

Who We Are

The ORDO MAGNI OPERIS ('Order of the Great Work'), or OMO, is an esoteric order founded on alchemical principles and dedicated to the individual and collective accomplishment of the Magnum Opus.

The OMO is a free association open to men and women from all walks of life who wish to work together with us for mutual spiritual improvement following a path inspired primarily by the writings of the ancient alchemists (mediæval and otherwise), but supplemented by other hermetic materials covering the whole of the esoteric spectrum. We study alchemy (theoretical, practical, and spiritual), psychology, magic (ceremonial, elemental, astral), astrology, and systems of divination (e.g. geomancy, tarot, I Ching), to name only a few of the areas that fall within our purview.

The Magnum Opus

One may interpret MAGNUM OPUS ('Great Work') as 'union with the divine', 'enlightenment', 'the knowledge and conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel', 'identification with the higher self', or something else again. But in all cases, it involves striving beyond one's current self toward a kind of 'attainable perfection'. This involves a cycle of evolution beginning with psychological wholeness as a first step, which

in turn results in a realignment of one's inner self with the external universe.

Our Approach

This takes place through the union of opposites in balance, including among other things balance between male and female, masculine and feminine, seriousness and humour, darkness and light, and general fitness on the mental, emotional, physical, material, and of course spiritual levels. Our approach accordingly ultimately combines eastern and western methods and outlooks, ancient and modern perspectives, and mystical and scientific paradigms.

Our Spirituality

The OMO strives to be spiritual without being specifically religious: it does not subscribe to any particular religious dogma, whether Judæo-Christian, pagan, or otherwise, preferring to leave such subjective matters to the preference of the individual. On the other hand, members are required to respect the religious beliefs of others, regardless of their own personal feelings towards those systems.

The Purpose of This Series

This Primer series serves two purposes.

It is offered in the first place as a service to the esoteric community at large. We hope that in some way, the topics offered

will be found to be of interest and the materials helpful.

At the same time, it provides an opportunity for prospective members and the Order to learn a little about each other. The alchemical path requires above-average dedication, and is by its very nature psychologically strenuous. As a result, members must be willing and able to work very closely together for the benefit of all; mere aptitude to the work, however great, is not sufficient. By participating in this Series, a prospective member can make an informed decision about us, and we, likewise, can determine whether he or she would be a good fit with the existing local membership.

Membership

For the reasons cited above, the OMO does not canvas for membership directly and actively, but operates by invitation only.

In our experience, appropriate candidates for membership tend to emerge naturally as a matter of course over the latter portion of the Series. At that time, official invitations are extended as appropriate.

NOTE: we are not an elitist organisation! With the exception of the necessary criterion of good fit alluded to above, no serious enquirers are turned away.

Programme

Unit A Tuition: \$60
(includes textbook and refreshments)

January 16th, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Introduction to the OMO
Introduction to Alchemy

January 23th, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

What is Magic?
C.G. Jung and Archetypes

January 30th, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

The Hebrew Alphabet
Meditative Breathing and Visualisation

February 6rd, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Hebrew Vowels
Basic Alchemical Symbolism

February 13th, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Hebrew Syllables
Alchemical Symbolic Interplay

Unit B Tuition: \$25
(includes refreshments)

February 27th, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

A Ritual of Empowerment
Ritual as Drama

March 5th, 2008, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Analysis and Interpretation of
Symbolism in an Alchemical Work

March 12th, 2006, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Temple Layout; Postures, Movement
Ritual Workshop

Special Offer

Register for both units A and B—including 200+ page soft cover textbook and refreshments—for only \$75!!

For more information on the OMO, the local group, the membership process, or anything else, see our website at

www.o-m-o.org

To contact us or pre-register for the Series, use the on-line contact form at

www.o-m-o.org/omo/contact

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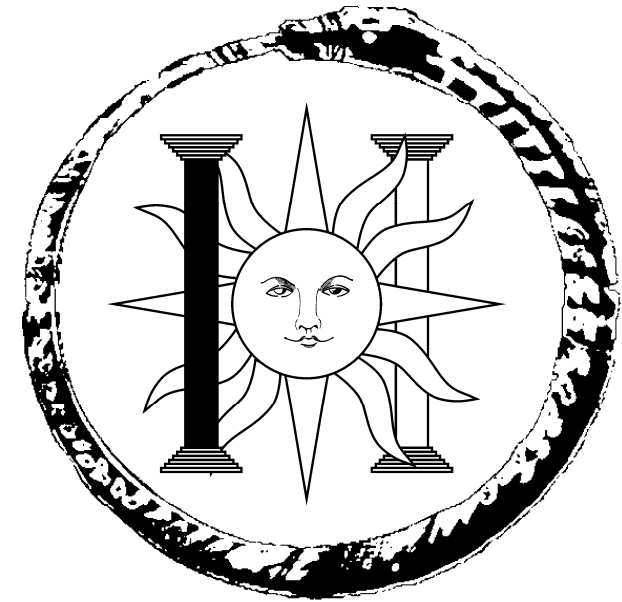
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The Ordo Magni Operis



Esoteric Primer Series 2008

January 16th–March 12th
7:00–9:00 p.m.

Held on consecutive Wednesdays
except for February 20th

Waterloo, Ontario
(exact location to be announced)