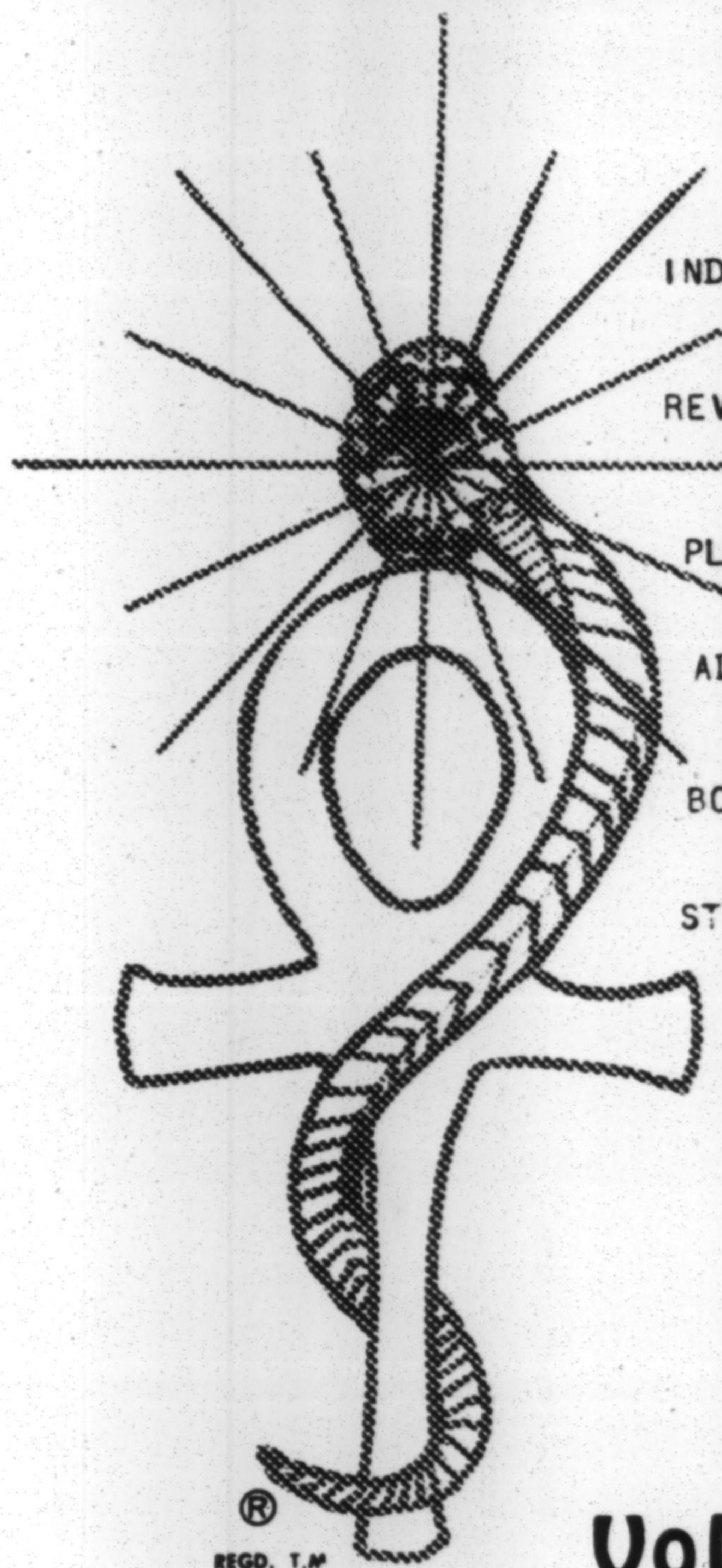


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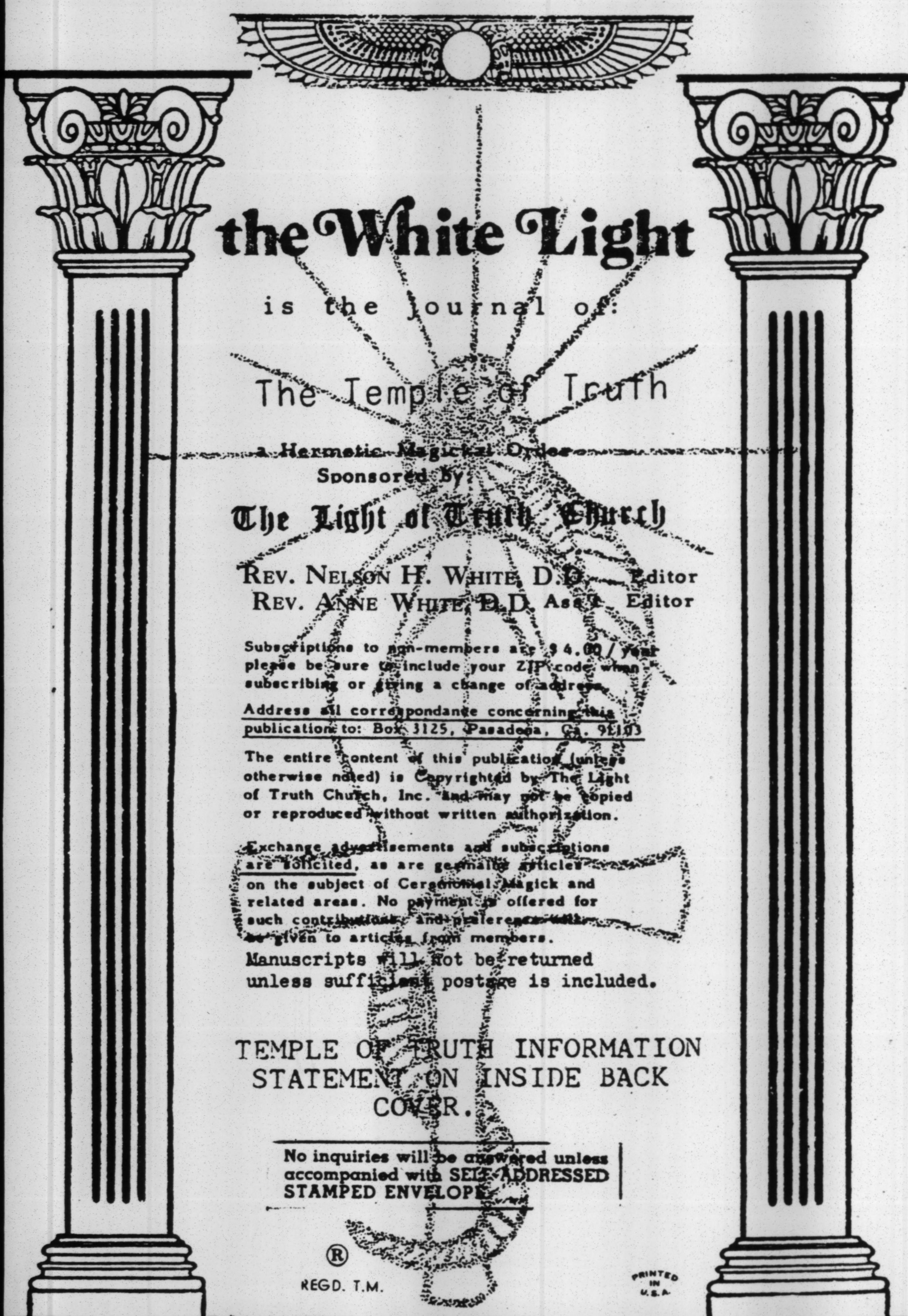
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The good Doctor is in *fine* form and his remarks are both informative, illuminating and humorous. The Stele of Revealing, reproduced in the front of the book, is helpful (color would have been better), but the very much reduced paste-up of Crowley's original handwritten version (from the *Equinox*) is so small as to be useless. The full sized reproductions would be much more useful, if one is a thorough-going Crowleyite, if not don't bother.

