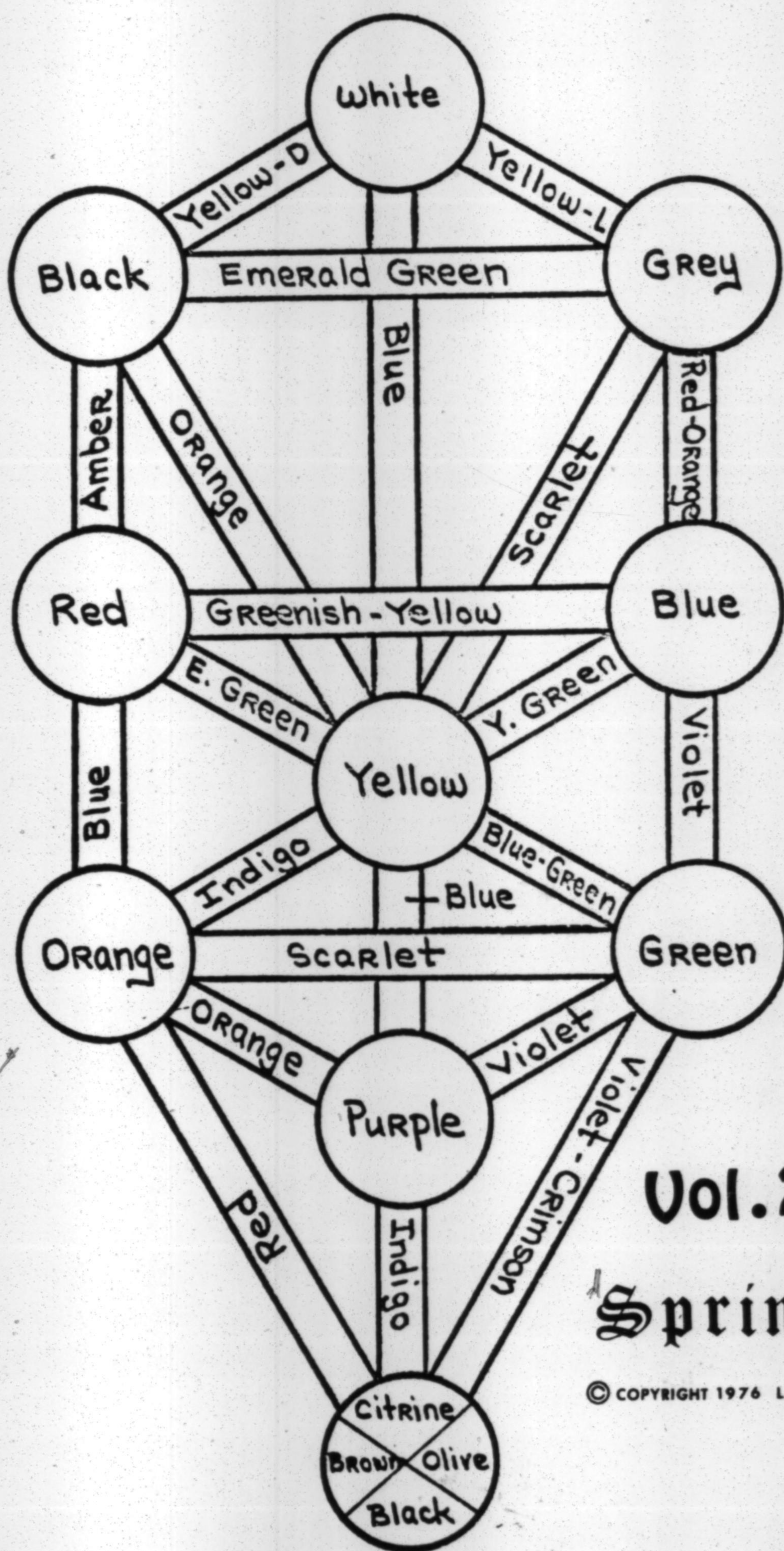


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