

Neoplatonism & Kabbalah for Gerald Gardiner's Birthday Bash 2019

Sam Webster, 6/8/2019, 1 hour

What is Neoplatonism

Relationships with Kabbalah, Grimoire, GD, Wicca

5 min self Intro, who am I and why I know this stuff

Been teaching magick since 1984, I teach to learn

OTO init 1982, GD 5=6 1988, 1st Degree x 3 1986-89

MDiv 1993, seminary education

Crescent Hellions, OSOGD, Pantheon Foundation,

PaganCurrents.com

Local history, Friends in the audience

PhD History of Theurgy, Iamblichus to the Golden Dawn

20 min history and why you should care

Origins of all we do

When the lights go on...to Socrates

Plato 1, Middle, Neo} Church, Renaissance, Oxford-

German, Modern (Whitehead)

Come back more to Neo in T&P, but our history starts with the Renaissance

Ficino, Pico {K/C/Qabala}

The main contribution of Kabbalah to Gentile magic is the cosmological model of the Tree.

30 min Theory (Philosophy) & Practice (Theurgy)

Cosmology

From Plotinus, written by Porphyry, used by Iamblichus, developed by Proclus

Classical Ptolemaic Cosmology,

Terrestrial earth at center (Tartarus somewhere, somehow below),

4 Elements and the surface world with ocean and atmosphere extending up to the moon.

Celestial Moon & up to Saturn, Fixed Stars are Aether,

Divine Empyrium Everything outward Fire, Light, Aether?

Coming back the other ways since it is easier to explain....

One OO programming, Systems theory, Whitehead
Envisionment of the Paradigm

Noos/Noetic & the Forms = the Gods

Psyche/Noeric: Gods of Culture, Myth, and History

Prohodos & Epistrophy

The Divine spectrum: One Deities, Archangels, Angels, Heros, (sort of) Deamons down, Angels up.

Path

After a bit of training, intellectual and moral development
Iamblichus & *De Mysteriis*

Invocation & Sacrifice

To Everybody, working up the chain of beings

Ever refining ones offerings in accord with one's fitness.

Invocation resulted in possession/union at range of intensities

'Purifying' the soul, elevating, rising up the chain of abstraction in keeping with offerings/deities

integrating with cosmos {magical powers}

joining the Administration

Augoides soma/ochoima,

Pnuma between soma and psyche

Photogogia

Arcane rites and Barbarous tongues

HGA, Noesis, Henosis,

Divine mimesis

5 min Q&A