

# WINTER SOLSTICE

(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: Basilides of Alexandria, (Late 1st Century., C.E.)*

This is the Seasonal Ritual which shall establish a structured definition of the Abraxasian Gnostic System of Basilides who is known as the great system developer. The life history of Basilides is no longer known but his teachings and writings have made his stamp perceivable upon subsequent generations of Gnostic and Occultic literature, most notably the Hebrew Qabbalah. It is an irony upon the orthodox Christian community that such a tenacious philosophy was never successfully eliminated. Our only verification of the period and original content of his teachings are from the Refutations Against All Heresy. It is through this book that we have discovered the transference of ideas and their subsequent growth and change, much to the dishonor of the authors. For the concept of emanation and the belief in an unknowable Source beyond the gods was the catalyst for the Gnostic movement and influenced wise and sage individuals from Valentinus to Moses De Leon, and continues to influence modern occultism.

## **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 Abraxian 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 Northern Watchtower, in honor of the season of the Winter Solstice. All members bow in following and the 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 Abraxas which is the expression of the emanations; these irradiating blessings which become the hope for release from spiritual bondage, the freedom, and the redemption of the soul!**

### **3. Gnostic Exegesis**

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

[The Nihistic Source]

**In the beginning there was nothing, for it was that unknowable and undefinable Absolute beyond all human understanding. It is also that which had no substance, no non-substance, nothing simple, nothing complex, not anything that can be named or defined.**

[Creation, and the Five Emanations]

**Yet this nothingness is not inert, it is dynamic, it is intelligence and not-intelligence, creative and sentient, and inexplicable. From this source of nought comes forth seed of all potential. This is the iao of which all things have proceeded and to which all things shall return. From this seed comes forth the emanation of the five original principles which are: mind (nous), then the word (logos), and from these intelligence (phronesis), wisdom (sophia) and power (dynamis). And from the principles of the five emanations are manifested the primal universe which is both abstract and absolute - a pure symbolic model for all future manifestation to utilize and follow. For these five are harmonized and generate the hidden structure of myriads of worlds. For thus proceeded a creation upon creation of universes fulfilling the potential of the seed, until there were 365 all told. And each of these universes mirrors the original which is yet absolute.**

[The Demiurges and the Solar Son]

**In each of these universes is a god who is central to the reflected union of the five principles. Yet this god, an imperfect created image, has brought forth a creation of itself called the Son of Light. And this son is superior to its creator and being a true expression of the source, guides the course of spiritual evolution in each manifested universe.**

[Image of Abraxas]

**The five principles have expressed a great power and a mighty godhead who is the union of all that is manifested in the 365 universes, and it is called Abrasax or Abraxas. Hear me, as I proclaim that the god which institutions celebrate is false, a mere mask which obscures the truth. For behold, Abraxas is neither good nor evil; it is both devil and god for it is the whole of the spirit. As a god, it is formed with a human torso wearing armor for the struggle of knowledge, it has two serpents which support it like legs, these being the corresponding ideals of Nous and Logos. It has the head of a cock representing Phronesis and Phoebus. Its two hands bear the badges of Sophia and Dynamis, the shield of wisdom and the scourge of power. Such is the mysterious anatomy of God.**

### 3. Seasonal Vortex

The Sentinel in the Eastern Watchtower makes the sign of the Hexagrammic cross and vibrates the letter *Alpha* and intones the word *hAletseitor* (Guardian) and says:

**Behold the godhead of Abraxas. For Phronesis is that which protects the integrity of the source and guides all inquiry and searching of it through gradations which temper the soul in preparation. For nothingness is perceived as a mirror to the spirit.**

The Sentinel in the Southern Watchtower makes the sign of the Hexagrammic cross and vibrates the letter *Omikron* and intones the word *Bouleima* (Purpose) and says:

**Behold the godhead of Abraxas. For dynamis is that which spurs the process ever onward and causes a continual evolution. For the initial pattern was ordained in the beginning, but that pattern is perfect in design and in culmination.**

The Sentinel in the Western Watchtower makes the sign of the Hexagrammic cross and vibrates the letter *Rho* and intones the word *Rheima* (Axiom) and says:

**Behold the godhead of Abraxas. For the Logos is that which is the source of manifestation. The creator god of spirit utters the word of divine substance, and all formulations become expressed, tangeable and real. The word is the media by which spirit becomes matter.**

The Sentinel in the Northern Watchtower makes the sign of the Hexagrammic cross and vibrates the letter *Chi* and intones the word *Charis* (Grace) and says:

**Behold the godhead of Abraxas. For sophia is the light of spiritual knowledge - the**

**knowledge that can only be from experience. For spiritual wisdom is the child of the mind and the word; the active intelligence which having sought and encountered the source of all, has surpassed its parents in every manner.**

The Celebrant in the Center of the circle makes the sign of the Hexagrammic cross and vibrates the letter *Sigma* and intones the word *Steropa* (Lightening flash), and says:

**Behold the godhead of Abraxas. For nous is the mind which has first conceived the all in its completeness and entirety. Like a lightening flash, the light of the god who is nothing quickly becomes the light of Abraxas. And the whole has no divisions and therefore has no bias nor sentiment. For we who are manifested are ignorant of that which cannot be expressed or understood.**

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

**Alpha, Beta, Rho, Chi, Sigma; A.B.Rh.Ch.S., Abraxas!**

**The ineffable becomes expressed through the word which emanates into the fivefold god of the 365 manifested universes!**

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