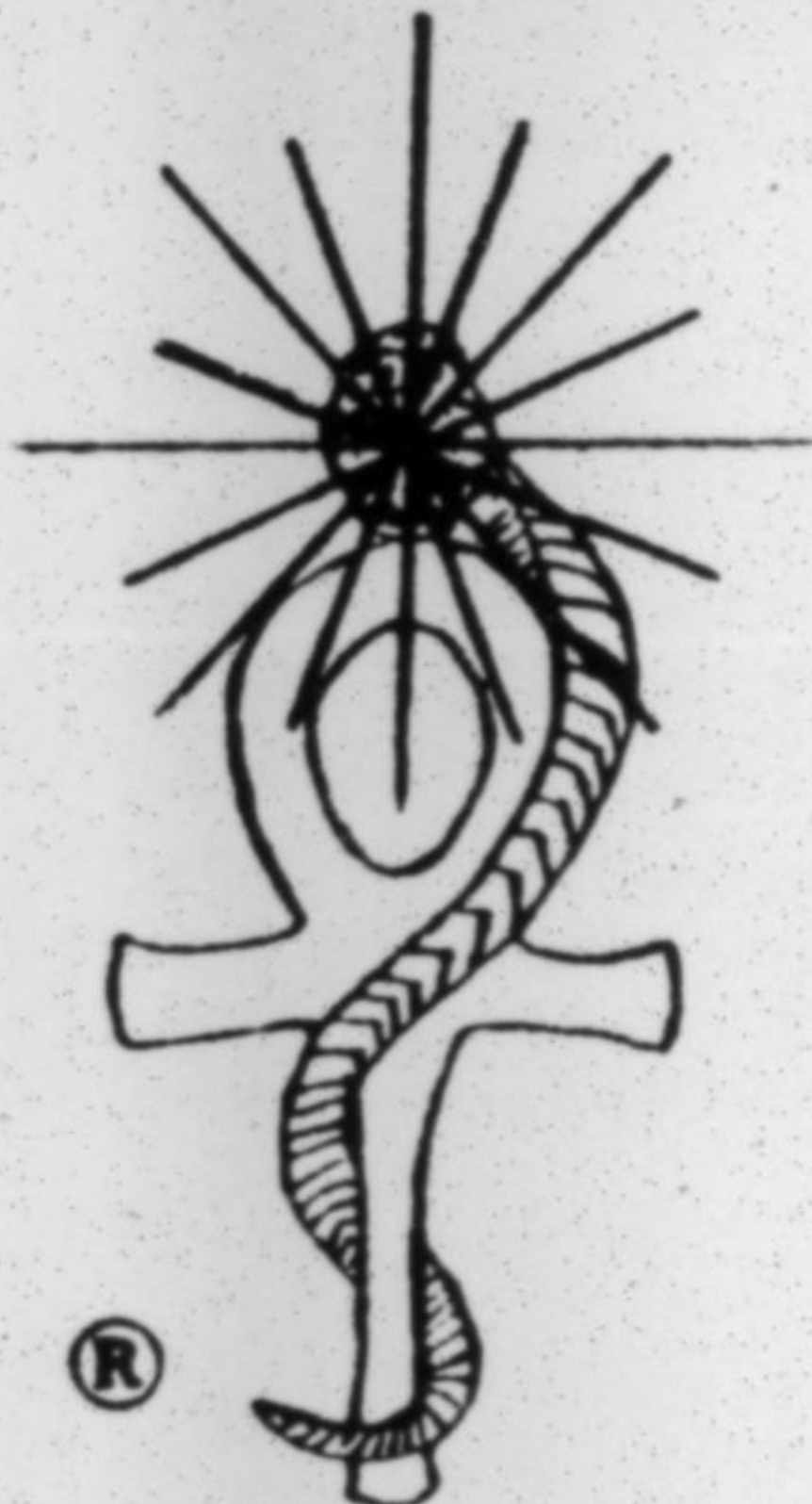
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