

On my website, you will find the 7 similarities between Ancient Cults and Modern Day GLO's. I do not know how much you know about GLO's, but I hope this will help you. The practices of these cults has not gone away over history, but have carefully hid themselves within organizations like GLO's, masonic orders, eastern stars, etc. As Christianity is being muzzled, these religions/cults are flourishing. It may not be a heaven or hell issue with you, but what about the next person you vote on to be initiated?

"1.) "That is why Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, is our Sorority mentor." (DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROGRAM, 1987, p.106.)

Problem with #1 and #4 is **Exodus 20:3(amp)** You shall have no other gods before or **beside** me.

All Greek-Lettered Organizations share these common characteristics. These are not the characteristics of a Christian foundation. These are their words compared with God's word. Why a fake god, a false light, and a vain faith? Why not Jesus Christ, the true and living God, the true light, and the only One in Whom we must put our faith to have eternal life. He is the only way to go from darkness to light. Any Christian! Right here and right now, whether this is your specific organization or not, should denounce!!!!!!

In all four of these quotes, the foul stench of idolatry can be easily detected.

II.)

## CHAPTER

### 3

## PART 1

# ORIGIN OF GREEK-LETTERED ORGANIZATIONS

Lets hear the origin of GLO's  
(Greek-Lettered Organizations) from  
a GLO.

"Our founders were well aware  
of the need to transfuse the  
ideals of Greek moral virtues  
with the **later** concepts of  
brotherhood and love. That is  
why they clearly wrote: 'We  
are a sisterhood founded on  
**Christian principles...**'" (DELTA

SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, CANDIDATE SYLLABUS, 1987, p.  
30.)

The problem with this quote is that Christianity is  
not and can never be transfused with Greek moral  
virtues because they don't uphold God's standards.  
The church at Corinth is the best example of the  
problem when one does with Christianity what they  
want, and not how the Bible says so.

III.) Another quotation from the same GLO also shows  
their closest descendant concerning from whom GLO's  
got their practices.

"The most direct line of  
descent from Greek societies

to America is the Freemasons (called Masons). Historians of American fraternities and sororities trace most of our rituals, ceremonies and rites to the Masons. An examination of Masonic rituals open to scholars suggest that our Founders were also influenced by Masonic ritual, symbolism and initiation experiences."

(DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, CANDIDATE SYLLABUS, 1987, p.30.)

The significance of this quote is where did the GLO's get their symbolism, ritual, and initiation ceremonies from (i.e. what is the **origin**)? In reading this chapter, you will find out that it is not Judaism, Christianity, Jesus, or the Word of God. **The origin is Satan.** This quote is self-incriminating for GLO's who claim Christian founded principles. For it is well documented that Masonic Orders are cults, practice occultism and extreme idolatry.

"Question: What is the **ultimate goal**, then?

Answer: **Wisdom!** The college educated woman seeks to become wise rather than smart. That is why **MINERVA, the Goddess of Wisdom, is our Sorority mentor.**" (DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROGRAM, 1987, p. 106.)

A verse of the National Hymn of **Delta Sigma Theta** reads; "The bright gleam of thy vision has lighted the world;" (DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, RITUAL, 1987, p. 7.)

**Thy** in this excerpt is Delta Sigma Theta.

The Bible clearly states that JESUS **alone** is the **Light** of the world. **PRIDE AND IDOLATRY again!!!** To any TRUE Christian, this statement is an insult. It says your Savior is a lie, by not being The Light, and that Christians are still in darkness, when they have received the only True Light (**JOHN 1:9**). That true Christians are in darkness, when they have the only true Light is contradictory. Even John the Baptist confessed not to be that Light which is Christ.

**JOHN 1:20** And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

IV.) Here is the fence straddling mentality found in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and in all other GLO's.

**National President:** "WE believe in a spiritual life, **but** WE leave to the individual the **selection** of the MEDIUM for its outward manifestation." (DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, Ritual, 1987, p. 30.)

This means a Delta can be a witch, psychic, palm reader, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, etc.... A true Christian cannot be in agreement with any of the above religions or professions. How can you (Delta Christian) believe that you could belong to this sorority **and be saved**? IT HAS TO BE UNBELIEF IN GOD'S WORD. Deltas are saying that, **JOHN 14:6** and **ACTS 4:12** mean nothing.

