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A message from the Editor, Jonathan Ludd

Welcome to our fourth issue of Baphomet Lodge Newsletter, we have seen interesting event unfold since Beltane on both a spiritual and mundane level, yet what is pleasing to see is that our members remain strong – Fulfilled in the knowledge that together, as one, we are stronger. A strength that has broken down many barriers and shown us the light of truth. It has been pleasing to see people's commitment to share in trust their inner thoughts and desires.

The Lodge has seen further enquiries this month from local people, and further the return of a past-member to the path, which is great news. We are busy preparing for the installation of our Brothers and Sisters into their 27th Degree within Huntingdon Preceptory, and this is certainly a turning point in the history of the Lodge to date – This will enable the Lodge as a whole, to move ever forward with the Rites of Passage for all.

So, a revealing month in many respects – and we live in the knowledge of a bright month ahead

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The Journey of the Spiritual Warrior

A series of recent events in my life has caused me to stop and ponder on the role of The Ansar in today's modern world and just where the 'The Spiritual Warrior' actually fit in.

In respect of the 'warrior' aspect the first 'inner battles' can begin very early on for followers of this path with the realisation of the many personal challenges that are all a great part of the learning process. Yet every personal battle won simply serves to make each student stronger. Time and time again these challenges present themselves to each and every one of us, regardless of how long we have been on the journey. As anyone on a spiritual journey can testify the challenges and battles of a spiritual nature often come from deep within, non more so than the battle of the 'Death of the Ego'; a very hard battle but one that every Gnostic priest needs to win.

Challenges are the way in which humanity grows and learns; otherwise we would all just stand still and stagnate. Often a path that is different, not quite the 'norm', not in the public domain and one that challenges known and comfortable ways of thinking brings with it 'battles' of another kind from fellow humans. Not understanding it they will thus confront. It is the way of humanity to challenge and confront that which it does not understand. One of the roles of the Gnostic Priest is to teach and educate with grace, humility and empathy.

Obviously and thankfully the days of persecution are long gone but the Spiritual Warrior will often feel themselves walking on the hairs breath of reality with echoes of the past only a whisper away, still feeling that the battle continues to this very day. We walk in the footsteps of the first spiritual warriors – the Knights Templars; we too are continuing the same spiritual battle, a very humbling experience.

It is suggested within the scriptures that Mary Magdalene taught the Ansar, the path of the spiritual warrior and that she returned to Qumran after Jesus death for this very purpose of teaching. It is further suggested that the first spiritual warriors, the Knights Templars were Mary's own Knights and were those who protected and guarded her. Therefore it can be suggested that it is Mary's legacy and knowledge that we guard and protect to this very day.

As we walk in the footsteps of the original spiritual warriors – the Knights Templars, we cannot fail to be mindful of certain eventful days in the history of the knights. King Phillip 1V took action on the 13th October 1307 on something he thought to be very threatening to the very fabric of the then society and religious thinking of the day; something which sealed the fate of many knights in a horribly fatal way. It also insured them a lasting and enduring place in history and mythology and much has been written on the subject since.



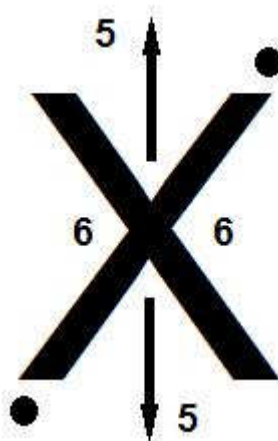
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If one casts ones mind back to those turbulent times who amongst us today could have stood up to be counted? Who today would have protected the fleeing knights? Who today would have given them a back room for the night? Who would have risked life and limb by cooking them a much needed meal and provide clean clothing as they fled from France to comparative safety in England and Scotland? So, we who are treading this path, can we stand in the front line and be accounted for? The thought is very humbling.

Yet if attacks do come our way today thankfully they are usually of the verbal kind and as spiritual warriors we always remain steadfast, united and humble. But it is worth bearing in mind that as brothers and sisters on this path, if history was ever to repeat itself, would we stand strong together and be counted as the Serpent Army? Just what would we give for our brothers and sisters? Just how ready are we to lay everything on the line? Whether the battle be spiritual or physical are we ready, really ready to let go of ourselves for the path of the spiritual warrior?

