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THE OPERATIVE RITUALY

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The state of a true Cohen is,
without doubt, a happy and beneficial
one, for all those who follow it
wholeheartedly, and without any other
desire except to serve it well, in
spite of its apparent contradictions.

-Manuscript of Algiers - page 117 -
Letter of Don Martinez de Pasqually,
dated 4-9-1767.

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The Operative Incense

"Male incense, Saffron, whole Pepper, Mastic in tear-form, Canella (white cinnamon), Cloves, a pinch of salt. Two or three sols worth of each drug. The lot should be mixed well together and divided into two parts - one part for each censing. Censing is done by turning in a circle three times with the earthenware censer over the place."

(Manuscript of Algiers, page 100)

It will be advantageous to pulverize (grind) the resins and to chop up the cloves. There must be an error there as three censings are involved and not two.

A metal censer or incense-burner should never be used but an earthenware cassolette with a handle. Don Martinez de Pasqually had operated as all Clavicles of Solomon of that era prescribed by using an earthenware chafing dish (casserole). Even in this era, now, a copper or bronze incense burner is used in North Africa only to drive away any present djins (or Genies) from the room or place, the dagez however (magicians, geomancers, fortune tellers) use invariably the 'canoun' (or earthenware casserole) made of 'baked earth' (terra-cotta) and furnished with live coals.

Furthermore, it is proper to produce a thick column of smoke (8 to 12 inches in diameter) and not the usual thin fragrant wispy thread of smoke.

"After you have done all these things you will take your incense and place it in a small dish of new earth, in which live coals are placed lit with some new fire, and then you begin to cense... etc..."

(Letter of Don Martinez de Pasqually to J.B. Willermoz, dated Sept. 11, 1763.)

Candles of Manifestation:

"A candle of yellow wax should be used but if you are not sure of its purity and that it is free of any resin, use a white one. A deficiency in the purity of the candle wax will oppose the "Thing" (La Chose). The surplus wick should be trimmed with scissors before the consecration of the candles.

Next, all the candles are put together on the ground, in the corner of the East, and after having vested oneself with all the colours, the candles are to be consecrated using the following formula:

"I purify thee, Wax, and I bless thee, in the name of the Eternal (¶) by the virtues and powers that have been entrusted unto me by Him. Be thus commanded and consecrated by my word and my intention for the service to which I designate thee, and which is to enable me to retain the impressions of things which shall be communicated to me by the Spirits whom I invoke, according to the innate power in myself. Become thus just and real to my eyes, as were the lights which the Elect, privileged by the Creator, were employing in their joint Operations in support of the Spiritual Regeneration of Men, my fellow Brothers. Amen."

"After this, take one of the candles, light it up with a new fire and place it in the middle of the room."

(Manuscript of Algiers, page 92)

* The New Fire:

"I conjure thee, O Spirit (+) 7....., whom I invoke by my power and by all that is in Thy Power and mine. May Thy Spiritual Fire embrace the Matter which I consecrate in the bosom of these Circles. May the Elementary Fire residing here unite with Thine to contribute to the Spiritual Light of Men of Desire, and may they thus become animated by Thy Fire of Life.... Amen."

"At each word pronounced hereafter, the light should be 'struck' from the flint ('of the gun'), within the circumference. If the fire catches before the third word is pronounced it should be extinguished, as only fire that catches after the pronunciation of the third word can be kept.

"For the Greatest Glory of the Eternal Thought (+) 10.....
 "For the Greatest Glory of the Eternal Will (+) 8.....
 "For the Greatest Glory of the Eternal Action (+) 7.....

The Salt and Water:

"O Eternal, Sanctify (+) this Creature of Salt, purify it so that it may become a sovereign medicine for those who receive it. Remove from it any phantasm which might be harmful to me or to those who are with me. Do so, O Lord, that thanks to its purity I may use it happily in all circumstances, or when I will need it.

"By Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen".

Benedictions of Accessories and Ingredients, necessary for the Work of the Operator.

"You will purchase a small Ritual, to have the prayers of benedictions and exorcisms, which I will make known to you when writing to you on this subject."

