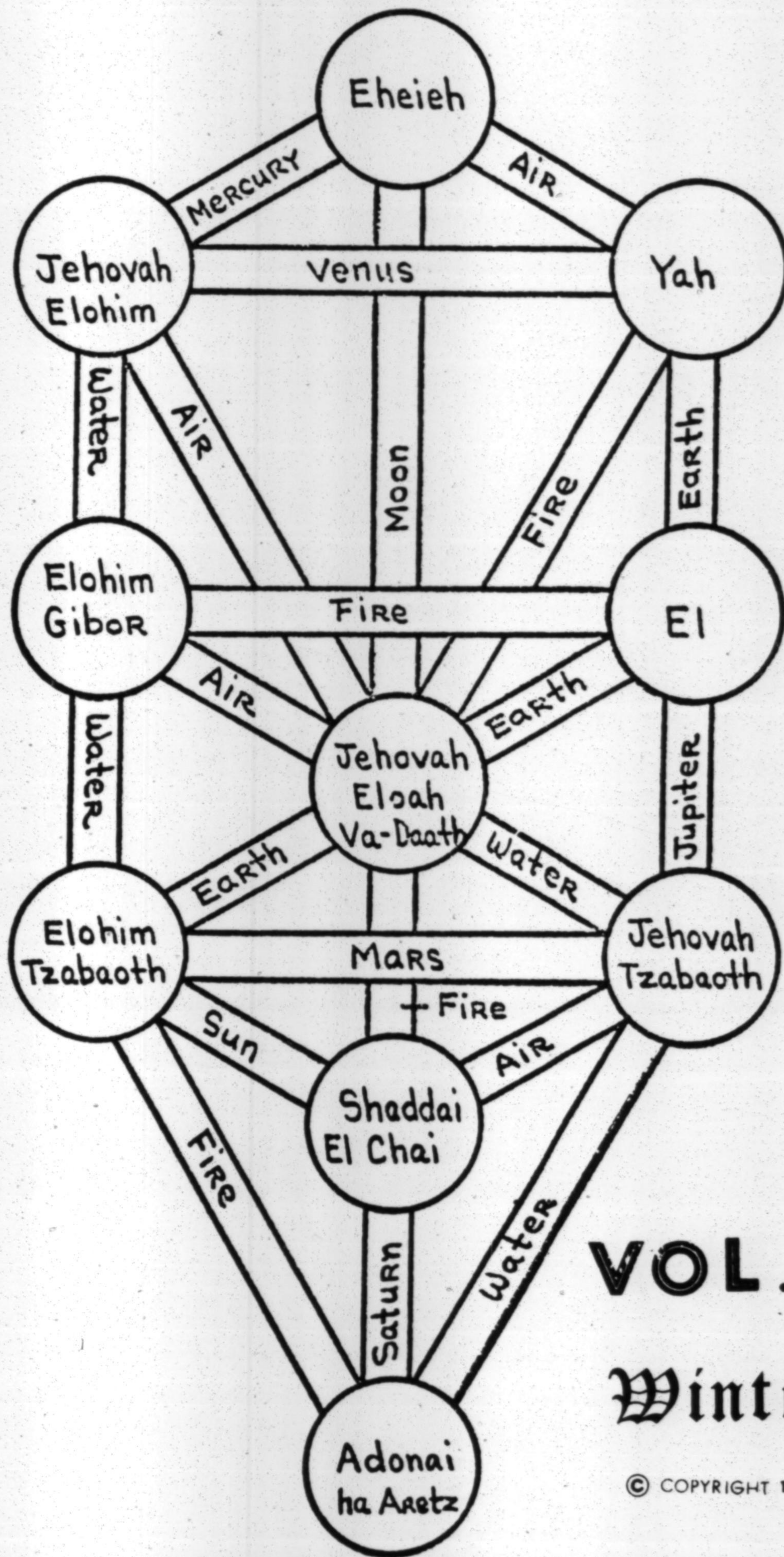


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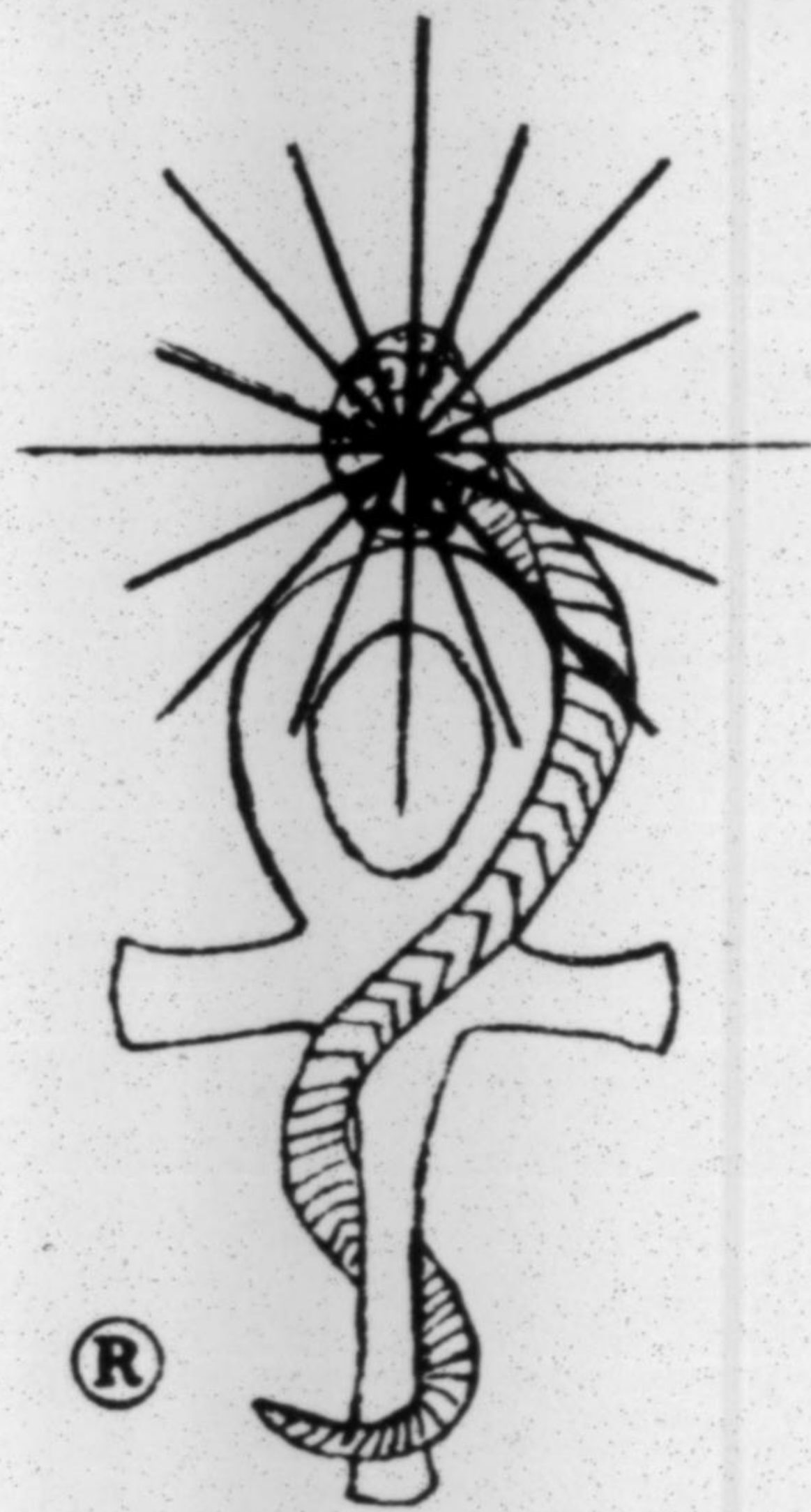
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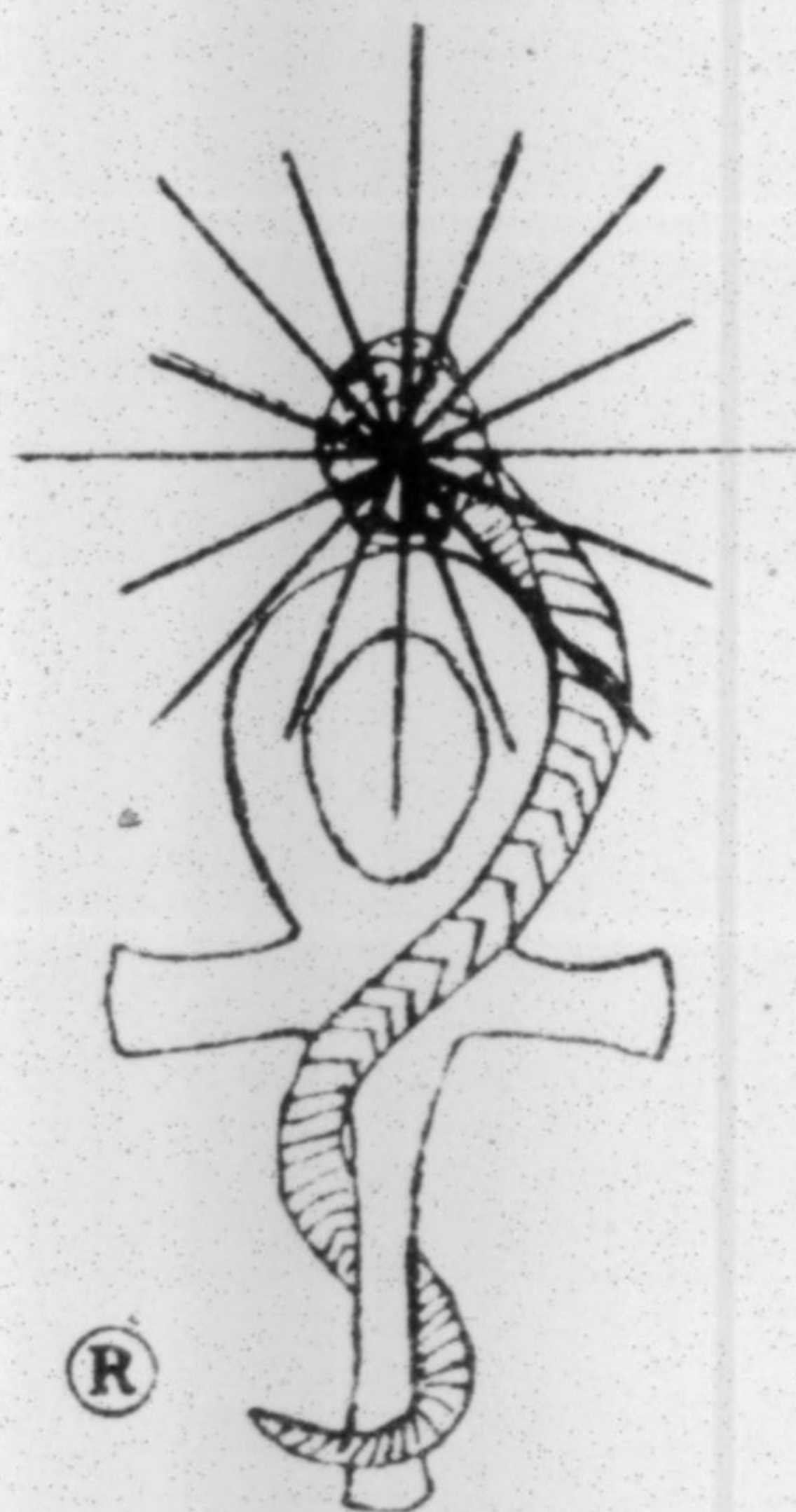
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Magick vs. "The Devil"

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Like the early Christian movement of old, Occultism in the United States suffers from a poor public image and bad press. Particularly in California, where perhaps the largest variety of Occultists accumulate. There is also a large population of pseudo-occultists here in Southern California as well. A good many, perhaps more than half, of the persons claiming to be Witches, Magicians, and so forth, are not.

I have been a practicing Magician for over 6 years now, and during that time I have met nearly all of the genuine, serious Occultists in the Southern California area, as well as droves of phonies.

Occultists, like the ancient Gnostics, are frequently accused of a wide assortment of crimes and perversions. Also, like the Gnostics, these accusations are 99% spurious. They are the result of yellow journalism, sensationalist TV or Motion Picture productions, and occasionally paranoid Christian fundamentalist bigotry.

Magick does not and never has "worshipped the devil" or anything remotely akin thereto. I know of no Witches who "worship the devil" either. Satanism is and was primarily a Roman Catholic disease. Historically speaking, virtually all of the Satanism reported by Church men was either wishful thinking or inaccurate reporting, as the largest single body of Satanists was within the Church itself. True, there are a few serious Satanists here in the Los Angeles area, most of them are rather pitiful wretched misfits.

Like other religions which displaced older ones, Christianity took everybody else's Gods and made them demons or devils. This is an anthropological fact, not merely my opinion. Since Hermetic Magick predated Christianity by several thousand years, the entities we work with are actually other peoples' Gods, for the most part. Some ancient peoples' religions had real "demons" (ie: negative aspects) which were worshiped or placated in various manners. This is not Magick, it's Religion.

A Magician need not worship anything. This is rare, but it does not greatly effect any given persons' ability to do Magick. Most present day Magicians, and likewise most Kabalists today are Christian, of one denomination or another.

Virtually all of the medieval Magickal Scholars were Church men, for several reasons: (1) They were almost the only literate people in Europe at the time; (2) They had the leisure time and scholarship required; (3) They had access to the books and other documents concerning the Art; (4) They had little fear of the Inquisition finding them out, as they were usually the people who ran the Inquisition. However, nearly all of these Scholars (with a few notable exceptions) did not fully practice what they researched and wrote about. They might have followed or practiced a Magickal Philosophy, but most of them did not actually use Magick in an operational sense, as we do today. To them, Magick was a field of inquiry, not a tool to be used to achieve an end.

