWLEDGE OF AND CONVERSATION WITH THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL.

There is another type of desire that brings students to the Magical path. There are those who in their minds or imaginations "thrill" to the idea of being able to conjure up an entity or spirit, and having this form manifest in the smoke of some mysterious incense, whereby the "demon" would utter strange and wonderful "portents". I must confess that to this latter group that I belong, and with a dash of self-agrandizement thrown in.

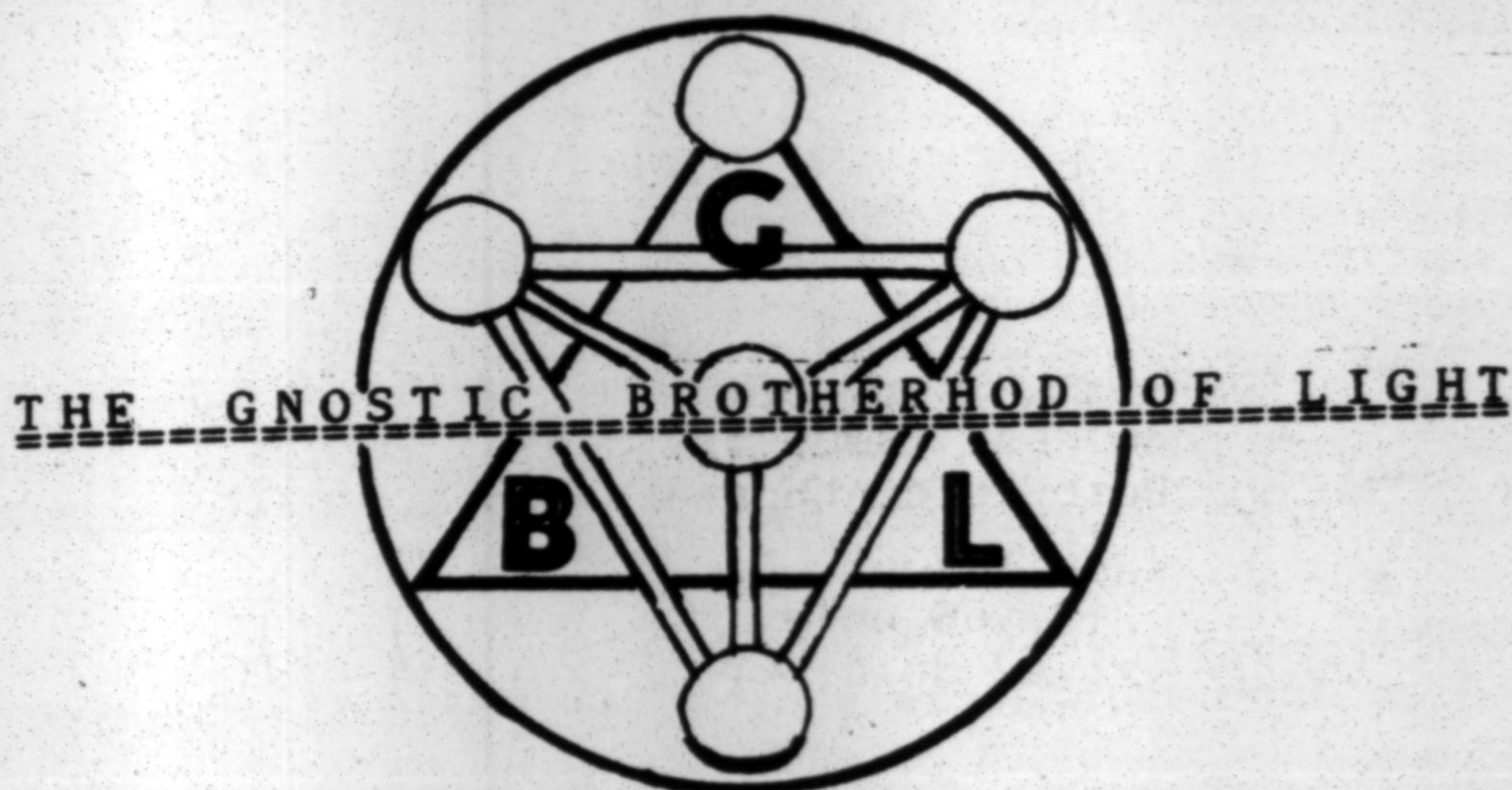
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To those who are attracted by this mode of thinking, will come the knowledge that the world of Magic (in the Western Mystery Tradition) is made up of Initiation and grades\*. Specialized study and work is assigned to these grades. In order to qualify for Initiation to the next higher grade the student must prove to the supervisor of that ORDER (to which the student belongs or is a candidate for Neophyte in) that he has the Knowledge of that grade, which the work and study assigned to that grade is designed to HELP bring out. After a while, the personal priorities of the student which had brought or attracted him to Magic will have altered somewhat. At first, the student was desiring to learn how to evoke some "demon". After a period of time, and with a little more knowledge of and respect for Magic, the students' sights are set higher. A finer purpose for studying Magic has asserted itself, to obtain knowledge of another type of invocation. That most grand and glorious of all invocations, the invocation of THE BORN-LESS ONE. That which involves KNOWLEDGE AND CONVERSATION OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL. Every type of training that a Magical Order requires its students to work, all those meditational exercises that the student should do, are designed to effect this end. This INDIVIDUATION of the Soul that C.G. Jung talks about parallels this philosophy.

