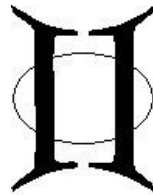


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The first Green Book began as a collection for the lazy Arch-Druids of Carleton to come up with something to say in the early 1960s during the Meditation section of the weekly liturgies, much as modern clergy refer to books of ready-made sermons. Building on that tradition, I collected two more books for the first edition of ARDA. These went relatively well, but my research didn't stop; and book after book of recommended reading material, and stuff I just thought was neat, were produced over the years, especially as I began to mine the older magazines of the NRDNA movement, and consolidate interesting types of materials.

Each Green Book has its own theme. Green 2 was my European studies, and Green 3 was my Asian studies in 1993. After my trip to Japan, Green 4 was conceived as a trip around the world, with readings from all the continents and major religions. Levity has been a constant companion to the Reformed Druid, so Green 5 was conceived as material to cheer up a Druid in those times when they are depressed or unhappy. Green 6 is a collection of all the songs, poems & stories written by past Reformed members. Green 7 has seasonal essays to inspire Druids during their preparations for the eight major Druid festivals. Green 8 is materials from the Order of the Mithril Star, that didn't fit anywhere else. Green 9 is a collection of the works on food, drink and trees; so important to Druidic life. Finally, Green 10 is a collection of writings about the history and nature of the modern and ancient Druids (especially the RDNA), to assist in future research on our group.

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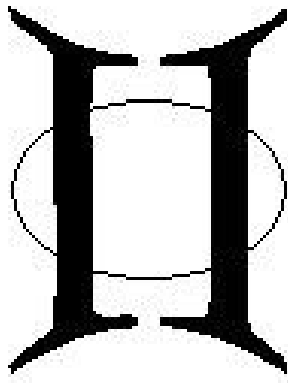
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