(Letter of Don Martinez de Pasqually to
 J.B. Willermoz, dated Sept 2, 1967)

At the time when the Master gave this information there was only one Ritual sold openly to the public - the Rituale Romanum Paul V Pontificis Maximi (Roman Ritual of Pope Paul V), which is still available today. Actually it contains prayers and exorcisms of different Benedictions.

It is not a question of the special consecration, which was not the object of a printed Ritual, but which would circulate secretly under the cloak in manuscript. Besides, the Master frequently uses the Latin catholic texts: Divine Service of the Holy Ghost, Psalms, Litanies of the Saints, and etc.

Here are therefore the essential Benedictions:

Benediction of the Sword:

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
"Who has made Heaven and Earth.
"Grant, O Lord, my prayer,
"And may my cry ascend to Thee.
"Peace be with Thee,
"And with Thy Spirit.

Let us pray:

"We beseech Thee, O Lord, deign (†) to bless this Sword and may Thy Servant N.....(give own name).... who desires to receive it and preserve it with Thy consent, be thus placed under the good protection of Thy Love. Keep me healthy and safe and protected from any wound of the enemies, visible and invisible.

"Let us pray: May the benediction of the Almighty God, (†) the Father, (†) the Son and (†) the Holy Ghost, descend upon this Sword and upon its possessor N..... May he take it only to defend himself against all his enemies, visible and invisible. O Lord God, Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever, we beseech Thee, protect and defend it. Amen.

"Let us pray: Almighty God, in whose hand resides all victory, Thou who gave to David a marvellous power to vanquish the rebellious Goliath, we appeal to Thy Goodness in a humble prayer, deign in Thy Mercy (†) to bless this sword and grant Thy servant N..... to use it freely and victoriously for the protection and the defense of himself and his whole family, his home, and all those who suffer persecution and vexation in Thy Name, and against all attacks made by his enemies, visible as well as invisible."

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

(Sprinkle the Sword with the consecrated water)

Benediction of Chalk (or of ink) to be used to draw the Circles

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
 "Who has made Heaven and Earth.
 "Grant, O Lord, my prayer
 "And may my cry ascend to Thee.
 "Peace be with Thee,
 "And with Thy Spirit.

Let us pray:

"O Lord, Eternal and Almighty God, deign (†) to bless this Creature of Chalk (or: of Ink). May it become salutary to Men, and do so that, whosoever, invoking Thy Very Holy Name takes this chalk (or: this ink) and writes with it the Name of Thy Angels and Thy Saints within the perimeter of these Operative Circumferences (Circles) of Thy Culte, may obtain by their intercession and their merits health of the body, salvation of the Soul, illumination of the mind, and the Mysterious Signs, through which Thy Light, by the intercession of these Angels and Saints, will deign to give Thy servant the first testimony of his Reconciliation.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

(Sprinkle the Chalk or Ink with the consecrated water.)

Benediction of the White Alb and White Cordelier:

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
 "Who has made Heaven and Earth.
 "Grant, O Lord, my prayer
 "And may my cry ascend to Thee.
 "Peace be with Thee,
 "And with Thy Spirit.

Let us pray: "Alb and Cordelier, sacred vestments which I ordain for the Culte of my Celestial Reconciliation, I exorcise you in the Name of Him who commissioned you for the protection of Man in the presence of the Evil Spirits.

"Become thus immaculate and blessed (†) pure (†) vestments, protected from any power and any prestige of the Demon and his Ministers. Become protected from any attemps of theirs and any malefices of theirs, whatever they may be. Do not retain in yourselves any diabolic force, but become Pure (†), Blessed (†), Sanctified (†) Vestments, in the name of the holy Pure (†), Blessed (†), Sanctified (†) Vestments, in the name of the holy N..... (name of one of the three chosen patrons).....

