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## Celebration in Colorado Springs

Frater Zosimos

Do what thou wilt shall be  
the whole of the Law.

Crux Ansata agreed to celebrate an Equinox of the Gods ritual, and perform a Gnostic Mass to boot, in Colorado Springs. Our ambition was to promote the Law of Thelema and present the opportunity to the pagan community to be exposed to the central rite of the EGC. While searching for existing Equinox rites, Soror Kelly and I came upon one that was written by a sister of the order who had been involved in a variety of pagan and Thelemic traditions. Because this mirrored our experience, we resonated with her work in particular, and felt as though we found the perfect ritual for the festivities and circumstances.<sup>1</sup> In keeping with the theme of a link between Thelemic and other pagan practices, we made the suggestion that should a Gnostic Mass follow, it might be best received if it were (as had been Crux Ansata's tradition) an ecstatic Mass with drumming.



*"This is the night Darkness gave birth to  
Light; when Death gave way to Life, Fear to  
Love, and Slavery to Liberty*

*This is the night when the power of the slave  
Gods was broken. This is the night when the old  
and dying world gave way to renewal by fire*

*This is the Equinox of the Gods."*

As Kelly and I agreed to work out details of location, public announcements to the community, and the logistics of moving temple furniture- we were surprised by the invitation to lead the ritual as Priest and Priestess. After fits of excited and nervous giggling, we immediately answered that we would be honored to do so. We sent requests for

our Bishop's blessing and were delighted with an affirmative answer.

From there, the concept of free time was meaningless. If we weren't studying the ritual, we were coordinating with a local Unity Church for the space needed. If not that, we were gathering together costume pieces, and looking for ways to reduce costs and work as the current setup in Denver would be difficult to move as a whole. Friends and family assisted us with making our costumes and providing suggestions on how best to use existing furniture. We used a workbench and modified it so that an accompanying set of shelves could slide snugly over it to provide additional surface space and stability. We then acquired a simple small bookshelf to serve as the super-altar and painted it black to go well with the red velvet that would be used to cover the altar proper. A pair of columns was donated to the body by Chris D.- E. and Kelly sanded them down a bit and put on a fresh coat of paint, cleaning them up nicely.

Finding myself in need of a lance, I used a staff that provided support during a pagan festival the previous year to serve as the shaft then ordered the tip online. The staff had already undergone a transformation as I had shaped and sharpened it using crude but ancient methods using only fire and stone. For its new purpose, the end was shaved down a bit but some of the burnt wood was still exposed and added character. Once I sanded then stained the staff, I saw that leaving it brought out a beauty and seemed to serve as a reminder of the never-ending cycle of life and rebirth.

All in all, with a few days to spare, we had acquired all the tools, equipment, and implements needed to perform the Mass. The space was reserved for a large block of time for a very low cost and a feast was planned the morning of the rituals at our home for the Brethren.

Execution of the setup for the rituals could not have been smoother. Setup took no more than 20 minutes, giving Soror Yvonne and Frater Chris plenty of time to prepare for their performance of

the EoG ritual. We had a much larger congregation than was expected. We are delighted to report that about 30 people attended the two rituals, many of whom had not attended a Gnostic Mass before. The EoG ritual was beautifully performed and with its blend of meditations and singing, the congregation formed a powerful focus which charged the temple space and served to prepare them for the Mass which followed.

The drumming during the Mass was useful as a point of familiarity for the Wiccans attending the ritual. I am a huge fan of the concept that the ritual is for the congregants and that it should be in a form that they can identify with. Drumming or using music provides a beautiful catalyst for this goal. It is stated in the Manifesto of the Gnostic Catholic Church that we should perform this public ritual in the following manner, "...while adhering to the vital elements of the most ancient true tradition, fixes its attention on, and its aims most truly in, the Future." I was deeply honored to have been given this opportunity to aid in the promulgation of Thelema and look forward to more along the way.

Love is the law, love under will.



**Liber CI**  
**{Book 101}**  
**O. T. O.**  
**Ordo Templi Orientis**  
**An Open Letter to**  
**Those Who May Wish**  
**to Join the Order**  
**Enumerating the Duties**  
**and Privileges**

Ninth through twelfth houses presented here:

**NINTH HOUSE**

35. Every Brother is expected to spend a great part of his spare time in the study of the principles of the Law and of the Order, and in searching out the key to its great and manifold mysteries.

36. He should also do all in his power to spread the Law, especially taking long journeys, when possible, to remote places, there to sow the seed of the Law.

**TENTH HOUSE**

37. All pregnant women are especially sacred to members of the Order, and no effort should be spared to bring them to acceptance of the Law of Freedom, so that the unborn may benefit by that impression. They should be induced to become members of the Order, so that the child may be born under its aegis.