Some of these Church men had a morbid curiosity about Magick and erroneously linked it with Satanism. This is the source of much of the present day dogmatic refusal to examine the subject, found in most allegedly Christian sects.

* From a lecture given at the Fuller Theological Seminary.

MAGICK VS. "THE DEVIL"

(Cont. from P.2.)

Magick is not a threat to any person, Christian or otherwise. If a person is basically good, he is good regardless of whether or not he happens to be an Occultist, Magician, or whatever. Likewise, if a person is basically mean, greedy, narrow and bigoted, he is "evil" whether or not he professes to be "a Christian".

I personally do not believe that "the Devil" (an anthropomorphic ruler of the underworld and source of all evil) exists as such. The source of "evil" in human society, I feel, is the work of individually evil men and women (or groups of evil persons) and has nothing to do with the religion of the perpetrator.

As a test for this premise, I ask you: What is the religion of the majority of the murders convicted in this Country?
Answer: Christian. What is the religion of most of the Mafia?
Not only Christian but Catholic! Q.E.D.

The most superficial study of the Templars, reveals that the charges against them, and for which they were all put to death, were spurious. The real reason they were persecuted, tortured and executed to the last man, was that they had become too rich and powerful, and in the eyes of the Pope, a threat to Rome.



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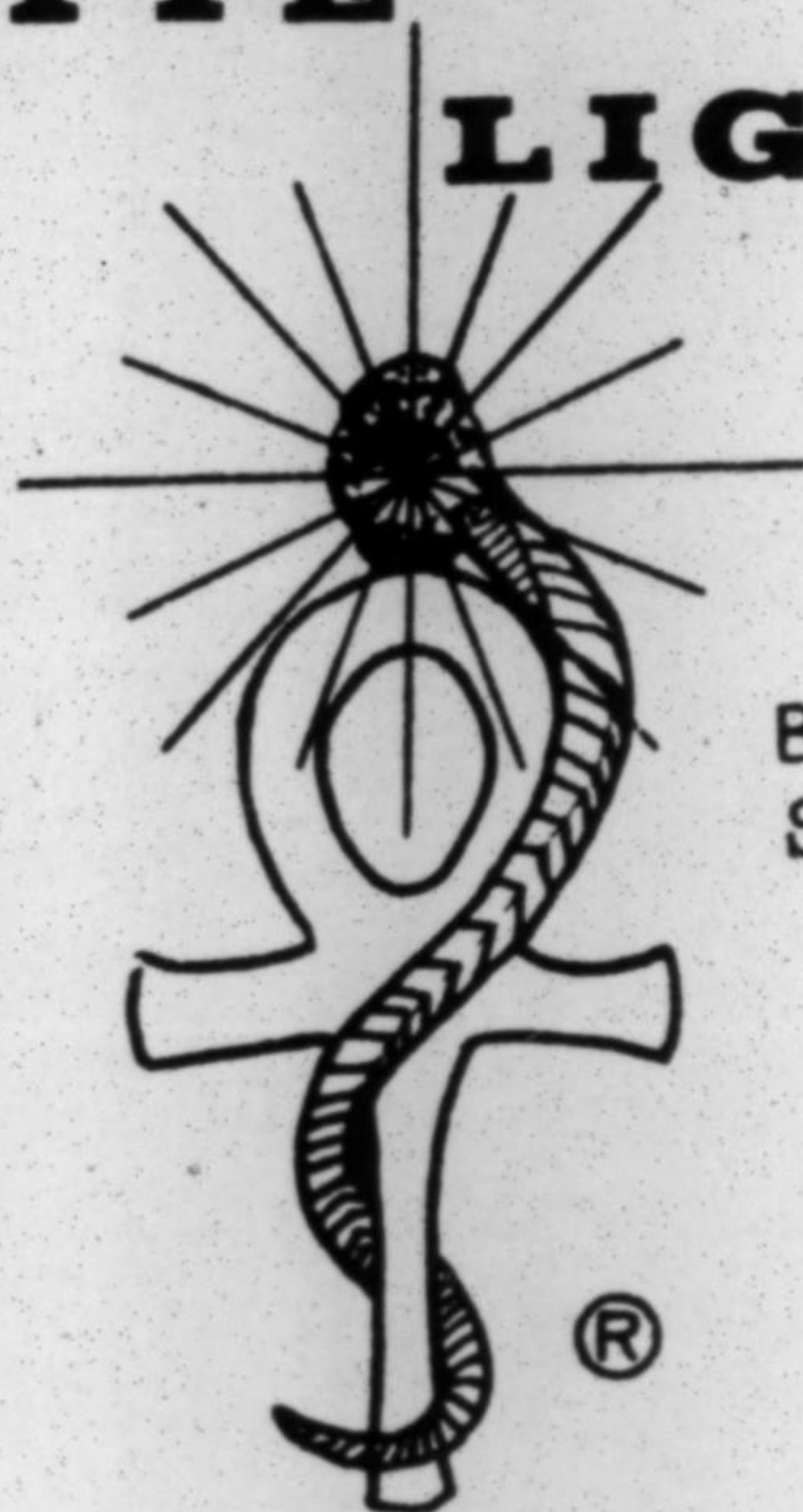
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Mr. B.

Hello. The following is for you or anyone else who is ignorant of the facts.

Without even asking our reasons for exposing the ultra-phoney hypocrite Runt Yawn, (R.Y.) you have taken upon yourself the right to dictate to us what to write in our publication (free press rights?) and also to dictate what our personal feelings should be. Even if you were "The Boss" of the Occult Community, we would feel no obligation whatever to follow your orders and live our lives your way! You are definitely way out of line!

As to your use of the word "pettiness", we agree! You've put your finger on the exact key word for R.Y., and that's what we've been trying to point out! It is R.Y.'s paranoid petty deeds we're reporting so it's no wonder they seem ----- Petty.

All of the above is absolutely NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, but since you have stuck your own nose into our affairs, let us tell you a thing or three. R.Y. has dirty dealt many, and contrary to what you say, they think it's a public service to show him as he really is and think it's "hilarious". Most people are afraid of R.Y. when he does one of his jobs on them (the Black side of Magick, you know), but we are not. We know where all those bodies are buried.

For 2 years we kept silent regarding R.Y., being content to leave him to his well deserved Karma. Meanwhile we got many reports about his hatchet job on us and we decided to fight back with the Truth, if it's worth anything anymore.

You see, R.Y. ASSumed that we were telling all we knew about him (which we were not), so in his guilt, he went around trying to get to everyone first with a brainwash job (R.Y.'s specialty). We think we showed admirable restraint for those 2 years. Actually, what we were doing was just enjoying our honeymoon and our work, and didn't give him a thought. His overkill tactics finally forced us to defend ourselves against his malicious lies. He was the first to come out into print (when he knew we didn't have a publication of our own, and thought we couldn't defend ourselves). He printed some gross bald-faced lies which we disclaimed in a letter which was published in the GREEN EGG and the EARTH RELIGION NEWS.

