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## ***International academic symposium***

### **Ways of Gnosis: Mystical and Esoteric Traditions from Antiquity to the Present Time 10-13 April 2013.**

**April 10-13, 2013, Moscow**

**(The Symposium is a merging of two conferences: *Mystical and Esoterical Movements in Theory and Practice* and *Russia and Gnosis*)**

#### **P R O G R A M**

### **April 10, 2013, LFL**

09.30 – 10.00. Left wing, The Marble Hall.  
**Registration of participants**

10.00 – 10.50. The Marble Hall.  
**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

**Genieva Ekaterina Yuryevna** (PhD, LFL Director General). *Welcome address.*  
**Hanegraaff Wouter Jacobus** (Dr. Prof., Amsterdam University, The Netherlands,  
President of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism). *Welcome address.*  
**Ritman Joost Ruben** (Founder of the Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica, Amsterdam,  
The Netherlands). *Welcome address.*

**Shaburov Nikolai Vitalyevich** (PhD, Professor, Director of the RGGU Center for the Study of Religion, Moscow). *Welcome address.*

**Svetlov Roman Victorovich** (PhD, Professor, Dean of the RHGA Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies Faculty, St. Petersburg). *Welcome address on behalf of the Plato society.*

**Pakhomov Sergey Vladimirovich** (PhD Docent of the SpbGU Philosophy Faculty, Chairman of the Association for the Study of Mysticism and Esotericism (ASEM)). *Welcome address on behalf of ASEM. Announcements.*

**Kapranov Sergey Vitalyevich** (PhD, Senior Researcher at the Eastern Studies Institute of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Kyiv). *Welcome address.*

11.00 – 13.00. Left wing, Grand Hall.

**PLENARY SESSION.**

Модератор: **Е. Ю. Геннева** (Moscow)

**Hanegraaff Wouter Jacobus** (Dr. Prof., Amsterdam University, The Netherlands, President of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism). *The Role of Gnosis in Western Esotericism* (guest lecture).

**Ritman-Oosterwijk Esther** (General Director of the Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica, Amsterdam, The Netherlands). *Gnostic Literature.*

**Shaburov Nikolai Vitalyevich** (PhD, Professor, Director of the RGGU Center for the Study of Religion, Moscow). *Gnostic and Hermetic Studies in the RGGU.*

13.00 – 13.10. Collective photo of the Symposium participants.

13.00 – 14.00. Break.

14.00 – 15.40. Grand Hall.

**PLENARY SESSION**

Moderator: **N.V. Shaburov** (Moscow)

**Pakhomov Sergey Vladimirovich Пахомов Сергей Владимирович** (PhD Docent of the SpbGU Philosophy Faculty, Chairman of the Association for the Study of Mysticism and Esotericism (ASEM)). *Contextuality of Esotericism: In What Sense “Esoteric Traditions” Are Esoteric?*

**Rodichenkov Yuriy Federovovich** (PhD Docent of the Liberal Arts and Socio-Economical Disciplines Department of the Vyazma branch of the Moscow State University of Technology and Management, Vyazma). *Alchemical Poetry or Poetical Alchemy?*

**Burmistrov Konstantin Yuryevich** (PhD Senior Researcher at the Philosophy Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow). *Kabbalah and Blood Libel: Sources, Influences, Interpretations.*

**Radulović Nemanja** (PhD, Assistant-Professor, Department of Serbian Literature, University of Belgrade, Serbia). *The Question of Neobogomilism.*

15.40 – 15.50. Break.

15.50 – 17.30. Grand Hall.

**Plenary session** (continued)

Moderator: **E.B. Rashkovsky** (Moscow)

**Rychkov Aleksandr Leonidovich** (PhD Student, LFL Senior Researcher, Moscow). *The history of the “Ascew Codex” in Britain, France and Russia*

**Yakovenko Igor Grigoriyevich** (PhD RGGU Professor, Moscow). *The Manicheo-Gnostic Component of Traditional Russian Mentality*.

**Gavrilin Kirill Nikolayevich** (PhD, Professor, Head of the Stroganov Moscow State Art and Industrial Academy History of Art Department). *“Sanctuaries” of Russian Theosophy (from the Black Sea to the Island of Capri)*.

