

Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 12

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Arcanum 9 – Teth ♄

English: *The Hermit*

Spanish: *El Eremita*. Meaning “eremite, hermit, one who lives away from other people”

French: *L'Ermite*. Meaning “hermit, eremite (a hermit or recluse, especially one under a religious vow)”

Meaning: Initiation. Solitude. Suffering. PRUDENCE. One must learn to understand, one must learn to suffer, and one must learn to be resigned.

Transcendental Axiom: “CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN AND CONTEMPLATE THE PROMISED LAND, BUT I DID NOT SAY THAT YOU CAN ENTER INTO IT.”



Explanation of the Card: In this Arkanum we find in the Waters of Life a rising MOON. In the middle section, an ELDERLY HERMIT in the act of going forward, holding in his left hand the lamp which lights the path, it is the LAMP OF HERMES, Wisdom. The STAFF OF THE PATRIARCHS, which is in his right hand, and supports him, represents the spinal column with its Seven Churches. The wise and prudent Hermit is wrapped in the Protective Mantle of Apollonius which symbolizes Prudence. Behind him one sees the PALM OF VICTORY. In the upper part is a Sun which illuminates with three rays, indicating the THREE PRIMARY FORCES, descending to unite with the Moon. The Moon rises and the Sun descends, which indicates that we need to transform the Moon into the Sun by means of Transmutation; to convert the Lunar Bodies into Solar Bodies by means of the Arkanum A.Z.F. Arkanum Nº 9 clearly indicates the 9 Spheres of the atomic infernos of Nature and the 9 Spheres of the 9 Heavens. This Arkanum also indicates the 9 Planets represented in the 9 Spheres of the Planet Earth. The Initiate has to descend to the 9 Submerged Spheres in order to later attain the 9 Heavens which correspond to each planet.

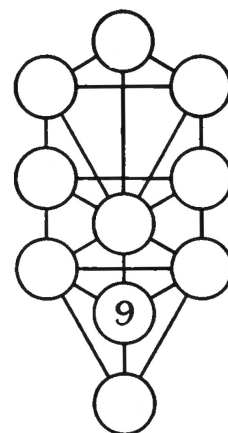
Related Explanation: The occult science is preserved by silence and perpetuated by initiation. The number 9 represents complete truth, perfect initiation. The law of silence is not therefore absolute and inviolable, except relative to the uninitiated multitude. Such knowledge can be transmitted through speech, and so the wise must sometimes speak (not to disclose, but to lead others to discover). Let us, then, reveal the mysteries of initiation to the wise and prudent seeker.

As we have said, the destiny of man is to make or create himself. He is and he will always be the child of his works, both for time and for eternity. Therefore man must become master of himself, so as to be master of his works. To become master of oneself is to employ the laws of discipline and the laws of the universal hierarchy. It is to establish oneself upon the foundations of a secret doctrine that is both a reasonable religion and a sacred science.

There is a unique, universal and imperishable doctrine (which is the source of all others), the practice of which grants privileges that appear superhuman and unbelievable to the multitudes.

In nature there exists a force which is more powerful than steam or dynamite or rocket fuel, and by means of which a single person (who can seize it and know how to direct it) will overturn and change the face of the earth. This force was known to the ancients: it consists of a universal agent (the supreme law of which is equilibrium) and through its direction one immediately holds the secret of the Great Arcanum of the occult sciences.

This secret constitutes the fatal science of good & evil and its result (as soon as it is divulged) is death. This explains why the number 9 (which is the ternary in all its fecundity or 3×3) corresponds to Yesod, which is the foundation or principle of all existence and of life itself. Yesod is also the foundation or the basis of all truth (the criterion of certainty). It is the perfect agreement of reason and authority: it gives perfect order, which is universal harmony.



Practice 1

Those who work for the first time in the Magnum Opus need at least 20 years of intense work, in order to then enter into the second part of the work for another 20 years in order to slowly withdraw from the Laboratory work. For a total of 40 years in order to perform the entire work. However, when the alchemist spills the cup of Hermes, the fire of the furnace of their laboratory is off and the entire work is lost...

MANTRAMS FOR SEXUAL MAGIC: I.A.O. OU AOAI OUO OUOAE KORE

Now continue with the powerful Mantrams: **KAWLAKAW, SAWLASAW, ZEESAR.**

KAWLAKAW is the Inner God.

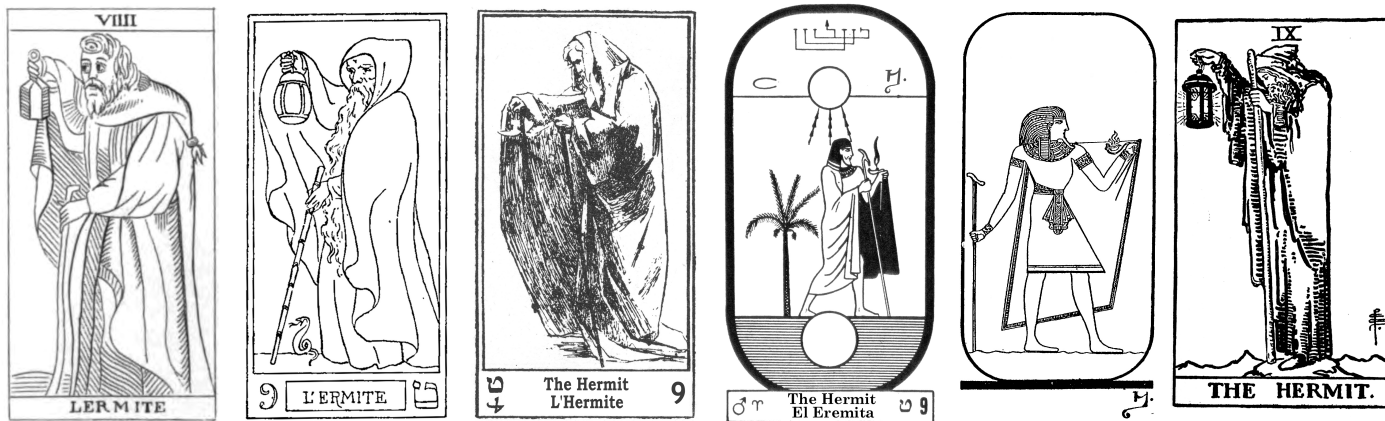
SAWLASAW is the terrestrial man.

ZEESAR is the Astral body.

These powerful Mantrams develop all the internal powers.

Practice 2

We have already mentioned the Mantram **INRI** and its modifications: **INRI, ENRE, ONRO, UNRU, ANRA**. The alchemist must never forget any of these Mantrams. The alchemist must always do the will of the Father; he must be humble in order to attain Wisdom and then, after having attained it, he must be even more humble than before. Remember that it is better to keep quiet and to die.¹ While the sinful Adam is dying, the Adam-Christ is being born.



¹ This refers to the conditions necessary in order to be a Magician (see Arcanum 1).