So, you see, we didn't start it and actually we are the victims of unfair treatment, not he! It really irks him that we have the nerve and spunk to defend ourselves. He doesn't like anyone to go against his will -- it's forbidden in his shabby little alleged "heirarchy". His victimized little people must be "obedient", so they can lead play-acting lives of delusions of self-importance and "exclusiveness" and never never think or read or do anything that hasn't first been edited by R.Y.

R.Y.'s anger (because he can no longer get his greedy hands on our money and free labor) is largely based on envy. R.Y. has for years spread lies about us by word of mouth everywhere he goes in an effort to obstruct our private business. You order us to stop telling the Truth about R.Y., but you do not order R.Y. to stop telling lies behind our backs--- why is that? Is it because R.Y. sneaks around discreetly-- that's O.K. as long as it's not public? Anyone who is gullible enough to fall for his glossy gab will, sooner or later, get the stab-in-the-back routine (like we did) and find themselves being USED. R.Y. fancies himself as a Puppet Master, but we do not let him nor anyone pull our strings.

If you or anyone else can not take or appreciate our courageous honesty, then your loss is our gain. We remind you that we are the "Temple of Truth" and the "Light of Truth Church", and one of us is "Veritas".

THE YELLOW RAG [CONTINUED]

There is nothing bad that anyone can say about us that is TRUE. We lead clean lives and have nothing to hide, so we are not afraid of anyone. We do encounter jealousy in those who secretly envy us and wish to drag us down to their level, but we shall continue to tell the Truth in spite of your orders or anyone else's. When R.Y. stops bad mouthing us with his lies, we will stop telling the Truth about him (at least in print--- there is nothing he can do that will erase what he has done or what he is).

Right now, this is the only way we have of defending ourselves from the vicious campaign R.Y. has been waging for over 3 years against us. Why??? His guilty conscience. What we say is the Truth, and has needed saying for a long time, and we intend to say it and anything else that's True in our own publication. If the Truth hurts, Tough!!

We tried to help FA because we love him and not because of the AADL. That's something R.Y. (who claims to be F.A.'s friend) couldn't find the time or courage or smarts (or whatever other excuse) to do for him. We found out a long time ago that with "friends" like R.Y., who needs enemies.

We suggest that you THINK in the future before issuing orders to decent people---they may be in the right, like we are. We find it very strange that you didn't think we had our reasons, and that you pre-judged us without a hearing.

Our first duty and loyalty is to Truth and our own Organizations and affairs. If there is time and energy left over, fine. We are willing to use them for the good of others, however Aquarian Solidarity (or the surface appearances of same) in our view does not preempt Truth. Most especially when we are the only ones being asked to consider the "community unity".

Yours in Truth,
N.H. & S.A. White

ANOTHER COINCIDENCE ??

Another of those strange "coincidences" that follow RUNT-YAWN around like a swarm of gnats, has again befallen his former headquarters.

A short time after the publication of our last issue (TWL, V2#1), these editors' property on Woodbury Road in Altadena, Calif. (R-Y's former location) was damaged by a small home made explosive device (a bomb). The criminals sneaked up late at night and placed the bomb on the front porch between the building and the screen doors.

Isn't it odd that this should occur, with Runt-Yawns' present headquarters only two blocks away.*

ILL WIND ??

By now it should be very obvious that the ill wind that befell Bee Zudapest has blown more than good. The Nationwide publicity and accompanying appeals for money (including Fate magazine yet!) must have more than compensated for her expenses and fine, and by now she must be laughing all the way to the bank, and giving thanks to God(ess) for her fortuitous "persecution". We should all be so lucky! We find it difficult to cry for her. Our advice? --- Tell "fortunes", get busted, live, get free publicity, fame, riches.....

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↔ PAGAN ARRESTED ↔

The Police have struck again! A Pagan, while driving his truck to a meeting, was stopped for a defective tail light, and his truck searched, resulting in the discovery of his Athame. He was then arrested for carying a concealed weapon. This gross abuse of the Police power is typical of Southern California Police Departments.

In the first place, this Wiccan was not carrying the knife on his person, but rather under the seat of his pick up. Second, the Police had NO probable cause to search the truck, as it was a minor equipment violation, not even the usual traffic stop. Furthermore, this Athame was obviously not a weapon, as it was decorated.

The section in question concerns knives with blade lengths of over 3 inches when concealed on the body. It does not cover "hunting knives" or others carried in sheathes and worn on the belt provided that the sheathe and knife is not further covered by clothing, such as a jacket.

Since the Pagan was not carying it on his person at all, but had it in the truck (and not even readily available at hand), the Police action is totally un-supportable.

Although there is a strong temptation to defend against these charges by use of the First Amendment exemptions, we recommend that the defense be based as outlined above; (1) probable cause and (2) not on the person and not actually concealed at the time of arrest.

True, defense along these lines would not create a precedent which could be used by other Aquarians, which might be so unlucky to find themselves in a similar predicament. Even if a successful defense was achieved using 1st. Amendment arguments, no precedent would be generated, as it appears that the case will go before a local court.

IF the case were lost and then won on an appeal, a precedent might be created, if the appeal was won on 1st. Amendment grounds and if the level of the court hearing the appeal was high enough.

We are not particularly enamoured of the legal profession (or at least the specimens which we have encountered locally) and therefore we recommend that this person defend himself, either alone or with the help of a Public Defender. As most Lawyers would ask several hundred dollars to "defend" the case (usually copping a plea for a reduced charge, -- commonly known as "plea bargaining"). This fee for "defense" is sometimes larger than the fine imposed if convicted. For this reason, as well as many others, we do not recommend the retention of paid Attornies unless the Aquarian in question has plenty of money. A reasonably intelligent person can defend or plea-bargain on his own, and usually has a distinct advantage in jury cases, as the jury tends to identify with the citizen defending himself against the overbearing trickery of the prosecutor. Many trial lawyers hate to go up against a citizen in cases of this sort, where the defense is clear-cut. Therefore, if defending yourself, insist upon a jury trial. In muddy cases, some expert help might be to your advantage, if you can get it without having to give an arm and a leg.

The best possible defense, is of course, not to get into a jam in the first place. Carry your equipment in a brief case or some other lockable container. Keep that container locked when transporting it in a vehicle. If the vehicle has a luggage compartment which is separate from the passanger area, put the container in such a baggage area. Under

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conditions such as these, you could carry a hand gun in most States without having to worry about being stopped and searched, as the "weapon" is clearly in your baggage and not on your "person".

