

# The Ritual of the Pyramid

## (Greek Adaptation)

### 000. The Building of the Pyramid.

[Aleister Crowley's self-initiation ritual, *Liber Pyramidos*, was an adaptation of the A.: A.: 1°=10□ ritual, *Liber נערן*. The Egyptian form is well known. What generally is **not** known is that the earliest form employed a Greek pantheon: The mysterious "Alpha Delta Epsilon Iota" of the Opening are the initials of the names **Hades**, **Demeter**, **Hermes**, and **Iacchus**. The whole ritual, viewed thus, is the legend of "The Passage of Persephone Through Tartarus," the initiation of the Daughter or Pure Soul of Malkuth unto her rightful heritage. Original drafts have not survived. I created the adaptation following for a stage of my personal Work, retrofitting the ritual to the pantheon of Greece in a period when she was heavily influenced by Egyptian importation. – *Fra. L.F.*]

*The Magus with wand. On the altar are incense, fire, bread, wine, the chain, the scourge, the dagger & the oil. In his left hand he takes the bell:*

*(In South West) Hail, Demeter! (Sound bell. Establishing Demeter in South West.)*

*(In North West) Hail, Hades! (Sound bell. Establishing Hades in North West.)*

**Let the Silence speech release!**

*Banishing (widdershins) spiral dance. Then, from Throne of East, establishing Hermes:*

**The Words against the Son of Night**

**Hermes speaketh in the Light.**

**Knowledge & Power, twin warriors, shake**

**The Invisible; They roll asunder**

**The Darkness; Matter shines, a snake.**

**Typhon is smitten by the thunder –**

**The Light breaks forth from Under.**

*He goes to the West, in the center of the base of the triangle of Hermes (E, נ), Demeter (Δ, Ω), and Hades (A, ו), invoking Hermes:*

**O Thou, the Apex of the Plane,**  
**With Wingéd Helm, & Globéd Wand**  
**With Wings of Night! Whose serpents strain**  
**Their bodies, bounding the Beyond.**  
**Thou in the Light & in the Night**  
**Art One, above their moving might!**

*He lays the wand, etc., on the altar, uses the scourge on his buttocks, cuts a cross with the dagger upon his breast, and tightens the chain of the bell about his forehead, saying:*

**The Lustral Water! Smite thy flood**  
**Through me – lymph, marrow & blood!**

*Anointing the wounds, say:*

**The Fire Informing! Let the Oil**  
**Balance, assain, asoil!**

*Invoking (deosil) Spiral Dance, while saying:*

**So Life takes Fire from Death, & runs**  
**Whirling amid the Suns.**  
**Earth Mother! Pace the Path, bind on**  
**The girdle of the Starry One!**

*In West: Sign of the Enterer: Homage to Thee, Lord of the Word! Sign of Silence: Lord of the Silence, Homage to Thee! Repeat both Signs: Lord, we adore Thee, still & stirred/ Beyond Infinity.*

*The Secret Word: נ...נ*

**For from the Silence of the Wand**  
**Unto the Speaking of the Sword,**  
**And back again to the Beyond,**  
**This is the toil & the reward.**  
**This is the Path of ננ – Ho!**  
**This is the Path of IAΩ.**

**Hail, Demeter! (Bell) Thou Wanded Wheel!**  
**Alpha & Delta kissed & came**  
**For Five that feed the Flame.**

**Hail, Hades, hail! (Bell) Thou Sword of Steel!**  
**Alpha & Delta & Epsilon**  
**Met in the Shadow of the Pylon**  
**And in Iota did proclaim**  
**That tenfold core & crown of flame.**  
**Hail, Hades, hail! Unspoken Name!**

*Thus is the Great Pyramid duly builded.*

1. *Initiation.*

*The Candidate still bound and hoodwinked.*

THE FIRST PYLON.

I know not who I am;  
I know not whence I came;  
I know not whither I go;  
I seek – but What I do not know!  
I am blind & bound; but I have heard the  
Hawk's cry  
Ring through Eternity: Arise & follow me!  
Ra-Hoor-Khuit! I now invoke  
The Fourfold Horror of the Smoke.  
Unloose the Pit! by the dread Word  
Of Power – that Set-Typhon hath heard –  
דְּבָרָתִי נָאָתָה נָאָתָה נָאָתָה נָאָתָה

(This is dangerous. It opens the Gates of Hell.)

