

THE CEPHALOEDIUM WORKING

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ANXVI

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The Book of

The

CEPHALÆDIUM

Cephalin

Working

The Caphalocelin Working.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I ask an Oracle of Thelema for this Working.

"Liber Lapidis Lazuli - the Solar Chapter"

"O white cat, the sparks fly from thy fur! Thou
dost crackle with sitting the worlds."

I ask a Yikiny symbol for the whole Working.



"By Birth" It means Manifestation: i.e.

the bringing forth to birth of the forces hitherto
developed by us in secret.

I ask a Tarot Trump that represent the Prime
Pantacle of the Operation.

XVI The House of God.

Now the Obedt of the Working is to establish
the Book of the Law; in particular to finish the
Comment and to publish the Book as therein
commanded. First therefore in this Work
is Hermes to be invoked and next
the Sun. I am therefore to restore the

Card - "The House of God." as I did when I
broke in the body of Alphonse Louis Constant
with the Card - "The Devil." I will therefore
obtain a Vision of this Card, and paint it
upon a panel of mahogany wood, with the
proper colours and forms.

Now on the day of the Sun, in this the Sixteenth
Year of the Aeon, when He stood in the Sixth
Degree of the Sign Sagittarius, whose
Letter hath the value Sixty, the Moon
being in the Sixteenth Degree of the Sign
Cancer whose Letter hath the value Eight,
and The Beast 666 To Mega Therion
a Magus of A.: A.: Baphomet 729
The Supreme Holy King of Ireland

Isma and all the Britains that are in the
Sanctuary of the Crossis X° O.T.O., ~~and~~
avatar of Bacchus Diphues in the
Place of the XI° O.T.O., Logos of the
Aem of Ra. Hor K. Huist, Grand Master
of the Knights of the Holy Ghost, Grand Master
of the Knights of the Temple, Eidolon of
the Rosy Cross, Alastor the Destroyer
Spirit of Solitude, Wanderer of the Waste
of the Blood of Kernal ~~High Priest~~ Arch. Druids
Hereditary to the Oak, whose Holy Angel
his Guardian is Aiwaz 93, the God
first dawning upon Man in the Land
of Sumer, whose brow weareth the
wreath unfolding of the Bards of
English Speech, whose breast beareth

the token ~~of~~ adventure upon Mount
Levi and any man of his fellows, whose
body and blood bear witness of the
Wounds of Astarte, and the shames of
Priapus, even I in the Abbey of
Thelema of Cephaloedini that am his
did counsel therein to counsel ^{his} ~~him~~ Alister
31-585-31, the Scarlet Woman Lea my
concubine, in whom is all power given, ^{see}
unto Aiwaz, ^{is} prostituted in every part of
body to Pan and to the Beast, another of
bastards, aborter, whore to herself,
to man, woman, child and brute,
partaker of the Eucharist of the Excrement
in the Mass of the Devil, Sorceress of
the Rite of Esau and Jacob, and
also GENEC ¹¹¹¹¹ OAI, 143, a
Neophyte of A. A. A. a Master

Magician of O.T.O. and a Passed Postulant
to the Secret Chamber of the Knights of
the Temple, High Priest unto The
Beast before the Altar of Purple and
Gold.

First then this Brother TENECCAI
made Invocation of Taluti Lord of
Wisdom in the Great Magical Circle of
The Abbey, ^{that} ~~and~~ He might come upon
us in power.

Thus was Taluti manifest in the
mind of the Beast, like Light therein,
clear, icy, wit without heart. and I
beheld the Working far off, free
utterly of desire towards it; and
I was aware of certain things concerning

it; as here now to be writ down.

Firstly: the Working shall establish the
Aeon of Ra-Hoor-Khuit by obeying the
instructions given in the Book of the
Law.

Secondly: it is a Working of Mercury
and Sol, combined even as they
are in The Beast; so that the
Word of the Working is 57355, 36,
the square of 6 and the sum of
the first 8 numbers, &c, &c.
Now Aleph is the letter of Hadith as
He of Nith, and Lamed is
their balanced union.

