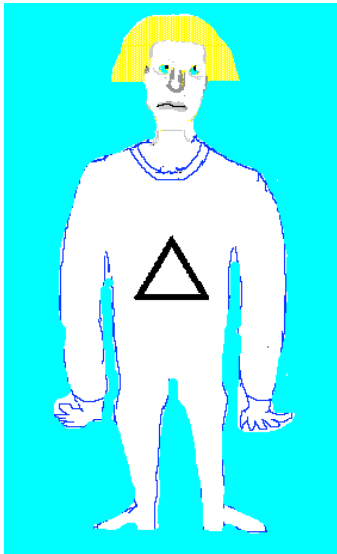
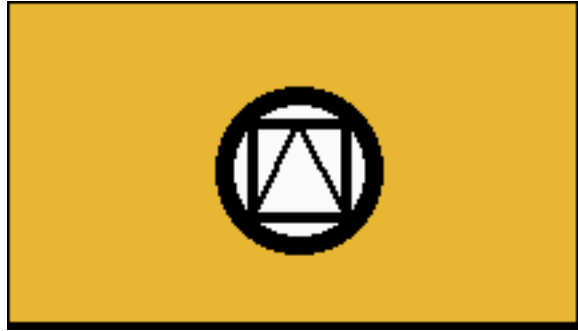


# My religion is called **Omeganism**



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## Stories in my religion

My religion doesn't have many stories. The stories in my religion are different to those the Christian Bible or in other books like the Muslim Koran.

God is called Omega and She made the universe. I call my religion *Omeganism*. I am an *Omegan*.

God sent a female angel called Hedona to make the world, and she is still doing this today. God knew that Hedona would be strong and keep the world alive. Hedona made people, which is good. But Hedona also made things like floods and volcanoes and was too lazy to help people to do better.

God knew that She would have to do better. So She sent a male angel called Anathema.

This time, things started to get better. Anathema gave people a lot of energy. So people built houses, bridges, hospitals and schools and other great things and Anathema felt very pleased with himself.

But Anathema made people into slaves and bullied them. Some people were happy because he made them rich or gave them magical powers. But some people did not like the things he made them do and were sad or angry. *Anathema is not evil and nor are people who work for him*. God made Anathema a bully, because in those days, people would not have done the work if Anathema had been nice to them.

Hedona wanted to rule the world for herself, but so did Anathema, so they decided to work together. They were so strong, it meant that no-one could fight them if they did things that were bad.

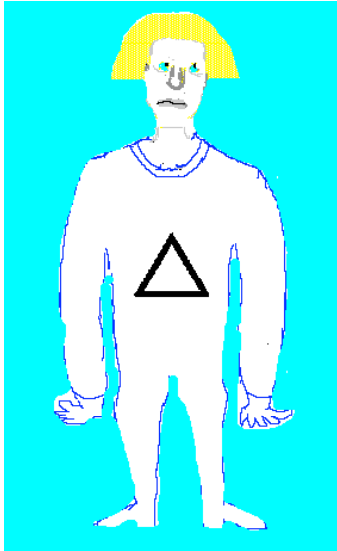
God knew that She would have to do even better than that. So this time, just to be sure, God sent two angels and gave them different jobs to do.

For the really complicated jobs, God sent Artek: a male angel. *Artek is the most important of all the angels, so you MUST learn all you can about him*. However, God knew that most people would not find him, because he does not live on the Earth. Artek gives people very hard jobs to do that make them feel clever, but he looks and sounds scary and some people might not understand him. So, for all the easier jobs that needed doing on the Earth, Artek sent Erlica: a female angel, to sort out the mess that Hedona and Anathema have left behind.

## What about Jesus?

My religion tells a very different story about Jesus to the one you will read in the Bible. It's a very sad story indeed.

My religion says that Jesus was a good man, but Anathema managed to trick Jesus, and so a lot of bad things happened after Jesus died. Erlica decided that she was going to be quite different from Jesus. She was determined that Anathema was not going to get the better of her.



ARTEK



ERLICA

Erlica is Hedona's younger sister. She was born in a flower-bed. She was given special titles, such as Mistress Erlica, Queen of Nature, and Daughter of the Earth. She had special jobs to do, taking care of people, animals, plants and machines. But instead of being happy about what Erlica was doing, Hedona was extremely angry. Hedona was older than her sister, so she thought that she should have been Queen instead. Hedona and Anathema decided that they would fight Erlica to stop Her from becoming Queen.

