**What does initiation entitle me to?**

Initiation is a process by which an individual becomes a formal member of the Shrine. This process includes fasting, reading, study, and prayer. It is a process or self-improvement and self-reflection. Initiation provides clarity to the understanding and meaning of being a practitioner of Kemetic spirituality as represented by the Shrine of Ma'at. This membership entitles a person to be included in a membership directory, and to receive certain identifying items that designate them as members of the shrine including a pendant, certificate, and other initiation artifacts only giving to these members.

**What does initiation entail?**

Initiation is a 14-week process which occurs once a week for 2 hours that requires self-discipline and daily preparation. This process is one that should not be taken lightly, as all who request it are not all accepted. The chart below is a sample of the week-by-week process.

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| **WEEK** | **ACTIVITY** |
| 1 | Approaching the Great Sebkhet (Kemetic Temple Entrance)* + - Overview of Initiatory Process
		- Introduction into the Community of the Shrine of Ma'at
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| 2 | Smai Twai: History of the Great Union* Part 1 - Narmer and the Two Ladies
* Part 2 - The Union and Divine Balance within Us
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| 3 | Introduction to the Sacred Neteru  |
| 4 | The African Origins of Christianity |
| 5 | The Legacy Continues* The Old Kingdom
* Introduction to Kemetic Literature
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| 6 | Signs and Symbols* Sacred Aesthetic
* Symbols and the Divine Subconscious
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| 7 | The Legacy Continues* Middle Kingdom
* Kemetic Literature Continued
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| 8 | Invoking the Power of the Neteru |
| 9 | The Legacy Continues* The New Kingdom
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| 10 | Introduction to Shrines and Sacred Spaces* Temples
* Alters
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| 11 | Meditation and the Power Within |
| 12 | Restoring Ma'at: A Historical and Practical Guide |
| 13 | Kemetic Yoga |
| 14 | The Legacy Continues |

**How much is the fee and what do I receive?**

The initiation fee is $600. Included in the fee are the following:

* Weekly Group Revelation Session
* Initiation Manual
* Fasting kit
* Preserved Kheper
* Museum Fieldtrip
* Exclusive Shrine of Ma'at pendant
* Initiatory Certificate

**Are there other levels of initiation available?**

Yes. There is a separate initiation for Priesthood for those who wish to be qualified to officiate wedding ceremonies, provide counseling and serve on the clergy of the Shrine or create his/her own shrine.

| INTRODUCTION TO THE KEMETIC MYSTERY SYSTEMINITIATION Application |
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| Applicant Information |
| Name: |
| Date of birth: | Home Phone: | Cell Phone: |
| Current address: |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Gender: F M (circle one) | Email address: |
| Emergency Contact |
| Name: |
| Address: | Phone: |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Relationship: |
| Why are you interested in being initiated? (attach additional sheet if necessary) |
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| **HOW WILL YOU REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS?** **(attach additional sheet if necessary)** |
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| **INITIATION FEE** |
| $600 |
| Form of Payment (circle one) |
| Cash | Check |
| PayPal | Credit |
| Signature |
| I understand that the fee is non-refundable and that it is my responsibility to complete all 14 weeks of the process in order to be duly initiated into the Shrine of Ma'at. |
| Printed name of applicant: | Date: |
| Signature of applicant: | Date: |
| **FOR SHRINE USE ONLY** |
| **Date received\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid in Full\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

Please email all applications to maat@shrineofmaat.org