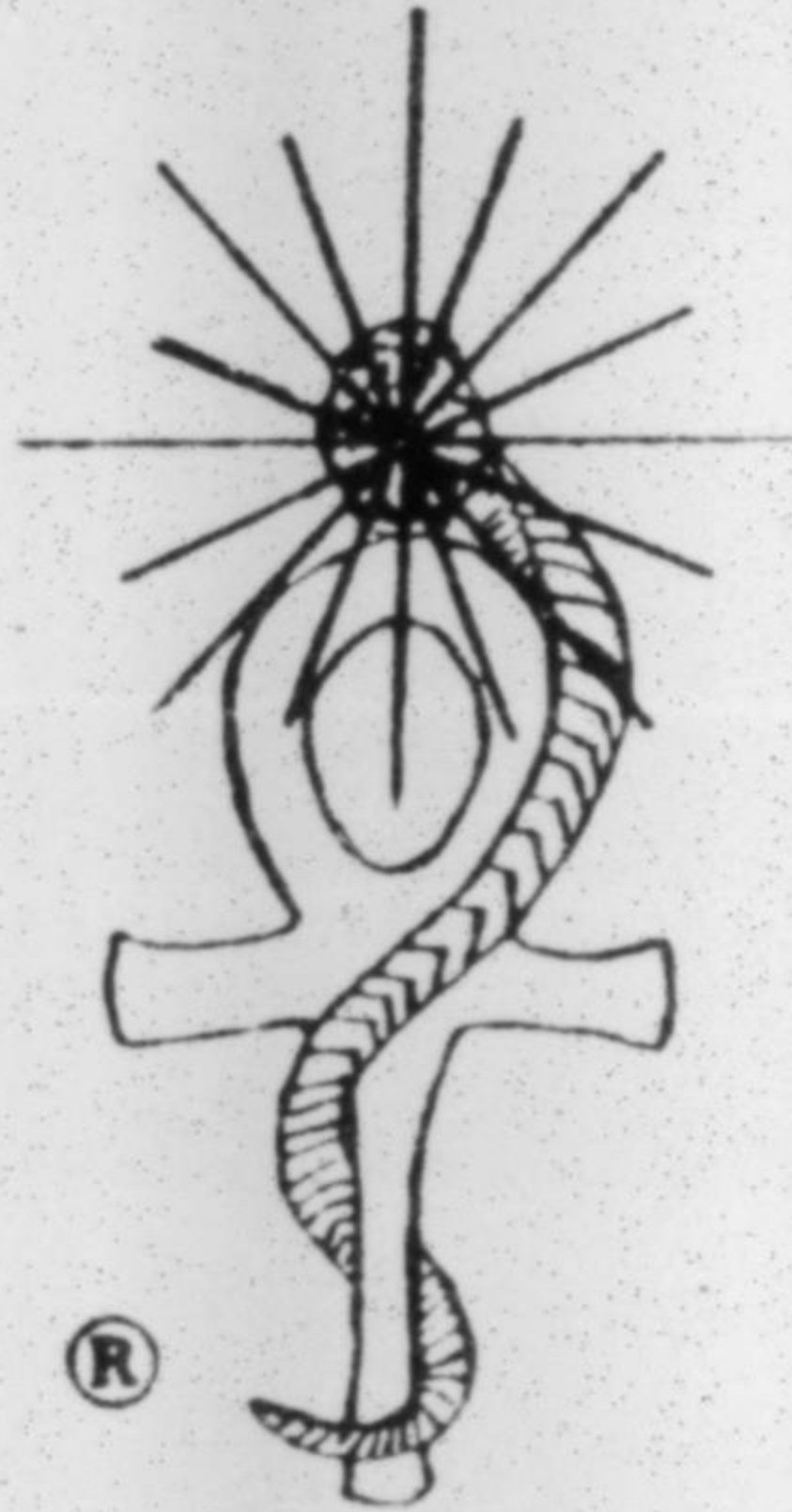
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# Magickal Maturity

