

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 הריעא*. 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, ⚡), Demeter (Δ, ♀), and Hades (A, ☿), 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, assoil!

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: ♀....♂

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 ⚡ – 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.

† 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!
ˆ 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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The Fire Informing! Let the Oil
Balance, assain, assoil!

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.

In South West.

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**The Lustral Water! Let thy Flood
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(✕ 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. מ.....מ

**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.

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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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