— N.H. WHITE

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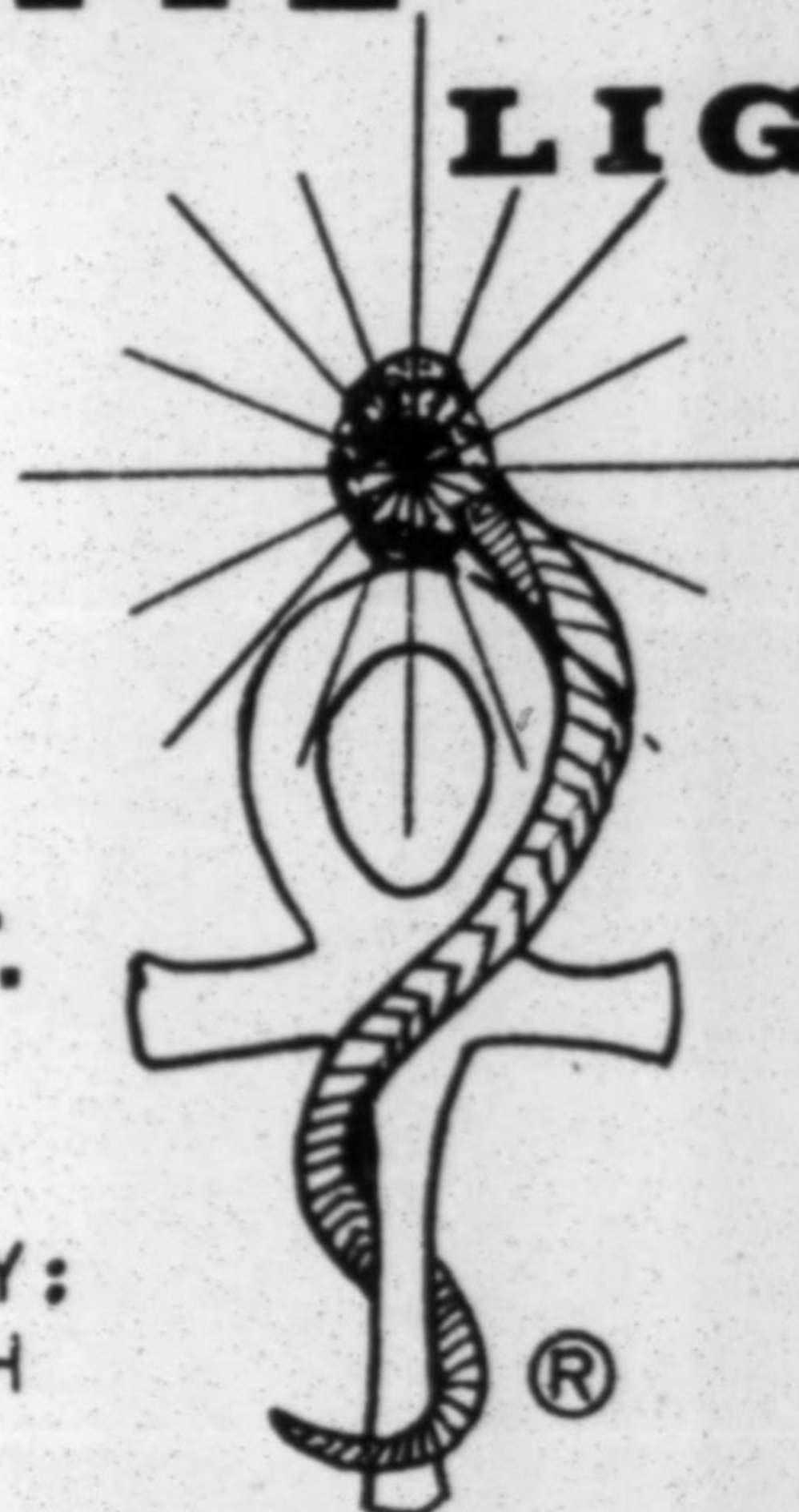
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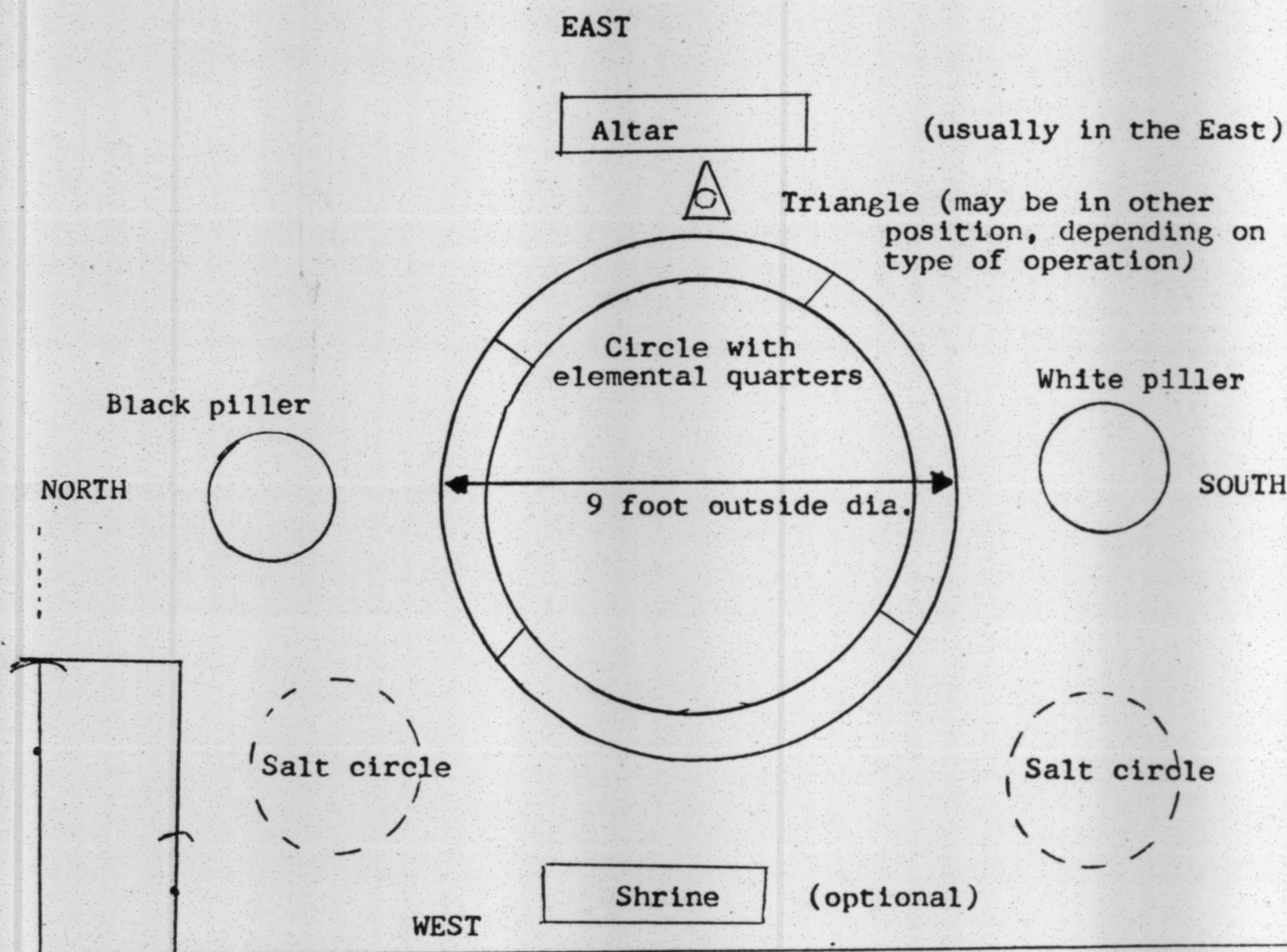
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GENERAL TEMPLE LAYOUT



Notes:

The room should be either square or rectangular, with the longer dimension East/West. It should be painted or hung in black or dark blue. Both the white light and the U.V. source should be controlled separately. Ideally, there should be a robing room, antichamber or baffle in front of the door, so that the transition from "outside" to "temple" can be made in stages.