**Korzhev Ivan Vladimirovich** (awarded Distinguished Artist of the Russian Federation, independent researcher, Moscow), **Nephedov Aleksandr Victorovich** (Executive Director of the Moscow government newspaper “Tverskaya, 13,” independent researcher), **Rychkov Aleksandr Leonidovich** (PhD Student, LFL Senior Researcher, Moscow). *Hundred-year History of the Sculptural Portrait of XVIII Century Publisher and Humanist N.I. Novikov*.

17.30 – 17.40. Break.

17.40 – 18.00. Grand Hall.

**Dergachev Georgiy Borisovich** (PhD, Professor of the Slavic-Greek-Latin Academy, Moscow). Presentation of the exhibition **“Masonry and its Symbols.”**

## **April 11, 2013, Thursday, LFL**

10.00 – 13.20. Oval Hall (5 Nikoloyamskaya str.).

### **PANEL**

#### **LITERARY AND ARTISTIC ASPECTS OF ESOTERICISM**

10.00 – 11.40. Moderators: **A.L. Rychkov** (Moscow), **E.B. Rashkovskiy** (Moscow).

**Kusovac Jelena** (PhD, Assistant Professor of the Russian Literature Department, Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade, Serbia). *The Metaphysics of the Symbols in the Work of Pavel Pepperstein*.

**Józsa, György Zoltán** (PhD, independent researcher. Budapest, Hungary). *Nabokov and Ritual*.

**Simon Magus** (PhD stud., University of Exeter, Great Britain). *The Visions of Harmachis: Initiation, Anacalypsis and Gnosis in the Egyptian Occultism of H. Rider Haggard*.

**Dais Ekaterina Alexandrovna** (PhD, Secretary of the International Cooperation Department of the Moscow State Palace of Child and Youth Creativity). *Ancient Gnosis in Modern Russian Literature*.

11.40 – 11.50. Break.

11.50 – 13.30. **Literary and Artistic Aspects of Esotericism** (continued)

Moderator: **A.L. Rychkov**

**Rashkovskiy Evgeniy Borisovich** (PhD, Professor, Director of the LFL Research Centre of Religious Literature, Moscow). *Gnostic Aspects of Lyrical Verse*.

**Glukhova Elena Valerievna** (Senior Researcher of the Gorky Institute of World Literature Moscow). *Alternative Poetics in the Rough Draft of “Glossolalia” by Andrei Bely*

**Sabo Bojana** (MA, Assistant Professor of the Philology Faculty, University of Belgrade, Serbia). *Mystical Motifs in the Poetry of Cherubina de Gabriak*.

**Drozdova Marina Valerievna** (PhD Student of the East Ukrainian Volodymyr Dahl State University, Koktebel', Ukraine), **Rychkov Aleksandr Leonidovich** (PhD Student, LFL Senior

Researcher, Moscow). *Unknown records and notes by Maximilian Woloschin on the margins of E. P. Blavatsky's book "The Voice of the Silence."*

13.30 – 14.30. Break.

10.30 – 12.00. **The Fire Hall.** Entrance through the LFL left wing, first floor.  
Round table: **Gnosticism and Alchemy.** Moderator: **Y. F. Rodichenkov** (Vyazma).

14.30 – 15.45. The Fire Hall.

**PANEL**

**WESTERN ESOTERICISM**

Moderator: **Y. F. Rodichenkov** (Vyazma)

**Wogman Mikhail** (PhD cand., researcher, Institute of Asia and Africa, Moscow State University). *Sacred Knowledge as Oral Literacy in Roman Judaism.*

**Gaidukov Nikita Evgenyevich** (Professor of the Orthodox St. Tikhon Humanitarian University). *The Path of Gnosis and the Path of Christ in the Early Church.*

**Akopyan Ovanes Lvovich** (PhD Student, MSU History Faculty, Moscow). *On the Name of God: Kabbalistic Studies of Giovanni Pico della Mirandola, Johann Reuchlin and Francesco Zorzi.*

**Trophimova Violetta Stigovna** (PhD, Postdoctoral Student of the St. Petersburg State University Philosophy Faculty, St. Petersburg). *The Republic of Letters and Secret Societies of the XVII Century: Project Antilia.*

14.30 – 15.45. Oval Hall.

