

Geographical Roots of Occult and Esoteric Traditions

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1. Which ancient Egyptian city, now submerged, was believed by some esoteric traditions to be a center of Atlantean knowledge and the origin of Hermeticism?

A) Alexandria

- B) Memphis
- C) Heliopolis
- D) Thebes

2. The Qabalah, a system of esoteric mysticism, has significant historical roots and development centered in which European region, particularly around cities like Safed and Jerusalem?

A) Spain and the Mediterranean

- B) Eastern Europe
- C) The British Isles
- D) Scandinavia

3. The Rosicrucian manifestos, foundational texts in Western esotericism, were first published in the early 17th century in which country?

A) Germany

- B) France
- C) Italy
- D) England

4. The influential esoteric order, the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, was founded in the late 19th century primarily in which city?

A) London

- B) Paris
- C) Edinburgh
- D) Berlin

5. Certain esoteric interpretations of Buddhist philosophy, particularly those concerning Vajrayana, have their geographical heartland in which mountain range and surrounding regions?

A) The Himalayas

- B) The Andes
- C) The Alps
- D) The Rockies

6. The esoteric tradition known as Sufism, with its mystical interpretation of Islam, flourished historically across vast regions, but its early development and most significant centers were located in which geographical area?

A) Persia and Central Asia

- B) North Africa
- C) The Iberian Peninsula
- D) The Indian Subcontinent

7. The mystical writings and practices associated with the Druids, while ancient and debated, are most strongly linked geographically to which island nation?

A) Ireland and Great Britain

- B) Iceland
- C) Crete
- D) Madagascar

8. The rise of modern ceremonial magic in the late 19th and early 20th centuries was heavily influenced by discoveries and rediscovery of ancient texts and artifacts originating from which region?

A) Mesopotamia and Egypt

- B) Mesoamerica
- C) Sub-Saharan Africa
- D) Siberia

9. The concept of the 'agarthas' network and inner earth realms, popular in some esoteric circles, is often geographically associated with explorations and legends originating from which continent?

A) Asia

- B) Antarctica
- C) Australia
- D) South America

10. The influential esoteric work 'The Kybalion', which synthesizes Hermetic principles, was published in 1908 and is often attributed to authors associated with which North American city?

A) Chicago

- B) New York
- C) San Francisco
- D) Boston