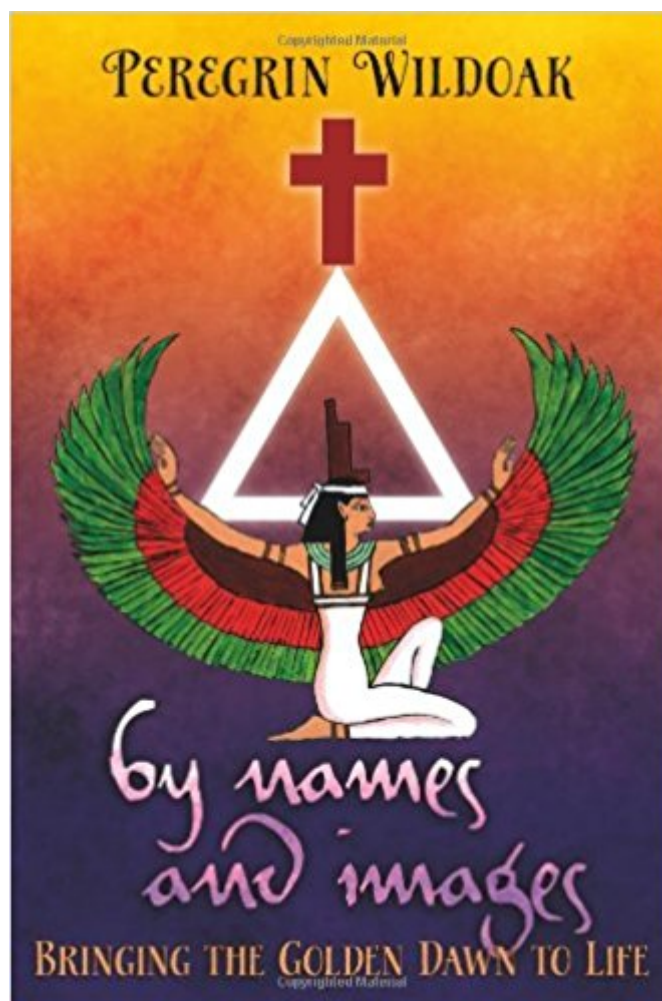


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By Names And Images: Bringing The Golden Dawn To Life



Synopsis

The Golden Dawn (GD) system of magic is the main source of the esoteric and magical wisdom and techniques practiced in the West today. While the rituals and bare teachings of the tradition have been published for sixty years, the inner workings and esoteric keys that empower those rituals have largely remained unpublished or unexplored in contemporary works. *By Names and Images* remedies this lack by providing detailed and clear instructions for the visualisations, spiritual connections and energetic practices required for every major GD practice and ritual, as well as several unpublished techniques. Focusing on the meanings and use of sacred names and practical techniques of visualisation, the book thoroughly explores meditation and divination, purification ritual, invocation and evocation, grades of initiation, and direct experience of the inner realms. Also covered is an explanation of the Qabalah and its use as a magical framework. While the book is sufficiently practical and clearly explained to be of huge benefit to a newcomer to magic, its primary aim is to allow people already practicing the Golden Dawn system to do so more effectively, and to be touched by the amazing spiritual blessings the rituals offer.

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Customer Reviews

'Peregrin's reader-friendly style of teaching displays a joyous sharing of knowledge that demystifies complex teachings, revealing the 'heart and soul' of the Work. This book will be a treasured addition to every Golden Dawn magician's library.' - Chic Cicero and Sandra Tabatha Cicero

Peregrin Wildoak was born in Warwickshire, UK and emigrated to Perth, Western Australia at age 12, where he has lived ever since. In his youth he came into contact with the western mystery traditions and was initiated into the Golden Dawn. He has also received initiation and training in several other traditions including Wicca and an Isis Mystery School. Peregrin is a former editor of Pagan Times and Greenspirit, and co-founded the EarthDreaming tradition and the Golden Dawn Society of Western Australia.

I feel this book plays a singular role within the GD tradition, and it's so good that it came to be published after a long delay. This book was very much missing from my earliest days of exploring GD, when I knew there was something inside the tradition that spoke to me, but couldn't complete the connection. Even after reading somewhat widely within Regardie, who seemed the most humane, humorous, appealing and thorough of these writers, I was unable to get "inside" rituals like the LBRP and eventually abandoned them because clearly, I was working in shallow waters with scant understanding and not going deeper. More importantly, it's obvious that people are drawn to GD for disparate reasons, but I've never read any straight talk on the difference between these desires and how they affect one's practice. In short, I wanted GD to work solely on my own consciousness, to clear it, and for it work in a service-to-others capacity, but could not find any clear route to this within GD. Peregrin seems to focus on this orientation -- the purification of consciousness more or less -- as the center of GD, and does so with what is clearly a lifetime of knowledge and comparative experiences poured into one book. I previewed this at length in Google Books before coming to conclusion that this was *the* GD book I've been looking for and realizing I needed to own, study, read and re-read in its entirety. I find this book completely unlike the modern GD texts I've read, which seem to treat GD more like a hodgepodge of techniques while lacking depth and seriousness. Yet, I also feel this has a more explicit heart than the classic texts. Even the rare cautions found here are valuable. I really feel it's alone in this field and hope that anyone considering a serious exploration of GD, especially by themselves, will find this early on.

One of the best introductions to magic that I have read. I liked the author's personal approach without making the book about himself. The author managed to stay humble (a rarity among occult writers) except when he was talking about traditions outside of the Golden Dawn which he frankly sounded quite ignorant about and dismissive of. I would definitely recommend this over a book like Modern Magic (which I do not recommend at all). I will buy another book from this author if he writes one.

Amazing book! It really does bring back the magic into the Golden Dawn tradition. Most of it, only left by oral transmission, and no inner working explained, unless you were trained in a temple (who actually knew what they were doing, instead of just going through the motions). Before, I've only seen the true Magic of the Golden Dawn hinted in the Z documents, and even there, no true explanations given, only hinted. This is a must have for every GD initiate and everyone interested in working with the system (and actually making it work), I'd compare it (and it'd be a perfect companion) to the late Donald Michael Kraig's excellent work "Modern Magick".

I bought this book when it first came out but I never got around to writing a review. After this length of time others have commented (in detail) on the technical and practical aspects of the writing and the fact that the author's prior experience and personal journey does colour his writing. Those things all help to make the volume a very worthwhile read, but for me most enjoyment came from the uncomplicated approach to what is a very complex field and from the gender inclusive style of writing. This latter made the prose a little awkward in places but was none-the-less a very refreshing change. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the Golden Dawn whether they be neophyte or adept because I think everyone can learn something from the author's down-to-earth approach.

Greetings Peregrin...Thank you so much for producing the book: "By Names and Images - Bringing the Golden Dawn to Life". Not only is it appropriately titled, it has been vital to my understanding of key components for my ritual practice, and propelled me to new dimensions of energetic connectivity. Kindest wishes! ÆðÀ^À† L.V.X. ÆðÀ^À†

This book is amazing. I am using so many of the exercises in here. Even the teachings are very easy to understand and help really bring together GD work and GD philosophy, however some folks will say that this is not PURE GD ala Chic and Tabby Cicero, but heh, the esoteric tradition is full of roads that can eventually lead to the Summum Bonum.

The ritual analysis is very insightful and helpful to me as a beginner, very well written as well. An excellent companion to any other Golden Dawn material, and a great read for anyone who is curious about this system of magic.

Excellent and concise overview of the outer-order and early 2nd order work. Peregrin also did a wonderful job of getting at the Rosicrucian moral core of it and what drives a person on this path when they're there for the right reasons.

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