

Intro to the CTMA Tradition for Initiates and Members  
of

*Circulos Tenebris Matrem Arcanas*  
**Circle of the Dark and Mysterious Mother**



## **Why Circulos Tenebris Matren Arcanas?**

When deciding on a name for the new tradition we wanted to capture the idea of people who are equals coming together to study and practice for transformation in both themselves and the world. We chose Circle (Circulos) as the representation of people coming together in unity. The Dark and Mysterious Mother (Tenrbris Matrem Arcanas) is the deity that or us represents the power of change.

## **What Is CTMA About?**

CTMA is a framework of spiritual teachings and practices that are used by individuals for their personal path. There is no dogma or specific requirements in CTMA (other than to be kind to others and respectful of all beliefs). We use Kabbalah, Meditation, Gnosis (personal experiential knowledge), and various aspects of deity to aid us in our endeavors. Every practitioner has the freedom to use the tradition however they choose. We embrace every spiritual path as valid and able to be incorporated into our teachings.

## **Names**

Circulos Tenebris Matrem Arcanas (CTMA for short) means Circle of the Dark and Mysterious Mother. To shorten the name, you can also call the Tradition Circle of the Mysteries or Circle of the Mother. We chose a name that fits the intent of our lineage but realize it's a bit of a mouthful.

## **Open and Affirming**

CTMA is an Opening and Affirming organization that believes in the equality of all people no matter of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, or anything else. True humanity loves all beings no matter what their differences.

## **Membership**

Membership in CTMA is completely free. Anyone who wants to be part of the lineage can email Tau Yonas and declare their intent. At that point a person is considered an associate member. Once someone takes the online course, they become an initiate of the Tradition.

Distance groups are welcome in CTMA. Before a group is officially recognized as a CTMA circle it is recommended that they meet for at least a year and a day as a study group and keep in touch with Tau Yonas.

## **Clergy**

CTMA does have clergy as part of our Tradition. Clergy are not part of a hierarchy, but those that wish

to help teach and guide the path. No one in CTMA dictates beliefs or dogma. Everything is completely up to the individual and their path of spirituality. To become clergy, a person must be an initiate for at least a year and a day and demonstrate the ability to teach.

### **About Tau Yonas**

Tau Yonas is consecrated as a Bishop in the Independent and Gnostic movement and holds a Masters in Theology as well as a certificate in Transformative Coaching. He has been a student of many religions and spiritual traditions which has led him to starting a new lineage that is open to all.

### **Clergy**

Bishop - Tau Yonas

Priest - Brandon

Priest - Commaticus Hekate

Priestess - Lady Lydia

### **Kabbalah**

When someone hears the word Kabbalah it can bring up a number of connotations including Judeo-Christian tradition, ritual magic, and pop culture. None of these connotations are necessarily wrong in some instances. However, the word Kabbalah actually means "Tradition". Once one understands Kabbalistic teachings, it becomes clear that Kabbalah is a system of understanding the universe, deity, consciousness, and even oneself. It is an extremely flexible system that can work with literally any paradigm.

### **Gnosis**

Gnosis is a Greek word meaning knowledge. It has been associated with early Christian sects, but actually pertains to any Tradition that believes in personal experiential knowledge.

### **Meditation**

Meditation is an important part of the Circulus Tenebris Matrem Arcanas path. The purpose of meditation is to go within and then live within so that we can take our consciousness toward Liberation and the Supernal light. Our path is to raise our consciousness toward elevated consciousness so that we can realize our unity with the All and reach enlightenment.

### **Deities**

Many Traditions make a big differentiation between monotheistic and "pagan" religions. The theory is

that the Hebraic Traditions are monotheistic and most others are polytheistic. There are also theologic debates on whether deities are aspects of each other or separate entities. In Kabbalah there can be a synthesis of all these ideas. The Hebrew word Partzufim means "Personality". The concept is that there is one "God" that is beyond all and in complete unity, but as divine light refracts down through the universe, separate deities are produced - all with different personalities and attributes just as people are all different. In CTMA we consider all deities separate yet part of the "whole" beyond creation. These Partzufim are both male and female.

### **What Are We Trying To Do With All This?**

First, we, the founders of Circulos Tenebris Matrem Arcanas would like to acknowledge that we are taking paradigms from multiple world religions and spiritual paths. This is intentional. We know that many groups focus on one particular paradigm and take every aspect of it to either recreate or preserve a Tradition. That is a fine endeavor, but not what we are seeking in our lineage. We have found that Kabbalah is a framework that can work with literally any spiritual teachings, so it is the basis for what we are doing. Kabbalah is at it's heart a way to understand deity, ourselves, relationships, and the flow of energy into creation. We are not using the patriarchy or any rules of the Judaeo-Christian Tradition. In fact, we want no dogma at all – so no teaching is absolute or required. We also know that we are drawing deities from all over the world and from many different cultures. That is also intentional as we want to represent the whole world and make a place for anyone if they want to join us.

Al of that being said, CTMA is about bringing people together into a spiritual partnership (you can stay in whatever other religious or spiritual Traditions you currently engage in) to help bring enlightenment and transformation to our world. We believe that we are all in this together and can find a way to work together in our own ways and have real positive change.

### **What Can You Do?**

First, if you have interest n the Tradition look at our [website](#) and our [facebook page](#). Get to know us. If you'd like to join in this movement, let [Tau Yonas](#) know and he will include you in one of our upcoming joining ceremonies where you will be energetically made an initiate of the Tradition. If you'd like, you can take our course on our web site.

If you would like to go deeper, start a daily meditative practice (even 5 minutes of consistent time in meditation can make a huge difference), build a small altar in your home, and begin studying up on whatever deities you resonate with. This is all about you... and thus all about everyone. So, every step you take will energetically assist everyone else in the world.

If you would like to contribute any articles or information on anything, please do. We want this to be diverse but grounded in framework that brings it all together. We are one people that come from the same ancestors in Africa 40,000 years ago, so all of these spiritual movements belong to all of us.

Lastly, let us know how you're doing and what more you'd like to see from our Tradition.

With Blessings & Love, Tau Yonas

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