I feel that the good Doctor is slightly off on several of his comments concerning today's "sub-culture" or "counter-culture" (if you prefer). Dr. Regardie gives me the impression that perhaps he thinks that the "younger generation" is rebelling because of (or as the result of) reading Crowley. Nonsense! Student radicals are not new. Surviving texts from pre-Christian Greece describe *their youth* much as we describe ours: anti-establishment, dirty, loud, immoral, uncouth, etc. etc. . . .

In most Western cultures, the "younger generation" rebels in one form or another, and have for centuries. Crowley himself is a classical case of such rebellion.

Living here in Southern California, with a more or less open door, I see a good many more "radicals" than the good Doctor does, perhaps even sicker ones at that. For the most part, they have *already* rebelled before discovering or being introduced to Crowley, magick, witchcraft (what *they* call "witchcraft," usually something closer to satanism) and so forth.

It is far easier to sit and criticize (or even destroy) the establishment, whatever it may be, than to *create a new one*, especially a new one that *works!*

I quite agree with Dr. Regardie, that the magickal "drug" varies with the culture, and that in its proper cultural context, such a "drug" may be and frequently is useful.

Crowley, of course, was writing (in 1904) before the modern Organic/Chemical Revolution occurred, hence I am quite sure that he did not intend for the chosen few to utilize synthetic drugs, but rather natural (vegetable) substances. I am also quite sure that he did not mean for his followers to become addicted to anything, drug or otherwise—and there is considerable evidence of this in *The Book Of The Law* itself.

Perhaps at this point I should state that although I value the contributions to modern magick that Crowley made, I am not a "Crowleyite" nor a "Thelemite." I do not accept *Liber Al Vel Legis* as holy writ or dogma, to be followed blindly as many (but thankfully not all) Thelemites do. Maybe this detachment is advantageous, maybe not. We shall see in time.

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The Man Who Won't Pay His Taxes

Irwin Schiff says there's no such thing as a "dollar"

Irwin Schiff is a feisty and flamboyant investment consultant from Hamden, Conn., who says the "greenies" we all accept as income and in payment of debt are not dollars. And he has gotten the government to admit he is right.

While this little-publicized achievement is certainly no small feat, Irwin Schiff is intent on stalking bigger game: the income tax, for openers. He has not paid his since 1974, and he says other Americans are not required to pay theirs because America's present form of currency is—among other things—an enormous fraud.

One does not have to agree with all of Schiff's arguments to concede him a number of points as he carefully traces the intricate monetary system that has evolved since the beginning of the republic. Surprisingly, the Treasury Department begins with the biggest concession of all: There are no dollars anymore. This curious state of affairs came to light following a letter which Schiff sent to the Treasury in late 1976.

Seeking to determine whether he could be lawfully taxed by the IRS, which asks that one's income be measured in dollars and that the tax on that income be computed in dollars, Schiff asked the Treasury for a "clear and direct" definition of a dollar.

"If the U.S. Treasury cannot define a dollar as opposed to a Federal Reserve note, then no American can logically and lawfully compute any tax form—be it federal income tax, estate or gift—that requests information in dollar totals," he said.

"Now," Schiff's letter concluded, "after defining a dollar for me, please tell me where I can get one!"

Two and a half months later, on February 18, 1977, Schiff's inquiry was answered by Russell Munk, assistant general counsel to the Treasury, who said, "Federal Reserve notes are not dollars. These notes are denominated in dollars, which are the unit of account of United States money." There's a small—but real—distinction there.

However, Munk went on, the fact that Federal Reserve notes "may not be converted into gold or silver does not render them worthless" because the value of the dollar "is its purchasing power." He cited economist Paul Samuelson as his source for this conclusion.

But, as Schiff later asked, if the "notes" he had in his possession were not dollars, then how could he meet the

IRS's requirements, which state: "A single individual must file a return if he or she had \$2,450 (dollars) or more gross income for the year"? Moreover, if, as Munk stated, the "value of the dollar is its purchasing power," then this is in violation of the Constitution which states the Congress shall regulate the value of money.