By: Fra. Zarathustra

Magick is not for children. Although there is (or should be) a good deal of almost childlike "sense of wonder" involved, and the willing suspension of dis-belief, Magick requires emotional and mental stability. An immature, un-stable person, no matter what his or her age, is a hazard both to himself and to those involved with that individual.

It is quite true that Magick will assist the student or practitioner to transcend his limitations, and that the student should attempt to do this, but to admit to no limits whatever or to claim to make no mistakes, reveals a serious personality fault.

A mature person acknowledges his limitations, what ever they may be, and would correctly attempt to expand his abilities and overcome at least some of his limitations. This results in the student discovering new (or additional) limitations that were perhaps not obvious before. Not necessarily the same limitations as before, but limitations none the less. There is nothing wrong about a student or practitioners' recognition of his own ability and a modest amount of pride in his work is a good thing, but when an individual allows his ego to run away with him and make statements to the effect that he (or she) is capable of anything without limit, when he manifestly is not (or when his defects are quite visable even to the non-Magician) that person is WRONG!

To refuse to admit either limits or previous glaring errors, and to refuse to learn from or alter his mode of behaviour as a result of these errors, are serious symptoms of a basic mental dis-order which may already be beyond effective treatment.

This is the trap in anything as basically ego-centric as Magick. It is relatively easy to avoid in the beginning, but as the individual slips farther and farther into the vortex, it becomes progressively much more difficult to extract himself from the trap.

It makes absolutely no difference if the Magician is of the Right-hand Path or the Left-hand Path, the mechanism is the same. Some individuals are more susceptible to this sort of thing than others. Furthermore, those individuals who are susceptible, generally also tend to be attracted to absolutist regimes of one sort or another, where there is no effective method of checks and balances.

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MAGICKAL MATURITY [CONT.]

These highly structured and rank-conscious organizations also tend to attract persons easily awed by rank and rigamarole and likewise tend to drive away those persons with genuine ability, insight and intelligence. It is extremely difficult for an intelligent person to be bossed by a pompous clod, who is doing something by rote without the slightest glimmer of understanding of what he is doing.

Magicians, regardless of rank, school or stage of development, must cultivate the critical attitude, but most important of all, they should be self-critical as well. In addition to recognising the limitations of others, they should not be blind to their own limitations and short comings.

Of course it is difficult. This is part of what makes Magick such a rewarding experience to the serious student. ★

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## Evangelist Convicted in Auto Theft Case Guilty of Conspiring to Transport Cars Across State Lines

BY ROBERT RAWITCH  
Times Staff Writer

A federal court jury deliberated less than two hours before returning guilty verdicts Monday against Oklahoma City evangelist Arlie (Bud) Chambers, who was accused of conspiring to transport eight stolen cars and trucks across state lines.

The 43-year-old evangelist, who has held numerous tent revivals in Southern California in recent years, steadfastly denied throughout the trial that he had any knowledge that the vehicles were stolen.

But jurors in the court of U.S. Dist. Judge Robert J. Kelleher apparently believed the testimony of a Riverside pastor who sold the cars to Chambers and said he repeatedly told the evangelist the vehicles had been stolen.

Michael David Thomas, a boxer turned part-time pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Riverside, was indicted along with Chambers. But Thomas pleaded guilty prior to the start of trial last week and became a key government witness.

Thomas told jurors that Chambers knew from the very beginning of their dealings in 1973 that the vehicles Chambers wanted for the use of Chambers' Glorious Church, Inc., would be stolen.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Michael C. Solner presented evidence at the trial that Chambers bought from Thomas at unusually low prices two Cadillacs, a Lincoln Continental, two Dodge vans, a Dodge pickup truck, a Ford pickup truck and a Volkswagen.

Most of the stolen vehicles were new and taken from private residences and dealerships throughout Southern California during an eight-month period in 1973, investigators said.

Chambers testified that he bought the vehicles from Thomas thinking that Thomas was in the automobile business.

• Although Chambers and his wife used several of the ve-

hicles for their personal use, testimony at the trial from staff members of the Oklahoma City-based church indicated that the vehicles were generally used for church-related business such as the tent revivals held around the country.

Authorities uncovered the operation when Chambers attempted to register the Lincoln in Alabama and was informed by state officials there that the car had been stolen.

FBI officials then launched an inquiry into the stolen Lincoln and Chambers cooperated fully, admitting that he bought all the vehicles from Thomas. Although he had bills of sale for some of the vehicles, Chambers said, he admitted he did not have registration slips for the cars and trucks.

Sentencing of Chambers was set for March 1 before Kelleher. Thomas, who pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in the case, will be sentenced by Kelleher Jan. 26.

### Psychic Healer Guilty

The 22-year-old operator of the Fulfillment Center at 7657 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, was convicted in Superior Court Wednesday on seven misdemeanor charges in what Dep. City Atty. Richard LeBell said was the city's first criminal prosecution of a psychic healer for fraud since 1926.

According to testimony by investigators from the state Department of Consumer Affairs, Kirk Oakes claimed he could cure cancer, blindness, tuberculosis and arthritis through psychic healing.

### Doctor in Fraud Case Enters No-Contest Plea

A plea of no contest was entered Monday by a Montclair physician accused with two other doctors of bilking the Medi-Cal system out of \$55,000 by padding claims on more than 3,000 therapeutic abortions.

Dr. Morton Barke, 40, pleaded to a single count of receiving stolen property just as his trial on charges of conspiracy, grand theft and filing false insurance claims was to begin in Superior Court. Judge William Munnell set sentencing for Feb. 18.