The main point on which I started out with and that I am still trying to make is; that it does not really matter what the motives are that brings the person to the path of Magical attainment. If he has the True Grit to obtain self-discipline and to do the work assigned for his spiritual development, he'll see through his illusions to the true path which will lead him to TRUTH. ★

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\* Most Orders do use grade structures, although some others do not, such as the A.:A.: and the T.:O.:T.:== Ed.==



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The FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF SORCERY is to be held in Bogota, Colombia from August 24th thru 28th, 1975, according to a flyer we just received. The average cost to the individual American to attend the Convention is expected to run about \$700 each person.

This seems a bit high to us, as well as exploitative. This seems to be the trend these days, an exploitative promoter (who is not an occultist) putting on some expensive show somewhere (the more remote the better) and then attempting to line up a group of speakers with perhaps one known and respected person headlining the thing, with a rag-tag collection of self-deluded nuts filling out the "panel of 'experts'". This may be fine for the Promoter or the rich dillitante (or the gullible public) with the desire to fool themselves -- if by no other means than gathering together and telling each other how powerful or psychic they are -- but for the serious practicing Occultist, its a waste of time and money.

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RUNT-YAWN, who makes such a Peacock display (apologies to that lovely bird) of being an "Adept", as he refers to himself (frequently), was often wont to move his HiFi speakers into his open bedroom window, where he turned it on full blast at 2:00 AM, in order to "discipline" his next door neighbor, who no doubt did not show the proper respect for an "Adept".

The neighbors on the other side of RUNT-YAWN distinctly heard some of the members of his lodge plotting outside in the yard to "Destroy the whole thing,\* tear it down because we will be gone from here before 'they' find out about it." This from "enlightened" priests and priestesses of "love" and "harmony" treading the path of Adepthood, etc.??

Fortunately, the owners of the 'cardboard castle', who have their little "gifts", divined that RUNT-YAWN and his gang were moving in time to send a warning letter, advising RUNT-YAWN what would happen if he did damage or destroy the building. RUNT-YAWN and Co. left so precipitously that he neglected to order the utilities shut off and likewise neglected to inform said utility companies of his new address, or pay the bills, until forced to do so by his former land-lord.

\*=the temple and passageway(Ed.)

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Another of RUNT-YAWNs' personality quirks appeared recently in his fanzine, recounting a supposedly super secret hush-hush operation conducted for carefully unspecified law enforcement organizations. The agencies involved were the Criminal Conspiracy Section of the Los Angeles Police Dept. and the FBI. These agencies originally came to INVESTIGATE RUNT-YAWN and his "Dr. Watson"\* partly because of RUNT-YAWNs' possible connection to various Cuban Guerrilla groups in Florida, and fearing that RUNT-YAWNs' brand new 'order' was a cover for a para-military organization. Yet, later when the request for assistance from these organizations came, it was not directed to RUNT-YAWN, but to his "Dr. Watson" who had prior law enforcement experience, and who had voluntarily undergone a polygraph (Lie-Detector) examination in order to clear RUNT-YAWN (as well as himself) of any shred of suspicion.<sup>+</sup> The "Instant Cult Kit" was then created, and the 'Luciferian Society' was set up in a seedy store front on Santa Monica Blvd. in Los Angeles.

\* Referred to as such by Runt-Yawn in his magazine. More accurately Fra. Khedemel, co-founder, alleged partner and major financial backer of Runt-Yawns' organization.

+ A fact which Runt-Yawn completely left out of the supposed 'history' of the order.