**JOHN 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, **but by me.**

**ACTS 4:12** Neither is there salvation in **any other**: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

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p.s. "If I get to heaven, and I can't get in, I'll just show St. Peter my Delta Pin." Pledge materials from a denounced DST, 2002.

St. Peter was for sure a man of God, but not The Son of God, Not Jesus Christ

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**Bring Sex and Spirituality Out of the Closet!**

**OH GOD!**

A Black Woman's Guide to Sex and Spirituality  
*The Reverend Dr. Susan Newman*  
A Featured Alternate of the Black Expression Book Club

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

Far too many African American women struggle with a deep division between the two fundamental pillars of their identity—spirituality and sexuality. The church tells them that to live “holy and sanctified” lives they must give up sexual activity outside the institution of marriage, and yet their bodies and souls cry out for a way to express and fulfill their natural passions. In this groundbreaking book, the Reverend Dr. Susan Newman, a nationally recognized minister and speaker, finally shows all women of faith how to find a healthy balance between their spiritual selves and their sexual needs.

Dr. Newman opens with a simple but startling premise: You can love God and love sex at the same time. Though it may sound irreverent, this premise is actually the basis for an essential journey to self-knowledge and reconciliation. As Dr. Newman shows, this journey has been denied to women for centuries because of church traditions and doctrines going back to the Old Testament and to the teachings of Saint Paul. For African American women, the spiritual-sexual divide was compounded by slavery.

But women of faith do *not* have to live divided lives. Writing with passion, candor, and welcome humor, Dr. Newman opens new paths to healing and reconciliation. Here are frank, direct discussions about sex both inside and outside marriage; about being honest about your spiritual and erotic needs; about making personal choices; and about acknowledging the holiness of your body.

The goal, as Dr. Newman explains, is not to suppress or channel your sexuality, but to embrace sex as a wonderful gift from God. As a woman of faith—and as a woman—you deserve a healthy, satisfying life, a life open to passion and truly free of guilt and shame. The first book of its kind, *Oh God!* is a landmark achievement that will be welcomed by black women who want to live in wholeness of spirit and body.

Praise for OH GOD!

"With a down-to-earth sense of humor... **OH GOD!** can teach you to use the fire of burning desire to forge something everlasting."

-- Honey

"A woman cannot be free if her body and her spirit are at war. With this powerful book, Sister Reverend Dr. Susan Newman unlocks the chains of confusion and hands sisters the keys to their own personal liberation and spiritual healing."

-- **Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, (Delta Sigma Theta)**

-- President Emerita, Spelman College

"Susan Newman makes us believe that the body is the temple of both spiritual and sexual fulfillment. What a revelation! Finally, theology and sexology can meet in the minds of the saved and sanctified, along with the rest of the world. This illuminating volume will help us to reclaim God's precious gift of life, spirit, and human sexuality in the same breath, and we can exhale. Thank God for **OH GOD!**"

-- **Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant, (Alpha Kappa Alpha)**

Columnist, *Essence magazine*,  
Author of *The Best Kind of Living*

It takes a woman minister to tell women of faith how to balance their spiritual beliefs with their sexual needs, and the Reverend Dr. Susan Newman does just that in her new book, **OH GOD!** A Black Woman's Guide to Sex and Spirituality (One World /Ballantine Books Hardcover; April 2, 2002; \$23.95).

A groundbreaking book...a landmark achievement, that will be welcomed by black women who want to live in wholeness of spirit and body," by Amazon.com, **OH GOD!** is the first definitive guide to helping African American women of all faiths find a balance between sexuality and spirituality. The book not only examines the issues confronting women today, but also examines how interpretations of religious texts have influenced religious instruction in matters of women, sex and spirituality.

"Millions of Black women of faith are struggling to reconcile sexuality and spirituality; trying to live 'holy and sanctified' lives as taught by their churches, while merging these religious beliefs with their natural sexual desires," Dr. Newman says. "Many denominations of various religions decree that any form of sexual activity outside of marriage is a sin. Thus, many women are left with no outlet to relieve their passions."

Beginning with the radical premise that women of faith "can love God and love sex, too!" Dr. Newman takes an honest, humorous look at why so many women struggle to reconcile their spiritual and sexual selves and what they can do to bridge the gap.

