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Additionally, we are taking new contributions of any painting, drawing, photography or other visual art. Visual pieces do NOT have to be related to Thelema or the occult to qualify for publication (but they are subject to editorial approval).

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# The Book of the Sun

## Sr. Shella, Body Master of Horizon Oasis OTO

“Neglect never the fourfold Adorations of the Sun in his four Stations, for thereby thou doest affirm thy Place in Nature and her Harmonies.” [1]

First appearing in *The Equinox* in 1907, *Liber Resh Vel Helios* is an adoration of the Sun at each of the four quarters; Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, and Midnight. Technically *Liber Resh* is not an O.T.O. ritual at all, having been written for, and remaining, a ritual of A. A. V. However, regular practice of Resh is highly recommended among members of O.T.O. It forges a link between the aspirant and Our Father the Sun, the source of Light and Life.

The Hebrew letter Resh equates to the English “R” and translates as “Head.” On the Tree of Life, Resh is the 30th path, the path between Hod and Yesod. This path is symbolized by the Sun and the various sun gods, such as Ra, Helios, and Apollo.

“The object of this practice is firstly to remind the aspirant at regular intervals of the Great Work; secondly, to bring him into conscious personal relations with the centre of our system; and thirdly, for advanced students, to make actual magical contact with the spiritual energy of the Sun and thus to draw actual force from him.”[2]



### Liber Resh Vel Helios

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An instruction for the adoration of the Sun four times daily, with the object of composing the mind to meditation, thus to bring conscious relation with the center of our system; for advanced students, to make actual Magical contact with the Spiritual energy of the Sun and thus to draw actual force from Him.

0. These are the adorations to be performed by aspirants to the A. A. V.

1. Let him greet the Sun at dawn, facing East, giving the sign of his grade. And let him say in a loud voice: Hail unto Thee who art Ra in Thy rising, even unto Thee who art Ra in Thy strength, who travellest over the Heavens in Thy bark at the Uprising of the Sun. Tahuti standeth in His splendour at the prow, and Ra-Hoor abideth at the helm. Hail unto Thee from the Abodes of Night!

2. Also at Noon, let him greet the Sun, facing South, giving the sign of his grade. And let him say in a loud voice: Hail unto Thee who art Athathoor in Thy triumphing, even unto Thee who art Athathoor in Thy beauty, who travellest over the heavens in thy bark at the Mid-course of the Sun. Tahuti standeth in His splendour at the prow, and Ra-Hoor abideth at the helm. Hail unto Thee from the Abodes of Morning!

3. Also, at Sunset, let him greet the Sun, facing West, giving the sign of his grade. And let him say in a loud voice: Hail unto Thee who art Tum in Thy setting, even unto Thee who art Tum in Thy joy, who travellest over the Heavens in Thy bark at the Down-going of the Sun. Tahuti standeth in His splendour at the prow, and Ra-Hoor abideth at the helm. Hail unto Thee from the Abodes of Day!

4. Lastly, at Midnight, let him greet the Sun, facing North, giving the sign of his grade, and let him say in a loud voice: Hail unto thee who art Khephra in Thy hiding, even unto Thee who art Khephra in Thy silence, who travellest over the heavens in Thy bark at the Midnight Hour of the Sun. Tahuti standeth in His splendour at the prow, and Ra-Hoor abideth at the helm. Hail unto Thee from the Abodes of Evening.

5. And after each of these invocations thou shalt give the sign of silence, and afterward thou shalt perform the adoration that is taught thee by thy Superior. And then do

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thou compose Thyself to holy meditation.

6. Also it is better if in these adorations thou assume the God-form of Whom thou adorest, as if thou didst unite with Him in the adoration of That which is beyond Him.

7. Thus shalt thou ever be mindful of the Great Work which thou hast undertaken to perform, and thus shalt thou be strengthened to pursue it unto the attainment of the Stone of the Wise, the Summum Bonum, True Wisdom and Perfect Happiness. [3]

### The Sign of your Grade

For members of the A. . . A. . . this instruction referred to the sign representing their current grade. For everyone else, Crowley gives these signs to be used for each station: [4]

**Dawn** - Give all four L.V.X. signs then remain in the sign of Osiris Risen while proclaiming Resh.



The Sign of Osiris Slain



The Sign of Isis Mourning



The Sign of Typhon



The Sign of Osiris Risen

### The Signs of L.V.X.



**Noon** - Stand in the Sign of Fire, Thoum-aesh-neith. With thumbs and index fingers, place the hands together on the forehead, forming an upward-pointing triangle.



**Sunset** - Stand in the Sign of Air, the God Shu supporting the sky. Arms raised, elbows bent 90°, forearms vertical, with wrists bent as though holding up the sky.



**Midnight** - Stand in the Sign of Water, the Goddess Auramoth. With thumbs and index fingers, place the hands together on the torso, forming a downward-pointing triangle.