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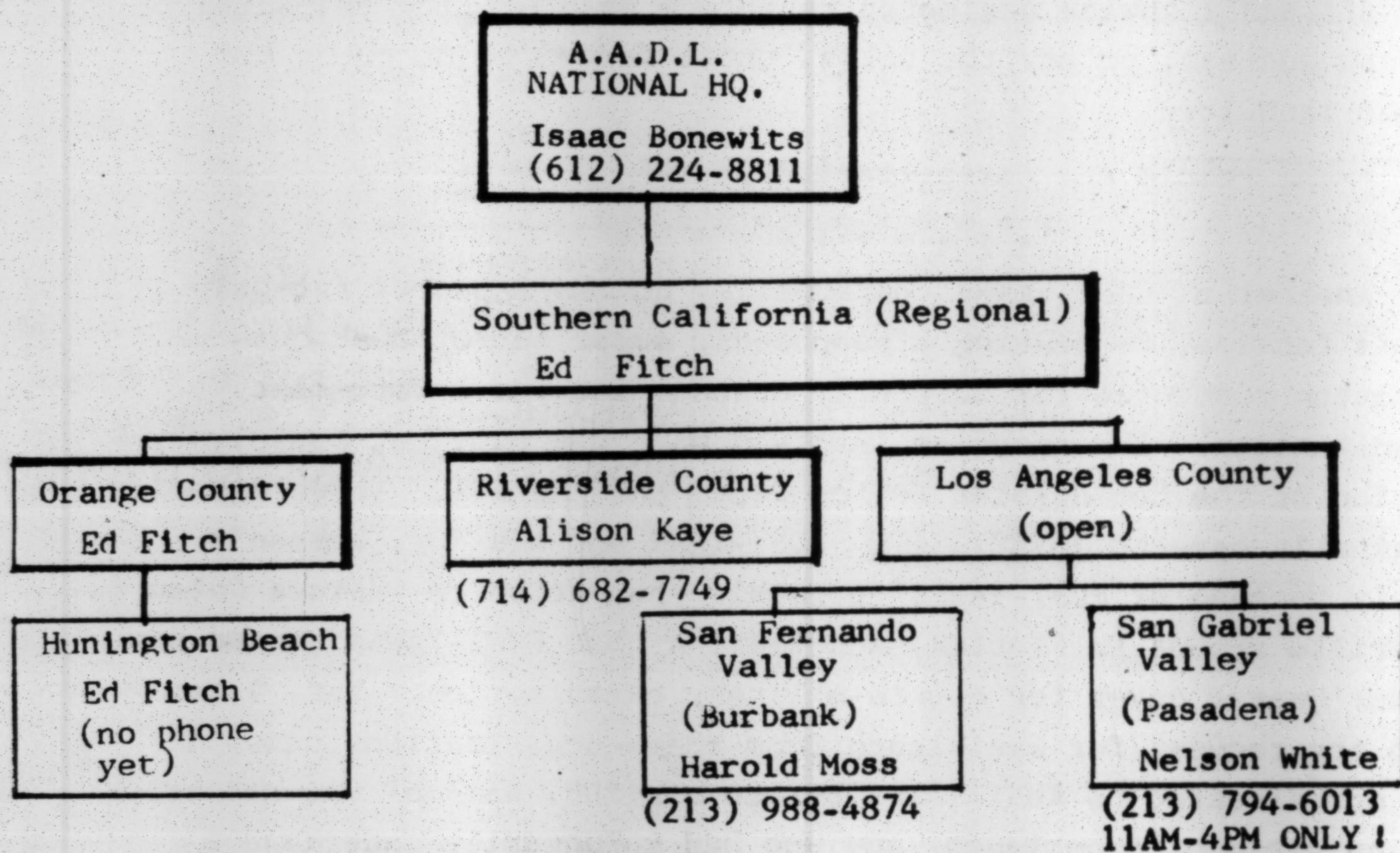
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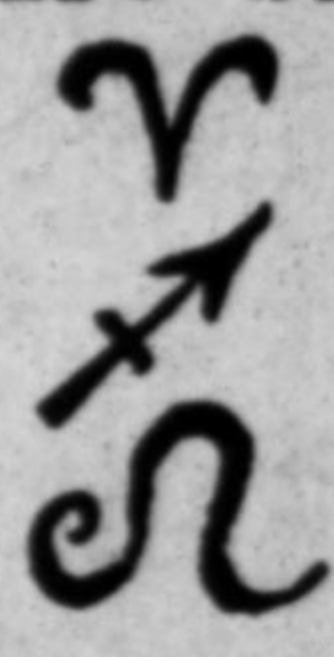