"Now, while I did not earn any dollars," Schiff said in a follow-up letter to the IRS, "I did earn some notes of the Federal Reserve, and, according to the above IRS manual, the fair market value of 'notes or other evidences of indebtedness' . . . is usually the best amount you can get from . . . a bank or other buyer of such paper."

So Schiff went to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and asked that his Federal Reserve notes be redeemed for "lawful dollars as defined" by law. "They refused and offered only to exchange them for other notes. Thus, one must conclude that Federal Reserve notes have no determinable, real dollar, market value," he said.

"Greenies" Not Redeemable

True, people do give him goods and services for his notes, but, "How can one list on a 1040 all the goods and services received for notes when the return itself insists that income be shown in dollars, and not in goods and services? I am also at a loss to understand how one would convert goods and services received for notes into a dollar total. What kind of dollars would one use? Gold dollars or silver dollars? And how would their values be determined?"

Schiff said he would be pleased to pay his taxes "if you can show me how notes, themselves neither redeemable in or exchangeable for dollars, can be converted into dollars and thus taxable according to the IRS regulation cited above."

Schiff's point is fundamental, even if it does at first appear to be hairsplitting. A note is nothing more than a piece of paper which can be redeemed for something of value. Federal Reserve notes of course are not redeemable for anything.

In his appearances, Schiff pulls out a fistful of "greenies," as he calls them, and says, "These are not dollars. They are Federal Reserve notes."

Then he pulls out a silver dollar and a \$20 gold coin. These, he says with an air of finality, are real dollars. Paper currency that once could be redeemed for gold or silver also falls within his definition of "real dollars."

But the foundation of Schiff's case is rooted in the terms of the Constitution, which says that "No state shall . . . make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts." He elaborates on this quote to conclude: "The only lawful money is gold and silver coin because that is the only thing expressly stated by the Constitution that can be used as tender of payment."

"Now, look at Article I, Section 8, which says the Congress shall coin money and regulate the value thereof," he goes on. "What is the only kind of money the government can coin? Obviously only the money that the states can make a tender of payment of debt" (i.e.,

gold or silver). Since our money is, in fact, only paper, nickel or copper, Schiff maintains, "the states obviously shouldn't be able to enforce the payment of their own taxes. In essence, today nobody has to pay any taxes, whether it's property taxes, state or federal. As a matter of fact, nobody has to pay bills to their creditors—how can states enforce payment in the dishonored notes of a private bank or syndicate?"

Moral Obligation

Schiff does, in fact, pay his bills "simply because I have a moral obligation to." Connecticut doesn't have a state income tax, but he pays his property tax, too, "because my property taxes are not excessive and I believe we should have police and fire protection. But if I didn't want to pay those taxes, there is no way the state could enforce them."

But having said this, Schiff makes it clear that his real point is not to avoid paying taxes but to expose what he believes is an illegal and fraudulent currency which has no intrinsic value.

"It's to call attention to the fact that the government is the lawbreaker," he says, when asked his intent. "Sure, I would like to pay these taxes. I am not an anarchist. I believe that I have to pay for an army, a court system."

The IRS is taking its time with Schiff, and officials will say only that "there is no case pending before the courts" now. It will probably take several years before this fight gets into the courts. In one instance where a tax protester had not paid his taxes between 1968 and 1970, the IRS did not get around to prosecuting an action until 1975.

Meanwhile, Schiff is being careful about what he says and how he says it.

He is often asked, "Are you going around the country advising people not to pay their taxes?"

"No, absolutely not," he fires back. "If I were to tell them not to pay their taxes, that might be interpreted as my telling them to break the law. What I tell them is that they are not required to pay their taxes."

Buys Gold and Silver

What is he doing with all of the income that he is not sending to Uncle Sam?

"Oh, spending it, having a good time, trying to promote my book—and I put any excess into gold and silver coins."

He says he was inspired to become involved in tax protest by Vivien Kellems, a wealthy Connecticut spinster who battled with the IRS for several decades over her taxes until her death. When she died, the IRS finally collected its money from her estate.

In other words, Schiff is asked, does that mean the IRS will eventually get his money when he's dead (if he can hold them off that long)?

True to the unwritten tax protester's code, Schiff's reply was unyielding, to say the least.

"They're not going to get me when I'm dead because I'm not going to die. You know this idea that death and taxes are inevitable? Well, after I show that taxes aren't inevitable, I'm going to start working on death."



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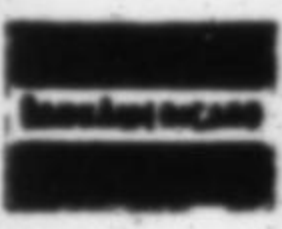

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Martha Thomas, 28, is blind, but that didn't keep the Louisville, Ky., Motor Vehicle Licenses Bureau from renewing her driver's license. Ms. Thomas, who wanted the license for identification purposes, simply asked the Bureau clerk for a license renewal and was given it. She left the motor vehicle office using her white cane.

* *

A \$10,000 federal grant was the door prize at a meeting of Oklahoma Community Action Program directors last February. The grant was for a job in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program.

More than 6 million workers are paid directly by Uncle Sam if one includes those paid by federal government contracts, research grants and matching payments for the wages of local government officials, reports the *Washington Post*.

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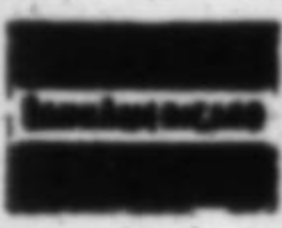

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Yet it does seem, does it not, that we had fewer of each in the days when we were willing to call dirt what it is and junk what it is—and sin what it is.

Marlene Stucky can talk now.

When she was an employee of the Department of Social and Health Services in the State of Washington, she didn't dare.

Welfare Worker Quit

But she got so fed up with the appalling abuses of our government's welfare system that she quit. Now she can recite some of the circumstances—and experiences—that caused her to reach the stomach-turning point.

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When state welfare people suggested that this young mother should learn some marketable skill, she replied, "I never liked school and I still don't."

So she and her illegitimate offspring—and probably additional ones—will be supported indefinitely—by you.

