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CALL FOR PAPERS

Western Esotericism and the Concept of God(s)

*THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ISRAELI NETWORK FOR THE
ACADEMIC STUDY OF WESTERN ESOTERICISM (INASWE)*

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Western esoteric thought seeks to reveal the secrets by which the world has been formed and the principles by which it is conducted. As such, it has much in common with two other central western discursive systems, namely – religious thought and science. Questions regarding the interrelations and boundaries among the three, from ancient to modern times, have been critically studied by various scholars. In the coming INASWE conference, to be held on May 30, 2018, at the Mandel Scholion Research Center on the Mt. Scopus Campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, we wish to tackle the question of interrelations between western esoteric concepts and one of the central concepts of western (and non-western) religious thought, namely – the concept of God (or Gods).

This eighth INASWE conference will focus on the ways in which the fundamental and highly compelling concept of God(s) can be seen as interrelating with various ideas appearing in western esoteric thought. This could also raise discussions of adjoining issues, such as: western esotericism and early modern thought; western esotericism between east and west; Christian, Jewish, Converso, and Muslim thought within western esotericism; Pantheon, Pleroma, Trinity and other divine structures in Western Esoteric thought; divine psychology, etc. We welcome specific case studies as well as more theoretical discussions of these and related subjects.

Proposals of lectures must be submitted **by 15 /1/2018** to: judith.weiss@mail.huji.ac.il

Graduate students are asked to request that their supervisors submit letters of recommendation in support of their lecture proposals.