THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

Every dated thing in the books of Samael Aun Weor

A perpetual calendar

The words of Master Samael are set in this serif, against a gold rule, exactly as they stand in the books. Notes added here are set smaller, in the sans, so that his voice is never mistaken for ours.

THE FOUR GATES

Samael never uses the words equinox or solstice. He marks these four days only as the doors of four signs — and one of them, the 21st of March, is the day he tells you to begin.

21 March	Aries opens	The head. The year turns here, and the Runes are begun on this day.
22 June	Cancer opens	The stomach, and the Moon's own sign — the month for preparing the body for practical magic.
23 September	Libra opens	The kidneys, and the law of equilibrium — the scale of nature.
22 December	Capricorn opens	The knees. Christmas falls two days later, inside this sign.

THE TWELVE MONTHS

The dates, the rulerships and every attribute below are the chapter headings of the Zodiacal Course, transcribed as they stand. The practice under each is the one that chapter teaches.

ARIES

From the 21 of March to the 19 of April

RULES
The Head

METAL
Iron

STONE
Ruby and Diamond

PERFUME
Myrrh

PLANT
The Oak

FLOWER
The Red Carnation

PLANET
Mars

COLOUR
Red

ELEMENT
Fire

KEY WORD
Action

DAY
Tuesday

RULER
Samael

VOWEL
I

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

Five minutes with the mind blank, then the prayer, then the Salute, then AOM four times, then the head moved 7 times to each of the four sides. At night, half an hour drawing the fire of Aries into the pineal gland.

TAURUS

From the 20 of April to the 20 of May

RULES
The Neck, Nape and Ears

METAL
Copper

STONE
Emerald and Agate

PERFUME
Aromatic Herb

PLANT
Birch

FLOWER
Thorned

PLANET
Venus

COLOUR
Green

ELEMENT
Earth

KEY WORD
Love

DAY
Friday

RULER
Uriel

VOWEL
E

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The drowsy prayer to cure the larynx; AOM four times — A descending, O flooding, M exhaled. The petition to Uriel, and the asking for choir. The two golden rules.

GEMINI

From the 21 of May to the 21 of June

RULES
Arms, Shoulders, Lungs and Bronchial System

METAL
Mercury

STONE
Golden Beryl

PERFUME
Mastic

PLANT
Honeysuckle

FLOWER
Chrysanthemum

PLANET
Mercury

COLOUR
Orange and brilliant Yellow

ELEMENT
Air

KEY WORD
Reason

DAY
Wednesday

RULER
Raphael

VOWEL
—

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

Five breaths lying down, arms and legs opening on the inhalation; then ask the Inner-Self for the Gods of Gemini. This is the month that carries the seven keys of astral travel.

CANCER

From the 22 of June to the 22 of July

RULES
the Stomach

METAL
Silver

STONE
Pearl

PERFUME
Camphor

PLANT
Eucalyptus, Cherry tree and the Violet

FLOWER
White Rose

PLANET
the Moon

COLOUR
Silver

ELEMENT
Water

KEY WORD
Fecundation

DAY
Monday

RULER
Gabriel

VOWEL
A

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The prayer that brings the Angel Gabriel, then the invocation — “Thirteen thousand rays has the Sun…” — blessing north, south, east and west. The Seal of Solomon at the thymus.

LEO

From the 23 of July to the 22 of August

RULES
Heart and Spinal Column

METAL
Gold

STONE
Diamond

PERFUME
Incense

PLANT
Sunflower

FLOWER
Poppy

PLANET
The Sun

COLOUR
Golden

ELEMENT
Fire

KEY WORD
Life

DAY
Sunday

RULER
Michael

VOWEL
O

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

Concentration, then meditation, then Samadhi — the three steps to the throne of the Inner-Being. “NOT THIS… I AM HE.”

VIRGO

From the 23 of August to the 22 of September

RULES
The intestines and lower Abdomen

METAL
Mercury

STONE
The Emerald

PERFUME
White Sandalwood

PLANT
The Elm

FLOWER
The Morning Glory

PLANET
Mercury

COLOUR
Yellow

ELEMENT
Earth

KEY WORD
Reason

DAY
Wednesday

RULER
Raphael

VOWEL
U

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

Small jumps of the stomach lying horizontal, then the call to the Gods of Virgo. The vowel U for the solar plexus.