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[ANON.]

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I know the Kings of Demons  
and I quote the Rites Historical,  
from Babalon to Thelemite,  
in order Catagorical.

I am very well acquainted too, with matters Metaphysical,  
I understand the Spells both simple and with Pentacle,  
about evocations I am teeming with a lot of news.....  
And many cheerful facts about the sex-life of the Caribous.

When I know what advances have been made in modern Mummery,  
When I know more of tact than a Novice in a Nunnery,  
In short, when I have a smattering of elemental Humility,.....  
You'll say a better Magus has never called on G--.

Although my Magickal knowledge, both plucky and adventury,  
Has only been brought up to the beginning of the Century,  
Still in matters trivial, senseless and rediculous,  
I am the very model of a fully modern Magus.

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## Visitor's Assessment of U.S. Race Relations

Americans have by now probably become used to being what is arguably the most hated nation on earth. As a sociologist from Australia, I would like to make some redress of this in what to you will probably seem the most unlikely field of all—race relations.

In Australia it is very rare to find any members of our own black minority (the Aborigines) in any sort of regular employment at all. By contrast I found to my amazement that here in California there are blacks working alongside whites almost everywhere I go.

In Australia the blacks tend to be self-effacing or even cringing. Here they seem confident if not forceful. Here I find that many blacks I meet in day-to-day contexts will compliment me on my "British" accent (as do white Americans) and ask me interestedly where I am from. I find it hard indeed to imagine any Australian black making such a personal comment to a white person.

In Australia it is rare for a black to

own any car at all. Here blacks own big cars that many an Australian company director would be proud of.

No doubt there are some ways in which blacks here are still discriminated against. The point I want to make is that to an outsider one of the most pleasant things about California at least is the way in which the blacks seem to be totally integrated into and function well in the larger white society.

One gets the impression that if America does have a race problem it is already 90% solved and exists more in the high standards Americans set for themselves than in anything else.

With all the legendary American prowess in public relations, how ironical it is that it was only after I came and saw for myself that I realized that the nation that the rest of the world condemns as racist was in fact less racist than I thought any nation could realistically be!

JOHN J. RAY  
Lecturer in Sociology  
University Of New South Wales

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OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
ON HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE JOHN TODD/LANCE COLLINS AFFAIR  
IN DAYTON, OHIO.

- 1: There is insufficient hard evidence of an unusually harsh harassment campaign against Todd, on religious grounds, to warrant continued AADL attention or intervention.
- 2: There is more than sufficient soft evidence to indicate that Todd may be using his own peculiar version of the religion of Witchcraft as cover for illegal, immoral and/or infiltrative purposes.
- 3: It would definitely be advisable for as many different Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies as possible to investigate Todd's past and present activities.
- 4: We should expect a number of wild accusations from Todd about heinous crimes and attitudes on the part of myself, Dr. Gavin Frost, The Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, Inc., The Church and School of Wicca, The Church of All Worlds, Inc., The American Order of the Brotherhood of the Wicca, Inc., and other Pagan, Occult and Witchcraft organizations of an Aquarian nature.
- 5: Dr. Frost and I have been unable to find a single legitimate Witch, Pagan or Occultist, inside or outside of Dayton, willing to serve as a character reference for Todd. On the contrary, every Aquarian with whom we have discussed Todd has emphatically disassociated himself or herself from Todd's beliefs and activities. Todd is not representative of the Dayton Aquarian community in any way.
- 6: Between AADL and the C&SoW, we have spent a great deal of time, energy, and money on this case, for which we have received no positive return. I therefore recommend that we avoid further expenditures of these valuable commodities upon this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this 23rd. day of February, 1976 c.e.

P.E.I. Bonewits  
President, AADL

COMMENT on the above case, by Nelson H. White,  
San Gabriel Valley representative, AADL.

It seems that once again Occultism has received a black eye, as the result of some nut calling himself a "Witch". Dr. Frost's report on this matter is considerably more damning and was printed in the Ostara issue of GREEN EGG (Vol. IX, No.77, page 49.).

