

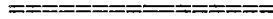
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Explanation of the Rosicrucian Certificate and the Seal of the Supreme Magus with Kabbalistic Notes.

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The Order is essentially a Christian Order, and its members are selected from among those who have already entered the Masonic Brotherhood, and who have learned the true meaning of squares, levels and perpendiculars; to such, a few brief words will suffice to explain the points in the Rosicrucian Certificate which may not be self-evident.

The Seven Stars represent the seven lower Sephiroth from

דסה(KHESED) to **חובלמ**(MALKOOTH) inclusive, and these are also equivalent to the seven planets and the seven angels governing them. Cassiel, Sachiël, Zamael, Michael, Anael, Raphael, and Gabriel, representing saturn, jupiter, Mars, Sol, venus, mercury, and Luna.

The Crown of Glory is emblematical of the 1st Sephira the Crown **דחב** (KETHER), which represents the highest trinity of the Sephiroth, Macroprosopus the Father. This Trinity added to the preceding seven stars is ten, the number of the Sephiroth; but inasmuch as this Supernal Trinity is above all things, so it is partly concealed and partly manifest, and, therefore, is given under the symbol of the Crown. On the band is the word "Resurgum."

I.N.R.I. Are the English equivalents of the hebrew initials of the words **חשבי** **פימי** **רעב** **חור**(YAMMEEM, NOAR, ROOAKH, YEVAISHAUH), which mean Water, Fire, Air, and dry Land or Earth, in addition to their well-known meanings—

Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judaeorum,
 Igne Nitrum Roris Invenitur,
 Igne Natura Renovanda Tntegrat,
 Igne Natura Renovatur Integra

The cross in the Lozenge is the jewel of the Order and contains a word in which you have been already instructed. It is to be noted that the lozenge is a figure formed of two equilateral triangles, and the Cross represents the equated force of the elements; Macroprosopus and Microprosopus, the four Cherubim; the Zodiacal Signs, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius, and conceals the name **יהוה** Tetragrammaton which refers to the Son Microproposus; its meaning as traced below the Crown but at the head of the symbol of

מלכות(MALCOOTH), Created Nature, signifies "such as is the father so also is the Son," "that which is below is like that which is above."

"οὐδείς γινώσκει τίς ἐστὶν ὁ υἱός, εἰ μὴ ὁ πατήρ, καὶ τίς ἐστὶν ὁ πατήρ, εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱός, καὶ ὃ ἐὰν βούληται ὁ υἱός ἀποκαλύψαι.»—Luke x., 22, and Matth. xi., 27.

"ὁ ἐωρακὼς ἐμέ, ἐώρακε τὸν πατέρα.»—John xiv., 9.

Microprosopus is the reflection of Macroprosopus, as is evident from a reference to the Greek quoted above; see also Heb. 1., v. 3.

The Zodiacal Signs, with the Sun in the centre, are emblems of the seasons and the great source of light and life to the system of the planets to which our Earth belongs, the Sun being the representative of the Great Omnipotent giving life, and light, and power, and heat, and motion to everything within its influence.

Circling round it is a word of Power—a word of power in four languages—Sanskrit, Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

These signs and words with the Life giving Sun in the centre, are contained in a circle, within which are four greater triangles, which their intersections form a number of lesser triangles.

The four triangles interlaced and crossing each other whose union gives twelve, are the four elements—Fire, Air, Earth and Water, each with the Triune form operating therein.

The twenty-four Flames, waved and salient alternately, typify the equilibrium of positive and negative, the twenty-four Elders who surround the Throne. These are called in the Kabbalah the twenty-four Thrones of Wisdom, on this matter Solomon says (fragment of one of his Clavicles):—

"Number, weight and measure determine the form of all things; Substance is one, and God createth it eternally."

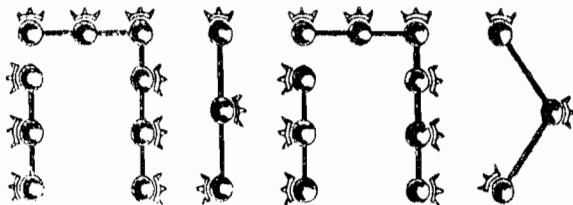
"Happy is he who understandeth Letters and Numbers"

"The Letters are from the Numbers, and the Numbers are from the Ideas, and the Ideas from the Forces, and the Forces from the Elohim. The synthesis of the Elohim is the Shêma (the Tetragrammaton יהוהי)."