**Silence** - Given after each invocation, before the adoration. Place the tip of the index finger of the right hand just on the lower lip

### The God Forms

Over the course of the day, Resh calls on the energies of six godforms; Tahuti -The god of knowledge, Ra-Hoor -The hawk-headed patron of kings, and Ra, Athathoor, Tum, and Khephra, all forms of the sun.



**Tahuti** (Thoth, Djehuty) was the god of knowledge, writing, speech, and magick. He was considered the heart and tongue of Ra as well as the means by which Ra's will was translated into speech. The Greeks related Thoth to Hermes due to his similar attributes and functions. One of Thoth's titles, "Three times great, great" translates into the Greek Trismegistos, making Hermes Trismegistus.

**Ra-Hoor** (Ra-Hoor-Khuit, Ra-Hoor-Khu-It, Ra-Har-Khuti, Ra-Har-Akht, Ra-Herakhty, Ra-Hoor-Kut) is a form of Horus; "Ra (who is) Horus on the Horizon."

Horus was one of the oldest and most significant of the deities in Egypt. Worshipped from at least the late pre-dynastic period, Horus was the hawk-headed patron god of the Pharaohs, who were regarded as living manifestations of Horus on earth. Horus was also said to be a war god and a hunter's god, since he was associated with the falcon.

As Heru-p-khart (Horus the Younger), Horus is represented in the form of a young boy wearing a lock of hair on the right of his head – a sign of youth. In addition, he usually wears the united crowns of Egypt. He is a form of the rising sun, representing its earliest light. This is thought to be the original form of Horus.



Within Thelema, Ra-Hoor-Khuit is the Lord of the Aeon, The Crowned and Conquering Child.

**Ra** (Re) is the primary sun god of Egypt. For the Egyptians, the sun represented light, warmth, and growth. Solar deities were very important to Egyptians, and it is no coincidence that the sun was re-

garded as the ruler of all. In his myths, the sun was either seen as the body or eye of Ra.

Ra was thought to travel in a sun boat (The Boat of the Millions).

**Ahathoor** (Hathor, Hwt Hr) personified the principles of feminine love, motherhood and joy. Among the oldest known Egyptian deities, the worship of Hathor pre-dates the historical period. In the form of the 'celestial cow' she is depicted on a stone urn dating from the 1st dynasty as a sky-goddess and the mother of Horus who, as a sun god, is "housed" in her.



Ahathor is a solar deity in her alternate form of Sekhmet, the lioness. The Egyptians equated the strength of the sun at noon with the strength and ferocity of a lioness.



**Tum** (Atum, Tem, Temu, Tum, Atem) is the first formed of the nine primary Egyptian gods, and was often referred to as the Lord of Heliopolis, the City of the Sun. His name is thought to be derived from the word 'tem', meaning completion or to finish. Thus Tum was seen as the sun when it sets, when the day is complete. Over the long course of Egyptian history, Tum merged with Ra, these two creator gods becoming Atum-Ra.

**Khephra** (Khepera, Kheper, Chepri, Khepra Khepri) is the sun at night, associated with the dung beetle. Dung beetles roll their eggs inside balls of dung, pushing the spherical balls along with their front feet. This was seen as symbolic of the sun rolling across the heavens, while the birth of the young beetles from dung and



other dead matter was symbolic of renewal and rebirth from the underworld. [5] [6]

### The Adoration

This adoration, traditionally used by members of O.T.O., comes from *Liber Al vel Legis*, Chapter III, verses 37-38. The Adoration is often performed in the Sign of Osiris Risen, closing with the Sign of Silence.

**Unity uttermost showed!  
I adore the might of Thy breath,  
Supreme and Terrible God,  
Who makest the gods and death  
To tremble before Thee: --  
I, I adore Thee!  
Appear on the throne of Ra!  
Open the ways of the Khu!  
Lighten the ways of the Ka!  
The ways of the Khabs run through  
To stir me or still me!  
Aum! let it fill me!  
The light is mine; its rays consume  
Me: I have made a secret door  
Into the House of Ra and Tum,  
Of Khephra and of Ahathoor.  
I am thy Theban, O Mentu,  
The prophet Ankh-af-na-khonsu!  
By Bes-na-Maut my breast I beat;  
By wise Ta-Nech I weave my spell.  
Show thy star-splendour, O Nuit!  
Bid me within thine House to dwell,  
O wingèd snake of light, Hadit!  
Abide with me, Ra-Hoor-Khuit!**

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### Want to Be More Involved?

As the year goes forward we're going to see some changes among the officers at Horizon. We'd like to know who among our members might have an interest in being officer or a deputy, or perhaps as a committee chairman. If you'd like to get more involved in the Oasis, please write contact Shellay at [bodymaster@seattleoto.org](mailto:bodymaster@seattleoto.org) and let her know. If there's a particular area that interests you, let her know that as well. Even if you've already talked to her, please do so again so that we know you're still interested, and what you're most interested in.