It is precisely this hazard which caused the "Themis War" of several years ago. This is exactly what was predicted at the time, and is the principal reason why we (The Light of Truth Church, Inc.) does not and hopefully never will, issue Ordinations or Charters by mail. Some of the damage resulting from the Dayton affair could have been avoided if other organizations likewise did not issue charters and Ordinations so freely. This however would probably not have stopped Todd, but it might have prevented some of the damage, which we must all try to recover from, [CONT. P11]

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## AADL NEWS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
ON HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE JOHN TODD/LANCE COLLINS AFFAIR  
IN DAYTON, OHIO.

- 1: There is insufficient hard evidence of an unusually harsh harassment campaign against Todd, on religious grounds, to warrant continued AADL attention or intervention.
- 2: There is more than sufficient soft evidence to indicate that Todd may be using his own peculiar version of the religion of Witchcraft as cover for illegal, immoral and/or infiltrative purposes.
- 3: It would definitely be advisable for as many different Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies as possible to investigate Todd's past and present activities.
- 4: We should expect a number of wild accusations from Todd about heinous crimes and attitudes on the part of myself, Dr. Gavin Frost, The Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, Inc., The Church and School of Wicca, The Church of All Worlds, Inc., The American Order of the Brotherhood of the Wicca, Inc., and other Pagan, Occult and Witchcraft organizations of an Aquarian nature.
- 5: Dr. Frost and I have been unable to find a single legitimate Witch, Pagan or Occultist, inside or outside of Dayton, willing to serve as a character reference for Todd. On the contrary, every Aquarian with whom we have discussed Todd has emphatically disassociated himself or herself from Todd's beliefs and activities. Todd is not representative of the Dayton Aquarian community in any way.
- 6: Between AADL and the C&SoW, we have spent a great deal of time, energy, and money on this case, for which we have received no positive return. I therefore recommend that we avoid further expenditures of these valuable commodities upon this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this 23rd. day of February, 1976 c.e.

P.E.I. Bonewits  
President, AADL

COMMENT on the above case, by Nelson H. White,  
San Gabriel Valley representative, AADL.

It seems that once again Occultism has received a black eye, as the result of some nut calling himself a "Witch". Dr. Frost's report on this matter is considerably more damning and was printed in the Ostara issue of GREEN EGG (Vol. IX, No.77, page 49.).

It is precisely this hazard which caused the "Themis War" of several years ago. This is exactly what was predicted at the time, and is the principal reason why we (The Light of Truth Church, Inc.) does not and hopefully never will, issue Ordinations or Charters by mail. Some of the damage resulting from the Dayton affair could have been avoided if other organizations likewise did not issue charters and Ordinations so freely. This however would probably not have stopped Todd, but it might have prevented some of the damage, which we must all try to recover from, [CONT. P11]

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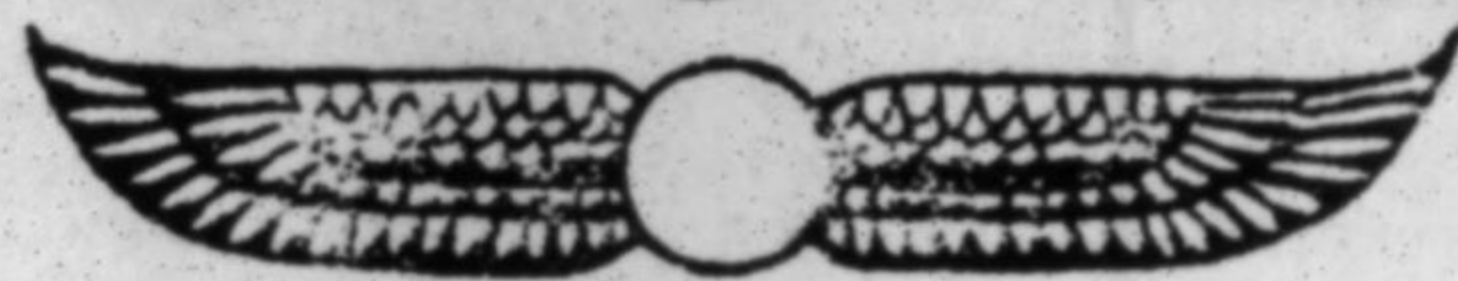
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## EMERALD TABLE of Hermes Trismegistus



**T** rue it is, without falsehood, certain and most true: That that which is above is like to that which is below ~ and that which is below is like to that which is above ~ To accomplish the miracles of one thing.

**A** nd as all things were by the contemplation of one, so all things arose from this one thing by a single act of adaption. The Father thereof is the Sun, the Mother the Moon. The Wind carried it in its womb; the Earth is the nurse there of.

