

# THE TRADITIONAL MARTINIST ORDER - INTRODUCTION



The Traditional Martinist Order is an initiatic Order and a school of moral chivalry based on Judeo-Christian mysticism. Although based on the esoteric teachings of Christianity and Judaism (Kabbalah), it is not a religion and Martinist members come from many different traditions and all walks of life. In addition, the Martinist teachings include lessons and experiments on understanding our dreams, the relationships of numbers, attuning with the celestial bodies, symbolism, and more.

The name Martinism is derived from that of Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin (1743-1803), the French mystic and author who wrote under the pseudonym of “the Unknown Philosopher.” Martinism

was formed into an Order by Gérard Encausse, MD (known as Papus) and Augustin Chaboseau in the late 1800s, and is now conducted under the auspices of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

In this issue of the *Rosicrucian Digest*, we present excerpts from some of the core texts of Martinism and a sample Martinist lesson. We also share inspiring perspectives and meditations from some modern Martinists.

As Martinist members sometimes express to one another, we hope that this issue of the *Rosicrucian Digest* featuring Martinism may assist you in ever dwelling in the Eternal Light of Divine Wisdom!