Optional temporary circles of chalk or salt may be used for observers, if there are too many to fit into the regular circle.

The temple may be made from a converted garage or some other room, however once consecrated, it should be used for Magick and nothing else.

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Due to repeated requests, we are again listing the books which we recommend, on the subject of Ceremonial Magick. These books should be read more-or-less in the order listed.

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"CEREMONIAL MAGICK"

Conway, David: MAGICK, AN OCCULT PRIMER. Chapters 1 through 5 only.

Cavendish, Richard: THE BLACK ARTS. Chapters 1,3,6, & 7, first.
then: Chapter 5 (part 4) Appendices I & II,
after which read the rest.

Butler, W.E.: THE MAGICIAN, HIS TRAINING AND WORK. Read all.

Gray, W.G.: THE SIMPLIFIED GUIDE TO THE TREE OF LIFE. Read all.

Crow, W.B.: HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT, MAGIC & OCCULTISM. Read all.

Shaw, Idriss: THE SECRET LORE OF MAGIC. Read all.

Regardie, F.I.: GARDEN OF THE POMEGRANATES. Read all.

" " " THE MIDDLE PILLAR. Read all.

" " " THE TREE OF LIFE. Read all.

" " " THE GOLDEN DAWN .(optional, may be read later)

Waite, A.E.: THE BOOK OF CEREMONIAL MAGICK.* Read all.

Mathers, S.L.M.: (trans) THE SACRED MAGICK OF ABRA-MELLON THE MAGE.

Culling, L.T.: THE COMPLETE MAGICKAL CURRICULUM OF THE
SECRET ORDER G.B.G. Read all.

Crowley, A.C.: MAGICK. †

Gray, W.G.: MAGICAL RITUAL METHODS. Read all.

Mathers, S.L.M.: THE HOLY KABALAH

Waite, A.E.: ^{or} THE KABALAH UNVEILED

* An older title for the same book is "The Book of Black Magic & Pacts".

