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"Love is the Law, Love under will" TBOTL A. Crowley
PUBLIC EVENT SCHEDULE: 2013 - 2014

- **Public *Sabbats***: 7:15PM-1AM. Open to all! These include basic Wiccan or Gardnerian ritual procedure, seasonal ritualistic observation, Sabbatical celebrations, and general tribal revelry. All Elders, family and friends are welcome to visit the Temple Haus!

- **Public *Cottage Crafts***: 7:15PM-1AM. Open to all! Public Cottage Crafting or Hedge Crafting events are forums for community-based education and neo-rustic reclaiming skills for the modern TRIBE! These events focus on the revival of Olde World talents, and include non-ritualistic spellwork, arts, crafts, gardening and alchemy. Events vary and are based on the traditional seasonal activities of our ancestors. These are festive social occasions that include participatory lessons on the basics of rural nature craft. They often include active community magick and ancestral or nature worship. These events are a great time to get to know our community elders, OAO Order members, Coven and prospective students.

- **Pagan Kids’ Events**: 5:15PM. Open to all! These fun-filled events for the young Witches, Wizards and magick-folk of our community meet earlier than other events to ensure that the kiddos get their own special time to celebrate, frolic, explore, craft and make magick! These generally occur before selected Sabbats annually.

- **Open Library Day (3:15-11PM)** Open to all! This is a great event for newcomers or anyone who is interested in community networking or using our library for personal esoteric research. Community members are welcome to view books, make copies for their own records and check out or return books. In addition we also offer the following activities:
  - 4:15 PM Guided Tarot meditation
  - 5:15 PM Featured spiritual class offered by a guest instructor
  - 7:15 PM Featured esoteric documentary or spiritual film

- **Full Moon** rituals 7:15PM-1AM & **Full Sun** rituals 9:15AM-1PM: The Coven and the training Order observe Lunar and Solar “Full” ceremonial rituals respectively. Full Moons are for the Coven, while the Full Suns are for the ceremonial Order. (However, OAO community members and attendees are encouraged to observe these astrological holidays solitarily.) Please note that our Full Moon ceremonies observe zodiac and planetary influence and feature the Gardnerian Drawing Down of the Moon. Full Sun ceremonies are marked by the astrological point of each sun sign when it is exalted in a 15-degree mark on the zodiacal belt, generally falling between the 5th and 7th day of any given month and is based on Mesopotamian and Semitic astrological magick. If you are interested in attending any of these celestial rituals please contact us to learn more about our ceremonial activities. We welcome all inquiries! *To request permission to participate in an invite-only event, please ask Clergy, a member of the OAO Coven or send an email to opusaimaobscurae@gmail.com.*

- **Women’s Dark Moon** Esbats: 7:15PM-1AM. These women-only psychic development rituals include general Gardnerian ritual procedure, occult themes, astrologically aligned divinations and devotional offerings to Aima Elohim: our Hebrew Matriarch deity.

- **Men’s Dark Sun**: 7:15PM-1AM. If Dark Sun falls on an Equinox or Solstice, fellows please meet at 5:15pm instead! These men-only ‘Dusk’ Solar rituals are designed to attune masculine energy to the Sun. These are performed at Sun’s transitory time between zodiac signs, and shall align masculine energies to the astrological solar tides. These include an aligned community ‘activity’ and endurance ‘challenge.’ Offerings are made to Abba Elohim: our Hebrew Patriarch deity.
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OAO OBJECTIVES

1) THE REVIVAL OF TRIBAL CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH THELEMA

i. Awaken Pagan and karmic history through exploring individual and collective True Will through chosen destiny and civic devotion.

ii. Explore all cultures seeking Gnosis.

iii. Maintain ancestral shamanic cultural values by cherishing our Elders and learning from our past.

2) ACHIEVE A BALANCE OF RITUAL & PRAYER IN OUR DAILY LIVES

i. Make all acts of love and pleasure ritualistic devotions to the gods, Spiritual Will, and The Great Work. This includes daily prayer, Temple services, celebratory astrological rituals, agricultural sustainability, teaching primitive skills, and spiritually progressive studies in alternative social development, herbal healing and spiritual therapies.

ii. Study all known deities and further devote the Self to the gods with each personal vow or Mark ("degree" of dedication) accepted within the OAO Order. ("Marks" pertain only to initiates and the vows they take exclusively within the OAO training Order. We do not encourage rigorous spiritual practice without appropriate religious and emotional support.) We aim to authentically discover patron and matron deities, spirits, and personal pantheons and mindfully participate in global gnostic fusion culture.

iii. Invoke and channel Deity to fuel our Great Works and human spiritual evolution.