LIBRA

From the 23 of September to the 23 of October

RULES
The Kidneys

METAL
Copper

STONE
Chrysolite

PERFUME
Galbanum

PLANT
Pine and Cypress

FLOWER
Narcissus

PLANET
Venus

COLOUR
Green

ELEMENT
Air

KEY WORD
Love

DAY
Friday

RULER
Uriel

VOWEL
—

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The arms held out as a scale, the waist inclined seven times right and seven times left. With it the key of Ursa Major — the yellow stone held in mind between vigil and sleep.

SCORPIO

From the 24 of October to the 22 of November

RULES
The Sexual Organs

METAL
Magnet

STONE
Topaz

PERFUME
Coral

PLANT
The Oak Tree

FLOWER
Chrysanthemum

PLANET
Mars

COLOUR
Red

ELEMENT
Water

KEY WORD
Action

DAY
Tuesday

RULER
Samael

VOWEL
—

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The Great Arcanum — sexual magic without ejaculation, with the mantram KANDIL BANDIL RRRRRR. Beside it, two months given to each defect.

SAGITTARIUS

From the 23 of November to the 21 of December

RULES
The Hips and Thighs

METAL
Tin

STONE
Blue Sapphire

PERFUME
Aloe

PLANT
American Agave, Maguey

FLOWER
Hydrangea

PLANET
Jupiter

COLOUR
Blue

ELEMENT
Fire

KEY WORD
Benevolence

DAY
Thursday

RULER
Sachariel

VOWEL
—

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The squat of the Peruvian guacas, index fingers raised, with the mantram ISIS. With it the intuitive method of the Tarot.

CAPRICORN

From the 22 of December to the 19 of January

RULES
the Knees and the Skin

METAL
Lead

STONE
Onyx

PERFUME
Pine Extract

PLANT
False Plantain

FLOWER
Lotus

PLANET
Saturn

COLOUR
Black

ELEMENT
Earth

KEY WORD
Obstruction

DAY
Saturday

RULER
Orifiel

VOWEL
—

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

Powdered eggshell on the chest and under the arms with the mantram FARAON; and the walk over the imagined coffin, the knees spinning left to right.

AQUARIUS

From the 20 of January to the 18 of February

RULES
The Calves of the Leg and the Ankles

METAL
Aluminum, Uranium and Lead

STONE
Sapphire and black Pearl

PERFUME
the Nard

PLANT
Pine and Cypress

FLOWER
Bellorita

PLANET
Uranus

COLOUR
Green

ELEMENT
Air

KEY WORD
Altruism

DAY
Saturday

RULER
Archer and Sakmakrel

VOWEL
—

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The calves massaged upward with the prayer “Energy, pass through!”, and then inner meditation.

PISCES

From the 19 of February to the 20 of March

RULES
The Feet

METAL
Platinum and Tin

STONE
Amethyst

PERFUME
Thyme

PLANT
Century Plant (maguey) and false Plantain

FLOWER
Violet

PLANET
Neptune

COLOUR
Violet

ELEMENT
Water

KEY WORD
Dignity

DAY
Thursday

RULER
Rasamosa and Uacabiel

VOWEL
all seven

THE PRACTICE FOR THE MONTH

The seven vowels I E O U A M S carried from head to feet; OM MASI PADME YOM; the Lord's Prayer taken into meditation.

THE FIXED DAYS

Days that fall on the same date every year, and the movable feasts of Holy Week that Samael attaches work to.

NIGHT OF 1 JANUARY

The twelve lumps of salt

> Collect in the night of the first of January twelve dry lumps of rocky salt. These must be separated into two groups of six. One month of the year has to be assigned to each lump. Then, the following day the lumps must be observed: the dry ones will be the ones for summer and the humid ones will be the ones for winter.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

Samael calls this the tradition of the Cabañuelas, and says it is already forgotten and disfigured.

4 FEBRUARY

The Age of Aquarius began

> The Age of Aquarius begins February 4th of 1962, between 2:00 and 3:00 pm.
>
> THE AQUARIAN MESSAGE (1958)

Repeated across the Christmas Messages and The Greater Mysteries, always with the same hour. The Secret Doctrine of Anahuac ties the same date to a total solar eclipse.