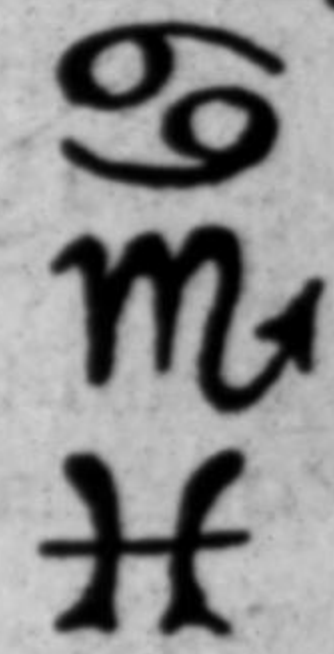





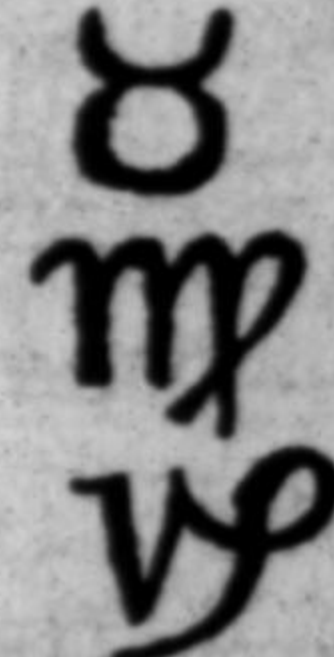


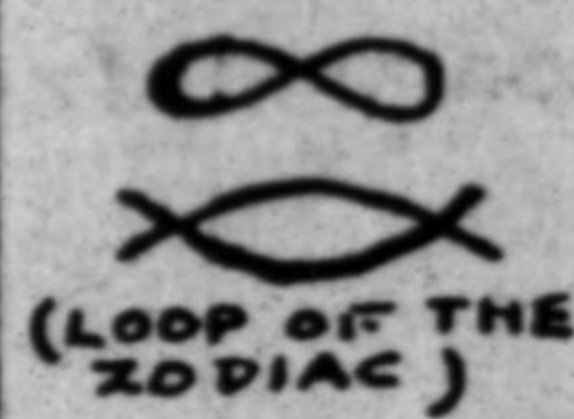

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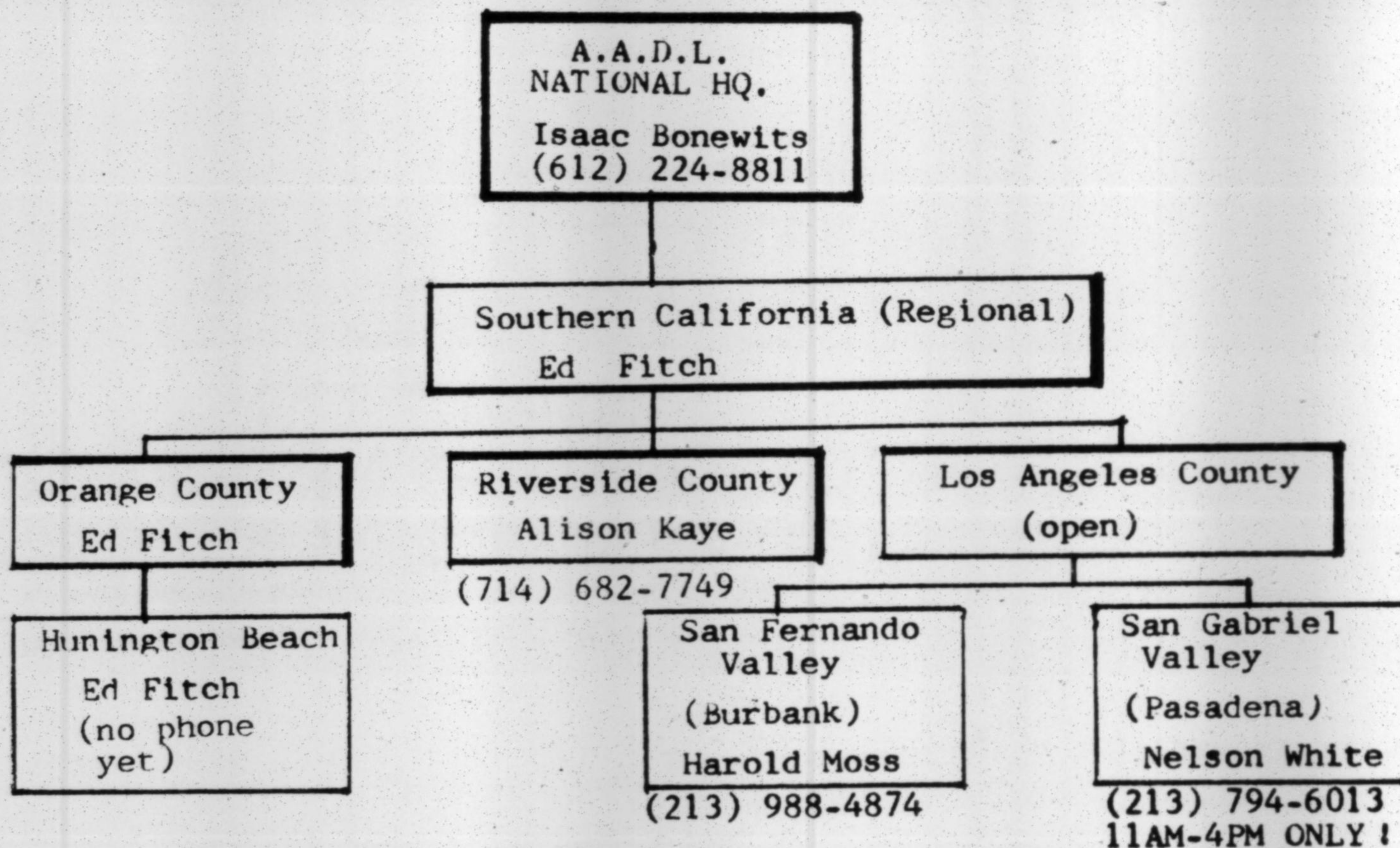
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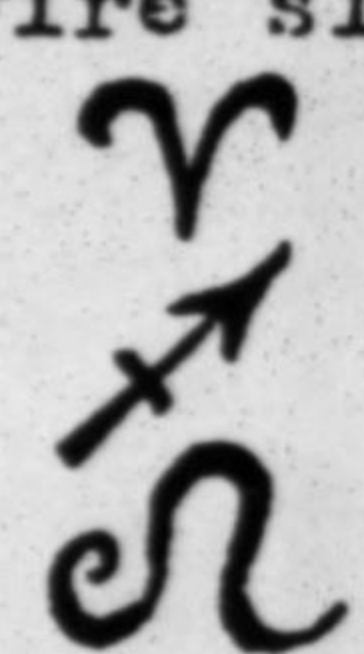