The Fear of Darkness & of Death.  
The Fear of Water & of Fire.  
The Fear o'the Chasm & the Chain  
The Fear of Hell and the dead Breath.  
The Fear of Him, the demon dire  
That on the Threshold of the Inane  
Stands with His Dragon Fear to slay  
The Pilgrim of the Way.  
Thus I pass by with force & care,  
Advance with Fortitude & Wit,  
In the straight Path, or else their snare  
Were surely Infinite.

THE PASSING OF THE SECOND PYLON.

(Suit action to words. Use HGA's name,  
or substitute as one will. Work scansion. )

.....! Who clutches at my throat?  
Who pins me down? Who stabs my heart?  
I am unfit to pass within this Pylon of the Hall  
of Truth.

The Lustral Water! Let thy Flood  
Cleanse me – lymph, marrow, & blood!  
(☒ Navel)  
The Scourge, the Dagger & the Chain  
Purge body, breast & brain!  
The Fire Informing! Let the Oil  
Balance, assain, assoil!

*Still in corpse-position.*

For I am come with all this pain,  
To ask admission to the shrine.  
I know not why – I ask in vain –  
Unless it be that I am Thine.

I am Mentu his truth-telling brother,  
Who was Master of Thebes from my birth: –  
O heart of me! heart of my mother! O heart  
that I had upon earth!  
Stand not thou up against me a witness!  
Oppose me not, judge, in my quest!  
Accuse me not now of unfitness  
Before the great God, the dread Lord of the  
West!

(Change this part to your own motto. Continue to  
work the scansion correctly.)

Speak fair Words for L.F., may he flourish  
In the place of the weighing of hearts  
By the Marsh of the dead, where the crocodiles  
nourish  
Their lives on the lost, where the Serpent  
upstarts.  
– For though I be joined to the Earth,  
In the Innermost Shrine of Heaven am I.  
I was Master of Thebes from my birth;  
Shall I die like a dog? Thou shalt not let me die,  
But my Khu that the teeth of the crocodiles  
sever  
Shall be mighty in Heaven for ever & ever!

*Kneeling at Altar facing East:*

☒ Yea! but I am a fool, a flutterer!  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
☒ I am a liar & a sorcerer.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
☒ I am so fickle that I scorn the bridle.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
☒ I am unchaste, voluptuous and idle.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
☒ I am a bully & a tyrant crass,  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
☒ I am as dull & as stubborn as an ass;  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!

↑ I am untrusty, cruel & insane,  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↗ I am a fool & frivolous & vain.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↘ I am a weakling & a coward; I cringe,  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
‘ I am a catamite & cunnilinge.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
▷ I am a glutton, a besotted wight;  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↳ I am a satyr & a sodomite.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
□ I am as changeful & selfish as the Sea.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↓ I am a thing of vice & vanity.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
○ I am most violent & I vacillate,  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↘ I am a blind man & emasculate.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
▷ I am a raging fire of wrath – no wiser!  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↗ I am a blackguard, spendthrift and a miser.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
▷ I am obscure & devious & null.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↖ I am ungenerous & base & dull.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↘ I am not marked with the white Flame of  
Breath.  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!  
↗ I am a Traitor! – die the traitor's death!  
I am under the Shadow of the Wings!

*This last raises Candidate erect. Long silence.*

*Invoking Spiral Dance.*  
Now let me pace the Path, bind on  
The girdle of the Starry One!

*In North West.*  
.....! Who clutches at my throat?  
Who pins me down? Who stabs my heart?  
I am unfit to pass within this Pylon of the Hall  
of Truth.

**The Lustral Water! Let thy Flood  
Cleanse me – lymph, marrow, & blood!**  
(⊗ Right breast)

**The Fire Informing! Let the Oil  
Balance, assain, assoil!**

*In North. See Hades.*  
Soul-mastering Terror is thy name!  
Lord of the Gods! Dread Lord of Hell!  
I am come. I fear Thee not. Thy flame  
Is mine to weave my maiden spell!  
I know Thee, and I pass Thee by.  
For more than Thou am I!

*In South East.*  
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(⊗ Left breast)  
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*In South. See Demeter.*  
Sorrow that eateth up the soul!  
Dam of the Gods! The green Earth's Queen!  
This is Thy Name. I Come, Control  
And Pass! I know Thee, Lady of Eleusis!  
I know Thee, & I pass Thee by.  
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(⊗ Throat)  
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*In East. See Hermes. Silence.*

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**The Lustral Water! Let thy Flood  
Cleanse me – lymph, marrow, & blood!**  
*(⌘ Above navel)*

## The Fire Informing! Let the Oil Balance, assain, assoil!

*In West. See Nature.*  
I will not look upon thee more,  
For Fatal is Thy Name. Begone!  
False Phantom, thou shalt pass before  
The frowning forehead of the Sun.  
I know thee; & I pass thee by.  
For more than thou am I.

