Requisite Skills
For Each Level of the New Hermetics

It is not expected that you fully master every portion of the New Hermetics individually before moving on. Full mastery of quite a few of these tools would imply an adepthood that is not expected, particularly at the early stages of the work. As you progress, you will obviously want to expect more and more of yourself. But in the early phases (the first three levels) all that you need is practical experience with the tools, and some improvement of your overall character make up. As you advance to higher levels, return to the earlier tools as necessary when you discover yourself either slipping back into old routines or discover new areas that need to be balanced and perfected. Of course simply completing the New Hermetics Workbooks in their entirety is the ideal, but this is not absolutely necessary in all cases. The following should give you some sense of what you need to accomplish at each level, and when it is time to move on to the next level.

INITIATE

- Some sense of success with the initiation tool – this does not need to be perfect
- Possession of at least 5 well-formed life goals with an action plan for their accomplishment
- Able to visualize well enough to conduct the work at hand – this does not need to be perfect
- Practical experience with the Grounding and Centering – this does not need to be perfect
- Elements in personality balanced enough that you are no longer greatly unbalanced – in your analysis, you have likely discovered one or two elements that dominate in both positive and negative qualities – seek to balance these with positive qualities from the other elements. Balance all negative qualities with positive alternatives
• Pain into Pleasure – this very simple process is easily mastered – remove your most debilitating hang-ups

• Success in astral projection – at least having some sense of separation of consciousness – it is acceptable to still be partially aware of your body, as long as your experience yields a sense of travel and visualization of distant places

• In communication with your Inner Teacher – no perfection required, simply feeling a connection with the wise inner sage is enough

**ZEALOT**

- Some sense of success with the death and rebirth tool – this does not need to be perfect
- Habitual positive use of the ability to shift out of negative emotional states
- Practical experience with finger anchors – particularly the anchor for entering the altered state
- Mastery of basic breathing techniques, full breathing, alternate nostril breathing
- Practical experience of energy centers (chakras) and the flow of energy in your body
- Successful practice of manifesting synchronicities

**PRACTITIONER**
• Practical experience with exploring the archetypes of all 22 Tarot Trumps at least once

• Experience of at least 3 past incarnations with some sense of their significance on your current life

• Reframing of all limiting beliefs that you are able to consciously acknowledge at this stage of development, toward the accomplishment of life goals

• Successful experience with charging spaces and creating artificial elementals – success at this is to be determined by you alone

• Practical experience with expanding consciousness to fill the universe – this does not need to be more than an intellectual experience at this point

• Practical experience with silencing your mind – this can be a brief experience – at least come to understand the layers of mindstuff that make up your consciousness and subconsciousness.

PHILOSOPHER

• Successful experience with talismanic magical work - success at this is to be determined by you alone

• Practical experience with invoking the gods - success at this is to be determined by you alone

• Successful experience with ESP - success at this is to be determined by you alone

• Adjustment of values hierarchy to facilitate the accomplishment of your life goals

• Practical experience with breath awareness – this should be perfected to the point where concentration is absolute and a sense of “oneness with the breath” is achieved. This is a complete transcendence of thought just preliminary to samadhi or cosmic consciousness.

• Practical experience with rising on the planes – this should include rising to the point of blackout or transcendence
ADEPT

- Mastery of all Previous tools, demonstrated by a life that is fully equilibriated and self-actualized.
- Practical experience of transcendental, cosmic super-consciousness
- Full awareness of the purpose of your incarnation
- The accomplishment of something truly extraordinary in your life – this can only be judged properly by yourself
- Practical experience with the adept level tools
- Devotion to service of humanity and the Earth

ADVANCED ADEPT

- Mastery of communication with Self
- Self-importance eliminated in personality, all of past experience emotionally discharged
- Ability to create rapport, anchor states in others, facilitate timelines and reframing
- Ability to influence others through use of magical power and cosmic awareness
• Enough mastery of all New Hermetics tools that you can teach them to others competently and solve all problems that come up

• Ability to communicate regularly with praeterhuman intelligence

**PERFECT ADEPT**

- Mastery of communication with other human beings, rapport, metaprogramming, persuasion
- Mastery of communication with praeterhuman intelligence
- Mastery of attracting and managing prosperity, and use of same entirely for the advancement of humanity and the Earth
- Complete renunciation of all previous self concepts
- Experience of complete oneness with the universe through the union of all oppositions

**MASTER**

- Complete mastery of all levels of awareness
- Ability to shift levels of awareness in others at will