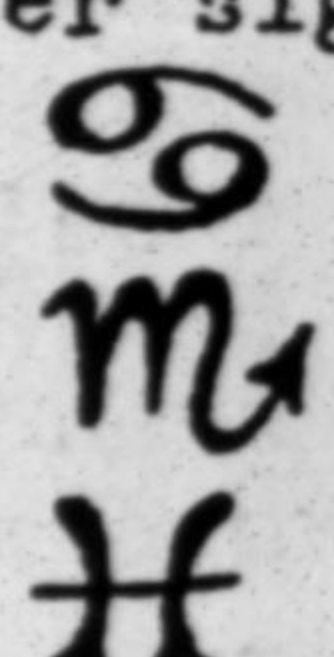





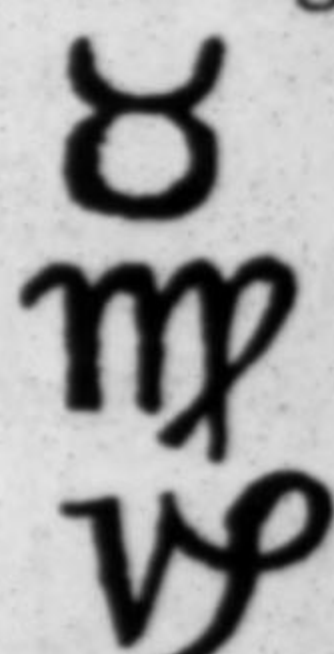


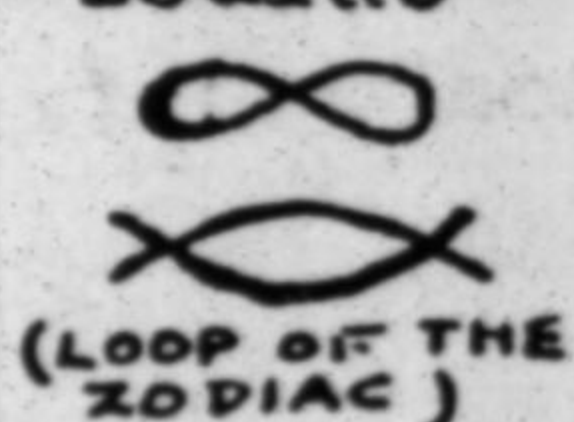

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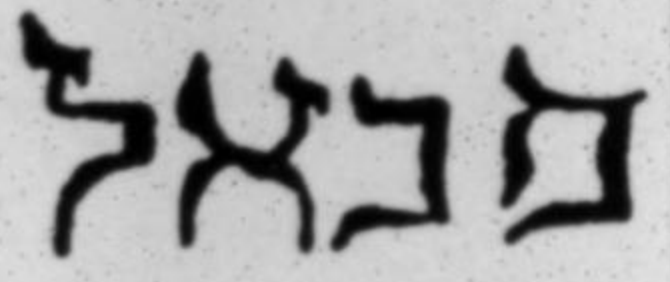

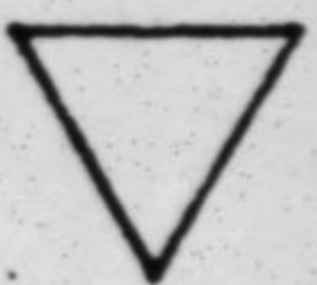
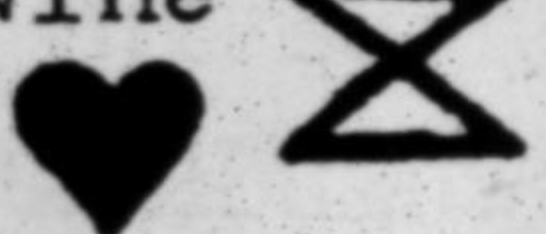
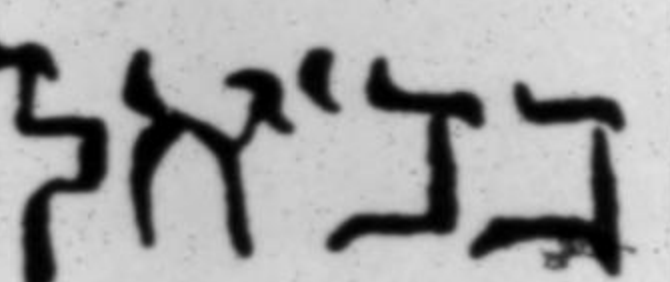