Miss Stucky suggests that the State of Washington provide contraceptives and instructions for their use to any female 14 or older, along with a written understanding that in any future pregnancy, any and all maternity expenses will be borne by the mother or nearest relative.

State lawmakers have promised to think about it.

The case which triggered Miss Stucky's resignation involved a 23-year-old mother of three illegitimate children.

Government Encourages Pregnancy

After these three illegitimate children, this welfare mother reported herself unable to get pregnant.

Now she and her current boyfriend wanted a baby, and she could not have one and—sit down for this—the Department of Social and Health Services authorized and paid for expensive medical tests to diagnose her problem. It was learned that she needed extensive surgery.

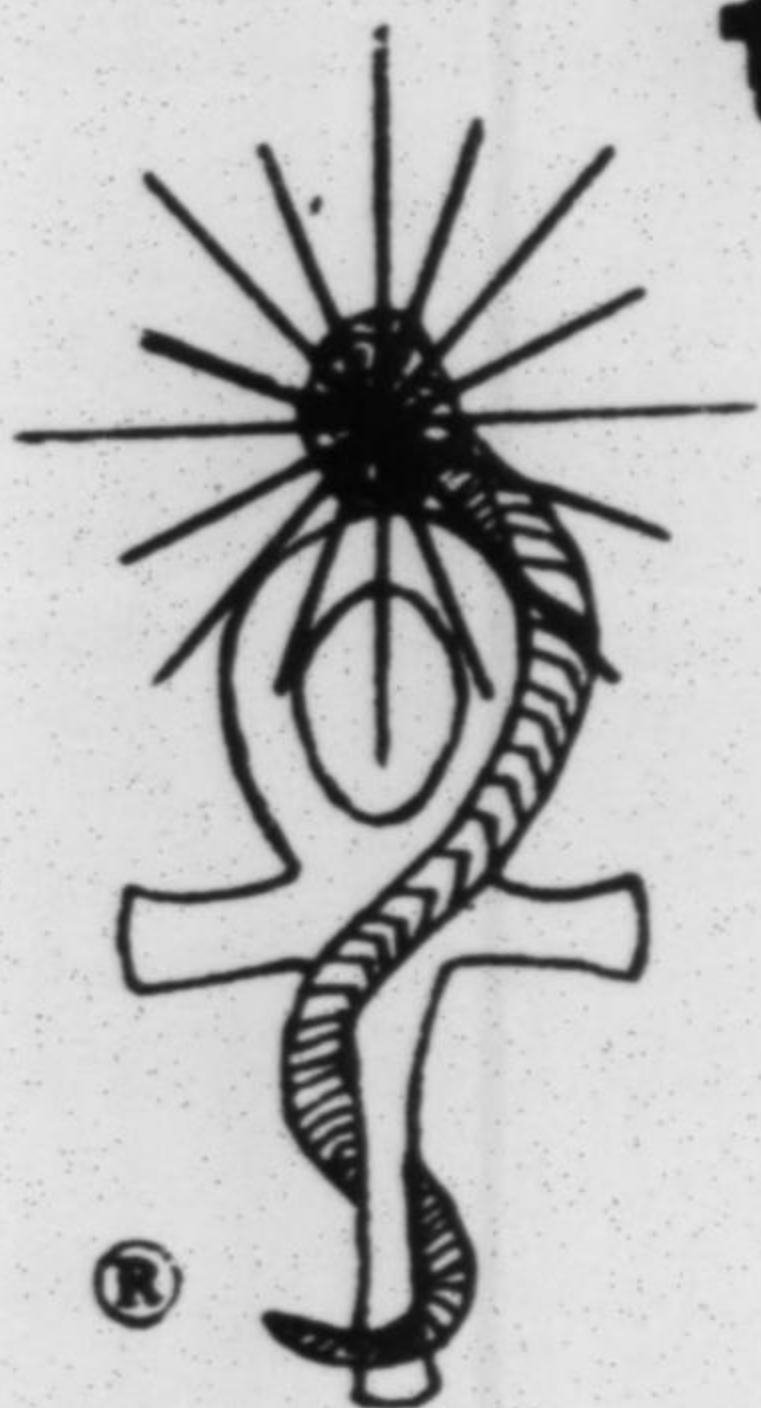
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And the woman and her current boyfriend—they are unmarried and he is chronically unemployed—are now the illegitimate parents of her fourth welfare baby.