"Somebody has to own up to the fact that African-Americans need to start talking about sex from the sphere of the church," Dr. Newman says. "I'm not talking about sex as we have traditionally understood it in the past. I'm not talking about how we wish sex would be in the future. I'm talking about what is the true and honest presence of sex in the lives of women today, right now."

With chapters covering such topics as The Sexual Truth Shall Set You Free, What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School and Jesus as the Liberating Feminist of the Bible, Dr. Newman explains the origins of biblical teachings about sex and proposes a new sexual ethic for the spiritual woman.

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## QUOTES

"It is about time! Finally the discussion of human sexuality in the church is out of the proverbial closet! Susan Newman brings a much-needed discussion of sex and single women of African descent to the table. She is frank and Biblical. She is honest and spiritual. She has a firm grasp of what women are privately thinking and is bold enough to bring the discussion to a public forum. It is a great read for African American women, single and married, and perfect for women's groups."

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From a DELTA:

I have read many of the comments of fellow greeks, those who wanted to pledge and those with no intent. In addition, I've taken the responses of Min. Hatchett into consideration. I think we all have valid points and can justify our way of thinking with some scripture of some type. The key point that most of us is missing is that it's not about us, it's about God. You see, an organization can only be what you make it and can only consume your time as much as you allow it to. If God be the center of your focus and it is your heart's desire to do the Will of God, nothing will stop you! I am a Christian woman as well as a proud member of dst. I am very active in my organization, but not to the point where it jeopardize my workings for the Kingdom. Yes, delta is founded on Christian principles, but now I ask one that if we "as Christians" are supposed to live our lives according to the bible, should it matter that an organization has incorporated scriptures into their rituals? See this is one of the many things that you may miss if you loose sight of allowing God's Word to be manifested in our lives. And yes your response may be, "Its scripture but they are taking it and making/putting the focus on man and not God!" Well this is true for some organizations, I can't speak for all, but as for me, Minerva is not who I worship, It God! Yes, I do love what Minerva stands for (something you will not understand unless you are a delta), but I would never put dst before my relationship with God. One's next rebuttal may question our secrecy, well its not the fact that we are so secretive, its just that some information can not be disclose to non-members and must present some type of identification (in a sense) to reap the benefits. Its like each of us having our bank accounts, we wouldn't want anyone to get hold of/have our credit card or bank account information and in order to get access to the

funds, we prove that we are the account holder. Its not the fact that we are Christians are so secretive right? Its just some information can't be disclosed to everyone. Just think of it on a larger numerical scale ( in terms of people). So as I state previously we as Christians have to be very careful what we allow to dictate our lives. We all have many different perspectives, teachings and interpretations of the bible, but ultimately, its all about Christ. I pray that those of you that have a negative out look on GLO's, especially dst, really find it in your hearts to release the resentment and anger for whatever reason whether it be because of this forum or bad experience. Focus on Christ. My favorite scripture is " First seek ye the kingdom of God, and its righteousness and all of these things shall be added unto you.(Mat 6:33). I encourage and challenge each of you to do your on research about GLO's. As mentioned, it's not for everyone, but if you feel that it is, pray about it! Ask God for direction. I did!!!! Don't let other people's opinion dictate what you do in life. Remember that only what you do for Christ will last!! Not just limited to pledging but in general, if you are not doing it for the Glory of God, nothing good will become of it! Feel free to express your thoughts and opinions. No offense given, none taken...just a little enlightenment! Be Blessed, Cause I am!

Min H's Response:

Not one scripture to justify being a member. Matthew 6:33 is not in the Delta's Ritual. But Minerva's Sword represents Truth. The Word of God is Truth and the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. So the Sword of the Spirit is Truth. Bottom line: When you put all the pieces together, Minerva is the Goddess of Delta Sigma Theta. Deltas have told me no different about Minerva than what the ritual says, and if you can't tell people why you PROUDLY wear a false god or place her in your car window, before pledging, why should they have to pledge later to find out? DST's PUBLIC MOTTO is, "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom". But who is the goddess of intelligence and wisdom? MINERVA. So every time you all open a meeting, it is under the intelligence and wisdom of Minerva. Then when the meeting is over, and the torch goes out, the last words are to carry the torch (MINERVA) with you until you all meet again.