**I** t is the father of all works of wonder throughout the whole world. The power thereof is perfect. If it be cast to Earth, it will separate the element of Earth from that of Fire ~ the subtle from the gross. With great sagacity it doth descend to Earth and uniteth in itself the force from things superior and things inferior.

**T** hus thou wilt possess the glory of the brightness of the whole world and all obscurity will fly far from thee. This thing is the strong fortitude of all strength, for it overcometh every subtile thing and doth penetrate every solid substance ~ Thus was this world created.

**H** ence there will be marvellous adaptations achieved, of which the manner is this... For this reason I am called Hermes Trismegistus, because I hold three parts of the wisdom of the whole world. That which I had to say about the operation of Sol is completed.

and prevent in the future.

The next question of importance is; "Can any of the damage be repaired?" I believe that some of it can be, by a vigorous display of rejection of Todd and his practices by the Aquarian community, and the publicising of this fact to the general public, particularly the public in the Dayton area.



CURRENT EVENTS  
IN THE NEWS

## Ban on Home Mass Appealed

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A 71-year-old Catholic priest who still says Mass in Latin is going to court to appeal the \$250 fine imposed on him for celebrating Mass at a private home.

For the Rev. Joseph E. Gedra, his case today in Fairfax County Circuit Court centers around the question of constitutional freedoms of religion and assembly and how they fit with a controversial county zoning ordinance.

Father Gedra had been convicted last August by a lower court judge of violating the ordinance barring virtually any kind of regular church service in a section of this Washington, D.C., suburb zoned for single-family homes.

The Fairfax ordinance also is being challenged by a group of 12 Baptist congregations in the county and a woman who holds regular Bible study sessions in her home.

Father Gedra and his Church of the Assumption were turned down in 1973 when they sought to obtain a special permit to use his residence as a church.

Leonard Koneczny, a county zoning inspector who brought the charges against Father Gedra, said the request was rejected because "having a church there was not in keeping with the best interests of the neighborhood."

The priest's lawyer, John Matonis, has contended that the zoning ordinance is unconstitutional because it limits the practice of religion and the right of free assembly.

## RELIGION RULING UPHeld

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Court of Appeals reaffirmed its ruling of a year ago Wednesday that the closing of state offices on Good Friday between noon and 3 p.m. is unconstitutional.

It had first reached the decision last year, but granted a rehearing to consider what were raised by the state as "valid questions and arguments."

The new ruling, written by Justice Joseph Rattigan, said the governor's historical practice of proclaiming a three-hour holiday on Good Friday to allow

state employees who are Christians to worship violated First Amendment prohibitions against laws establishing religion.

The court also held that the practice violated a provision of the state Constitution guaranteeing free exercise of religion without "discrimination or preference." It added that a state employe holiday on the Christian feast of Good Friday "amounts to discrimination against all non-Christian religions and preference of those which are Christian."

TRUE, but it doesn't stop them from doing it anyway.

Court actions are generally useless, unless you hit them for damages (money). Then at least they will pay some attention to the ruling -- maybe.