SOME DAY IN FEBRUARY

The incision in the Linden

> An incision in the trunk of this tree must be done in the month of February. The water which pours from the trunk of this tree can be given to the patient to drink. Dosage: Three ounces of this water each week.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

For epilepsy. The month is given; the day is not.

21 MARCH

Begin the Runes

> Practice these Runes in order, you should start your Runic exercises the 21st of March [read Chapter 3]. Dedicate the time that you wish to each Rune.
>
> PSYCHIC JUDO, OR ESOTERIC COURSE OF RUNIC MAGIC (1968–69)

The order as the chapters give it: FAH, IS, ARA, SIG, TYR, BAR, UR, DORN and TORN, OS, RITA, KAUM, HAGAL, NOT, LAF, GIBUR.

HOLY WEEK

The Mysteries of the Spring

PSYCHIC JUDO, OR ESOTERIC COURSE OF RUNIC MAGIC (1968–69)

Samael places the Major Mysteries of the ancient colleges at Spring-Easter — “which is when life is powerfully and gloriously resuscitating” — celebrated under the pale light of the moon.

GOOD THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

The thuds of the elementals

> communicate amongst themselves by means of lugubrious thuds which resound in remote sites on Good Thursdays and Good Fridays.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

GOOD FRIDAY, TWELVE MIDDAY

Enclosing oneself

> This operation is performed at twelve o’clock midday, on Good Friday. The person traces a circle around the tree, then he blesses it. He begs the elemental to ‘encircle’ his personal atmosphere with the elemental’s protective atoms, by creating a protector wall that will defend this person against the tenebrous powers.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

Done with the Tomasuco tree of Magdalena, Colombia. The same day and hour is given for the harvest of the Artemisia.

GOOD FRIDAY, TWELVE MIDNIGHT

The staff, and the calling of Adonai

> I advise you to perform this work on Good Friday at twelve midnight. I suggest to you the idea of calling the Angel Adonai. Such an Angel can become visible and tangible to your senses.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

The same hour is given for cutting the stalk that hangs from the ceiling against vampires.

NIGHT OF 23 JUNE, AT MIDNIGHT

The Male Fern

> On the night of Saint John the Baptist, which is the end of the 23rd day of June, at midnight (vespers of Saint John, June 24th), three persons will magically operate with the Male Fern.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

Samael gives this as the exact formula, and says the errors in it were made by his interpreters, not by him. Three persons, bathed and dressed as for a wedding.

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24 DECEMBER

The Christmas Message

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES (1952–1966)

Every Christmas Message from 1952 onward is dated 24 December — the first from the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, the rest from Mexico.

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25 DECEMBER, AT MIDNIGHT

The Nativity

> German Eddas mention Kristos, the God of the theogony, who like Jesus of Nazareth was born at Christmas, the 25th of December at midnight. This is also the case with the Christified Nordics, Odin, Wotan and Beleno.
>
> CHRISTMAS MESSAGES (1952–1966)

And the charge that goes with the date: “Though Christ be born a thousand times in Bethlehem, it serves no purpose if He is not also born in our heart. Christmas is a cosmic event that must be realised in each one of us. Christmas is absolutely individual.”

THE SEVEN DAYS

Each day carries a planet, an angel who is invoked on it, a regent of the air who commands it, and the matters it governs. The last column is Samael's own list of what each planet answers for.

DAY	INVOKE	PLANET	REGENT OF THE AIR	SIGNS	MATTERS IT GOVERNS
Monday	GABRIEL	the Moon	ARCHAN	Cancer	Imagination, subconscious automatism, reproduction of species, travel, manual arts, practical arts, business related with liquid products, etc.
Tuesday	SAMAEL	Mars	SAMAX	Aries · Scorpio	Willpower, command, armies, wars, surgery, force and forces, events which imply struggles, etc., etc., etc.
Wednesday	RAPHAEL	Mercury	MADIAT, VEL and MODIAT	Gemini · Virgo	Reasoning and rationalization, judicial disputes, civil matters, legal profession, science, everything which is related with the intellect, medical science, healing.
Thursday	ZACHARIEL	Jupiter	GUTH	Sagittarius · Pisces	Wealth, poverty, favorable or unfavorable economical matters, laws, people's rights, high religious dignitaries, judges, matters related with the law, etc.