"Remember that only what you do for Christ will last!! Not just limited to pledging but in general" Proud member

If you think you can suffer SELF-HUMILIATION by being hazed for the glory of God, say how scripturally. Colossians 2 TOTALLY refutes your claim.

# THE MINERVA CIRCLE

The planning, Chapter training and implementation of all intake activities, including the induction of new members into Delta Sigma Theta, is invested in a committee of active members designated as the Minerva Circle.

It is fitting that the attributes associated with Minerva\*, the Goddess of Wisdom, be influential in the minds and spirits of these Sorors as they plan and execute their duties. Elected by the Chapter to guide the Chapter in carrying out the Sorority's most Sacred Trust -- "The induction of new members into Delta Sigma Theta" -- Sorors who comprise the Minerva Circle have a major Chapter responsibility. It should be recognized as such by the Chapter, with appropriate appreciation and esteem. Only those Sorors who have participated in a Membership Intake Workshop are eligible to be elected to serve in the Minerva Circle.

## THE MINERVA CIRCLE OF IDENTITY

As the re-envisioning of the Founders' mission continued and was tested against current social theories, a corporate identity evolved.

Figure 1 illustrates a circle which places sisterhood at the very core of a corporate identity, with other facets of identity moving further from the core, but all a holistic unit bound in the Minerva Circle.

They want an idol god's attributes to influence the minds and spirits of the Deltas as they pledge people is crazy. This is a perfect recipe for disaster allowing the devil direct access to the sorority. The question of the day must be; what is the root of her attributes? How are they defined?

See Grace Hamilton, *Mythology* (revised), New American Library, 1969, pp. 29-30; and Patricia Monaghan, *The Book of Goddesses and Heroines*, New York: E. P. Dutton, 1981.

Minerva, considered to be the Goddess of Wisdom, is sometimes referred to as a Greek Goddess named Pallas Athene (Minerva). She was pre-eminently the Goddess of the city, the protector of civilized life. In later poetry, she is the embodiment of wisdom, reason and purity. The olive, created by her, was her tree. Other scholars trace her origin and descent to Rome, fusing Etruscan and Italian deities of handicrafts and war. Later, the imposition of the Greek figure Athene on her identity followed.

It is clear that the goddess' name derives from the ancient root for "mind" and her domain was – even more than Athene's – intellectual. She was wisdom incarnate in female form, the goddess, therefore, of the application of intellect to everyday work, thus of commerce and crafts. She was also said to be the inventor of music.

While the Founders chose Minerva as the Sorority's patron, it is important to recognize the undisputed intellectual domain of the goddess and be guided by this emphasis. That she is one of the strongest and most admirable goddesses of antiquity is ample basis for cherishing her as a patron.

We know who Minerva is, why the FOUNDERS chose her, and that her wisdom is not founded upon the wisdom of Jesus Christ. It says that she is wisdom incarnate, but the Bible states,

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:  
I Corinthians 1:30

### The Crest

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Crest or Coat of Arms was designed by Soror F. Ailene Marks and Soror Jeanette Tripplett Jones, both of Lambda Chapter. It was authorized in 1934 by the executive committee. The crest is a composite idea expressing graphically the sorority motto: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom." Minerva (Pallas Athena), the Goddess of Wisdom, is atop the shield which bears the torch. The sword, representing truth, is a part of her symbolism. The staff symbolizes intelligent leadership. The laurel wreath is the symbol of achievement as used by the Greeks.

Sorority Crest...

Ephesians 6:17- Take the helmet of salvation and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**Intelligence, leadership, truth (means to tell the truth or to be honest), achievement all have their meanings apart from God's Word. Instead, DST, a professing Christian principled organization professes OPENLY that Minerva, a false god is their sorority mentor/guide/leader. So in reality, DST is a sorority founded upon Minerva's principles. DST is a Minerva Centered organization.**

### The Delta Meditation vs. I Corinthians 13

This is a real ugly, ungodly piece of work that an organization that claims to be founded upon Christian principles has perpetrated. Get your Bibles out!!

