

VERNAL EQUINOX

(E.S.S.G) 2 = 9 Rituum Officium - Seasonal

I Consecration of the Quest

II Installation of the Gate

A) Opening the Temple

III Seasonal Ritual

In Memorium: Simon Magus, the Samaritan Mage. First Century C. E.

This is the Seasonal Ritual which shall establish a structured definition of the Ennoian Gnostic System of Simon Magus, the Samaritan Mage. Only a propagandized life history survives with a brief synopsis of the theosophy of Simon Magus written by his Christian adversaries. Despite what little of this perennial philosophy was preserved by unsympathetic minds, we can understand the profound importance of its intrinsic values and discern its relevance to the spiritual issues of our current age. It is with little wonder that the early Christians found it necessary to eliminate thoroughly such a potent challenge to moribund orthodoxy. For to declare a Gnosis of Power and self-willed transformation is damaging to the vested interests of the status-quo who desire to control the wil of the masses.

1. Introduction

Prior to working these rituals, the Temple members must say a Mass (Low) and set the Four Angles with the Host fragments.

The members must have read and discussed the character of the Ennoian Gnostic system and this becomes the subject of an initial meditation which shall set the atmosphere for the following.

2. Introit

The Celebrant bows and gives salute to the Eastern Watchtower, in honor of the season of the Vernal Equinox. All members bow in following and celebrant says:

The cycle of spiritual light turns again, and at each quarter a new philosophy is declared, a new Gnosis is revealed, a different magick is expressed: all unto the endless and eternal spiral of the evolution of consciousness.

I Reveal the Gnosis of the Ennoia (*Thought*) and the Ischus (*Power*), which acts as

its Liberator.

3. Gnostic Exegesis

The Celebrant begins to circumambulate the magick circle deocil, slowly while saying the following.

Before the creation of cosmos there was silence and mystery. Thus the one root in perpetuity. Yet this unity is expressed as Ischus, which is power; it exists as all-potential within itself. It is the father and mother of Spirit. Yet it is unbegotten and the Bornless one.

The power, through its will, emanates into Nous (*mind*) and Ennoia (*thought*). For the Nous being the God resides within the feminine spirit of Ennoia which engenders all phenomenon. This was the beginning of the emanations that generated the multifaceted dimensions of being.

But when individual beings found their will, the unity of being was hidden and obscured. And the Ennoia became held in bondage, not remembering the inner reality of the eternal union and being seduced by the vanity of the petty wills. Therefore was she made bereft of her status and cast down with every form of humiliation and degradation. She wandered, lost in the darkness of an alienated world of cold autonomous consciousness.

The power is summoned forth by her willed exaltation amidst her despair and it causes her purification, liberation and beatification; yet the return to full grace is a journey neither swift nor without its trials and pain. For to retain the state of Ennoia unbound by the petty wills of selfish blindnesses, this power shall be channeled, and our thoughts shall be released to blend into the Universal Ssource which is Silence.

3. Seasonal Vortex

The Sentinel in the Eastern Watchtower makes the sign of the Equal-arm cross and vibrates the letter *Iota* and intones the word *Isos* (Equal) and says:

From the silence of the Absolute came forth the *Logos*. The basis of all reality is the symbol-word which is the creative archetype; the understanding of which reveals the primary structure which emanates from the cosmic mind.

The Sentinel in the Southern Watchtower makes the sign of the Equal-arm cross and vibrates the letter *Sigma* and intones the word *Syma* (Omen) and says:

From the silence of the Absolute came forth the *Noma*. The name of the symbol contains the image of its potency. Through the name is the reality of all phenomenon perceived.

The Sentinel in the Western Watchtower makes the sign of the Equal-arm cross and vibrates the letter *Chi* and intones the word *Chalkis* (Nigh-hawk), and says:

From the silence of the Absolute came forth the *Dianoia*. The intent of the individual is that which characterizes the power (which is neutral in its primary state). The journey upon the path and its ultimate destiny embodies the intent of the Absolute.

The Sentinel in the Northern Watchtower makes the sign of the Equal-arm cross and vibrates the letter *Upsilon* and intones the word *hUpaspitys* (Shield-bearer) and says:

From the silence of the absolute came forth the *Phone*. The utterance or expression of the word represents the action of the power emanating into form. The action unleashes the potential of the Cosmic Will.

The Celebrant in the Center of the circle makes the sign of the Equal-arm cross and vibrates the letter *Sigma* and intones the word *Semnos* (Honor) and says:

From the silence of the Absolute came forth the two qualities in one; the *Nous* and the *Ennoia*. For the Mind of All is suspended within the center of Thought, and both are exalted when Thought is released.

The Celebrant joins the East, South, West and Northern nodes to the Ultrapoint in the center of the circle. He says:

**Iota, Sigma, Chi, Upsilon, Sigma
Isos, Syma, Chalkis, hUpaspitys, Semnos. I.S.Ch.U.S.**

The power is the source of all emanations and silence.

All members complete the ritual with meditation upon what has been revealed.