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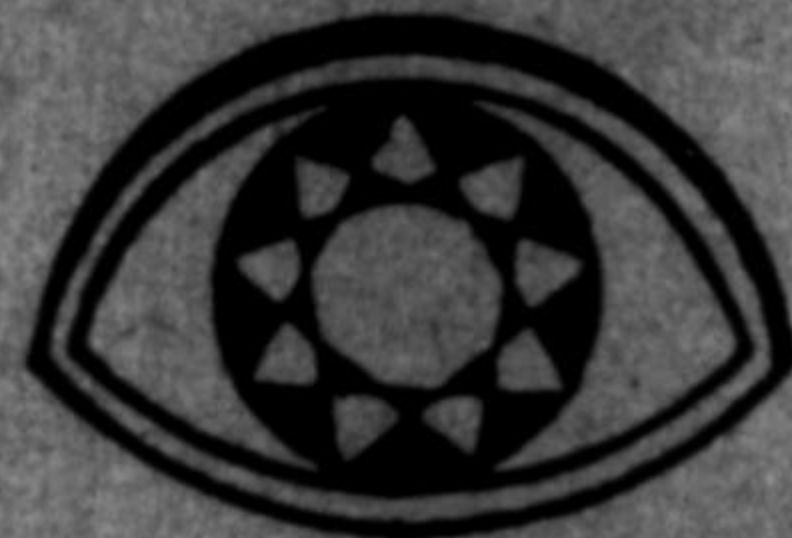
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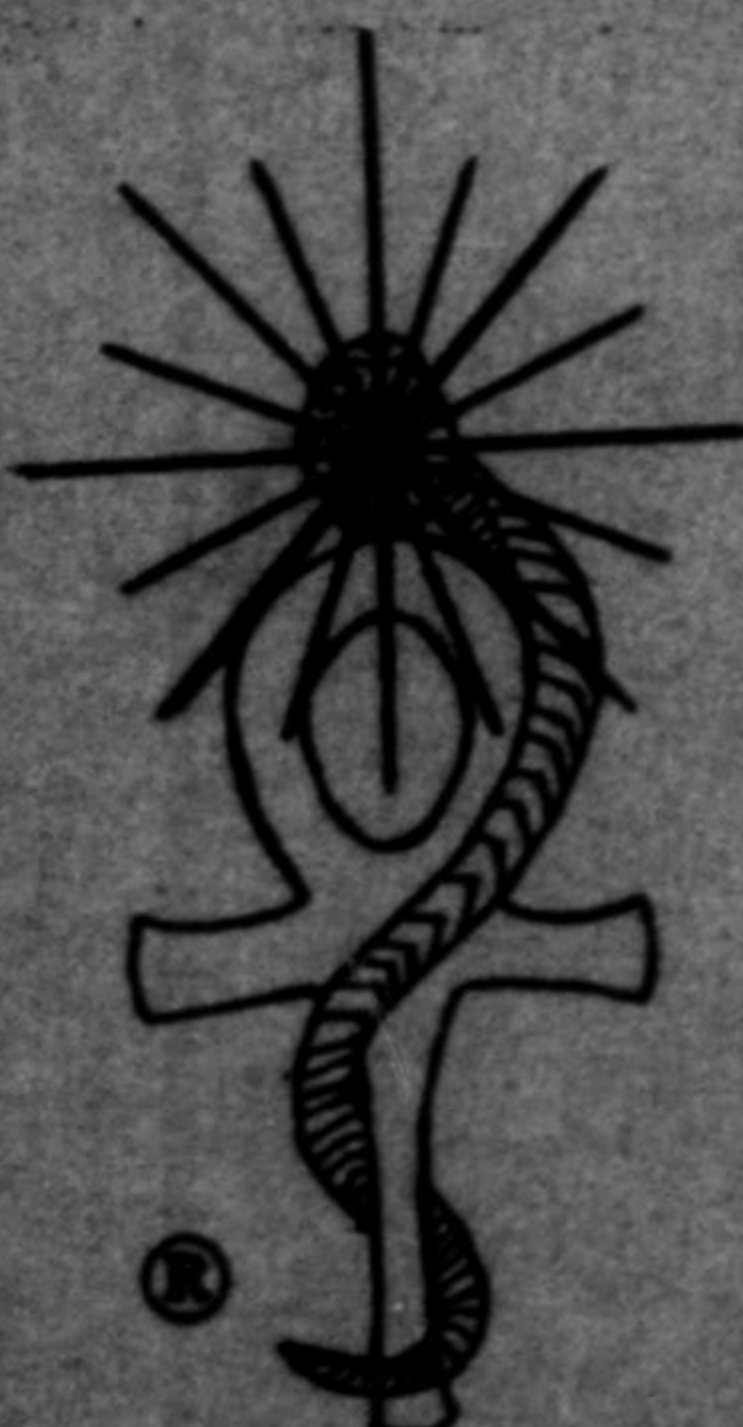
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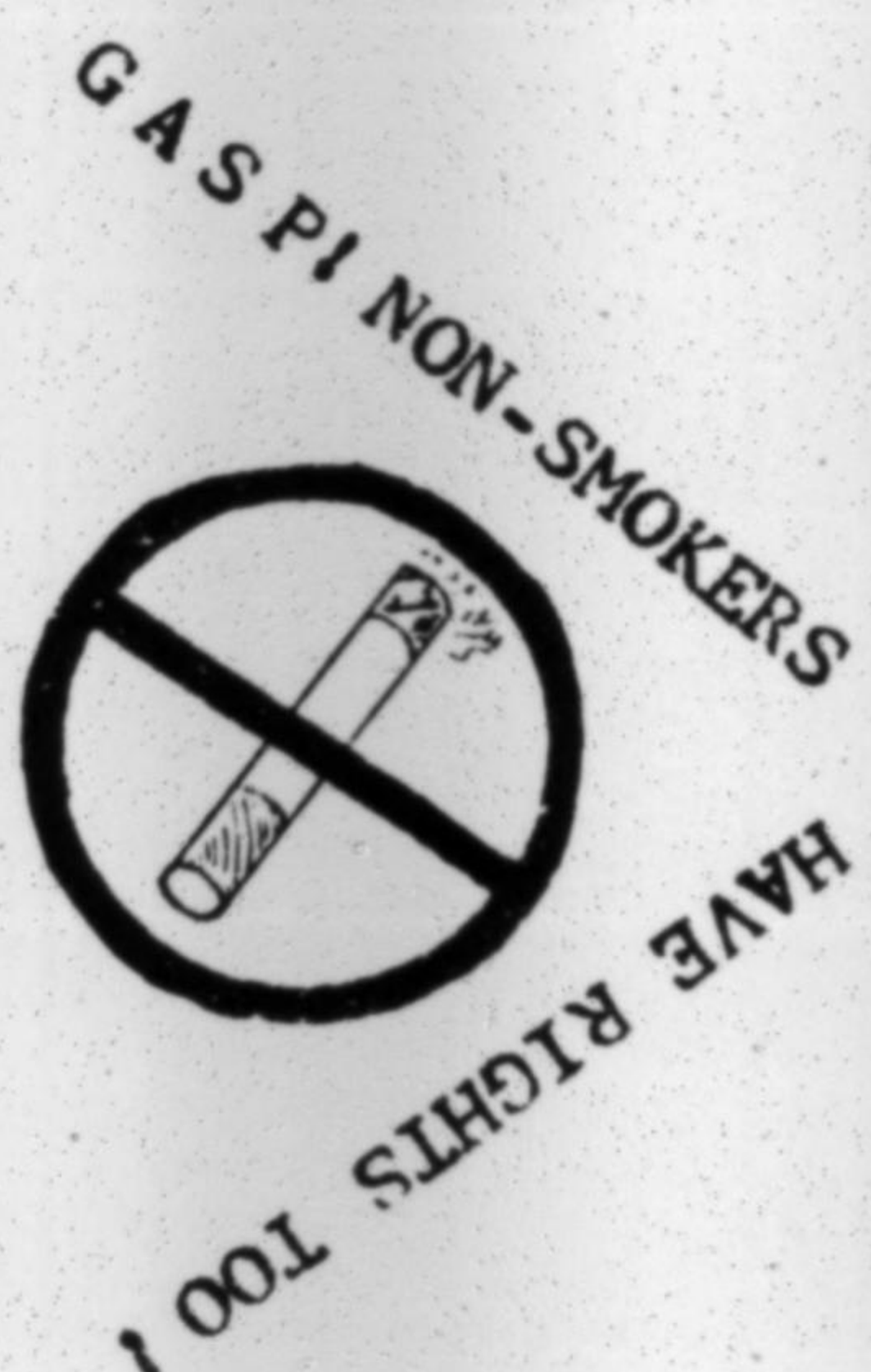
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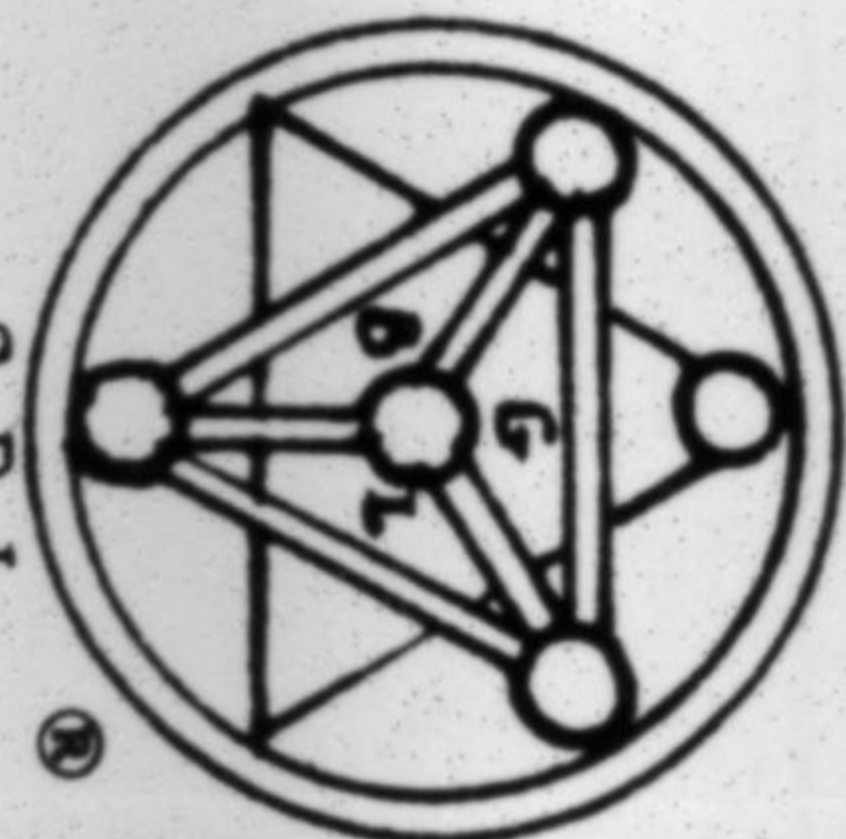
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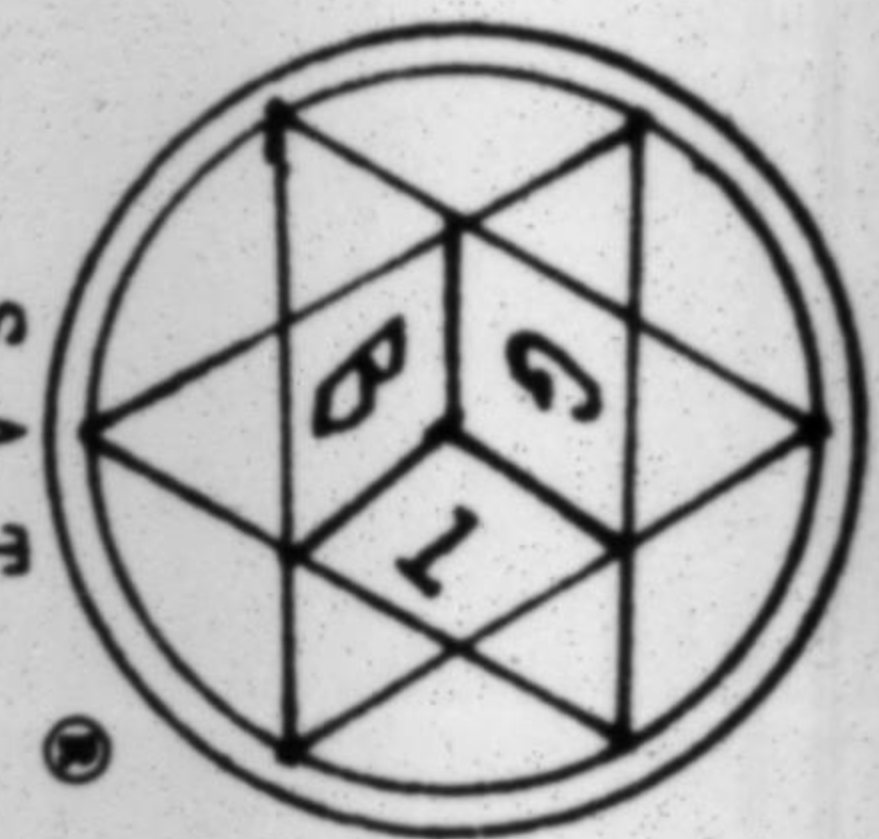