"Deign thus O lord, we beseech Thee, (†) to purify, (†) to bless, (†) and to sanctify this immaculate Robe and this Cordelier.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

(Sprinkle the vestments with sanctified water)

Benediction of the Sandals

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
 "Who has made Heaven and Earth.
 "Grant, O Lord, my prayer,
 "And may my cry ascend to Thee.
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Let us pray:

"Sandals, sacred vestments which I ordain for the Culte of my Celestial Reconciliation, I exorcise you in the Name of Him who commissioned you for the protection of Man in the presence of the Evil Spirits.

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"Deign thus O Lord, we beseech Thee, (†) to purify, (†) to bless, (†) and to sanctify these Sandals.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

(Sprinkle the sandals with sanctified water)

Benediction of the Operational Cloth and of the Place or Premises to be used for the Operation.

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
 "Who has made Heaven and Earth.
 "Grant, O Lord, my prayer,
 "And may my cry ascend to Thee.
 "Peace be with Thee,
 "And with Thy Spirit.

"Deign, O Lord God, although Heaven and Earth cannot contain Thee, to take a dwelling here below where Thy Divine Name is being incessantly invoked. We beseech Thee, by the intercession and the merits of Thy Angels and Thy Saints, deign to visit this Operational Place (or : this insulating cloth). Look upon with merciful and benevolent eye.. Deign, by infusion of Thy Grace to preserve it from any defilement and to preserve it forever pure and sanctified.

"Thou, who has answered the vows of Thy faithful servant David by making his son Solomon complete the works of his, deign to fulfill our requests by chasing far away and forever from this place thus sanctified, all Powers of Darkness.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

(Sprinkle with sanctified water).

Benediction of Incense

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
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Let us pray:

"O Lord, by the intercession of the blessed Archangel Michael, who stands at the right of the Altar of Perfumes, and by the intercession of all Thy Elect, of all Thy Saints and all Thy Angels, deign (+) to bless this incense and aromata which compose it. Deign to accept their perfume of sweet scent. May this aromatic mixture become a perpetual defense of Thy servants redeemed by Thy Precious Blood against all Evil Spirits, against all Incantations, Prestiges and any other diabolical vexations. May it become the means for the perpetual expulsion of all Spirits of Evil. May the diabolic malefice or molestation never be able to sojourn in whatever place this fragrant mixture gives off its sweet scent, but be chased away, and disappear under the immensity of Thy Might and Thy Force.

"Almighty God who livest and reignest forever and ever, may in return all Angels and Spirits of Light, summoned, conjured and evoked by the words of Thy servant N..... hasten and crowd this operational place around the Corners of this Work as well as around this sanctified circumference - as if by an invisible call - as soon as the sweet scent of this aromatic mixture expands. Amen.

"Let us pray - O Holy Lord, God Almighty, before whom stand full of respect numberless armies of Angels. Deign (+) to bless, and (-) to sanctify this aromatic Creature. May the Spirits Elementary as well as Planetary, conjured by my word, Celestial or Supercelestial, called, invited - come and assemble thanks to its penetrating perfume. May the Spirits of Darkness and Error flee at the same time and forever, and may their malefices and prestiges never subsist.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

(Sprinkle the Perfume with sanctified water)

Prayer to be said while vesting the white Alb and Cordelier

"O Lord, whiten me and purify my heart so I may one day enjoy Eternal Joys after having been washed in the Blood of the Lamb. O Lord, deign to extinguish in me the ardour of passions so that Virtue of Power and Purity may dwell in me.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer to be said while vesting the Black Bandolier of the Master Elect-Cohen (or other Collars, Sashes, Cordinos, etc.)

"O Lord of Hosts of Heaven, grant me the Power to preserve always in honour and faithfulness this precious Adornment of my Reconciliation, and may this Shoulder Cloth, Symbol of Avenging Combats, remain a symbol of Thy Victories by my acts.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer while putting on the Sandals.

"O Lord, happy are those who are honest in their ways and who walk according to Thy Will. O Almighty God, may my actions be regulated - as well as my steps, so that I may preserve piously Thy Ordinances and Thy Commandments. May they both lead me victorious unto the Original Sphere which I have left of my own fault.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer while unrolling the Operational Cloth

"Beign, O Eternal Lord, Wise and Strong, to descend unto this Place, Sanctify it by Thy Presence and Thy Majesty, and may purity, chastity and plenitude of Thy Law reside there.

By Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer while lighting the Fire of the casserole - fingers of the right hand together, thumb at right angle (after the fire has been struck unto the tinder wick)

"I conjure thee, O Spirit (¶) 7..... whom ...etc (see page 5)

Prayer while lighting the Central Candle from which the candle to enable the Operator to read the Invocation is lit.

"O Pure Light, symbol of the Superior of my Soul, to whom the Eternal has entrusted the care of my thought, my will, action and word, make thy Radiant Fire purge my soul of its dross and may my lips be purified, so that the word I am going to pronounce operate for the greatest Glory of the Eternal, for my own tuition and for the edification of my fellow-men, Amen.

The flame of the candle held in the hand should now be inhaled three times, pronouncing each time the word traced in the center, and saying in addition each time: "IN QUAMQUE DIE".

Next, the candle should be placed on the word in the centre, and standing, with face covered with both hands at right angles, the body and head stooped, the Operator says in a low voice:

"Holy Ghost, descend! O (†) 7....., surround the Fire which is consecrated to be Thy Mighty Throne and Dominating over all regions of the Universal World! Govern my thought accordingly. Govern over me and my Brothers here present (if there are any). Remove all Spirits of Darkness, Error and Confusion from this circle so that our Souls may profit from the fruit of the Works which the Order extends to those who prove worthy to become penetrated by Thee, O (†) 7....., who livest and reignest forever with the Father and the Son. Amen.

(Manuscript of Algiers, page 108)

Prayer to the Spirits of the Work

"In the Name of our God (†), come Angels and Superior Spirits. Become propitious and helpful to me in all my Operations and Prayers, in conformity to our Law. Amen.

(Manuscript of Algiers, page 106)

This Orison is to be said facing the East - as are all Prayers of Consecration as well.

Prayers to be said while Censing the Circumference

Censing begins in the West through the North in the Operations of Masters Cohen, but in other Operations, reserved for the Superior Degrees of the Order, the direction of the circumambulation is different.

First Turn:

"O Eternal, (+), may this Perfume which I offer Thee within these Circumferences become a true Image of the purity of my word and intention, for Thy Greatest Glory and Justice. Amen.

Second Turn:

"O Eternal, (+), may this Perfume which I offer Thee in testimony of the purity of my soul have the same success as the one which Zorobabel offered Thee in Babylon for the deliverance of the remnants of Israel. Deliver me from the slavery of Darkness which surrounds and keeps me in privation of Thy Will and of Thy Science. Hear my prayer so that my word and my will may conform with Thine. Amen.

Third Turn:

"O Eternal, (+), may my prayer from now on become a true Perfume which I offer Thee for Eternity. May this Perfume become a symbol of the fervour with which I shall invoke Thee for my Reconciliation so that I may become sincerely united with Him whom Thou hast given the care of guiding me, O (+)..... (name the Spirit which will be joined to the Central Candle), establishing him as my guardian.

"I invoke him, that helpful Guardian, in the bosom of these Circumferences, although I do not see him, to become my Counsel, my Guide and my Support in this lowly world and in the Other, for Thy greatest glory and for my perfect sanctification. Amen.

The Operator turns now successively towards the four Corners, East, North, West, and South, pronouncing likewise the four names of their Spirits saying:

"I conjure (+) N....., (+) N....., (+) N....., (+) N....., who are present here visibly and invisibly, to become witnesses of my solemn affirmation - in which I want to live and die, and I join there my Guardian (+) N..... Amen.

Invocation to God.

Face the East again and say:

"O Kadosh! O Kadosh! O Kadosh!

"Who will grant me to become again what I was at the beginning of my divine creation, and to be restored again in the Spiritual Virtues and Powers with which I had been originally invested for all eternity?

"Who will let me enter again this happy sojourn where my Father and Creator would take particular care of me? Where His goodness and His blessings would keep protective vigilance over my steps and my deeds, and where I would walk in my vast domain in security, in the splendour of one single ray of His Divine Light.