Thirdly: alostrael resumeth that an
The Beast Hadith; Their Copulation
is therefore by this word 36 well
signified.

Fourthly: it is written, like hapidus Layali,
Cap III, vv 16-18 that all is vain
~~with~~ unless there be "a man's life
spilt for thy love upon Mine Altar."
Thus then let His High Priest do
sacrifice to The Beast, thereby
to consecrate Him to the Rite

Fifthly: that the Paris Working the
first model for our present
Orgia is not to be followed
pedantically.

Slightly and lastly: that special names
are to be used by us; for the Beast
Opium 700, for Genesis 143
Inchion, and for almost all
a new name not yet given. Also
that the vapour of the Oxide of Ethyl
may be used in the Workings.

After this the Y. King gave us our First
Working as Air of Air, that is, these
present writings and considerations
of the Whole Matter.

I now make Philological investigation
of the letter P*e*.

1. It is "A Mouth" and therefore is

The Word therein.

2. Its value 80 is Tesod, the Foundation.
3. It is the Third letter to Aleph and Lamed in
CCXX, and the final of A.L.P. of also
"Eight, eighty, four hundred and eighteen"
"Knowing the Law of the fortress, & the great
mystery of the
House of God."
4. It is the Third Equilibrating Path on the Tree:
as Stability is only perfect as infinite Change
(see XIth actings) so Construction is only solid
if based on War.
5. "I am the a" God of War" see is Refractor Klant.
6. The Word in the Mouth is 93: Aiwaz is the
Lord of the Fortress or House of God, which
is the abbey of Thelma.
7. Aiwaz is spelt Ayin, the Eye, i.e.

that of Shiva or Horus, the Meatus Penis and
the Anus; God, the Phallus, Spermator
and Hand, Van, the Fertility of the
Testes and Uterus as well as the Nail of
the manilla, being Taurus the Cow Isis
and the Bull Apsis or Shiva, the Son
in Tetragrammaton, the Redeemer by
Reproduction, the Mithraic Bull of
Resurrection and initiation in the
strength of the Body. And lastly Isis
is the Sword of the Phallus and
Geminus the ~~frank~~ double sexual
nature, ~~and~~
the murder - lust between the
incestrous twins Cain & Abel
Horus and Set or Hapserates!

Osinis and Typhon, etc. and Gemini is
the airy pulse that gives a basis for the
Voice of the Messenger, the manstrum
of the Holy Ghost, the swing of the
motion of Love, the house of the Sun
in May, when he impregnates Maia
with Mercury, ^{whose mouth uttered his Father's word} and Lam spellfully
is 67, the number of Bina the all-
Mother. Ayin is moreover the Devil of
Lust, the Goat of Mendes, Pan, Bifrons,
and spellfully Ayin is the Erection
and Leaping and Extension of the
Phallus; Yod is the Spermatozoon, the
Solitary Boy Hermes, the Virgin; while
Nun is the Eagle of sexual Ecstasy.

the Serpent of Life through Death,
the Scorpion of Beasab of Khephra,
the Womb which transmutes through
corruption, the Semen or fluid
vehicle of the Spirit, the Elixir
of Magic, the Blood, Wine, and
Poison in the Chalice.

and God is repeating that God,
and prophesying the Vau that
follows it, and with ~~the~~ Daleth
the letter ^h of Venus, the Door of the Palace
of Love.

Then Vau reproduces itself in
its spelling, as it is written: "all
is ever as it was" in the Book of the Law.

and in astronomy are found the Three
Star-Clusters of Earth-Nature, the
Goat under the God Set or Saturn
for Hadith, the Begetter, ~~the Virgin~~
and Mars exalted therein for Force
and Fire, the Virgin under Thoth
or Mercury, His Word creating in her
the Eidolon of His Nature, and the
Bull under Isis or Venus, the
mighty redemption and nourishment
of Love, for with the Womb of
Space wherein Her lord worketh
His Work.

By this cometh forth the Sign
of the Child, the Star-Cluster of

The Twins, under Hermes the Word,
airy, elastic, bisexual, eternally
young, the Lovers born of one
Tomb, made Two that by Love
they may make themselves One.