**PANEL**

**EASTERN ESOTERICISM AND MYSTICISM**

Moderator: S.V. Kapranov (Kyiv)

**Kapranov Sergey Vitalyevich** (PhD, Senior Researcher at the Eastern Studies Institute of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Kyiv). *'The Ancient Shinto': a Shinto Gnosis?*

**Lobanov Sergey Vladimirovich** (PhD student, Eastern Philosophy department of the Philosophy Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow). *Agamic knowledge in the Epistemology of Abhinavagupta.*

**Vecherina Olga Pavlovna** (PhD, Professor of the History of Southern Asia Department of the MSU Institute of Asian and African Studies). *The Home of Dancing Śiva": The Role of Tillai-Nataraja Temple in Chidambaram in the Creation of Ideology and Pictorial Canon of Śaiva-Bhakti Movement*

15.45 – 16.00. Break.

16.00 – 17.15. Oval Hall.

**PANEL**

**ESOTERICISM AND MYSTICISM IN THE MODERN ERA**

Moderator: **S. V. Pakhomov** (St. Petersburg)

**Semetsky Inna** (Adjunct Professor, Department of Policy, Culture and Social Studies in Education, University of Waikato, New Zealand). *Tarot as a path to Gnosis: revisiting Faivre, Tomberg and Ouspensky*.

**Duchemin Peter George Alexander** (PhD cand., St. John's, Canada). *Omega's Ladder: Backwards and orthogonal time structures in contemporary Gnosticism*.

**Malevich Tatyana Vladimirovna** (PhD, Docent of the Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences Department of the Thomas Aquinas Institute of Philosophy, Theology and History, Moscow). *A Transformation of the "Practice of Not-Knowing" in Modern Catholic Mysticism (on the Example of T. Keating's "Centering Prayer")*.

(the panel will continue in RGGU, on April 12, 2013)

17.15 – 17.30. Break.

17.30 – 19.00. Oval Hall.

**Open meeting of the Association for the Study of Mysticism and Esotericism (ASEM)**

19.15 – 20.30. Oval Hall.

### **CONCERT "MYSTERIES OF MUSICAL SYMBOLS"**

The concert program includes pieces by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, Wagner, Lyadov, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, and others. The pieces will be performed by famous piano player **Alexei Skanavi**, who will also comment on the pieces presented.

## **April 12, 2013, Friday, RGGU**

10.00 – 11.40. Conference Hall, campus building #6, 6 Miuskaya Square.

### **PANEL**

#### **ESOTERICISM AND MYSTICISM IN THE MODERN ERA**

Moderator: **B. Menzel** (Mainz, Germany)

**Galtsin Dmitriy Dmitriyevich** (PhD, Researcher of the RAS Library, St. Petersburg). *How Esoteric Becomes Religious: the Case of Wicca*.

**Tesman Anna** (PhD, independent researcher, Heidelberg, Germany). *Public Astrological Prognoses in post-Soviet Russia: An Analysis of Mass Media Texts*

**Arapov Aleksands Vladilenovich** (PhD, Professor of the Department of Philosophy, History, and Law of the Financial University under the aegis of the Government of the Russian Federation, Voronezh branch). *Henry Corbin: Gnostic and Orientalist*.

**Pluzhnikova Natalia Nikolayeva** (PhD, Docent of the Volgograd State Socio-Pedagogical University, Volgograd). *Gnosticism and Modern Mysticism: From Dualism to Holism*.

11.40 – 12.00. **Break**.

12.00 – 14.00. Conference Hall.

### **PANEL**

#### **HISTORY OF SECRET SOCIETIES**

Moderator: **Y. L. Khalturin** (Moscow)

**Kuzmishin Evgeniy Leonidovich** (PhD, independent researcher, Moscow). *The Codex Copiale*.

**Kuchurin Vladimir Vladimirovich** (PhD, Dean of the Leningrad Oblast' Institute of Educational Development Faculty of Management of Education, St. Petersburg). *Western European Masons in Search of a Religious Identity (XVIII – Early XIX Century)*.

**Khalturin Yuri Leonidovich** (PhD, independent researcher, Moscow). *Mystical Experience and Practices in the Testimonies of Russian Rosicrucians of the Late XVIII – Early XIX Centuries.*

**Gorodnitsky Roman Aleksandrovich** (PhD, Docent of the MSU State Management Faculty, Moscow). *The “Autonomous Martinism” of G. O. Mebes.*

14.00 – 14.30. Break.

14.30 – 15.45. RGGU Conference Hall.