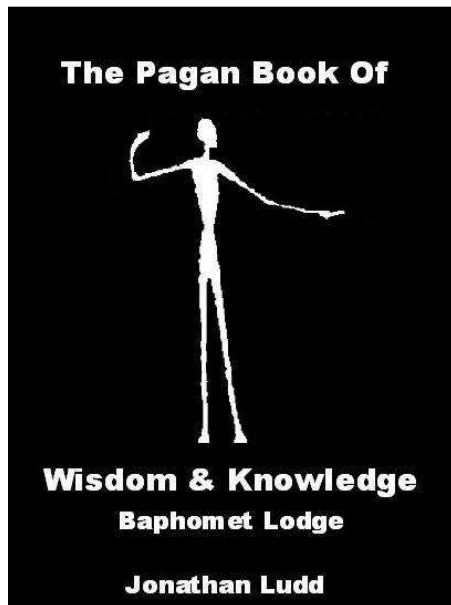
What is that we feel flowing through our veins? Is it merely a biological function of our human bodies or is it that part of our existence, that living thread that still binds us to all those Spiritual Warriors, those brave Knights who have gone before us, who fought to preserve and protect the truth and who gave their lives to the priesthood so that we can now walk humbly in their giant footsteps?

Janis (Craft Tutor) June 2009



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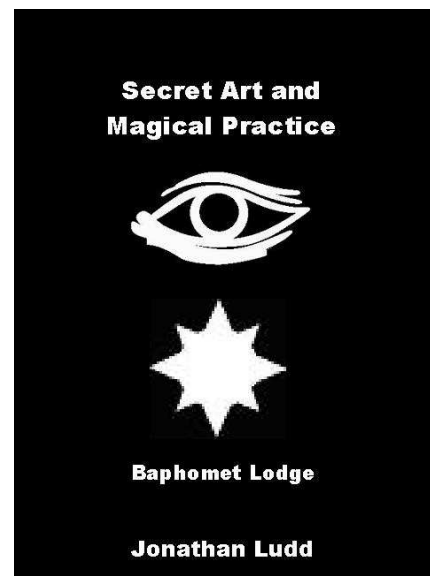
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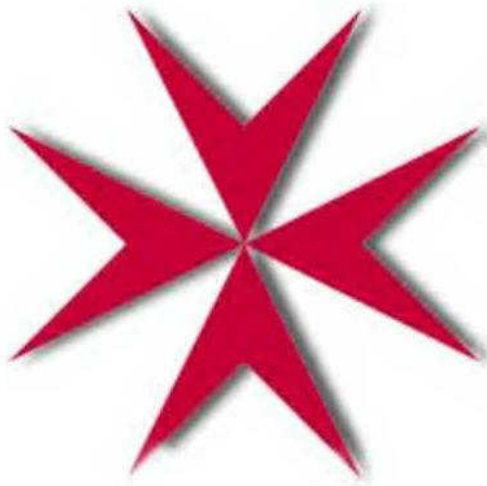
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The Seven Alka Antam Principles

1. Reveal the common threads that unite all religions to create peace, love, tolerance and understanding between the religions, and to know that we are all One.
2. Reveal the links between all the religions and that many of them originated in the same places, such as the Motherlands of Lemuria, and they therefore have the same heritage.
3. Reveal that many religions began as pure spirituality before being clouded over by hierarchal dogmatic teachings.
4. Follow spirituality as an experience of the heart, with purification and conscious transformation uniting male and female polarities, to activate the inner divine wisdom.
5. Teach that our Path is of the original Goddess Path of the Divine, brought to this plain thousands of years ago, and known by many names across many religions and traditions.
6. Teach that there are many paths to purification and transformation. That we teach hundreds of paths that culminates in gnosis.
7. Understand that when enough people have opened their hearts to experience spirituality, only then will all dogmas be dissolved, and then a one-world spiritual tradition will unfold.