



TRADITIONAL MARTINIST ORDER

ORATORY SECTION

FIRST DEGREE



LESSON TWENTY-TWO

"It is not the head which is necessary to advance in Truth; it is the heart."



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CONCURRENCE

As this monograph contains a questionnaire that will be useful to you in reviewing the First Degree of our Order, we thought that it would be appropriate to submit for your reflection the quotation below taken from the book entitled *My Thoughts and Those of Others* by Jean-Baptiste Willermoz. As you will notice, it brings out the importance of prayer for whoever is in quest of knowledge and wisdom. Remember that Martinism is the *Way of the Heart* and transcends the intellect.

To study without praying, a wise man once said, is a true atheism, and to pray without studying is a vain presumption. This means that whoever thinks that he can acquire true light by studying and by the sole strength of his application, thinks and acts as an atheist, and the one who presumes that in order to obtain knowledge of the truth, all he has to do is ask for it in his prayers without making any effort to discover it and without meditating upon his path, is just a presumptuous, cowardly, and indifferent human being. The first one will only acquire a vain and dangerous science, the other will dwell in ignorance.

Jean-Baptiste Willermoz (1730-1824)



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Dear Supplicant,

I greet you before the Luminaries of the Traditional Martinist Order!

The time has come to close the work of the first degree of the Traditional Martinist Order. To this effect, we submit to you a questionnaire that will allow you to both review the main topics of this degree and internalize what you have retained from the teachings. If you encounter difficulty in answering certain questions, do not hesitate to go back to the corresponding monographs and do the necessary review.

You can choose to answer the questions orally or in writing. If you choose the latter, you may send your responses to the Grand Master. We assure you that they will be read with the greatest attention.

- 1) By whom and when was the Traditional Martinist Order founded?
- 2) Who were the two instructors of Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin?
- 3) How many kinds of symbols are there?
- 4) What is the purpose of these symbols?
- 5) Give a few examples of universal symbols.
- 6) What is the meaning of the point, the straight line, the circle, and the cross in Martinism?
- 7) What is Theosophical Reduction and Theosophical Addition?
- 8) What can you say about the configuration of a Martinist Temple?
- 9) What is signified by the traditional Martinist formula: A. L. G. D. יהוה G. A. D. L. U.?
- 10) To which trinity does the Martinist Tradition attribute the three planes of Creation?
- 11) What do the colors black, red, and white correspond to and what do they symbolize?



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- 12) What is the significance of the mask, the cloak, and the cordelier in the Martinist Tradition?
- 13) Who is the author of *Treatise on the Reintegration of Beings* and what can you say about this text?
- 14) Give the name of the four circles of Spirits that emanated from God at the beginning of Creation?
- 15) According to Martinès de Pasqually, what was the error of the first Spirits?
- 16) What are the three Worlds that gave rise to the birth of Creation?
- 17) What is the Super Celestial Immensity?
- 18) What do the six days of Creation represent?
- 19) What is the Celestial Immensity?
- 20) Where is the Terrestrial Paradise in the Universal Tableau?
- 21) What is the Terrestrial World?
- 22) What is the purpose of the Universal Creation?
- 23) What can you say about Adam?
- 24) What is the mission of humanity today?
- 25) What are the three parts that compose a human being and what are their roles?
- 26) What is signified by the expression “*glorious body*” in Martinism?
- 27) What did Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin mean when he spoke about “*the two portals of the heart*”?



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- 28) What is the “*Way of the Heart*” in the Martinist Tradition?
- 29) Why does one say that the human being was made “*in the image of God*”?
- 30) What is evil and what can we do to prevent it from expressing itself through us?
- 31) How is God’s name written in the Jewish Tradition?
- 32) Why is Christ considered as being the Repairer and the Reconciler?
- 33) What can you say about the mineral, the vegetable, and the animal kingdoms?
- 34) What place does the human being occupy in nature and what makes us unique?
- 35) What can you say about the science of numbers?
- 36) What are the Decad and Monad?
- 37) What can you say about the “*Book of Nature*”?
- 38) What can you say about the “*Book of Man*”?
- 39) Why does one say in the Martinist Tradition that humanity lost its divine condition and fell from 4 to 9?
- 40) Which topic did you prefer in this first degree?

You have now completed the study of the First Degree of the Traditional Martinist Order. Your next monograph will contain the Introductory Ritual for the Second Degree and will mark a new stage on your Martinist Path. We suggest you prepare yourself on the mystical plane for this important event.

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