*At altar, formulating ☰ in air above altar with a blazing Sun at the heart of the figure:*  
**Now witness ye upon the Earth,  
Spirit and Water and Red Blood!  
Witness above, bright Babe of Birth,  
Spirit, & Father – that are God!**

*As babe in egg, being born, as taught.  
For Silence duly is begot  
And Darkness duly brought to bed;  
The Shroud is figured in my thought,  
The Inmost Light is on my Head.*

*Unbind.*

*Sign of the Enterer:*  
**Attack! I eat up the strong Lions, I!  
Fear is on Earth, on them that dwell therein;  
Behold the radiant Vigor of the Lord!**

*Sign of Silence:*  
**Defense! I bind the arms of Typhon, ply  
My fear on him who sired the Hound of Hell!  
Behold my radiant Peace, ye things abhorred!  
For see! The Gods have loosed mine hands:  
And I, unfettered, stand.  
Hail, Demeter, hail! Hades cries –  
Now I a Child of Earth arise  
And follow – where dead Bacchus lies!**

*Lie down in Sign of Hanged Man.*  
**I gild my left foot with the Light.**  
**I gild my Phallus with the Light.**  
**I gild my right knee with the Light.**  
**I gild my right foot with the Light.**  
**I gild my left knee with the Light.**

**I gild my Phallus with the Light.  
I gild mine elbows with the Light.**

I gild my navel with the Light.  
I gild my heart wedge with the Light.  
I gild my black throat with the Light.  
I gild my forehead with the Light.  
I gild my Phallus with the Light.

*Rising in Sign Mulier:*  
..... mine Angel! I am Thine,  
Waiting Thy Glory in the shrine.  
Thy bride, Thy virgin! Ah, my Lord.  
Smite through the Spirit with Thy Sword!  
....., O .....! rise in me,  
The chosen catamite of Thee!  
Come! Ah, come now! I wait, I wait,  
Patient – impatient slave of Fate,  
Bought by Thy glance – Come now! come now!  
Touch & inform this burning brow.  
....., my lover! in the shrine,  
Make Thou me wholly Thine!

*The Lightning Flash. Remove hoodwink.  
I am ..... – worthy alone  
To sit upon the Double Throne.*

*Assume throne in West.  
Attack is mine, & mine defense.  
And these are one. Arise, go hence!  
For I am Master of my Fate,  
Wholly Initiate.*

### *The Secret Word. A....A*

The words are spoken duly.  
The deeds are duly done.  
My soul is risen newly  
to greet the risen Sun.

*Bell accordingly.  
One! Four! Five! Hail!  
One! Four! Five! Ten! All Hail!*

*Sign of the Enterer:*  
**I give the sign that rends the Veil.**

## *Sign of Silence:* **The sign that closes up the Veil.**

## 2. The Sealing of the Pyramid.

*The Magus with wand. In his left hand the bell he taketh:*

*(In S.W.) Hail, Demeter! (Sound bell)*

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*The Banishing (Widdershins) Spiral Dance, while saying:*

**So Life takes Fire from Death, & runs**  
**Whirling amid the Suns.**  
**Now let mine hands unloose the sweet**  
**And shining girdle of Nuit!**

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*At the altar.*

**Behold! The Perfect One hath said,**  
**These are my body's elements**  
**Tried & found pure, a golden Spoil.**

*Act accordingly.*

**Incense & Wine & Fire & Bread**  
**These I consume, true Sacraments,**  
**For the Perfection of the Oil (oils ♦ on brow)**  
**– For I am clothed about with flesh**  
**And I am the Eternal Spirit.**  
**I am the Lord that riseth fresh**  
**From Death, whose glory I inherit**  
**Since I partake with Him. I am**  
**The Manifestor of the Unseen.**  
**Without me all the land of Khem**  
**Is as if it had not been.**

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**Hail, Hades! (bell)**  
**Hail, Demeter! (bell)**  
**Hail, Hermes! (bell)**  
**Hail, Iacchus! (bell)**  
**through the rended Veil.**

**I am Thyself, with all Thy brilliance decked –**  
**Khabs-Am-Pekht**

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