"Though I speak with the tongues of the learned and profound, and have no love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging symbol.  
 And though I prophesy, know all Delta laws, ritual, traditions and secrets, and can recite them glibly;  
 And though I have such absolute devotion to duty that I can do anything my hands undertake, and have not love, I am nothing.  
 Though I spend all my time working on worthy projects, and though I give all I possess, pay all assessments, strive with all my might for Delta, and have no love, I make it amount to nothing.  
 A true Soror is vey patient, very kind. Her love for her Sorors knows no

jealousy; she makes no parade, puts on no airs, is never rude, never, defensive, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful.

A true Delta is never glad when others go wrong; she is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, never a carrier of gossip, always eager to believe the best, always willing to help others in the slow process of growth. She wears her pin with humility. Her love never disappears.

As for interpreting the law, it will be superceded; as for tongues, they will cease; as for a college education, it will be superceded.

For now we know only bit by bit and we prophesy bit by bit;  
But when the true sisterly spirit is attained, the uncharitable shall fade away.

When I was a pyramid, I talked as a Pyramid, I understood as a Pyramid, I thought as a Pyramid, but now that I have become a Delta, I am done with the ways of those intending to be Deltas.

At present we see only the great potentialities of a Sisterhood founded on Christian principles, but some day we shall know that its realization rests upon the quality of our lives in fellowship one with the other.

At present I am learning bit by bit, but then shall understand as all along the Creator of all has understood the dignity and the worth of every individual.

Thus faith, and hope and love last on, these three, but in Delta Sigma Theta, the greatest of these is love."

(The Official Ritual of the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, p.79-80, 1996.)

The underlined text indicates that the fellowship among sisters in Delta SUPERCEDES them being founded upon Christian principles, let alone the whole bastardization of scripture.

"A woman who becomes a Candidate is under the shadow of Minerva, and in no way could we offend one who is under her **grace!**"

(Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, CANDIDATE SYLLABUS, 1987 or 1990, p. 38)

What about being under the 'shadow of the Most High?' What about being under the grace of Jesus? Have these sorority sisters replaced the true God with a false whore goddess named Minerva in these descriptions? ([www.divinetruthishere.com](http://www.divinetruthishere.com))

### **Psalm 91**

1He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

DST's- Earth, Air, Fire, and Water

Pyramids and obviously Deltas both know about earth, air fire, and water according to an X-DST who experienced this during her initiation ritual. "The Elusinian associated the elements with certain human forces.

Earth. The goal is to attain a fulness of self-knowledge, including understanding and caring for one's body and all living things. Here the aspirant achieves respect for the ecology of the earth and her own physical being.

Water. The goal is to become knowledgeable and controlling of one's emotional self-passions, feelings and attitudes. Here the aspirant achieves moderation and balance.

Air. The goal is to become more rational, to rise 'above the clouds' into pure reason.

Fire. The goal is tranquility and spirituality. Here the aspirant rejects the negative and material values of the world and transcends to a more spiritual plane. (Pyramid Syllabus 1987)

What is to be noted is that these elements are closely tied to the initiation rituals for aspirant witches. These same elements are looked to in Delta Sigma Theta just as strongly. These elements are the means to which Aspirants focus on Delta as being a LIFETIME commitment.

Delta is even so sick as to misquote another scripture.

These four elements are said to be the conditions in which all human beings, "live and move and have their being." (Pyramid Syllabus 1987)

**Acts 17:28-** For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Witches see these elements just as important as they see their gods and goddesses. So it's no wonder that Delta Sigma Theta would use a scripture, REPLACING, "IN HIM", with the four elements.

Now here is the WITCHES PYRAMID or The Witches' Earth, Air, Fire, and Water

# The Witch's Pyramid of Four Pillars

There are many tools used in Modern Witchcraft. According to some Wiccan systems, the first four are not physical, but rather are qualities which must be developed within the witch.

The "Four Pillars of the Witches Temple" are;

## **To Know (nescere)**

-corresponds to **Air**  
-represents the witch's reason/intellect/intuition/wisdom and other more mystical understandings...

Basically this has to do with the gaining of knowledge, whether it be from books, teachers, or from experience. This also includes anything having to do with organising said knowledge: remembering, analyzing, dissecting, logical reasoning, imagining, linking, and many more. This is shown in many kinds of knowledge needed to do ritual: from remembering the words to invocations, to knowing when to cast the circle, to knowing what incense to use, to remembering how it feels when one grounds correctly.