DAY	INVOKE	PLANET	REGENT OF THE AIR	SIGNS	MATTERS IT GOVERNS
Friday	URIEL	Venus	SARABOTES	Taurus · Libra	Artistic, creative imagination, dramas, comedies and tragedies, scenic art, love matters, conjugal problems, boyfriend and girlfriend matters, all that is related with the home and with children, etc.
Saturday	ORIFIEL	Saturn	MAIMON	Capricorn · Aquarius	The environment in which we live, practical life, karma in action, the Sword of Justice which reaches us from heaven, real estate matters, lands, houses, properties, jail, death, etc., etc., etc.
Sunday	MICHAEL	the Sun	VARCAN	Leo	Health, life, fertility, high dignitaries from the government, chiefs of companies, kings and lords of command, etc., etc., etc.

A WARNING ABOUT THE NAMES OF THE DAYS

The seven days above are the ordinary calendar days you keep. But Samael also gives a second, older reckoning in which the names are shifted, and he is emphatic about it. Both are printed here because both are his; when a practice names a day, it means the ordinary day unless it says otherwise.

> Our readers must not forget that the present day Saturday is the seventh day of the week and that the present day Sunday is the first day of the week in accordance with the Cosmic Order… Thus, MONDAY is present day Sunday, WEDNESDAY is present day Monday, FRIDAY is present day Tuesday, SUNDAY is present day Wednesday, TUESDAY is present day Thursday, THURSDAY is present day Friday and SATURDAY is present day Saturday.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

> So, Monday corresponds to the actual Sunday, and the present Saturday is the seventh day.

ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

THE STANDING DAYS

Work that returns every week, at its own hour.

FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS, AT DAWN

On Fridays and Sundays at dawn there are Masses and Communions, and all Christians can attend these Masses and receive the communion of the bread and wine by living in accordance with the teachings given in chapters 4 and 5 of this book.

BOOK OF THE VIRGIN OF CARMEL (1952)

FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS

It is indispensable to take your physical body to the Gnostic Church every Friday and Sunday, at dawn to receive the Gnostic Holy Unction in flesh and bone.

ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

FRIDAY

Friday is the day of sexual magic.

THE GREATER MYSTERIES (1956)

FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK

We advise those students a short exercise of five minutes on Friday of each week if the case is very serious, or a short exercise of five minutes daily, if the case is not too serious.

ESOTERIC TREATISE OF HERMETIC ASTROLOGY (1967)

FRIDAY 10 P.M. TO SATURDAY 2 A.M.

We can invoke Xochipilli on Fridays from 10:00 p.m. to Saturdays at 2:00 a.m. He makes the ‘Wheel of Retribution spin in favor of those who ask him and who also deserve it.

CHRISTIC AZTEC MAGIC (1961)

ANY THURSDAY NIGHT, 10 TO 11 P.M.

choosing for that purpose the night of any Thursday, between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. Start the convocation of that night with praying to God and to the Masters, followed by the 23rd Psalm of the Bible which you must not be missing in your Sanctum.

CHRISTIC AZTEC MAGIC (1961)

SUNDAY, AT SUNRISE

Every morning on Sundays, at the rising of the King Star (sunrise), seven grams of wheat must be put inside of the bag where the Magic Key is carried, as an offering to the Seven Planetary Genii.

OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

THE MOON

The one part of the wheel that cannot be printed in advance — the phases move each year. The rules do not.

CRESCENT

All that is began during the crescent moon progresses quickly.

ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

CRESCENT

Always do your business in crescent moon so that you may succeed. Hitler launched himself on Russia in the waning moon and failed.

ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

WANING

All that is done in the waning moon fails.

ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

NEW AND FULL

The new Moon is very weak and the full Moon is very strong and serves to carry out all works of practical magic successfully.

ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

LAST DAY OF THE MOON

> The last day of the Moon means: abortions and failures
>
> ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

FIRST QUARTER AND FULL

> On the first quarter moon and on full Moon they can carry out their enterprises, which culminate with good success.
>
> MANUAL OF PRACTICAL MAGIC (1953–54)

NEW MOON TO THE FOLLOWING FULL MOON

> The mirror of high magic is esoterically prepared in forty-eight days. The esoteric work is begun during the new moon and is concluded during the following full moon.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

WANING

> Salt mixed with saliva and applied over the goiter during the time of the waning moon also cures goiter.
>
> OCCULT MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL MAGIC (1977–78)

THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE SILVER SICKLE

> should be celebrated in the first night when the fine silver sickle of the new moon appears in the sky.
>
> CHRISTIC AZTEC MAGIC (1961)