38. If the mother that is to be have asserted her will to be so in contempt and defiance of the Tabus of the slave-gods, she is to be regarded as especially suitable to our Order, and the Master of the Lodge in her district shall offer to become, as it were, godfather to the child, who shall be trained specially, if the mother so wishes, as a servant of the Order, in one of its Profess-Houses.

39. Special Profess-Houses for the care of women of the Order, or those whose husbands or lovers are members of the Order, will be instituted, so that the

frontal duty of womankind may be carried out in all comfort and honour.

40. Every Brother is expected to use all his influence with persons in a superior station of life (so called) to induce them to join the Order. Royal personages, ministers of State, high officials in the Diplomatic, Naval, Military, and Civil Services are particularly to be sought after, for it is intended ultimately that the temporal power of the State be brought into the Law, and led into freedom and prosperity by the application of its principles.

41. Colleges of the Order will presently be established where the children of its members may be trained in all trades, businesses, and professions, and there they may study the liberal arts and humane letters, as well as our holy and arcane science. Brethren are expected to do all in their power to make possible the establishment of such Universities.

## ELEVENTH HOUSE

42. Every Brother is expected to do all in his power to induce his personal friends to accept the Law and join the Order. He should therefore endeavor to make new friends outside the Order, for the purpose of widening its scope.

## TWELFTH HOUSE

43. The Brethren are bound to secrecy only with regard to the nature of the rituals of our Order, and to our words, signs, etc. The general principles of the Order may be fully explained, so far as they are understood below the VI<sup>o</sup>; as it is written, "The ordeals I write not: the rituals shall be half known and half concealed: the Law is for all." It is to be observed that punctual performance of these duties, so that the report thereof is noised abroad and the fame of it cometh even unto the Throne of the Supreme and Holy King himself, will weigh heavily in the scale when it comes to be a question of the high advancement of a Brother in the Order.

***-“OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE BRETHREN,” Sections 1-5 to be included in the next issue of Montes Magicales!***

## Genesis: An Initiate's Perspective

Frater f. Fenderson

Do what Thou Wilt, shall be the whole of the Law.

It is my will to share a very special interpretation of Genesis 1:1. Using a little gematria, we may show its link to the stone of the wise, the Great Work completed. The details of the gematria were taught to me during a Kabbalah class with Ra-Harakhte Lodge in Jacksonville, Florida during the late nineties. The details were revealed to and taught by our EGC Priest, Robert Pendell. I humbly present my interpretation.

Genesis 1:1 is a widely known Bible verse. The verse reads as follows, in Hebrew,

“B’reshit bara Elohim et ha’shamayim ve’et ha’aretz.”

In English, from the King James Version:

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. “

B’reshit is most often translated to mean “in the beginning or from the beginning.” It can also mean from the head or from the source. Bara is a verb that means “to create” and almost always refers to the creative energy of God. Importantly, bara does not mean to create, in the usual sense, but rather to differentiate, separate, and to allocate roles. The God name used here is Elohim, a name containing the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural, which would warrant a translation something like Godsesses. Here we have the male and the female, the one and the many. The final phrase, et ha’shamayim ve’et ha’aretz, translates cleanly into, the heavens and the earth. Et, used at the beginning of the verse is a participle used in front of a direct object so as to indicate, “the heavens and the earth, all of it, or everything.” The complete translation of this segment, then:

“From the Source a male and female collective of god created All of the heaven and All of the earth.”

In Semitic theology, this is usually taken to indicate that the cosmos had a definite beginning. Along with the second verse, it is taken to indicate the condition of the world when creation began. This reasoning led to the notion that God created everything out of nothing, creation ex nihilo, which is a central theme in Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. This standard approach involves the idea that what is being described is an event that has taken place at some distant time in the past. This work proposes another approach will show that what is being described in the verse is an event which occurs presently in the lives of all true Adepts. Indeed, this is not some event that has gone and passed but is actually the Summum Bonum of the Great Work, the process by which one attains to the knowledge and conversation of their Holy Guardian Angel.

In a session of meditation Robert Pendell was directed to sum the value of Genesis 1:1 which equated to 2,701. Bob was puzzled and unsure of what to do with 2,701. After some effort Bob thought to factor. The prime factors are 37 and 73. Bob thought the numerical symmetries were amusing and liked that they all sum to 1. Bob noticed quickly that Yechidah = 37. Yechidah is the Divine spark of self which usually rests in the sphere of Kether on the Tree of Life.