"Today, I am forsaken, left alone to myself and far away from my Celestial Native Land. My Power, my Strength and my Will were unlimited as long as my thought was in harmony with that of my Creator, and when my faculties could not have been without action.

"O my God, my Creator and my Father! Although Thou knowest and seest all my humiliation and degradation, yet, by a wonderful excess of Thy Love, Thou still deignest to dwell amongst us.

"O my God! What shall I become, I thy Man, whom Thou hast established as God of the Earth, if left without Thy support, and of the beneficent Ministers of Thy Power and Thy Glory? I left of my own fault the Glorious Sphere where Thou hast made me the first and the most useful of the Creatures emanated by Thee. By the same fault I fell down onto the surface (of this world) where I am nothing more than an ordinary being, submissive to all beings, subjugated to all Elements, a stranger, a slave and persecuted.

"I am so degraded and unworthy that hardly a simple good intellect condescends to understand me! Me, O Terrible and Just God, me, whom Thou hast placed above all Creatures, and moreover, whatever he tells me remains impenetrable and unintelligible to me - unless Thou givest me Thy help.

"O God infinitely good, it is from this state of misery into which I am reduced that I make an appeal to Thee. I raise my cry to Thee from the deepest abyss, to show Thee my tears and my grief. See then my repentance and listen to my sincere admission of my error. Oh how guilty I am, in my own judgment, in having separated myself from Thee!

"I place before Thee the remorse I feel. O Lord, hear me! O Lord, have pity on me! My disgrace and confusion are the consequence of my evil conduct towards Thee, as I am an ungrateful son, a treacherous friend, a rebellious subject. I have greatly failed to recognize Thy Power and I have too much relied on my own - which I was only holding for the meanwhile because of Thy Goodness!

"O Thou Sole Powerful God, I do recognize now my total error and I know well that Thy power and Thy sole Will surpasses all my faculties, and * insofar as my punishment of my criminal pride is concerned - Thou hast restricted my power and deprived me of the knowledge of Truth. Thus I am surrounded only by errors and darkness. All other beings than myself make umbrage at me. No longer do I know anything but through effort and with doubt, and only superficially. I cannot do anything anymore by myself - unless I am allowed thanks to Thy Goodness, the liberty to (fully) employ my faculties.

"O Eternal, it has pleased Thy Mercy to establish very Holy Spirits, to watch and operate in my favour. Thou hast established them in strength, virtue, and power, over the Earth and Heaven, over everything which Thou hast created to accomplish Thy decrees. O my God, permit me to place at the feet of their Thrones, my prayers, my needs, my troubles and my hope.

"O Divine Son, O Spirit twofold strong and powerful in all the works of the Creator, O Saviour and Repairer of all Nature, I invoke Thee and I implore Thee to take me under Thy protection, to be my Mediator and my Counsel for the whole duration of my life and above all of this Culte which I want to render agreeable to the Eternal God of the Living and of the Dead.

"O Divine Spirit, Eternal and Infinite Love, Comforter and Universal Preserver, O Sevenfold Action of the Sacred Ternary, I am worshipping through Thee, become my Guide and my Light in the choice of my thoughts, in the purity of my will and the virtue of my actions. Give force to my word and power to my command.

"I invoke Thee and reclaim Thee for this purpose for the entire span of my life, and especially in this Culte which cannot become agreeable to the Eternal if Thou dost not animate me with Thy Divine Fire.

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Conjuration of the Angels

"O all you Spirits emancipated in the Creation to operate there the powers and faculties which the Eternal had appportioned to you according to His will and to the needs of other Creatures. O you zealous Agents and Ministers of His Glory, of His Justice and the Mercy of God whom I have so often offended, but Whom I adore with you, O pure Spirits!

"Come.....Join with me!..... Let us praise and bless Him who made us as we are! I bless you Spirits, who remained faithful to the Creator, whereas myself, I had the misfortune of abandoning Him. Bless me in your turn so that I may recognize my error and ask humbly for forgiveness.