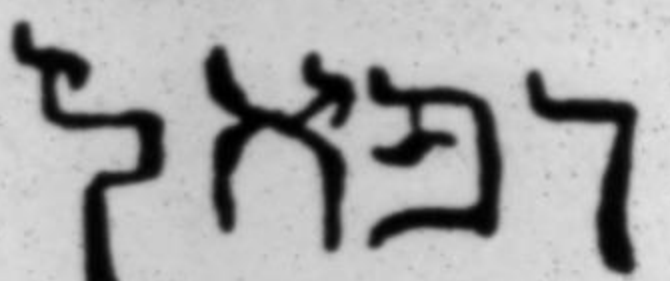



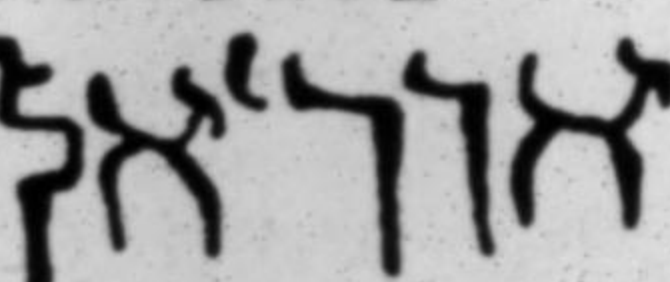


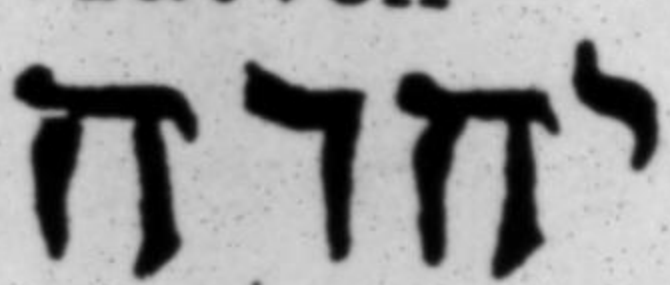
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WATER 	Cup, Aspergillum Lustral water, wine 	Gabriel 	He  Mother	West
AIR 	Sword, Dagger, Censer, Incense 	Raphael 	Vau  Son	East
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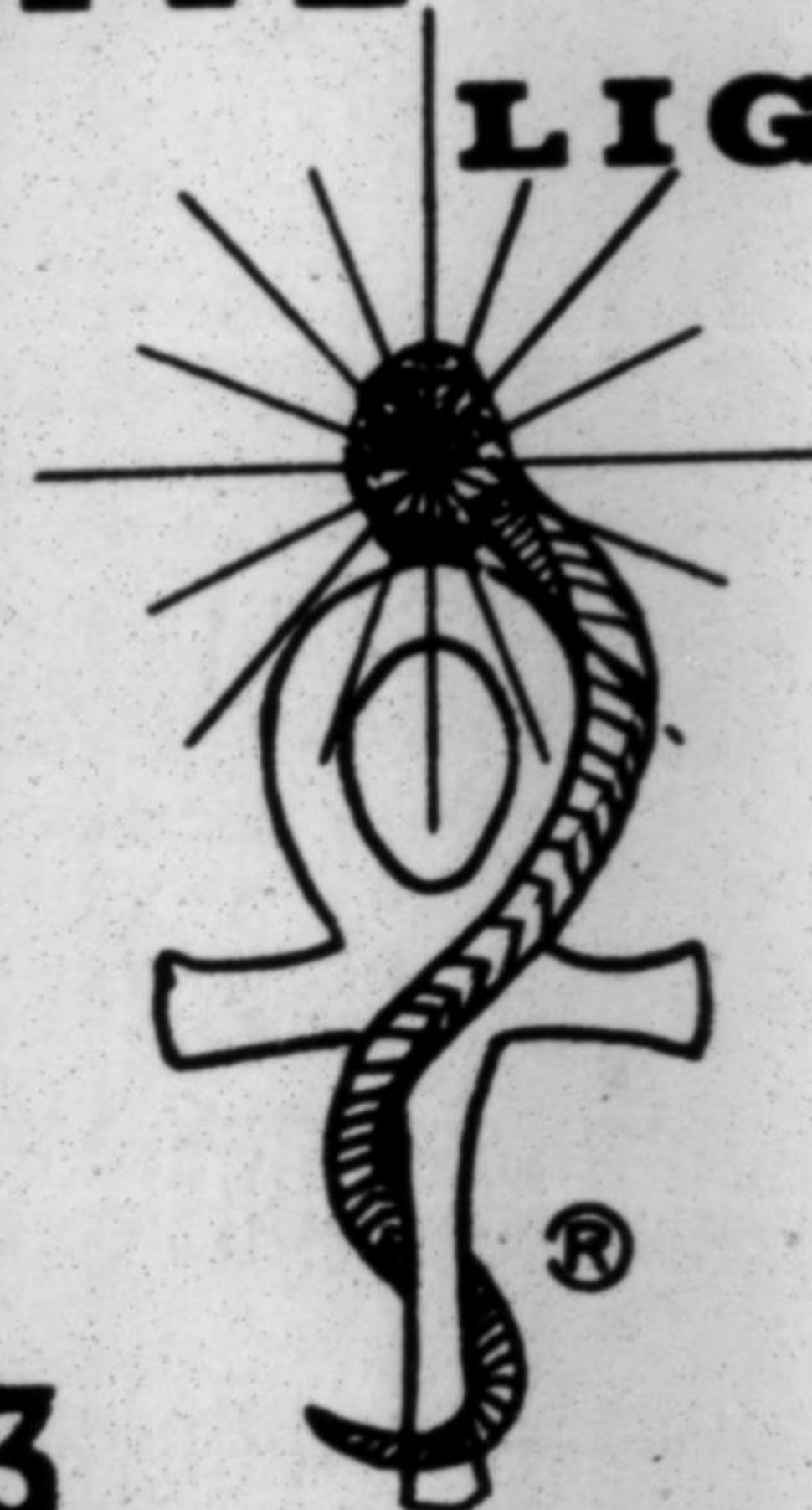
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By: Rev. Nelson H. White

