

The Creations: An introduction to Kemetic Spirituality
Wo'se Community Church of the Sacred African Way
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Syllabus

Course Description:

An analysis of four major accounts of the creation of the gods (netjeru), the world and humans. The course provides the basic themes, controversies and vocabulary in Kemetic spirituality, including the aforementioned cosmogonies, the death and resurrection of *As.ir(t)* (Osiris), The Declarations of Innocence, the journey of the soul and the nature of the “Afterlife.”

Required Texts: None

Suggested Text: Théophile Obenga, African Philosophy

Prerequisites: Genuine interest

Ideal participant: Open-minded, demonstrates fairness, maturity, and self-discipline in group discussions, attends consistently, arrives on time and is prepared for class. Preferably adult, young adult or “informed” adolescent with parental consent.

Discussion Schedule:

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| Jan. 21 | Course overview, Geography, Chronology, Preliminary Vocabulary

*Handout for next session: Cosmogony of <i>Iwn.w</i> (Heliopolis) |
| Jan 28 | Origin of the <i>Ntjr.w</i> (“the gods”), the World, and Humans I: <i>Iwn.w</i>

*Handout for next session: Cosmogony of <i>Khmn.w</i> (Hermopolis) |
| Feb. 4 | Origin of the <i>Ntjr.w</i> , the World, and Humans II: <i>Khmn.w</i>

* Handout for next session: Cosmogony of <i>Mn.nfr</i> (Memphis) |
| Feb 11 | Origin of the <i>Ntjr.w</i> , the World, and Humans III: <i>Mn.nfr</i>

<u>Possible guest speaker:</u> Dr. Théophile Obenga

*Handout for next session: Cosmogony of <i>Was.t</i> (Thebes) |
| Feb 16 | Origin of the <i>Ntjr.w</i> , the World, and Humans IV: <i>Was.t</i>

*Handouts for next session: The Death & Resurrection of <i>As.ir(t)</i> , also “The 42 Declarations of Innocence” |
| Feb 25 | <i>Maat</i> : Morality, Ethics and the Life of the Soul (M.I.T, Zerita Sharp) |