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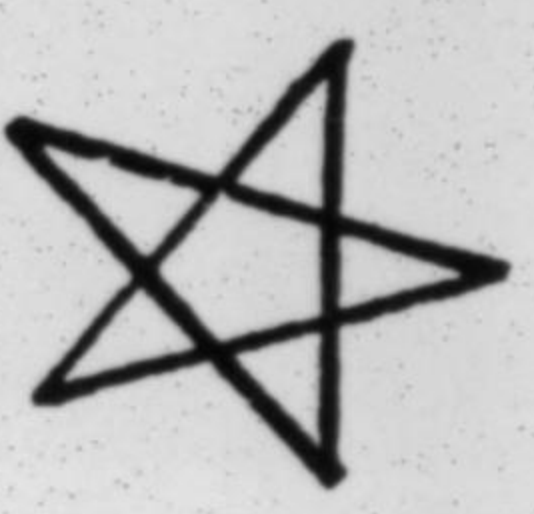
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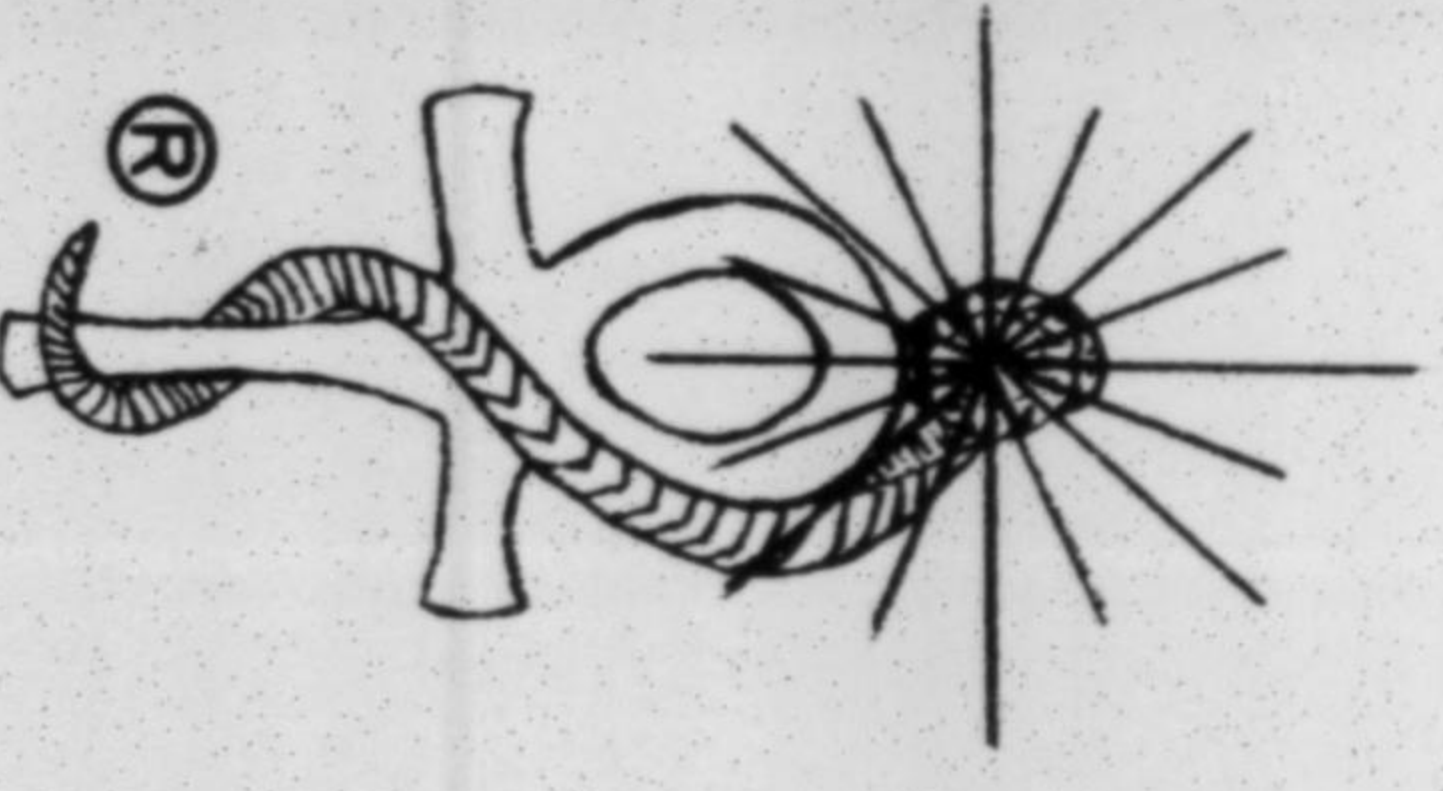
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