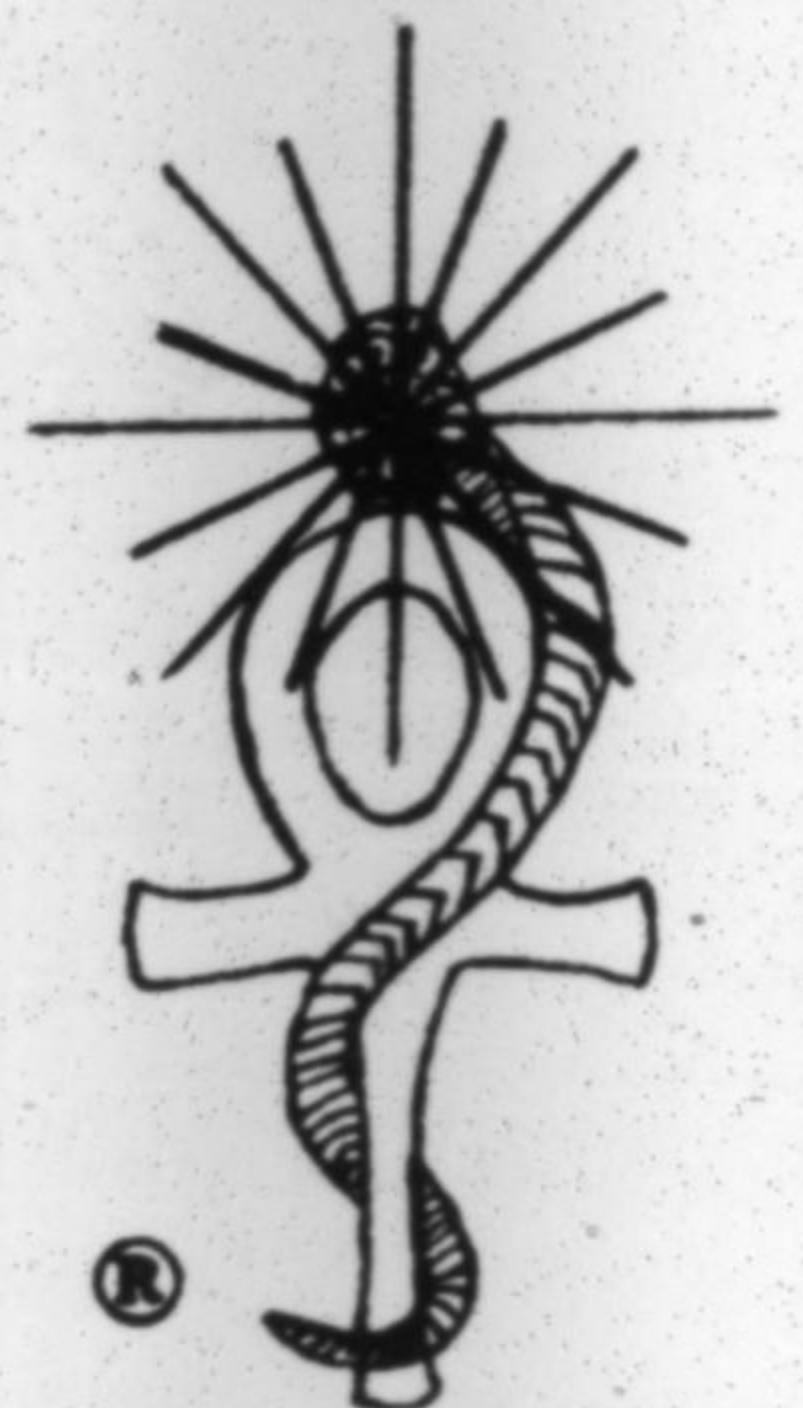
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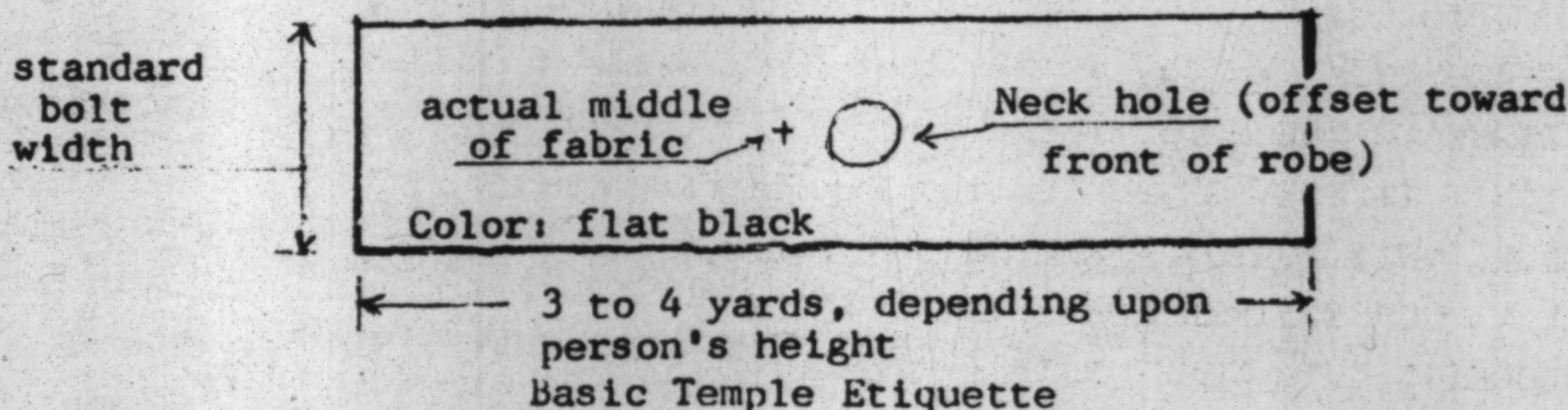
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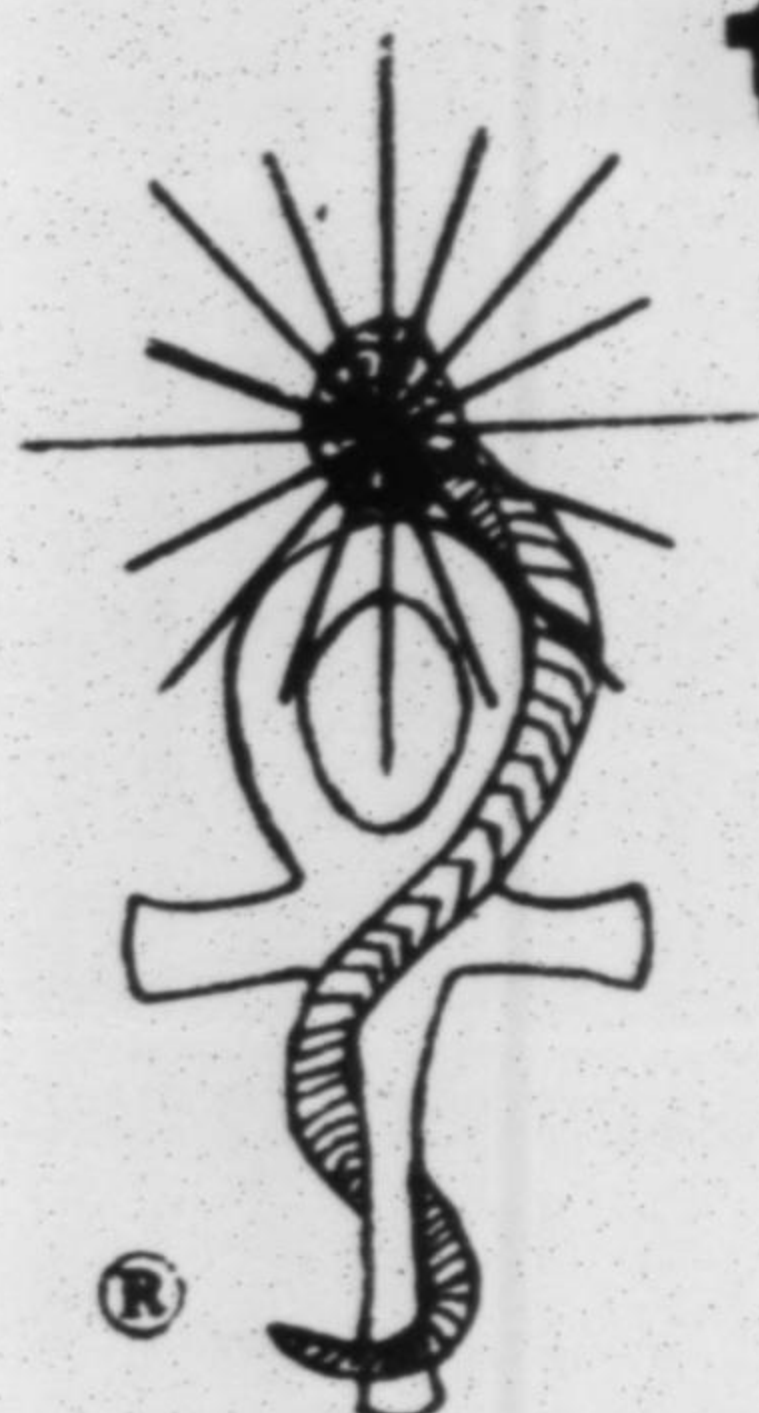


