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**SECRETS OF THE ROSICRUCIANS.**  
**Disclosures Which It Was Sought**  
**to Prevent by Lawsuit.**

**MYSTIC RITES.**

After an unsuccessful attempt to prevent its appearance, the "Equinox," the official organ of the A.A., containing some 400 pages, and costing 5s., will be published to-day.

It contains a disclosure of the ancient mysteries and magical rites of the "Rosicrucian Order of A.O." by the editor, Mr. Aleister Crowley, a member of this extraordinary sect, who lately won his appeal against an injunction forbidding the publication of this particular number of his magazine.

Such of the ritual of the mystic order as appears in the "Equinox" is meaningless to the uninitiated.

Several pages are devoted to the details of "The Ritual for the Evocation unto visible Appearance of the Great Spirit Taphthartharath." This mighty spirit must appear to the initiated, and he is conjured in many ways.

Those who take part in the ritual are:—

The Mighty Magnus of Art  
Assistant Magnus of Art.

| Magnus of the Fires.  
| Magnus of the Waters.

When all is ready the ceremony begins with the rising of the chief magnus "holding the Ibis wand by its black end" and proclaiming:—

HEKAS HEKAS ESTE BEHELOI.

An elaborate ceremony is then gone through in which the Magnus of the Fires frequently exclaims: "BITOM," and makes "banishing" and "invoking pentagrams in the air."

**CONJURING THE SPIRIT.**

The conjuration of the spirit is continued at length. It is conjured among other ways as follows:—

“By all the names, powers and rites already rehearsed I conjure thee thus unto visible apparition: KHABS AM PEKHT. KONX OM PAX. LIGHT IN EXTENSION.”

Another “stronger and more potent conjuration” contains the following:—

“and by the great magic sword StiBeTTChePhMeFShiSS, which calleth thee from thy place as thou fleest before the presence of the Spirit of Light and the Crown. And by the name ZBaTh, which symbolizes thy passage from Mercury in Gemini unto us in Malkuth come forth, come forth, come forth Taph-thartharath!”

Should even this conjuration fail, there is “an extremely powerful conjuration,” which contains the awe-inspiring phrase threatening the spirits for their unaccommodating behavior: “Let IAHDONHI ELAHIM, TZEBAOTH, MICHAEL, RAPHAEL BENI, ELOHIM, TIRIEL ASBOGA, DIN, DONI HOD, KOKAB, and every name and spell scourge of God, the vast one bend thee to obey my words and will.”

“The Ritual of the Order of Rose Rubæ et Aureæ Crucis” requires three officers to commence. They are the Chief, Second and Third Adept. With these is an Adeptus Minor.

The ritual begins: “Mighty Adeptus Major, by what sign hast thou entered the portal?”

The reply is: “By the sign of the rending asunder of the veil.” The adepts then recite in order various Hebrew letters of the alphabet.

Later the Chief says: “Let us analyse the keyword L:—

Second: N.

Third: R.

All: I.

Chief: Yod.

Second: Nun.

Third: Resh.

All: Yod.

Chief: Virgo Isis,

Almighty Mother.

This dialogue goes on for a long while.

The “Charge to Aspirants” includes the following mystic phrase: “The Aspirant is now the purified man in touch with his Jechidah, but is Kether only, as yet.”

Those extracts are typical of the ritual, much of which is utterly unintelligible, and contains much reference to things and names referred to only in initial letters. (Photographs on page 11.)

## ACQUIREMENT OF OCCULT WISDOM

A member of the Rosicrucian Order of A.O. explained the object of the order to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"Admittal to this ancient order," he said, reading from an official printed document, "on a more extended basis than formerly, was permitted by its secret chief during the last year of the nineteenth century, and temples were and have been formed under due warrant from the head of the order.

"The object of the establishment of such temples is similar to that of the foundation in ancient times of centres for the celebration of the mysteries—that is to say, the acquirement of that occult wisdom, chiefly derived from ancient Egypt and Chaldea, which treats of the gods, of the Spiritual Being, of the secret forces existing in nature, of life and of death.

### HIGH PRIESTESS.

"Meetings are therefore held for the purpose of such, and also for the initiation and advancement of persons of either sex who may have been accepted as candidates by authority of the head of the order.

"Candidates must believe in the gods, or at least in the Supreme Being, and be prepared to take interest in Egyptian, Christian and cabalistic symbolism."

"Persons accustomed habitually to encourage absolute abandonment of will, such as sometimes obtains in mesmeric and spiritualistic experiments, and drug-taking to excess are seldom admitted."

Comte Liddell Macgregor, who resides in Paris, is the head of the order, and Mrs. Sheffield, who, it will be remembered, brought a recent celebrated action for breach of promise, is the High Priestess.