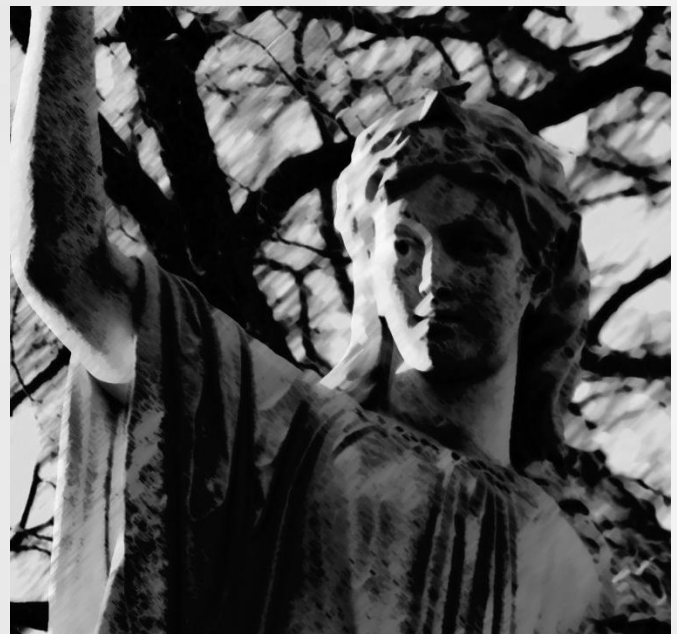
Bob realized also that 73 is equal to Gimel. That is, Gimel, when spelled out gives the value of 73. Recall that Gimel is the path on the Tree of Life connecting the spheres of Kether and Tipheret through the Abyss and the non-sephira Da'at. Tipheret is the sphere of Christos. It is said, that upon attainment, the divine spark, Yechidah, descends upon the path of Gimel to the sphere of Tipheret where the initiate is born anew and made an Adept.

Yechidah times Gimel births the creation of the magickal universe for the Adept. Before the anointing from above, of the divine spark, the initiate

has not the tools necessary to know clearly either the earth or the heavens. The birth from above establishes a direct connection to the Source leaving the Adept in the world but no longer of the world. In this way their world becomes created as in the sense of Bara which is more to differentiate and allocate. The Adept gains the eyes to see the world as it is. So from this perspective the verse is not describing some event in the distant past but rather a process of spiritual rebirth that is waiting to occur in the lives of initiates.

This lesson would go on to become part of Bob's Bible study classes called "The Fellowship of Sinners." I learned to have a great deal of appreciation for the secret teachings of the Bible from these courses with Bob. I hope I have been clear in presenting this lesson. Thank you Bob for all of the hard work you have done for us.

Love is the Law, Love under Will.



1. <http://lah.nithaus.org/Pages/Monsalvat/rituals/Vequinox.html>

## ***Crux Ansata Upcoming Events (March through June, 2014)***

### ***Research Study Group***

Fri, March 21, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

### ***EGC Meeting (private)***

Sun, March 23, 3 pm - 5 pm

### ***Class: "Magick: A Guide to Daily Ritual Work"***

Sundays April 6, May 4, June 1, 2 pm - 4 pm, see website calendar for location

### ***Gnostic Mass (public)***

Sat, April 12, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, 7401 W 59th Ave, Arvada, Colorado 80003

### ***I° Initiations***

Sat, Apr 19, 2014. All questions should be directed to one of our local officers at  
[cruxansata\\_oto@yahoo.com](mailto:cruxansata_oto@yahoo.com)

### ***Gnostic Mass (private)***

Sun, April 27, 3 pm - 5 pm, A private celebration of the Gnostic Mass, for initiate affiliates and initiate members only.

### ***Gnostic Mass (public)***

Sat, May 10, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, 7401 W 59th Ave, Arvada, Colorado 80003

### ***Gnostic Mass (private)***

Sun, May 25, 3 pm - 5 pm, A private celebration of the Gnostic Mass, for initiate affiliates and initiate members only.

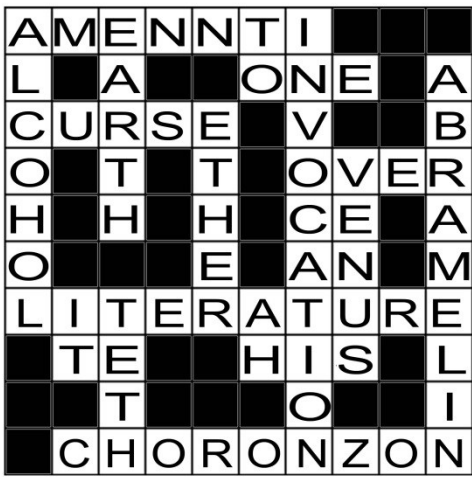
### ***Gnostic Mass (public)***

Sat, June 14, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, 7401 W 59th Ave, Arvada, Colorado 80003

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PUZZLE by Frater al'Bali:  
Solution for last month's puzzle - - -



This month's puzzle is a cryptogram!!

“Q nvah thahc bcift igd iz dnh  
qtzvtdqjh thjqhz dnvd dnh gtqahckh  
fvk pvoh zic ph di kgme.”

Aleister Crowley

Solution to be published in the next “Montes Magicales.” If you're very, very good.





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