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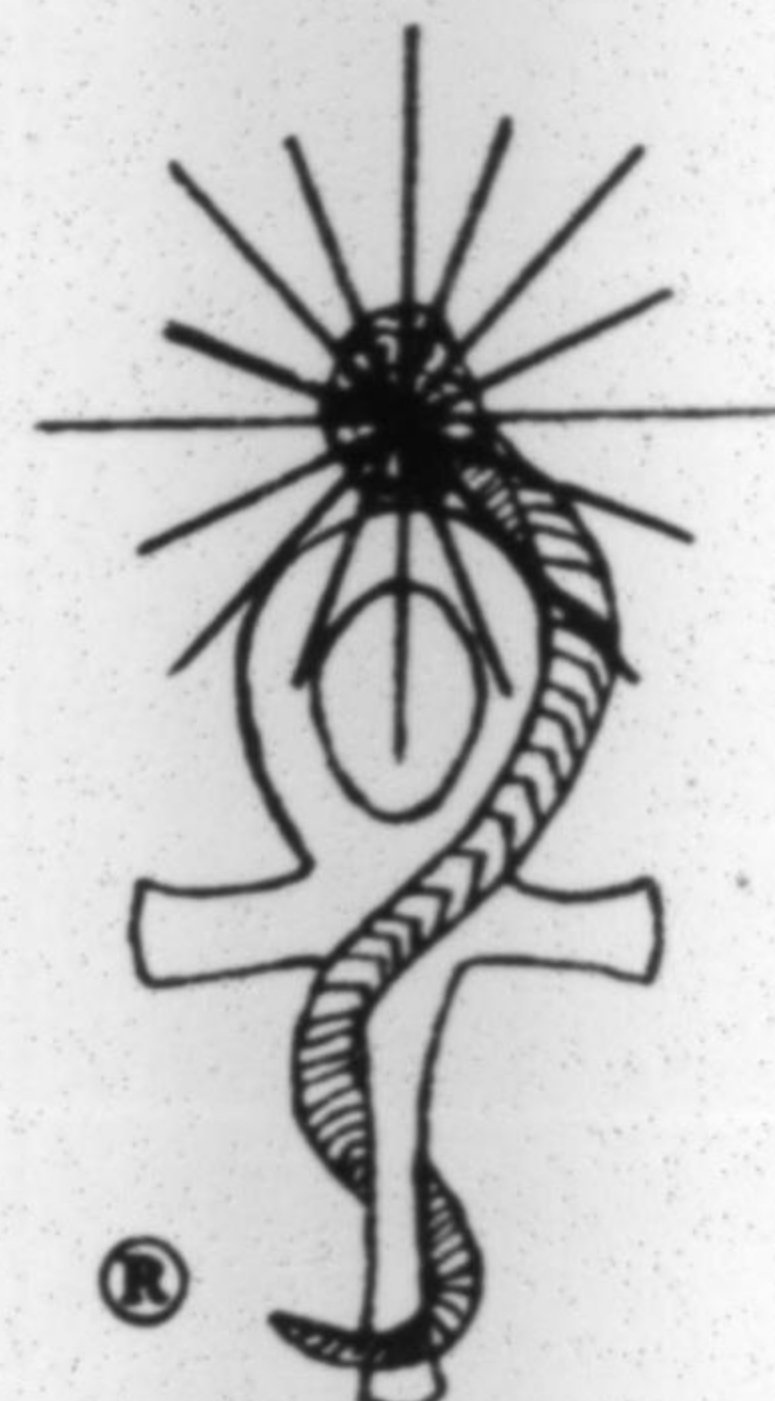
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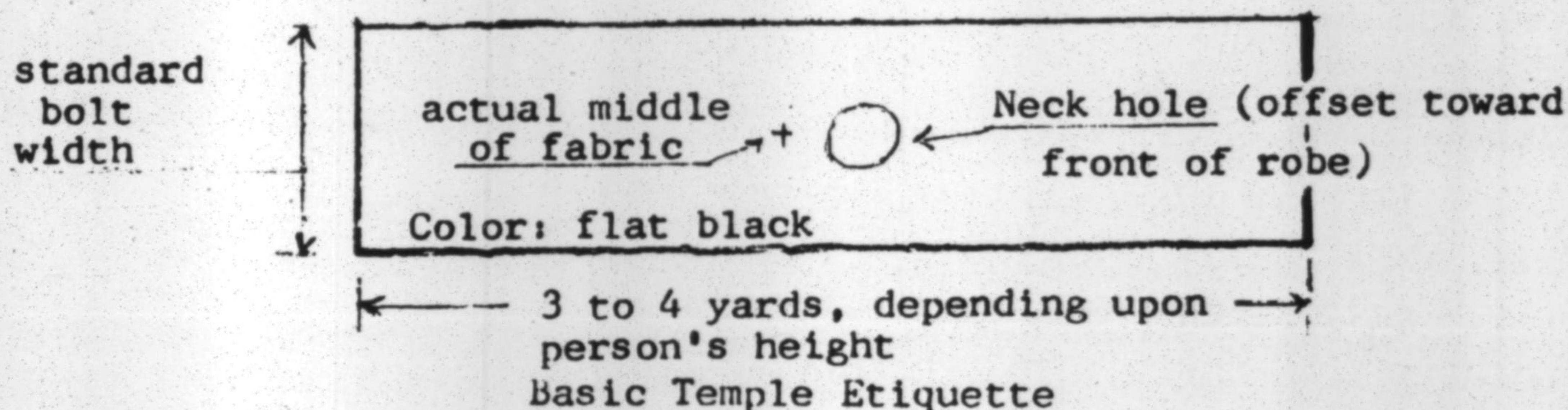
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"TIMELY QUOTATIONS"
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Thou shalt not commit adultery,
Thou shalt not steal,
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor,
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife,
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods,..."
Commandments V through X