3) LIVE OUR INDIVIDUAL WILL

i. Focus on and commit to giving back by developing social consciousness through community service, fundraising for progressive nonprofit groups, and volunteering our time to preserve and maintain the biological diversity of both public and wild lands.

ii. Organize and participate in the creative arts and local civic organizations to promote Pagan and civil rights awareness.

iii. Manifest individual Will (spiritual destiny) with proactive magick, meditation, and mindful action. This includes both personal and public ritual magick.

 Ritual Attendance Requirements

All new attendees must first join in a public Sabbat event before they are permitted to participate in a private ritual, Men’s Solar or Women’s Lunar circles. This is to provide a general feel for our Hellenistic ceremonial style and, just like the Open Library Days and Cottage Craft events, it offers first time guests and new community members a chance to take a tour of the grounds, meet OAO Clergy and get to know our Coven members. Aside from giving people an idea of the flow of our events, public Sabbats are also a great time to network and meet other teachers and healers in our community, meditate or just sit with a good book and enjoy the space.

All Events are 18+ unless given express verbal and written parental consent. We prefer that your parent or legal guardian is the one to drop you off and pick you up personally so that they are able to take a tour of the space and get a general feel for the community before granting any consent or permission for someone underage to participate in our events. Please have your parent or legal guardian contact an OAO Clergy member directly, if you would like to arrange for this service.

Many of our rituals and public events are social gatherings where liquor may be served. Any community member under the age of 21 will not be served alcohol of any kind, no exceptions! During traditional Pagan drinking holidays like Saturnalia, we do observe a 21+ or invite only policy. Please refer to our Temple Haus Code of Conduct for more information regarding ritual drug use and State Licensed Medical Marijuana use while visiting the Temple Haus. Please contact a Clergy member if you have any questions regarding this policy.

You are welcome to bring your own ritual robes and tools to ceremonial events, solely for your own use, but it is not a requirement. If you would like to borrow a robe while participating in a ritual please ask a Coven or Order member if any robes are laundered and available for public use.
FOR ALL EVENTS:

**Please Bring**

✨ A $5 Event & Beverage fee (As a Not-for-profit Pagan Temple House we rely on donations and communal participation.)

🏮 Please contribute by bringing a vegetarian, locally harvested or sustainable potluck appetizer and/or beverages to share. Please refrain from bringing meat to the Temple Haus, unless it is humanely sourced.

* ↔ * Please feel free to bring personal altar offerings or seasonal occasion spellwork to rituals and social events held at the Temple Haus. For more ideas, consult the guide provided below.

* ↔ * Each OAO ritual is an opportunity for the community to present offerings to the Temple Elemental Altars, as well as observe any of the many expanding deity altars of the Temple Haus. Offerings should reflect prayers, blessings, feelings of gratitude or goals that are present priorities in one’s life. These offerings are not made great by worth or value in the material world, but are instead symbols of our hearts’ desire. As such, they are compassionately cared for by the Priests and Priestesses of OAO and are burnt, buried or sunk in the Clark Fork River at the end of each ritual year. Altars in the Temple Haus include: Ancestral, Venus, Horus, Bast, Persephone, Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara, the Buddha Siddhartha, Lord Jagganath, Lord Ganesha, Lord Shiva, Parvati, Meigami, Thoth, Hermes, Apollo, the Faerie Folk, Aima Elohim/Binah/Saturn/Great Goddess, Abba Elohim/Chokmah/Neptune/Great God, Earth/North, East/Air, South/Fire & West/Water. You may also bring all natural incense, candles, prayer cards, paper lanterns & flags or biodegradable ribbons & rags to tie to the trees as prayers or offerings to the spirits! While you visit us we hope you will cast a good spell!

🕉 Please keep an open mind; we ask that you respectfully observe our consecrated spiritual space. Please help us celebrate our community’s diversity by acting with compassion and mutual respect while participating in events or visiting the Temple Haus. Please review our Code of Conduct for more information. You will find this posted on the community outreach board and on the door that leads directly into the Temple room. Additional copies will always be made available upon request.

🪴 For More Information & Services:

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📍 SERVICES OFFERED AT TEMPLE include Spiritual Counseling, Spellwork consultation, Rites of Passage rituals and naming ceremonies, Handfastings, Divination/Tarot & Shamanic Healings

🔹 OAO seminary and training information is located at: www.ravendigitalis.com/priest We are always happy to answer any questions that you may have about the esoteric courses we offer or further spiritual counseling and training within our order. Please contact a Coven or Order member if you have any questions or visit our listing at OAO Missoula on Witchvox.com.
Opus Aima Obscuræ (a fusion of Latin & Hebrew, meaning "Work of the Great Primordial Mother") can be termed an "Eastern Hellenistic" or "disciplined-eclectic" esoteric system founded by Estha McNevin and Raven Digitalis in 2003. The OAO structure or spiritual system, was channeled by Estha McNevin during oracular work with the Thoth Tarot. It was formally born on June 6th, 2003 and has been growing and evolving ever since as a 'living matriarchal occult order.' OAO borrows from a multitude of sources (particularly Witchcraft, Thelema, Hermeticism, Esoteric Qabalalah and core shamanism) and retains the idea that disciplined devotion; self-sacrifice, intense study and self-reflection serve as extreme mechanisms for genuine spiritual development. We consider ourselves a matriarchal Binah path that is attuned primarily to the planet Saturn. OAO works to benefit oneself and the community, and its coven or public circle group has held benefit projects for nonprofit groups such as Ars Terra, Greenpeace, the Missoula Food Bank and various civil rights organizations.