In witchcraft knowledge is power. No knowledge is ever wasted, and you may find that your fifth grade Creative Writing class taught you things useable for creating invocations, or that your Aunt Jean's gardening tips are helping you with your herb growing, or your Tai Chi class helped get the idea of centering across.

The admonitions "Know Thyself", "Know your Craft", "Learn" and "Apply you Learning" are all included in the pillar.

## **To Will (velle)**

-corresponds to **Fire**  
-represents the witch's Will/Discipline/her skills in the arts of magic and life.

This can be split into two categories: the mundane and the Magickal. The mundane is where a with tries to keep their life in good order, and to



follow through on promises and commitments. The magickal version refers to the Will to see a spell or ritual to its completion, keeping the intent clear without letting oneself get distracted. Concentration, Discipline and Drive are definitely a part of this, as well as Enthusiasm for doing ritual in the first place.

Placing one's will in tandem with Divine Will is also included.

"Keep you thoughts and deeds in good order" and "Breathe and Eat correctly" belong here (though really just the act of living up to all the Goals could be listed under "To Will")

### **To Dare (audere)**

-corresponds to **Water**

-represents the witch's Emotions/Heart since the word courage derives from a word that means "heart"

"To Dar" encompasses the acts of facing fears, especially with regards to doing magick. Dare to experiment with what one has learned to gain more experience, like trying out that new astral travel technique or trance working. Dare to meet the Gods and interacte with them. Dare to deal with inner darkness.

This is not to say that one must never feel fear. Fear must be felt and examined before it can be dealt with. The more one tries to hide one's fear from one's self, the more power that fear will have over one's self. Facing the Shadow within can be more traumatic than facing the most awe-inspiring Deity. However, Starhawk mentions in her book *The Spiral Dance*, "Where there's fear, there's power." One's greatest fear can mask one's greatest strength.

It must be stated that any emotion or personal attribute brought into a magickal circle will be increased and strengthened. This explains the admonition at the gateway "Better to fall upon this knife/Than enter here in fear, or strife". Give strength to your courage.

### **To Keep [the] Silence (tacere)**

-corresponds with **Earth**

"To Keep the Silence" is often interpreted as "To Keep Silent": that is, to keep secret knowledge of witchcraft, of membership and places of meetings etc., except in cases of voucher-for persons. "To Keep Silent" is probably a good general practice since it keeps the foolhardy from trying things that might be dangerous or from getting flack from less sympathetic neighbours. This is, however, not the whole story.

"Silence" represents the 'still point'... the silence within... The

correspondence with Earth here also gives another hint of this interpretation, since in order to begin to work magick, we generally "ground" and "center" ourselves. It is difficult to keep clear one's intent if other extraneous thoughts keep flitting by and being distracting.

Listening to the Gods and Nature (and other people for that matter) is also intimated since one cannot hear unless there is silence first.

Again, "Keeping your thoughts in good order" as well as "Meditate" come under this heading

### **To Go (ire)**

-corresponds to Spirit

Some traditions use the fifth Element of Spirit as embodying the power "To Go": to go forth, to journey, to make manifest, to evolve. Most traditions assign Spirit to the Gods, making spirit a combination of the other four elements in perfect balance.

### **Conclusion**

If one sees each of these qualities written on a four-sided pyramid, "To Keep the Silence" would be on the base, with the other three (To Know, To Will, To Dare) rising from the base (ie. Earth, foundation) to meet at the top. All things begin and end in Silence.

All of these qualities must be developed to gain proficiency in magick. (Remember "Achieve Balance")

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<http://www.angelfire.com/falcon/enchanted-moon/pyramid.htm>

When Minerva is added to the equation (i.e. wisdom, reasoning, knowledge, etc.), we have a purposed, knowledgeable use of witchcraft in DELTA SIGMA THETA. They do it very sneaky, tricky, subtle way. They employ the use of three different books to teach portions of each. So when one puts everything together;

- 1.) Minerva
- 2.) The Muses and the Graces
- 3.) The Elusianian Mysteries
- 4.) The FOUR elements
- 5.) And The Witches Pyramid

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