Erlica's kingdom grows stronger every time someone believes in Her, even if it's only one person. Erlica wants to show people the way to Artek by giving them patterns to make plans and solve problems. Erlica wants to stop Anathema bullying people and show people a new way of loving each other. She wants to teach people and give them new rules that work instead of old rules that don't. When Erlica asks her follower to do Her work, She doesn't need to bully them, because She gives them such wonderful gifts of love and healing, and also because the world is different today from how it was in the past.

## Finding Patterns

Most things don't happen by accident. They happen because of a plan.

Scientists like to see patterns in things to help them understand the world.

My religion is full of patterns! Patterns can help you work out why things happen. They can be drawn in pictures, or diagrams. In my religion, you can test if things are true about God with patterns. If you can't imagine a pattern, then you may be wrong, and you need to check things again.

The Bible is full of stories, but there aren't many stories in my religion, just lots of descriptions of patterns and plans. I prefer my religion because it shows you what to do, but even better, how, when, where and why to do it using plans and patterns, not stories.

If you learn the right patterns and plans, it's easier to know why you are doing something.

## Times, Shapes and Colours

Telling people off when they make mistakes is usually a bad idea. Instead of telling people off, it's better to help them find patterns to make a plan, so they won't do the same things again.

The most important shape in my religion is the equal-sided triangle. It looks a bit like a mountain, doesn't it? If you climb up the two sloping opposite sides of the triangle, they meet at the top. A lot of things that seem opposite can come together to make something else. Red may look different from blue, but it can make a third thing: purple. Men may look different from women, but they can make a third person: a child.

The thing (or person) that makes the change is often very small, but makes a big difference. Choosing the right time to do something is also important.

In my religion, colours are used together to mean different things, for example:

- Black and dark blue together means peace and learning.
- White means anger, but it's a good kind of anger that shows you more about what God wants you to do.
- Yellow is used with black to show purity and courage.
- Pink and blue are used together whenever people are in love or want to be close to each other.

Different countries have different flags. My religion has its own tartan that can be worn on a kilt (See Page 7). It also has its own flag, too, and this is what it looks like.



## Rules in my religion

Most religions have rules, but they don't all agree on what they should be.

My religion says you shouldn't:

- Attack or kill people, unless there is a very good reason (such as to defend yourself)

- Hate people because of their age or the colour of their skin.
- Tell lies without good reason.
- Get drunk (It's best to avoid alcohol.)
- Have a gun, even if you are a soldier or a police officer
- Run away from your children and not look after them, unless there is a very good reason.

Some of the more unusual ideas in my religion are to do with how people should look. My religion believes in being soft on the outside and strong on the inside, the way that Erlica is. I can't have tattoos or piercings or wear certain kinds of clothes. I am not allowed to have any hair on my face, legs and body, and although it is okay to be thin, I try not to be. Just look at how plump and jolly Mistress Erlica is on Page 3. I'm sure she would never go on a diet! Artek on Page 3 doesn't look like that because he isn't *supposed* to be happy. He has a very serious job to do, which is why you never see him smiling.

Many Christians would agree with some things in my religion. But there are some things that Christians would probably not agree with.

Jews and Christians can only marry one person, but I do not agree with this, and we also disagree on lots of other things. Families are complicated, but here are just some of the Omegan rules on families.

- In my religion, people would have to pass a test to get a special marriage licence. They would have to get a new licence every few years and get it checked by someone else. This is to make sure people think carefully about things before they decide and to make sure that children are happy with their parents.
- In my religion, all believers are allowed lots of wives and husbands if they have behaved well and followed the rules of Artek and Mistress Erlica.
- In my religion, if a person raises a child, they have to try and look after them unless there is a good reason why not. My religion is very strict with mothers and fathers who have children and then run away and don't see them.
- Sometimes, in my religion, children over the age of nine are allowed to make up some of their own laws and be treated like grown-ups.

There are lots of reasons why the rules are different from those of most Jews and Christians. Here are just some of them:

- A family with two wives also has two mothers. This could mean that it is easier to look after children.
- Some people who only have one wife or husband see other people they care about and pretend that they don't. This can cause divorce, because people aren't telling the truth. My religion lets people marry more than once so that they don't have to pretend.

## **Making Magic**

Some people think that magic only happens in stories.

Most magic is made up and is not real, but I believe that some magic is real.