So then in this Name Always is
Every rite of the Magick of the
Aeon of Hours declared in detail,
and in His number 93 is shown
forth not only the Word of the Law,
but the Ways of the Word and
the Mysteries of Truth.

This Name then and this
Number shall be the Glyph

Hieratic to unlock the Fortress of
the Aeon; Captain is He of all
the hosts of Mars, and ~~the King~~
Ra Hoor Kheut-crowned King
in that Palace of Force and of Fire.
Set the Beast, for Aym, Thoth Alestor
the Logos for God, Apis Perdivabo
for Van, and Hoor - Hoorakrast
Baphomet for Lain; foursquare
mystic, wonderful, as cherubs
shall I that am One through
these Four be the builder and
warder thereof.
And the Scarlet Woman

shall bear Her cup thereon, ^{testifying} ~~and~~
Her Beast; and Tacchaeion shall
stand with his Rod, ^{to} ~~in~~ ^{wrapping} that
Beast therewith.

For ~~she~~ hath the Wand of
Death and The Beast the Cup
of Death, but the Beast hath
the Wand of Life and The
Scarlet Woman the Chalice
of Life.

Now Pé joineth and guardeth
the Victory and the Splendor,
the frontiers of the Kingdom of

Truth; and it is the Issue, whereby
the Bowmen may sally forth
from the centre Tiphareth to
Yesod the apex of the salient,
and Pe is the girdle of the
Loins of the All-Father, and
the Sword in the girdle, as Feth
is his breastplate of courage,
and Daleph his helmet of love.
This Sword is shown as a Lightning-Flash
or Fleming Sword on the Fortress that
defends the Kingdom: it is the Sword or
Spear of Ra-Hoo-Khuit.

The card is then thus briefly to be

described.

Ra-Hook-Knit the hawk sends forth a
Ray of Light as a sword.

The fortress is his Acron of 11 towers for
Abrahulabra.

Within is away with 93 & 220
about it is 666 in fourfold form.

The Scarlet Woman bears Cup and Sword,
riding the Beast; and Iacchus follows
with his Rod.

Thus far concerning the card
XVI.

Now then followeth a consideration
of the Vestments of the Artists.

of the Robes and Insignia of the Work.

1. The Scarlet Woman shall wear the Scarlet Abbaï; for it is (a) proper to her (b) proper to Mars (c) proper to Aries, wherein the Sun is exalted.

She shall bear a Golden Cup for Wine, Blood, or Poison; and be girt with a Sword, as it is written in the Book of the Law. She shall wear a girdle either of white or of mixed colours to which shall she wear the serpent.

2. The Beast shall wear an orange slip and sash as proper to (a) Hod (b) the Sun (c) Gemini; for he is Prophet of the Gods,

. . .

and he is The Beast 666, of the Sun, & he is innocent, a Child, even as Horus-Harpocrates, with Double Function in Love. Over this shall he wear the Robe of Blue for Nuit lined with Scarlet for Hadith and the Sun is gold on his breast. He shall wear the Crimson Cap for Binah that covereth him, with the White Cross of John for Kether. He shall wear His ring of a Magus, and His Rosy Cross. He shall bear the Wand of

. . .

[*Note:* This MS page is missing in my photocopy. The text has been determined from “The Book of the Cephaloedum Working” in MEZLA #6.]

Obeah, with its James-head of Man
and Woman, and its Four Snakes for
His weapons.

3. Iacchason shall wear the Black
Robe lined with gold, for he
cometh forth from the darkness of
the outer, and the Light but
fringeth him. Also black is
proper to a Neophyte.
His head shall be bare, for shameless-
ness, and as the symbol of his
function in His Working.
He shall bear the style and the
papyrus for Truth, to write
the Words of the Work.

also he shall hear The Book of the Law.

Of the Furniture of the Temple.