"O Pure Spirits, come! Recognize now your Brother, because the Lord has heard me..... His Mercy has wrought in me and I am purified. My words have become again what they were in my principle(beginning), they returned to their original state of virtue, force and power, and the Eternal has restored me with you all to my first estate of Glory! Let us praise the Eternal, Amen...

"O you Spirits who inhabit and traverse the Celestial and Terrestrial Regions, I conjure you all: O (+) 7....., O (+) 7....., O (+) 7....., O (+) 7....., by the Holy Name of the Eternal, to render yourselves to my sight, visibly or invisibly, in the Corners of this Work which I consecrate to be your abode and for your intellects, so that you may bear witness to my temporal and spiritual works which I perform at this moment.

"Come Spirits! Assist me!..... I render myself completely under your care. I also render all my Brothers here present (if there are any) and all those who are united with us in heart and in spirit.

"Join with me according to the force and power of my word and of my command over you. Recognize in me the Man of the Creator and the object of His creation. Yes, He created all His Works for my use, for my purpose and my happiness. Be thus exact and loyal to my Invocation, by the power which I have over you.

"Spirits, endowed with different faculties for the benefit of man, I conjure you all in the Name of the Living God to direct your attention, your care, your attentions and your virtues upon me..... N..... and upon each of my Brothers here assembled, in the Name of the Lord, and upon all those who join us and whom we unite with us. I conjure you, in the Name of the Father (+) 10....., in the Name of the Son (+) 8...., and in the Name of the Holy Ghost (+) 7....., Amen.

By these very same Names, I confine (+) 7..... to the Corner of the East, I confine (+) 7..... to the Corner of the West, I confine (+) 7..... to the Corner of the North, and I confine (+) 7..... to the Corner of the South, and I fix (+) 7..... to myself, my Fellow being and my Guardian

Conjuration cont'd

"I conjure you, O you Spirits, whom I bind to the four Regions and to the Centre of this Work, to keep watch that I will not be led astray by the Evil Spirit who without ceasing wants to upset my work by his own.

"By all my powers and my faculties, by all your vitures, by the formidable Name of God the Avenger and Destroyer, I curse Satan and his Perverse Spirits. I renounce all their works whatever they are, be it in nature, in form, in thought, will and action, and in all which would be contrary to the purity of my body and my soul.

"By these same Names, (4) 10....., (4) 8.....,
(4) 7....., and with your assistance, O 7.....,
O 7....., O 7....., O 7....., I stop the
action of the effect of all kinds of danger, temporal and spiritual,
which the Perverse Spirits could arouse in me be it against my body,
be it my passive or my spiritual being. I put a stop to all inter-
course between them and me so that they may not have anymore any influence
upon me, upon my brothers here present, and upon all those for whom we
pray, neither during this life nor in the other, Amen.

"By the same Names of God who has given me the power over all created beings in this Universe, I summon you and conjure you Spirits whom I have invoked, and especially (4) 7....., (4) 7.....,
(4) 7..... (4) 7....., you, whom I bonded to the
Corners and the Center of my Work, so that you may indicate by some
character, hieroglyph or other figure of Fire, the covenant which I have
contracted with you....such as the one that has been traced within the
circle, and particularly with thee, (4) 7....., my Guardian.

"Thus yield to my wish and to my firm will, which I submit never-
theless to the Holy Will of the Eternal. I conjure you Spirits, by the
Powerful Names of the Creator: (4) 10....., (4) 8.....,
(4) 7....., Amen.

"O thou, who hast been given to me and whom I adopt in preference to be my Guardian and my Guide, O (4) 7....., come to me without any delay. Render thyself to my call, be invested and provided with all the spiritual divine power, so that I may fortify all my faculties, and may our combined virtues and powers operate wholly in all particular and general actions, civil as well as domestic, temporal as well as spiritual.

"I submit myself to thee, Pure Spirit, in spite of the equality of our spiritual being because of the flesh which envelops and beclouds me ever since the fall of the first man. But at the same time, by a superior power to thine - which I received from the Eternal, in my quality as an Image of Divine Resemblance, I unite thee and link thee singularly and eternally to myself, so that you may become exact and favourable to my demands in all circumstances of (my) life.

Conjurations cont'd.