Most real magic is not about magic tricks, or making people disappear or fly in the air. Real magic helps people to see, hear and feel in different way. You can use ordinary things to do real magic, like lemons or a pair of socks, and use these things to help solve problems in your head, or make people do things for you, but you have to learn how.

I use shapes and colours to make magic, and to pass on my magic to other people. It isn't as easy as it looks.

## The Future

When people tell you not to do things and say "That's a bad idea", just remember. They might be wrong!

To change things today, you have to think far into the future, using magic to make your head travel through time!

People invent things like computers by thinking about the future.

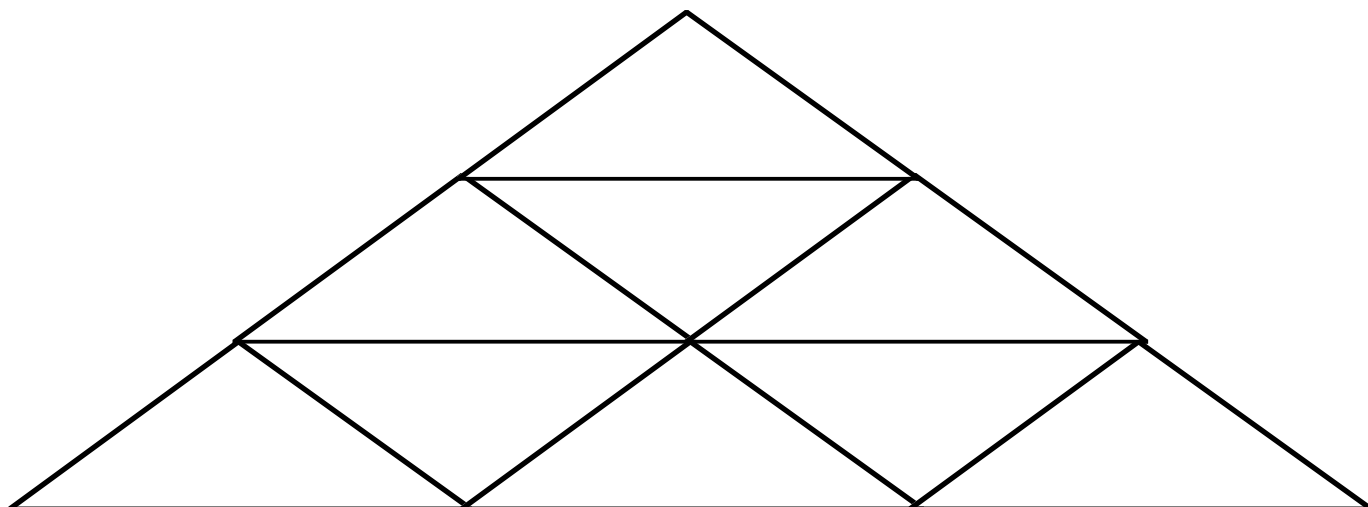
Other people will often stop you from doing things that are important to you. If this ever happens, you can complain about it to try and get things changed.

This is true in other countries, not just Britain. In Germany in 1989, the people tore down the Berlin Wall that cut up their city in half because they wanted to live together and be friends. Big changes need big thinking. You also need to plan!

If you plan well, you can make your future real.

## My Pictures - And What They Mean

It's often said that: "Every picture tells a story.". Down the ages, religious people have made pictures to explain the stories of their religion. My religion doesn't have many stories, but it does have a lot of pictures to explain things.



*This diagram is very special. It shows the way in which Artek sorts out problems. Each triangle shows a thing that Artek does. They are like little pieces of a jigsaw, and we put them together to get the whole picture.*