Not sure what the officer/deputy/chairman positions are at Horizon? There's a complete list of our offices and the duties of each in our Standing Rules, which are online at <http://seattleoto.org/docs/policy/HorizonOasisStandingRules.doc>.





# NOTOCON VII

## The Seventh Biennial National O.T.O. Conference

### Unity Uttermoat Showed!

### Aug 7-9th, 2009 EV – Seattle, WA

## Horizon Oasis Regular Monthly Events for June 2009

All these events open to the public and held at the Horizon Oasis Temple, 1423 10th Ave, Seattle WA 98122 (except as noted!)

### **Gnostic Mass**

*June 13th @ 6PM*

*June 20th @ 8PM (White Robe)*

*June 28th @ 6PM*

Horizon performs Liber XV, The Gnostic Mass, on the 2nd & 3rd Saturday and 4th Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

### **Saturday Social**

*2nd Sat. - June 13th (After Mass)*

Drinks, fellowship and cake. Stick around after mass and have some fun!

### **Horizon Orientation**

*4th Sun. - June 28th (After Mass)*

Orientation is an opportunity for newcomers to be introduced to the basics of the O.T.O. and Thelema.

### **Horizon Monthly Class**

*4th Tuesday - June 23rd @ 7PM*

Centers of Pestilence discussions: a round table of Thelemic topics. Bring your insights and share.

### **Novice Night**

*2nd Thursday - June 11th @ 7PM*

Novice Night is a monthly date where Novices (actual and potential) in the E.G.C. can gather to share, practice, and receive information through discussions and workshops.

### **Enochian Magic Class**

*2nd Tuesday - June 9th @ 7PM*

A focus on detailed knowledge about the history, symbolism and practice of the Enochian magic system.

### **Kundalini Yoga**

*Mon. June 1st, 8th & 29th @ 6:30PM*

Local instructor Ai offers this class in our space each week, teaching the esoteric yet practical

discipline of Kundalini Yoga.

### **RPG Night**

*1st & 3rd Thurs. - June 4 & 18 @ 6PM*

Join fellow Horizoners for a night of gaming.

### **Offsite Events**

#### **Magic in Theory and Practice**

*1st Sunday - June 7th @ 5PM*

Br. Kolson hosts a study of *Magick in Theory and Practice*, Aleister Crowley's "treatise on magic and mysticism for beginners." Contact [mkolson@attglobal.net](mailto:mkolson@attglobal.net) for details.

#### **Garden of Pomegranates**

*3rd Saturday - June 20th @ 12PM*

Each month Brs. Diego & Ken offer a discussion of *Garden of Pomegranates* by Israel Regardie, an essential text of western esoteric qabalah. Contact [ken\\_r\\_barton63@hotmail.com](mailto:ken_r_barton63@hotmail.com) to RSVP.

*Schedule correct as of printing date - all events subject to change - visit the Horizon Calendar online @ <http://www.seattle-oto.org/calendar.htm> and the Sea-OTO Yahoo Group @ <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sea-oto/> for the most current information.*

# Horizon Oasis Calendar

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Kundalini Yoga 6:30PM	2	3 <b>Anahata Chapter of Rose Croix 7PM</b> <b>V° &amp; above only</b>	4 RPG Night 6PM	5	6
7 Offsite Study Group 5PM Magic in Theory & Practice	8 Kundalini Yoga 6:30PM	9 Enochian Magic Class 7PM	10 <b>Anahata Chapter of Rose Croix 7PM</b> <b>V° &amp; above only</b>	11 Novitiate Night 7PM	12	13 Liber XV The Gnostic Mass 6PM  Saturday Social 7:30PM
14	15 No Yoga	16 <b>Officers Meeting 7PM</b> <b>Horizon officers and invited guests only</b>	17 <b>Anahata Chapter of Rose Croix 7PM</b> <b>V° &amp; above only</b>	18 RPG Night 6PM	19	20 Offsite Study Group 12PM Garden of Pomegranates  Liber XV The Gnostic Mass 8PM (White Robe)
21 <b>*** at 3PM Members and guests only</b>	22 No Yoga	23 Horizon Monthly Class 7PM Centers of Pestilence Discussions	24 <b>Anahata Chapter of Rose Croix 7PM</b> <b>V° &amp; above only</b>	25	26 <b>Temple Reserved Anahata RC ALL DAY</b>	27 <b>Temple Reserved Anahata RC ALL DAY</b>
28 Liber XV The Gnostic Mass 6PM  Horizon Orientation 7:30PM	29 Kundalini Yoga 6:30PM	30	1	2 RPG Night 6PM	3	4

Public Events

**Private Events**