The core themes of our ceremonial symbolism revolve around tribal consciousness and individual development. As a sanctified Temple Haus we know that discovering the answers to life’s Great Mysteries is a lifelong process. We all exist to assist one another in our development as spiritual beings. More than a tradition in the traditional sense of the word, Opus Aima Obscuræ serves as a support system and initiatory structure for those whom the path of the Thoth Tarot resonates. OAO is focused on both Inner and Outer Work and prides itself on its structure as a Neotribal family. OAO is not a cult, nor is it a fundamentalist or rigid ascetic system. Its practices and requirements may seem foreign to those who have not had exposure to multicultural spiritualism or global fusion culture. In no way does OAO claim to be better or more advanced than any other training module, as we fully recognize that our esoteric system may work as a complement to other dedicatory traditions, Covens, Groves, Lodges or Orders that any given member may be additionally involved with. We believe that everyone on this planet is a spiritual being in the process of both healing and awakening unto the deeper truths within themselves and reality (93, 93/93).

**EASTERN Hellenistic Neopaganism** – OAO, as both a training system and community group, strives to follow an Eastern Hellenistic Neopagan approach to our magickal and spiritual pursuits. This approach attempts to use the unifying philosophies and principles of the Hellenistic Greeks to unite various Western, Egyptian, Mesopotamian and Asiatic traditions to the seasonal Wheel of the Year along with modern Pagan structures of worship. Combining Graeco-Roman planetary deities with the gods of the zodiac and other Egyptian and Asian deities is an approach, which views all gods as valid and worthy of proper veneration. The term Hellenism refers to the ideology present in the Hellenistic Period of world history in the fourth to first century BCE. The process of Hellenization was marked by the conquests of Alexander the Great, an aristocratic Greek general and political strategist who conquered the Achaemenid Persian Empire, including Egypt, Mesopotamia, and even extending to the Punjab regions of India.

As a result of the cultural sensitivities taught to him by his tutor and mentor Aristotle, Alexander approached the lands and cultures of the people that he conquered with a whole new appreciation for the ancient civilizations; often adopting foreign gods and ritual practices in an effort to aid him in global conquest. The principles of the Hellenistic period reflect this open cultural expansion. A Persian life philosophy called ‘Proskynesis’ became Alexander’s model and it’s one that OAO adopts too. This ethos requires one to cultivate respect for every human and each living thing on the planet, because this cultivates the understanding that each place and moment, in fact everyone we meet, has something new and exciting to teach us. As the Greeks spread their gods and culture throughout the world, they absorbed many foreign principles, absorbing them into their own western spiritual practice. It is along with these very philosophic themes of cultural and religious syncretism that the foundations of our western hermetic myths are forged. For example, it is during the Hellenistic period that we begin to see the fusion of multiple deities such as Hermes (Greek), Mercury (Roman), and Thoth (Egyptian) as ubiquitous archetypes recognized in different cultures.

Eastern Hellenism, in our view, does away with a strictly Western dogmatic approach to gnostic ideology. Instead, it carries forth the social and esoteric values of many Eastern pantheons and schools of thought including branches of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shinto and Taoism. The spiritual philosophies of ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, Persia, India and the Mesopotamian Fertile Crescent are integrated into the Thoth Tarot, and a particular importance on archetypes is emphasized. This East-meets-West philosophy carefully considers and upholds many global ideas of proper worship, prayer, and veneration. We strive for anthropological and cultural authenticity and follow a well-defined structure for each given deity or spiritual force that we research and work with. This also allows a spiritual freedom to practitioners who may have their own cultural pantheon or receive a call to deity-specific devotions. Please inquire if you would like to learn more about OAO.
All hail another year of magick done and dusted. We give thanks and humble gratitude to our wonderful community and its many guests, teachers and healers who have contributed to the exciting ritual and class lineup this year. We hope you will join us again for more seasonal and ceremonial magick in the years to come. Our new calendar will be in the mail around mid May. Please contact the Temple Haus by email to confirm your contact information or to request to be added to our mailing list. In love and Light Namaste’ & Blessed Be.
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