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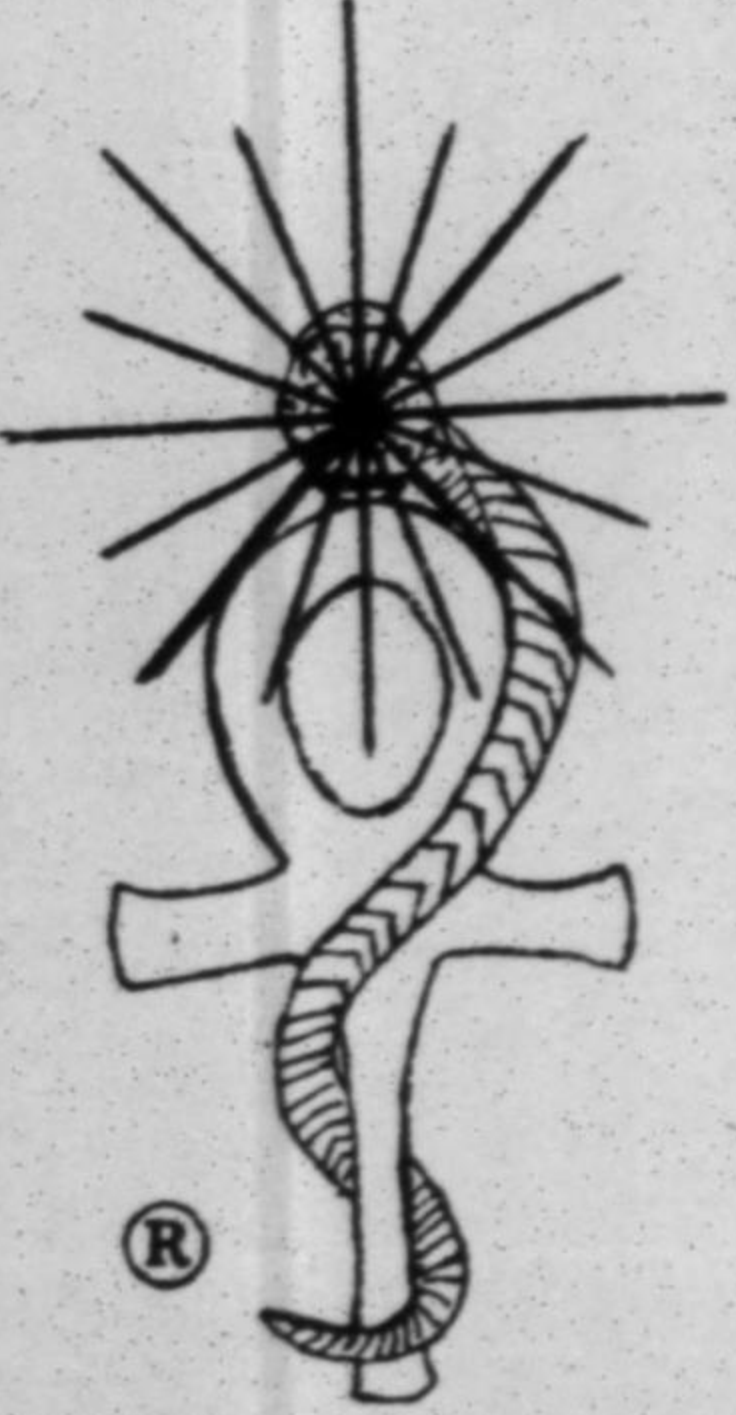
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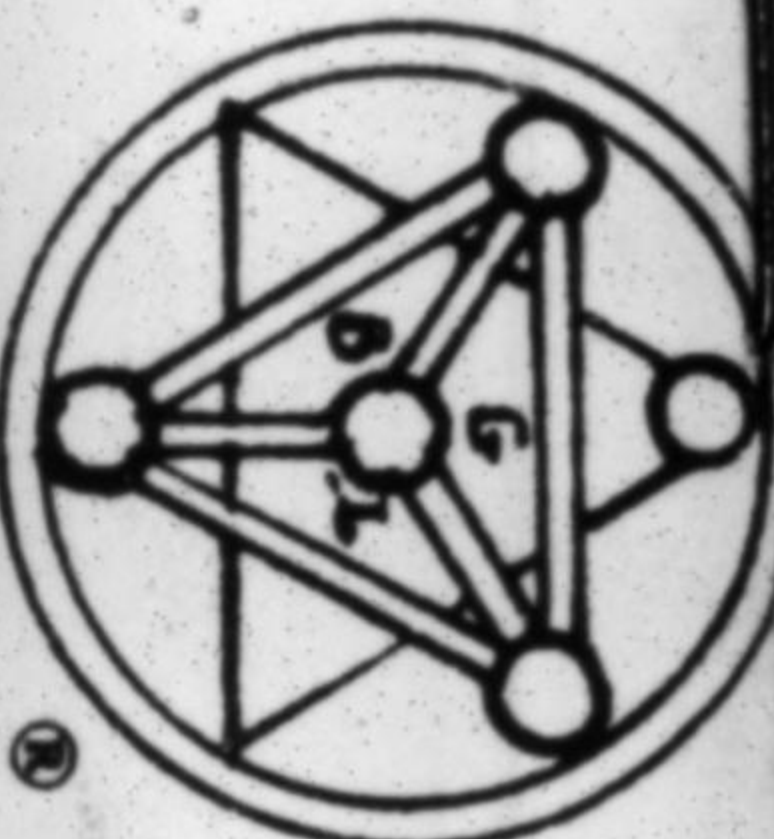
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