"Oh, what tangle webs they weave,
When they practice to deceive."
Shakespeare

"VENGEANCE, before, during and after the Act."
Bulgrin the Terrible

"There is no Justice whatever in this World, and most
forms of Vengeance are illegal. Nothing is certain and little
is secure... After they stole his last crust of bread,
Jesus went out and bought a Magnum 44."
A. Hunter Sutherland

"You can't win,
You can't break even,
You can't get out of the game."
Dr. Wane Battau, paraphrasing
the 3 laws of thermodynamics.

"There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch."
R.A. Heinlein

"The best things in Life are not free, and are usually purchased
with things far more costly than mere money, such as blood,
sweat and tears."
Anon

" Truth and credibility are, unfortunately, not usually related."

"The one (and perhaps the only) advantage of Truth, is that it
remains the Truth, regardless of anyone's opinion of it."

"Slow to anger, long of memory and ingenious of mind;
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Louis T. Culling was a Thelemite (of the old school, one might say) and it was my privilege and honor to know and work with this gentleman for several years during my magickal training. No doubt my outlook on Thelema and Crowley are affected by Russell and Culling. If this is good, time will tell here too.

There is no doubt in my mind that the "Johnny-come-lately" Thelemites of the subculture have no perception whatsoever of what Crowley and Dr. Regardie are talking about, and that they parrot it as an excuse for (and cover for) their predetermined decision to revolt, take drugs, and so forth.

As Dr. Regardie has noted, the anti-backlash has already begun. Marinatha, and other hyper-Christian fundamentalist cults are springing up all over, with the same general type of people in them as were formerly in the subculture. Remember the "Witchmobile" affair?

Dr. Regardie's prediction of a catastrophe to come in a few years is interesting, as it parallels my own findings (but from a different source).

The social revolution of the Age of Aquarius may come about as the result of a large scale natural disaster--a giant meteor strike, huge earthquake, nuclear war, or population explosion.

In this regard, my hearty congratulations to Dr. Regardie for having the guts in naming the source of today's domestic violence as the blacks. I agree that black violence and crime as well as the more than geometric growth of cults of all types are the precursors of some sort of basic change. The situation in Beirut is the classical "de-civilization from within" syndrome and might well serve as a model of what the world condition is to be.

Of course, there must be some destruction in order for there to be construction but whether or not this change for the sake or change (only) will be an improvement is highly unlikely. Historically, in this century at least, it has not proven to be the case.

The Book Of The Law accurately reflects a political postulate that has been suppressed here in the U.S. for two centuries--that all men are not created equal (in this incarnation). Crowley's commentary in this regard is so good I wish it could be required reading for every congressman and senator. This, of course, is an elitist point of view. There is no doubt that Crowley was an elitist. In this respect, the title "The Law is For All" is perhaps misleading. For all of the followers, of course, but certainly not the "all" of humanity. Crowley had little or no use for the common man and says so in several places. His little joke in *Magick in Theory and Practice* notwithstanding.

After the revolution of the Age of Aquarius, "The Law Is For All" dictum could apply, if for no other reason than a goodly portion of the human population will not have survived. It is interesting to note that of all the humans that have ever lived on this planet, half are alive today. And the population is expected to double in twenty years or so. I suspect that this is the reason for the defective (if that is the correct term) souls that are incarnating these days. There aren't enough "good" ones to go around, and this is going to get much worse before it gets any better. If such a disaster should occur, "Do what Thou Wilt" would be the *Law of Survival* as well.

In the course of this review, I have deliberately not covered those features of *The Law Is For All* that have been reviewed and rereviewed by others. It is an important work, and a vastly more readable commentary than previously available.