**PANEL**

**PLATONIC GNOSIS**

Moderator: R. V. Svetlov (St. Petersburg)

**Svetlov Roman Victorovich** (PhD, Professor, Dean of the RHGA Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies Faculty, St. Petersburg). *The Era of Cronus and Zeus in Plato's Dialogues and the Era of the Demiurge in Gnostic Perceptions of History.*

**Protopopova Irina Aleksandrovna** (PhD, Senior Researcher and Deputy Director of the RGGU Russian School of Anthropology, Moscow). *The Platonic Dialogue as a Means of Self-Cognition: Levels of Interpretation.*

**Petrov Valeriy Valentinovich** (PhD, Director of the Center for the Philosophy on Antiquity and the Middle Ages of the RAS Institute of Philosophy, Moscow). *The Gnosis of Maximus the Confessor.*

15.45 – 16.00. Break.

16.00 – 17.15. **Platonic Gnosis** (continued).

Moderator: **I. A. Protopopova** (Moscow).

**Petrov Andrei Valentinovich** (PhD, Head of the OSNIY UNI Department of the St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg). *Neoplatonic Theurgy and Magical Praxis: The Status of the Senseless.*

**Alekseev Dmitry Alekseevich** (translator, academic advisor of the Demiurge Agency, Moscow). *Demiurge and Yaldabaoth: A False Identification. (Poster add-on to the report “A New Translation of “A Valentinian Exposition” from Nag-Hammadi (XI.2)).*

**Goncharov Igor Anatolyevich** (PhD, Professor of the Syktyvkar State University). *The Ideal of Idleness (dosuzhest') in Classic Humanitarian Practices.*

17.15 – 17.30. Break.

17.30 – 19.00. RGGU Conference Hall.

Round table on the Platonism issue of the *Logos* journal (#6, 2012) and on the publishing of new books on Platonism. Moderators: I. A. Protopopova and V. V. Petrov (Moscow).

14.45 – 16.20. RGGU Russian School of Anthropology. Moscow, 6 Miuskaya Square, RGGU campus building #5, room 103.

**PANEL**

**PHILOSOPHY AND METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY OF ESOTERICISM**

Moderator: **I. Semetsky** (Waikato, New Zealand)

**Yashin Vladimir Borisovich** (PhD, Docent of the History and Theory of Religion Department of the F. M. Dostoyevsky Omsk State University). *Archaic Ritual Initiation as Noumenon Gnosis*.

**Otreshko Natalia Borisovna** (PhD, Docent of the Social Policy Department of the Faculty of Social Work and Management of the M. P. Dragomanov National Pedagogical University, Kyiv, Ukraine). *Gnostic Tradition and Modern Theories of Subject: Possible Ways of Mutual Influence*.

**Zorya Kateryna Vasylivna** (MA, independent researcher, Kyiv, Ukraine). *Epistemology and Gnosis: The Empiricism of Post-Soviet Occultism*.

**Zelenskiy Valeriy Vsevolodovich** (PhD, Editor-in-Chief of the *New Spring* journal of post-Jungian psychology, St. Petersburg). *On the Other Side of Religion: Gnosis and Archetypal Psychology*.

16.20 – 16.30. Break.

16.30 – 18.15. The RGGU Russian School of Anthropology.

**Philosophy and Methodology of the Study of Esotericism** (continued)

Moderator: **S. V. Pakhomov** (St. Petersburg)

**Kleshchevich Olga Vitaliyevna** (Secretary of the Public Law Department of the Sea Law Faculty of the S. O. Makarov State University of Sea and River Fleet, St. Petersburg). *Method of Semiotic Analysis of Alchemical Texts Developed During an Interpretation of F. M. van Helmont's "157 Alchemical Canons."*

**Nosachev Pavel Georgiyevich** (PhD, Docent of the State Research University "High School of Economics" and the Orthodox St. Tikhon Humanitarian University). *Western Esotericism as Field of Academic Research: Search for a Typological Classification*.

**Panin Stanislav Aleksandrovich** (PhD Student of the Religious Studies Department of the MSU Philosophy Faculty, Moscow). *The Insider as Researcher in Academic Study of Western Esotericism*

**Farkhitdinova Olga Mikhailovna** (PhD, Docent of the Religious Studies Department of the B. N. Yeltsin Ural Federal University). *On the Prospects of a Phenomenological Analysis of Gnosticism*.

**April 13, 2013, Saturday**

**Bulgakov House Museum-Theater ("house 302 bis").**

11.00 – 11.30.