"The Shêma is one, its columns are two, its Power is three, its Form is four, its reflection gives eight יהוהי כדא (Tetragrammaton-Adonai) which multiplied by three giveth you twenty-four thrones of wisdom."

"Upon each throne reposeth a crown with three rays, each ray beareth a name, each name is an absolute idea. There are seventy two names upon the twenty four crowns of the Shêma."

And seventy-two is כע the secret name of the highest world, that, namely, of Atziloth, or Archetypal Form.



The Sun in the centre is the Quinta essentia of the Universe, and the Lion אריה (AR-YAIIH) of the Alchemists.

We now arrive at the business portion of the Certificate in English and latin containing the name of the admitted Zelator with the date of his entrance.

Three Egyptian Obelisks bound and divide the two spaces thus inscribed, and at their bases bear respectively the three letters of a Hebrew word, the first emanation from the Omnipotent at the Creation; There are also, on the obelisks certain letters or characters referring to the same, and also to Life, and Death, Resurrection and Immortality.

These obelisks represent the three Pillars of the Sephiroth, viz., the right, the Pillar of Mercy, the left, the Pillar of Justice, and the middle, the Pillar of Mildness, whereon the nine Sephiroth, Kether being excepted, are placed in the form as the **עץ חיים** (AITZ HAKHIYEEM) or tree of Life. On the

right Pillar are **דמח' המכח' דמח'** and **המכח'** (NAITZAKH, KHESED and KHAUCMAUH) the 2nd, 4th and 7th Sephiroth. On the left pillar are **דומי' תוכלמ' דומי'** and **תראפת'** (MALCOOTH, YESOD AND TIPHEREETH), the 6th, 7th and 10th.





The three obelisks stand on a pavement consisting of seventy-two blocks of white marble which represent the names of the seventy-two angels bearing the names of God. These seventy-two angels are the reflection of the seventy-two names on the triple rayed Crowns above alluded to.

The Border round the edge consisting of Roses and Lilies entwined has reference to Christ the redeemer, the beauty of whose life and character has been compared to the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. Emblems of the Son and the bride, Microprosopus and **תוכלמ'** (MALCOOTH).

We now come to the seal on which much care was bestowed, and in which I was assisted materially by Frater Hughan, the past S.S.M., a veritable adept in these matters. He considers it the most perfect symbolical Seal in Masonry. The form is that of the Vesica Piscis, which represents the matrix or womb of nature, **תוכלמ'** (MALCOOTH) the bride. The inscription, the name of the Society and the Motto of the Supreme Magus, "Sit Lux et Lux Fuit." The All-Seeing Eye at the upper part, irradiated, alludes to the Omniscience of the Deity, and being single represents the eye of the father Macroprosopus. Beneath this the Cross and Crown, the triumph over death and Sin, the emblem of Father and Son, Macroprosopus and Microprosopus

conjoined. At the bottom of the seal the Star of bethlehem shedding its rays on the Three Wise Men who came from the East to worship the Infant Christ. The three Magi being represented by the figure IX in a triangle. In the body of the seal a circle surrounding a triangle, and around it the four points of the compass. Within the triangle, the Mercy Seat with the Cherubim with wings extended over it, and the Shekinah, or the visible Glory of Jehovah, with the point in the centre representing Deity Itself, the perfect equilibrium of Counter-balanced Power; the Alpha and the Omega ($\text{A.} \sim \Omega$), the Beginning and the Ending, the First and Last, the great Centre of all created things, the Prime Ruler of the Universe, the Omnipotent Jehovah. Beneath the Cherubim are the ten crowns (divided into a triad and a heptad) symbolising the ten Sephiroth.

These *Numerical Notes* on the *Seal* and its component parts analytically considered, are deserving of study:—

- 29 letters in inscription round the Seal, including the word Et obscured by the all-seeing eye.
- 4 symbols = Tetragrammaton יהוה
- 2 Letters in IX. ... = יה
- 24 points in the eight $\cdot \cdot \cdot 8 =$ the 24 rayed crowns 
- 7 lines in  and  = The Mystic number
- 5 points in Star ... = 5 pts of F., Pentagram
-  point in centre ... = Deity

Total $72 =$ *Angels* bearing the names of God.

I may observe, in conclusion, that the Numerical Notes on the seal were written some time after the Seal had been completed, and it was with a certain amount of surprise that I found that its computed number agreed Kabbalistically with the

number of the white stones forming the tessellated pavement on which stand the three obelisks.

NOTE.

The pronunciation of the Hebrew words is here given as nearly as possible phonetically and the words are not simply transliterated; au is not to be pronounced too broadly.