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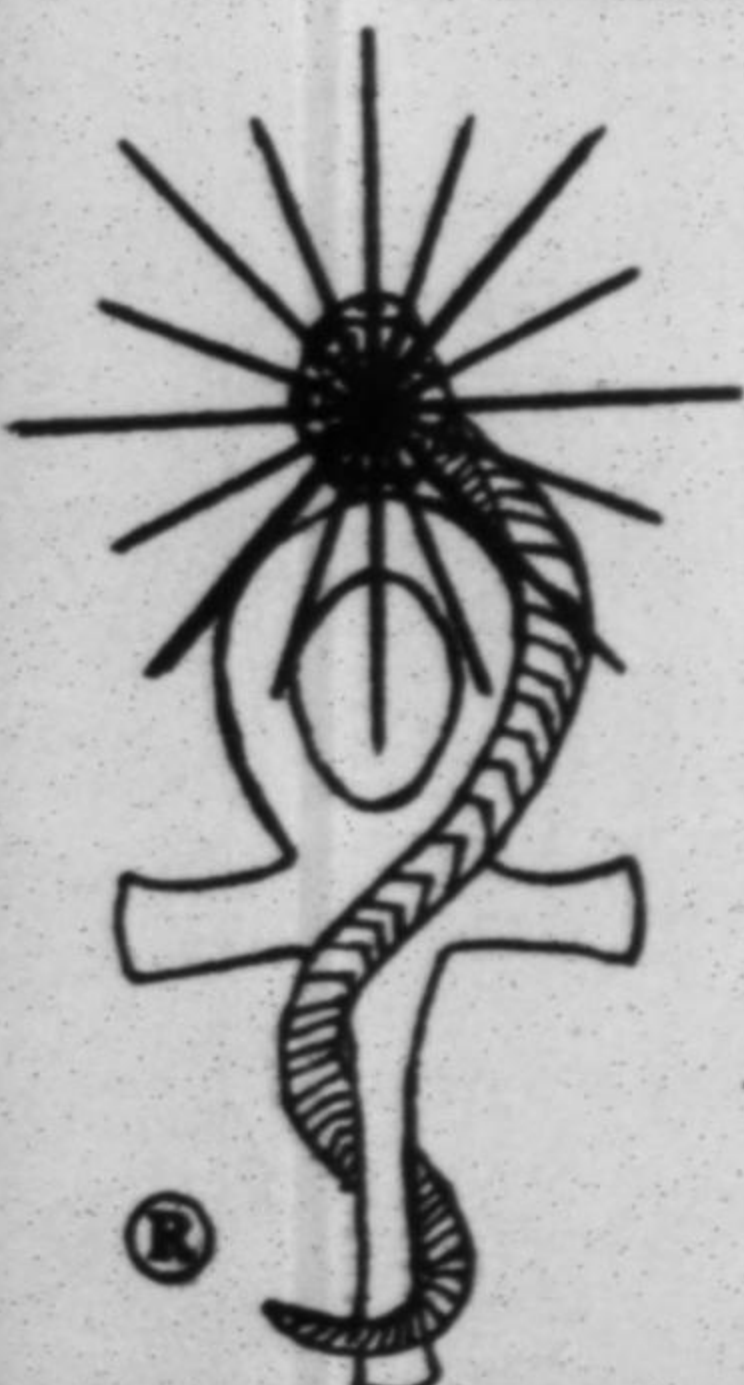
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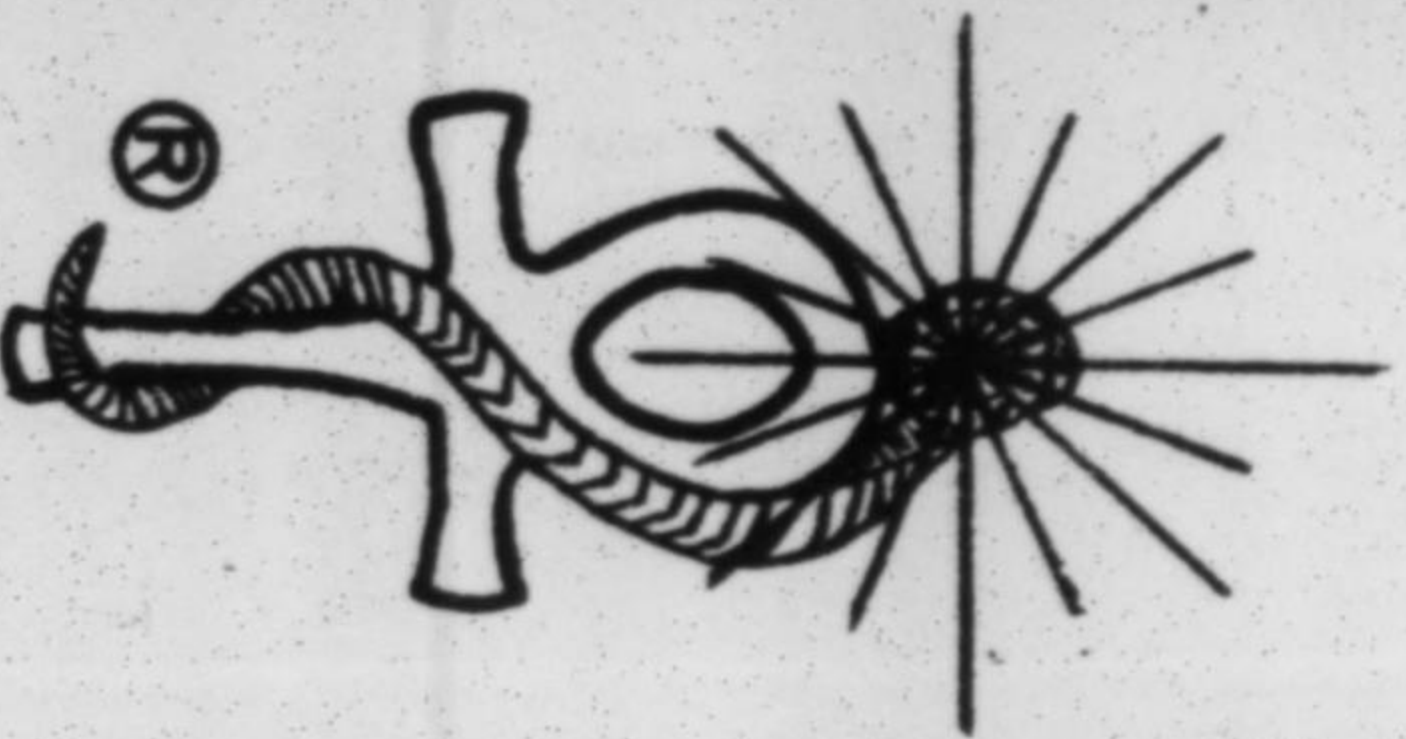
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