Tour of the Bulgakov House Museum-Theater.

Optional: individual visits to "The Odd Flat" - M. A. Bulgakov's apartment museum (in the same house).

11.30 – 14.30. Museum Hall of the Bulgakov House.

11.30 – 13.00. Round Table of the International Academy of Humanics "The Human Being as the Subject and Object of Gnosis." Moderator: **D. Y. Shestakov** (Moscow).

13.00 – 14.30. Round Table / Workshop for the Bulgakov Museum "Representing Mysticism in Museum Space." Moderator – **N. B. Golubev** (Director of the Bulgakov House Museum).

14.30 – 15.30. Break.

15.30 – 16.00. Museum Hall of the Bulgakov House.

Presentation of **Alexei Dyachkov's** art exhibition “Transcendental Symbolism in the Meditations of an Artist.” The artist's tale of his apprenticeship with Vassily Vasilyevich Nalimov.

16.00 – 18.00. Tour “On the 302-Bis Tramway Along the Patriarch Ponds” (a bus tour of the important Bulgakov sites of Moscow, bus provided by the Bulgakov House) / or *The Little Prince* play (in the Bulgakov House Theater).

18.00 – 18.30. Bulgakov House Cafeteria, 1 floor.  
Presentation of the **Masons and their Symbols Exhibition**.

18.30 – 21.30. Art-lobby of the Bulgakov House Theater.

18.30 – 20.00. Museum Hall.

Colloquium “**Ways of Modern Masonry**”

Moderated by: **G.B. Dergachev and Y.L. Khalturin** (Moscow)

Speakers:

**Dergachev Georgiy Borisovich** (PhD, Professor of the Slavic-Greek Latin Academy, Moscow). *The Initiatic Roots of Masonry and the Modern World* (report).

**Karpachev Sergey Pavlovich** (PhD, Professor of the Moscow State Pedagogical University). *Masons and the Money of the Russian Diaspora* (research statement).

**Novikov Vladimir Ivanovich** (PhD, independent researcher, Moscow). *A Look at Masonry in the Modern World* (research statement).

**Belyavsky Victor Sergeevich** (PhD, Docent, Director General of the “Center for Humanitarian Education” Publishing Company, Moscow). *Masonry and the Formation of the New Elite* (research statement).

**Nephtedev Georgiy Vladimirovich** (Deputy Research Director of the Memorial S. N. Durylin Museum-House, Moscow Oblast). *The Phenomenon of the Rosicrucian Mythologem Among the Second Generation of Russian Symbolists as a Meeting Between the Gnostic Western European Tradition and Russian Religious and Philosophic Thought* (research statement).

**Khodos Aleksandr Victorovich** (Director General of the Demiurge Agency, Moscow). *Masonic Symbolism of the East and the Organization of the Space of the Workshop in the Life and Work of M. Woloschin* (research statement).

**Smolin Gennadiy Aleksandrovich** (independent researcher, Moscow) *Элементы масонской символики в романе М. Булгакова «Мастер и Маргарита»*.

Break. 20.00 – 20.15.

20.15 – 21.45. Museum Hall.

Round Table **The Manicheo-Gnostic Complex in Russian Culture**. Moderators: **I. G. Yakovenko and A. I. Muzykantsky** (Moscow).

**Neklessa Aleksandr Ivanovich** (Deputy Director of the Institute of Economic Strategies under the aegis of the RAS Social Sciences Division, Head of the Laboratory for Geo-Economic Analysis and Problems of Social Development of the RAS Africa Institute, Moscow). *Unidentified Culture* (report).

**Muzykantsky Aleksandr Ilyich** (Sc.D. Head of the World Politics Faculty, MSU, Moscow). *The Manicheo-Gnostic Complex in Russian Culture* (research statement).

Discussion of the book: Yakovenko I. G. and Muzykantsky A. I. *Manicheism and Gnosticism: Cultural Codes of the Russian Civilization*. Moscow: Russkiy Put', 2010.

21.45 – 22.30. Concert Hall of the Bulgakov House Theater.

**Literary and Musical Studies**.

**Elena Stavnitser** (Member of the Moscow Writer's Union and the International Federation of Russian-speaking Writers). *Margaret's Mystery*.



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*Tverskaya 13*, an accredited newspaper of the Moscow Government, and the *Delphis Journal*  
(Moscow).

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