

The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN^{Intl.}

THE CALVARY CROSS OF
TEN SQUARES



PHILOSOPHUS 4=7

The entrance badge for the path of p in the 4=7 grade of Philosophus is the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares. This emblem is formed out of ten squares which allude to the ten sephiroth in a balanced situation. These are the ten sephiroth in complete harmony before the beginning of time. The symbols are the opened out form of the Double Cubical Altar and the Altar of Incense. In the Zelator Initiation, the Altar of Incense is symbolically before the veil of the Holy of Holies, if you recall. This particular altar is overlaid with gold, very ornate, and represented as the highest degree of Light purity and Divinity. So the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares alludes to the path of p as a vehicle of purification. As we study the path of p, oftentimes in relation to the Blasted Tower card, we think of it as a negative path, but in fact, it is a purifying path, tearing down the old so that the new may grow.

You will recall that the twenty-seventh path of p is called the Exciting Intelligence according to the Qabalistic document, the *Sepher Yetzirah*. It is the reflection of the sphere of hrwbg, the planet of Mars and it is the connecting path between j xn and dwh, between desire and intellect, between victory and splendor. This is a very difficult path in that it destroys old belief systems, concepts, ideas, thoughts, dreams and hopes. This allows plenty of internal space for the planting of new and higher dreams, hopes and realities.

In addition to the fact that it is the admission badge in the initiation ceremony of the Philosophus grade for the path of p, the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares may be employed in meditation on the twenty-seventh path if so desired.

NOTE: The Calvary Cross of Ten Squares may be painted red with green sigils or white with black sigils, either one appropriate.

