

**Southern Crown:** Official name of Initiatory Group/Mystery School of which AAA/MT were the presiding Adepts. The name derives from the constellation *Corona Australis* (*Südliche Krone*) located near the Archer's waist on the Milky Way's edge. The constellation name seems to come from a reference of Germanicus in *Phainomena* where he speaks of the *Corona sine honore*, a comparison to the *Northern Crown* having a contrastively great tradition behind it. Gravius adds that ancient authors knew it as the Centaur's Crown (centaurs having been depicted as wearing starry crowns). Classic poets refer to it as Bacchus' Crown, lyricizing the Reveler/Revealer had thrust it into the heavens on behalf of Semele, his *Mother*. Owing to its radiatory configuration, it's often associated with the *Bunch of Arrows* emanating from the Archer's hand; in this connection it suggests a wheel, and therefore is also known as *Rota Ixionis* (*Ixion* was associated with the centaur Pholos). The Arabs knew it as *Al Kubbah*, literally "the Tortoise" (by which it's also known to the Chinese) but with a secondary meaning of *Woman's Tent* or "traveling apartment"; thus it is *Al Hiba*, the Tent, and *Al Udha al Na 'am*, the *Ostrich's Nest* (referring to what's now the nearby *Eagle*). It is also *Al Fakkah*, *The Dish*. For the significance of "Tortoise" etc. see *The Mother Book*. The reference to the Mother in "Semele" and the "Woman's Tent" is plain. Also this "tent", being a "traveling apartment", irresistibly suggests a motel; MT is an acceptable abbreviation for Motel, which latter frequently sport "the best" or AAA rating. MT was born in San Luis Obispo, birthplace of the motel.

The *Nest/Eagle* association is plainly appropriate to the Order's symbolism as origin of the Mother-current. The Name particularly suits the initiatory order of *Southern Crown* since it's less conspicuous than its "Northern counterpart" ("without honor", i.e. largely uncelebrated), yet it's assigned 49 stars (7x7) thus far outnumbering those attributed to *Corona Borealis*. Its association with *Sagittarius* is apt, since the Order of *Southern Crown* was founded exactly a year to the day before the planetoid *Chiron* was discovered; in that earlier year and on that day MT received a single, distinct Inner verbal communication enunciating the *very name* Chiron. Researching it, the *first* mention of Chiron he encountered was in a book by Jung, where the spelling was rendered *Chieron*; (it's seldom if ever rendered this way, as he subsequently found). Doing a Greek Qabala on the name based on the above spelling, he arrived at a *particular formula* which is also the exact number of the visible subdivisions or "tiles" on the Cube Cephas. On this Magickal Formula, the Order of Southern Crown was founded.