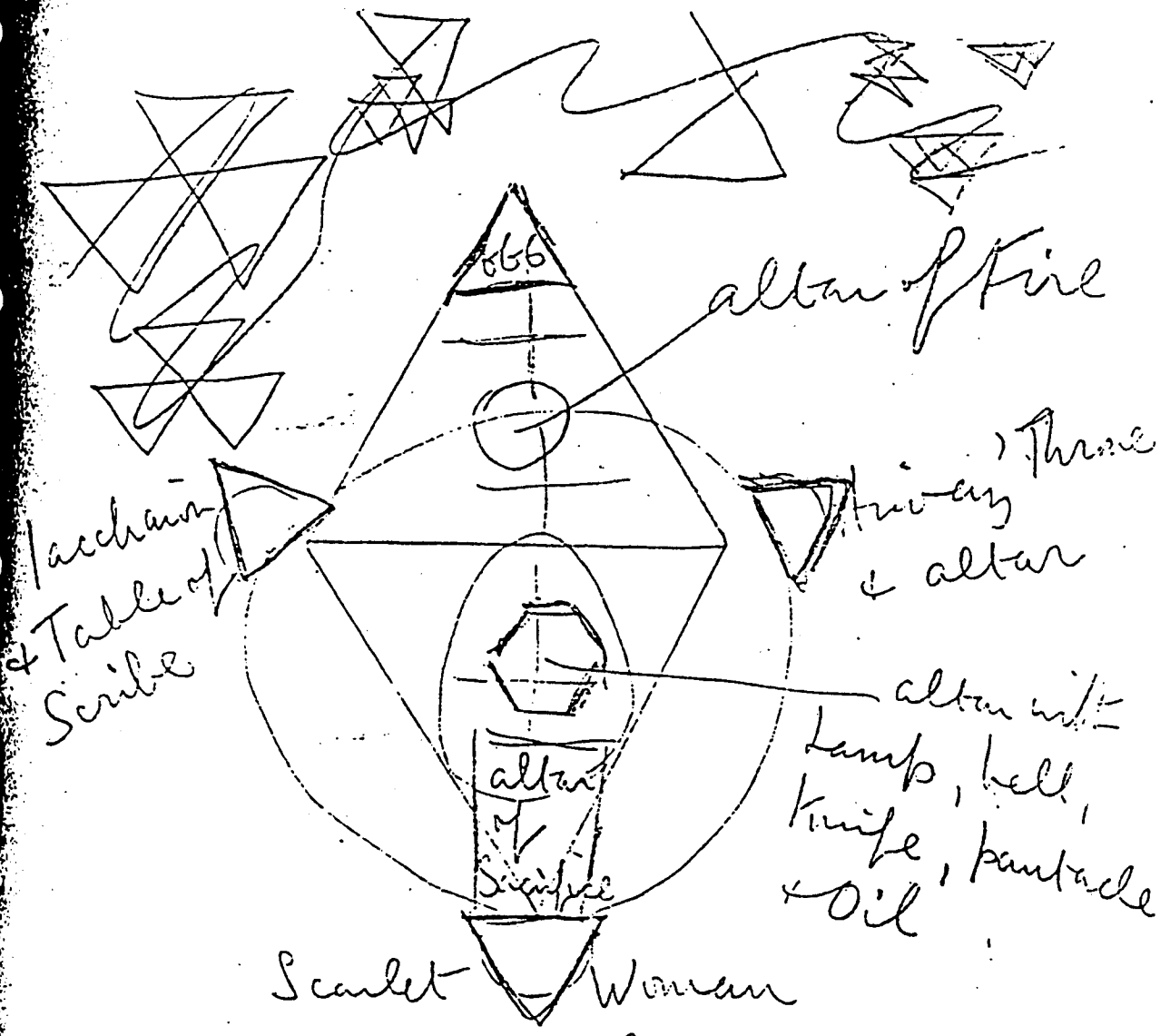
In the East the Altar of ~~Fire~~ ^{Incense} Fire, and
the Throne of ~~the Beast~~ ^{the Beast}.

In the West The Scarlet Woman, and
the Altar of Sacrifice, the Wine etc.

In the South the Throne of Awas,
with the altar of

In the North Tacchaion with the
Table of the Scribe.