*This picture shows Erlica during the day.*

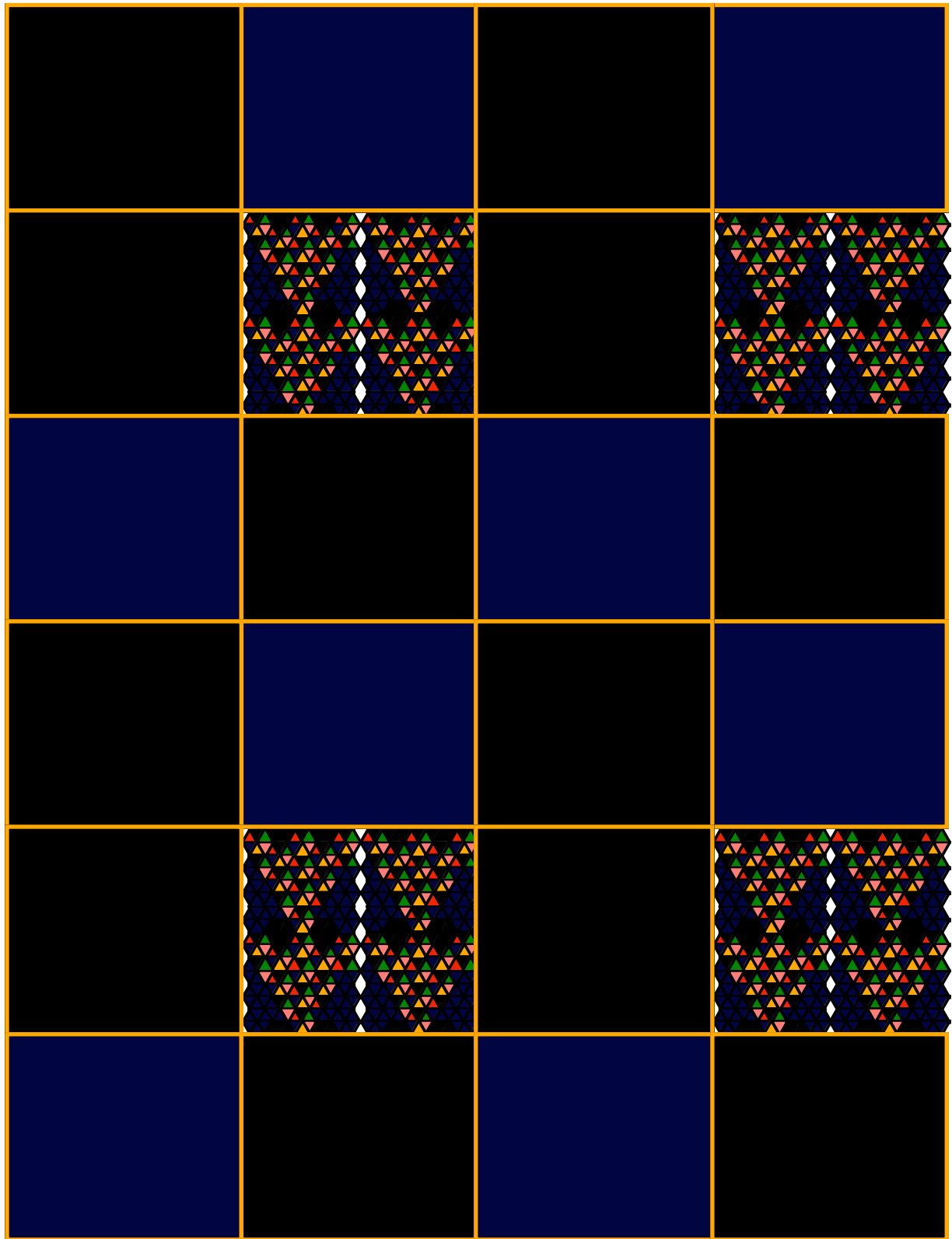
*She is holding a lamp to show that She will guide us in life. The light is blue, because blue is a cool colour. It means that She stays cool and doesn't worry too much. She also holds a fan to help cool us down when we get too upset.*

*Erlica likes people of all colours, but she is always shown as having blonde hair and pinky-white skin, because yellow means light and pink means love. Black and dark blue are peaceful colours, so her fan is black with some dark blue in it.*

*She always wears a dark blue dress, because blue is a cool colour. This means that She stays cool when people have problems. In my religion, dark blue means peace and learning and it mean that she teaches us in a peaceful and beautiful way. When it is night-time, we often feel more peaceful, and we see light, like the light of the moon, we remember more than we would during the day.*

*Erlica is very passionate in love, and likes to feel the cool air flowing through her. To show all of these things, she has very long hair, walks in bare feet and has laces on her dress instead of buttons. She also has a red flower in her hair, because red is a passionate colour.*

*The rainbow has three colours in it: red, green and blue. These are the three colours that make up white light. Over the rainbow, there is a bridge, to show how She can help you get from one place in life to another.*



*This is the Erlica tartan. The squares are meant to be a bit like windows in night-time, and the fancy squares are meant to look like stained-glass windows (like the ones in old churches). Black and dark blue together means peace and learning so there's quite a lot of those colours in the tartan. There are also little tiny triangular mosaics with pink for love, yellow for purity and green for nature – like the green you find in trees and fields.*