FIRST THURSDAY WITH THE NEW MOON

> the Ocelot Knights and the Cuauhtli Knights celebrated another ceremony on the first Thursday with the new moon
>
> CHRISTIC AZTEC MAGIC (1961)

THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE DAY

> The ancient sages considered the day as a cross within a perfect circle… the day is divided into four parts, like a cross within the perfect circle… The first quarter of the day is governed by the planet of the day, which carries its name, and the second, third and fourth quarters of the day develop according to the order of the planets: Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
>
> ZODIACAL COURSE (1951)

Samael sets this against the planetary hours of the astrological annuals, which he calls false and absurd. The first quarter of any day belongs to that day's own planet; the three that follow run on in the order Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn.

THE RECORDING YEAR

Each practice belongs to its own month, so each video wants to be out before that month opens. Film one sign ahead and you are always publishing into the season the practice is for.

PUBLISH BEFORE	DATE	THE VIDEO	NOTES
Aries	21 March	The Salute, and the practice of the head	Film in Pisces.
Taurus	20 April	The larynx, and the two golden rules	Film in Aries.
Gemini	21 May	The seven keys of astral travel	Film in Taurus. The densest month — plan a short series.
Cancer	22 June	Gabriel, and the thirteen thousand rays	Film in Gemini. The Male Fern falls on 23 June.
Leo	23 July	Concentration, meditation, Samadhi	Film in Cancer.
Virgo	23 August	The solar plexus and the vowel U	Film in Leo.
Libra	23 September	The scale, and the key of Ursa Major	Film in Virgo.
Scorpio	24 October	The Great Arcanum	Film in Libra. Give it the whole month to prepare.
Sagittarius	23 November	The squat of the guacas, and the Tarot	Film in Scorpio.
Capricorn	22 December	FARAON, and the walk over the coffin	Film in Sagittarius, early — Christmas is three days in.
Aquarius	20 January	The calves, and “Energy, pass through!”	Film in Capricorn. 4 February falls here.
Pisces	19 February	The seven vowels, head to feet	Film in Aquarius. Record the Aries opening with it.

ODDITIES IN THE SOURCE

Places where the books disagree with themselves. Nothing here has been tidied — both readings are printed above, and this is the record of why.

SACHARIEL · ZACHARIEL

The Sagittarius chapter heading of the Zodiacal Course gives the ruler as Sachariel; the body of that chapter, and the list of planetary regents in Occult Medicine, give Zachariel. The sign table follows the heading, the table of the week follows Occult Medicine.

URIEL · UIRIEL

Occult Medicine names him URIEL as Regent of Venus two lines before writing UIRIEL must be invoked on Friday. The Zodiacal Course has Uriel throughout. Printed as Uriel.

ORIFIEL · ORTFIEL

The same page of Occult Medicine gives ORTFIEL is the Regent of Saturn and ORIFIEL must be invoked on Saturday. The Zodiacal Course has Orifiel. Printed as Orifiel.

SCORPIO'S METAL

The chapter heading gives Magnet, the close of the chapter gives Iron. The heading is what stands.

FORTY-EIGHT DAYS

The magic mirror is said to take forty-eight days, begun at the new moon and concluded at the following full moon — which is about fifteen. Both halves of the sentence are his; neither has been adjusted.

THE WHEEL OF RETRIBUTION

The Xochipilli passage opens a single quote before Wheel of Retribution and never closes it. Left open, as printed.

VARCAN “COMRPANDS”

The list of the regents of the air reads VARCAN comrpands on Sunday where the six others read commands. Almost certainly the typesetter, but recorded rather than corrected.

NO EQUINOX, NO SOLSTICE

Neither word appears anywhere in the eleven books searched for this calendar. The four turning days are named only as the doors of Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn.

Sources: Zodiacal Course (1951) · Book of the Virgin of Carmel (1952) · Manual of Practical Magic (1953–54) · The Greater Mysteries (1956) · The Aquarian Message (1958) · Christic Aztec Magic (1961) · Esoteric Treatise of Hermetic Astrology (1967) · Psychic Judo, or Esoteric Course of Runic Magic (1968–69) · The Secret Doctrine of Anahuac (1974–75) · Occult Medicine and Practical Magic (1977–78) · the Christmas Messages 1952–1966.