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Zee Budapest, Wiccan and Feminist, founder of the Susan B. Anthony Coven, and the Feminist Wicca shop in Venice, California, was arrested, tried, and convicted for "Fortune Telling" in Los Angeles. From reports, it appears that Zees' defense was primarily based upon First Amendment Freedom of Religion. It didn't work. Why?

In my opinion, the main reason why it didn't work is that Ms. Budapest and her organization had failed to go through the legal mumbo-jumbo of incorporating and obtaining tax-exemptions. The limited inquiries which I made at the time revealed to me that Ms. Budapests' organization had no legal status, that is to say, was not recognised as a Church or other religious organization by the State or Federal government.

While there is no doubt that there are hundreds if not thousands of self-styled "Churches" operating in Los Angeles County, all without benefit of legal status, it was Ms. Budapest that was persecuted.

This should illustrate a point, which I attempted to make in the "Magick and the Law" series that Gnostica carried earlier this year, ie: Be sure of your legal status PRIOR to opening up any kind of public facility. Why this was not done in Zees' case we don't know, but it caught up with her.

Unfortunate as this was, it may prove to be a helpful if painful lesson to her and others who rely on implicit rather than explicit legal protection.

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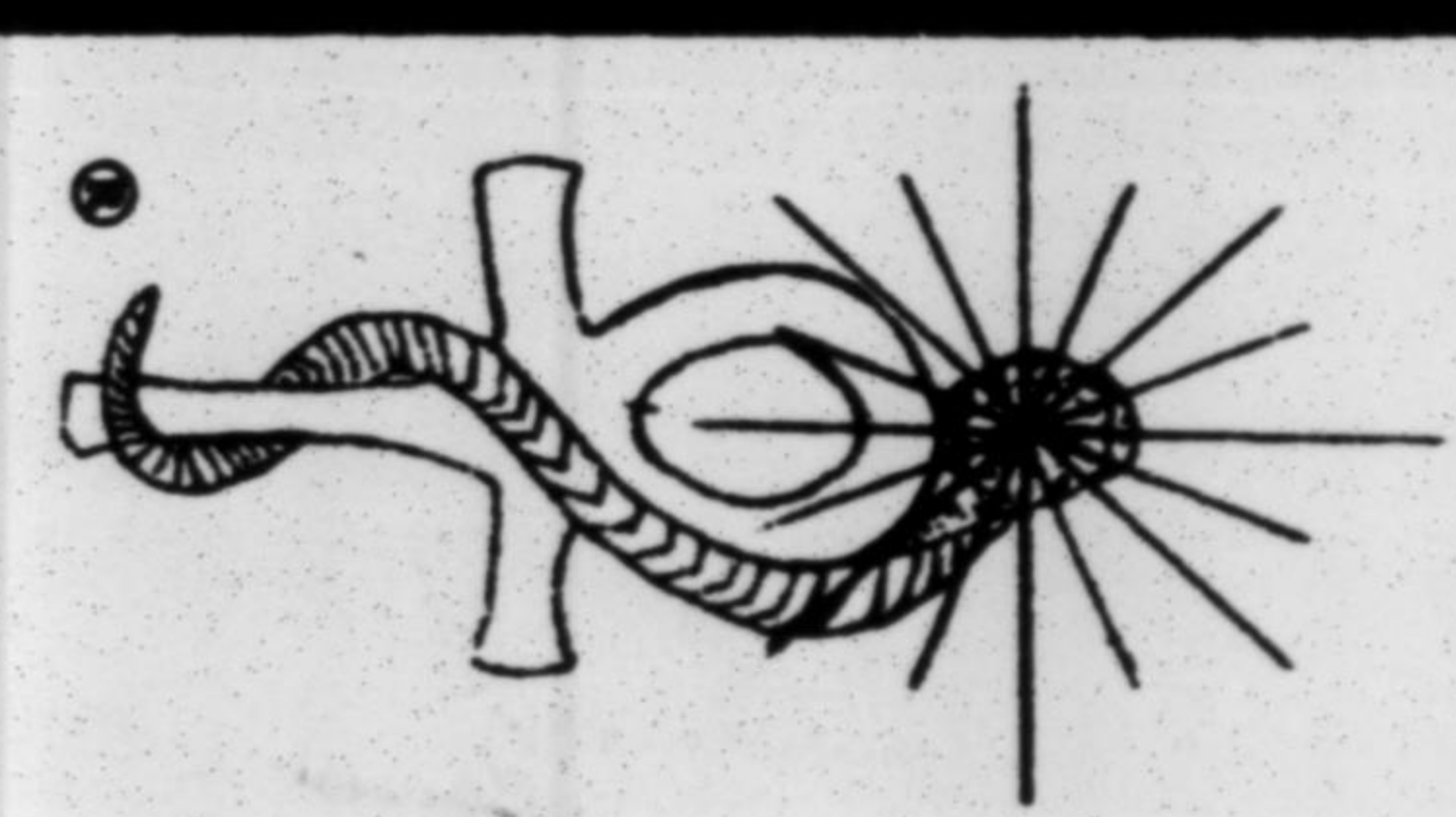
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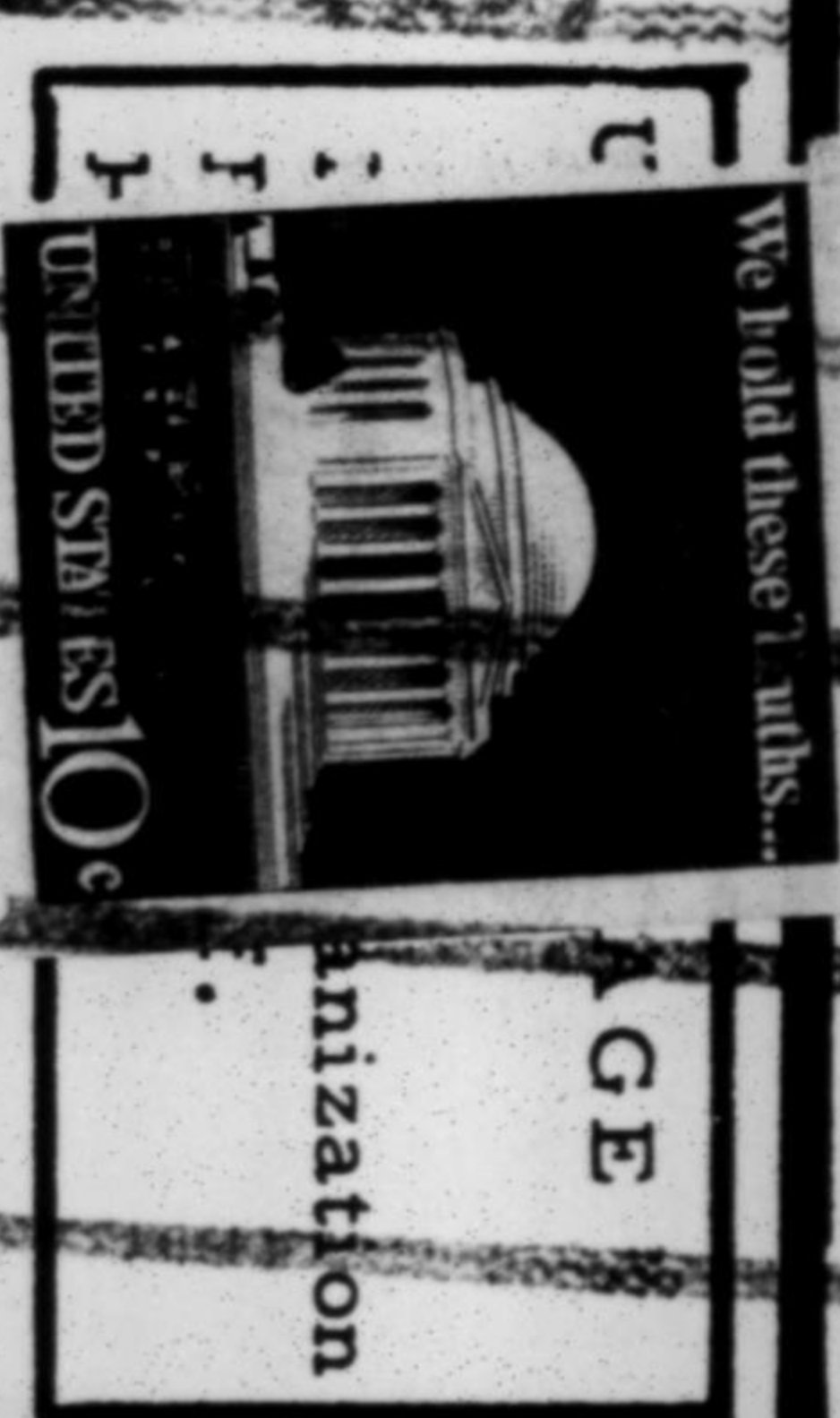
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