In the centre the Hexagonal Altar,
with the Pantacle, the Image of
the God - our aborted Man-Child,



altar of Fire

Laccharin
& Table of
Scribe

Three
& altar

altar with
Lamp, bell,
knife, parchment
& oil

altar
of
Scribes

Scarlet Woman
with Cup & Sword, Wine,
(?) Water, Ether &c

The Bell, and the Knife, the Oil
and the Lamp, or candle.

Of the Ceremony in General.

The main Formula of this Magick
is this;

1. Banish.
2. Purify.
3. Consecrate.
4. Equilibrate
5. Make Oath.
6. Invoke, by song, dance &c.
7. Make Invocation God, by Ether.
8. Sacrifice him to The Beast, who
thus becomes God. Use here
the "accendat" and the right

Mantram, the Turquis & the Quia Patris
9. Sacrifice the Beast to The Scarlet
Woman, using Her mantras

F — S — etc. Ether at pleasure
10 Consume the Elements, as by
Amalantrah the Wizard we are
taught, the Pentacle being the
"Earth".

(In parts 7 to 10 weapons & robes
may be laid on the Throne of Awas.)

11. Perform any scrying or utter
any prophecies, as may be given,
and at leisure and pleasure
resume vestments & ut quia, & clove
Temple.

I far of these matters.

Now we begin our first Working by the invocation of Hermes on this day with the Sun in 9° ♄ The Moon in 23° ♀ and Mercury in 19° ♀ one hour before Noon with him in the Tenth sextile to Venus Jupiter and Saturn.

In furtherance whereof, at eleven of the night of Monday, did the Beast work ^{under} ~~upon~~ the Scarlet Woman his Work, to make the Great Operation go aright.

Immediately was the Beast inspired to writing Mercurial; a sextile upon the Fish; and thus wrote he some 14 or 15 hours.

The Oath of the Cephaloedim Working

Hear All that we, TOMETA
ΘHPION 9°=2° A::A:: The Beast;
Alostrael, The Scarlet Woman; and
TENECQAI 0°=0° A::A:: do now
in the Presence of TAHUTI most
solemnly swear to devote ourselves
to the Establishment of the Book of the
Law as uttered by Aiwaz 93 to 666,
by the Way of the Cephaloedim Working
as in the record thereof it hath been written.

Witness our Hands:

To μρυα θηειν 9°=2° A::A:: 666.

Alostrael - 31-666-31

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The Pageant of Fish and Yellow Wines was
consumed and the Death of the Working witnessed
accordingly, both commenced proper Acts, and
concluded at 1.48 P.M. of the Day of Mourning which
penetrates the month called December.

I ask a symbol for the next Day of the Working

☞ The formulation of the Restrictions and the
☞ dispelling of Ignorance.
☞ id est: make careful arrangements, and ask for
further Enlightenment.

How should we obtain further Enlightenment?

☞ When one's ^{resting} consciousness is like that of the

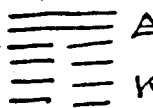
lark & he loses all consciousness of self:

when he walks in his courtyard & does not see
any of the persons in it - then there will be no error.

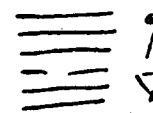
Reverend: Began the Parade of XVI, and went
with my Fish story: which by the way is the
Blessing of the Old Tower of Jesus-Tyranny.

Die Marbis. We have all three been sick
in various ways, so that save for beginning the
Painting of the Pantacle no work has been done.

I ask a symbol to indicate our proper course of action.

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Of General Symbol. I should suppose that this
means that we can now begin again.

What shall we do to-morrow die & ii

 The Tiger See line 6. Consider the whole
course that is trodden and examine the presage
which that gives. We will therefore invoke

Valuti, and read the record up to this point, then
obtain illuminated Wisdom as to our course.

This Operation was accordingly begun in
Lull at one o'clock afternoon on the Day
of Juppiter.

The formulation of the Primum Eis Melosce
was however difficult, The Beast receiving
a communication of a climatological

character reminding him of his Last Lustre.

It is therefore incumbent to make a new
division in task: what course is now proper
to pursue?

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62. Let the matter take care of
itself: Enquire further on the next
day of Mercury.

Dec 13 @ At two o'clock this morning,
after making my Confession, I laid
my hand upon the Sacred Lotus of Alos-
trael and swore these oaths:-

- 1- I, _____, the Beast 666
hereby and herein most solemnly
promise and swear: to devote
my whole working time exclusively
to the completion of my Comment
on the Book of the Law.
- 2- I, etc. as before etc. swear: that
as soon as the Comment is ready,

I will take the Book and cause it to be printed, bound, and issued in the manner ordained in the Book itself, though I leave myself without money to buy my next metal.

To these oaths, I called Nuth! Hadith! Rattoor Khuit! as witness thereof.

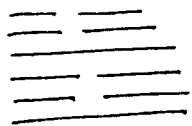
I then invoked Aivaz to aid me to keep them, and in all other ways soever to forward the Work.

2²⁰ A.M. - I therefore open my MS. of the Comment.

Dec. 15

We seem to have been harassed by minor illnesses, so much as to be actually crippled, in fact I have been practically obliged to keep to my bed and Alastair will take the divination concerning the working.

How shall we proceed



This seems to mean that a new current may be expected.

This New Current turned up on the morning of Dec 16 Die Jovis; in the shape of a letter from the printer of *The Equinox* III. 2.

The oracle also means that we need to formulate the God of our *Tsitgrammaton*, which rests with *Frater Genesithai*. He is at present the "Pure Fool" and must acquire the Sacred Lance.

Dec 24 Die Veneris. I have been revising the Comment on *Libra Legis*, with the aid of *Abostinel*, *l'acchaion*, and *Jane Wolfe*. This supplies only to Chapter I; Chapter II

I have revised with (re)vision only, and
Chapter III I have read through alone.

I cannot express myself adequately
about my sense of failure in this comment.
More, I feel that I have not expressed
my repulsion to Chapter III. I ask myself
now: have I ever tried to carry out the
instructions in that Chapter? I am
utterly wretched about the whole matter.
I say: have I not failed absolutely to
obey the Heavenly Vision?
I am so miserable that I can only see
one course of action: to ask the Yi to
give a General Symbol for my past
work in relation to the Book of the Law.

☰ ☱ LIV Kwei Mei. Ales! too true! I have been

divided against myself: I have put the lesser before the greater; I have gone in just deep enough to compromise myself, not when the wholehearted plunge, which would have brought success, had been ^{spontaneously} ~~co-~~actual, and not persistent enough. Give a symbol for my right course of action in regard to it at the present time and thence onward.

☰ ☵ LVIII Tui Let there be an even flow of

Love to it, a still and subtle dissolution. Water, the weakest thing in Nature, is stronger than the strongest. Steady devotion without anxiety or fussiness will penetrate the universe toward harmony and sincerity; the slow accumulation of Karma, constant contribution of the Law, utmost faith even in one's opponents, will gather the whole world into the fold of the stars.

Wed. Dec. 29, 1920.

Current for this work going to-day
and oath renewed in public.

I spent all night writing on certain
matters proper to the Comment
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Dec 30, 1920 e.v. die Jovis

At about ten o'clock of the previous
The Beast and The Scarlet Woman performed
a Mass of the Holy Ghost with the
intention of establishing the Law.

Jan 3, 1921 e.v. Fater Joachim

began a Working which continued through
the whole night. The Beast accordingly
was inspired to edit the Comment
through the night following.

Jan 7 die Veneris. Awake most of the night
in meditation, The Beast decided on a course
of action with regard to the practical matters
connected with the Book of the Law:

1. Consult Yi about recovery of the M.S.
2. Push through comment.

Yi gives Khwān (47) ☿ of ☉ meaning being
restricted to be on the thief.

Jan 20 die Jovis. The Sun enters the Sign of
Aquarius; I record that Frater Lachairon, the Primum
Mobile of the Working, having failed to initiate any
Rastuff ba-Gilgalim, has caused the collapse of the
whole Working, which I therefore declare ended.

I now myself repair to the City of Paris, there
to inaugurate an alternative course of procedure

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