"I conjure thee, O (†) 7....., in the Name of the Almighty Creator, to forewarn me with certainty about all events, happy or unhappy, whatever they may be and which should happen to me in any of my temporal and spiritual undertakings. Therefore suggest to me all the precautions which I must take, all the reflections which I must make, as much for my own preservation as for my needs - in the temporal as well as in the spiritual.

"Inspire me in my various duties which I must fulfill towards my fellow men - superior to me, equal or subordinate. Keep me within thy sight, render me confidence for confidence, defend me from the traps of the Demons and help me to overcome them, but above all, help me to overcome myself. Always accompany my thought, my will and my action, so that through my union with thee, my enemies temporal as well as spiritual, will become all confounded and overwhelmed, so that their perverse qualities and powers shall never prevail upon my own - which I desire, with thy help, to preserve pure. With my powers thus doubled, with my sanctified will, and with the increase of my Faith in the Eternal - may their plans and their snares be forestalled and destroyed..... Amen (†).

(Manuscript of Algiers, page 88)

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The Operator stands erect in the centre of his Circumference during the reading and delivery of this text (Invocation to God and the Conjunction of the Angels) with the earthenware casserole filled with live coals and the Perfume placed in front of him and within the Circle. He stands over the Central Candle which is partly concealed by the long Alb which touches the floor, thus enveloping the candle somewhat as to make a sort of a lantern. In this way the flame of the candle will be in line with the axis of the spinal column of the Operator, so that the Elementary Fire may awaken the Central Fire of Man. (see: "The Treatise on the Reintegration of Beings" by Don Martinez de Pasqually on this subject.

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The Characters of Convention and the Names of the Spirits, as well as the Divine, denary, septenary and octonary Names:

The above Names are to be chosen from the Great Repertory of 2400 Names of Angels, Prophets, Patriarchs and Apostles (Grand Repertoire de 2,400 Noms d'Anges, Prophetes, Patriarches et Apotres"), mentioned in the correspondence exchanged between Saint-Martin and Willermoz.

Each of these Names is accompanied by its Letter and its conventional Hieroglyph. It is the latter which is drawn on a square, made of linen and about a square hand in size, and placed close to the candle and the "w" in the centre of the Circumference.

Beholding and the "Passes".

"The Visions are white, blue, clear white-red, in fact they are of mixed colours or all white, of the colour of the flame of a white candle. You will also see sparks and feel flesh creep all over your body. All this announces the principle of traction which the "Thing" (la Chose) causes to the Operator.

"Endeavour, Very Dear Master, to obtain (1) for yourself some of these signs, since the simple Emulators whom I have under the Ordination of the Great Architect, saw them at night and during the day, without any light, candle or other fire. This does not surprise me at all as far as they are concerned because they are wholly dedicated to the "Thing" (la Chose) and were regularly ordained. In addition, they will send you their own reports of the visions signed in their own hand so that you will be convinced of the success of the Order.

(Letter of Don Martinez de Pasqually to
J.B. Willermoz, dated Feb. 16, 1770)

"Certain noises which sometimes are heard, sounding as if (small) pebbles were falling and rolled upon the floor above, are the product of the different attractions which prayers and our wishes cause in the Spiritual region. These 'attractions' descend in small spheres (globules) of fire of various colours, to end with an explosion more or less loud; this is what we usually hear.

"Those who are thus forewarned must intensify their ardour and confidence, to make the Spirit corporify itself. The Spirit will be perceived insensibly by the Figures and Images, Characters or others, nearly always white, or of any other fine fire. The Spirits most often invoked should be observed, or those about which the Operator is actually thinking at the very moment of appearance, without Work, or those of which the idea or the Name of comes to us with the apparition. They are the ones which attach themselves to you to protect and to guide you in the midst of the storms of this transitory temporal life.

(Manuscript of Algiers, page 121, letter of
20/9/1766)

"The Characters which you will therefore receive are sort of a notice which the Spirits give to inform you of the excellence of your prayers, and to urge you to intensify your zeal and perseverance in the true science and on the right Path. It is adviseable to make note of these Characters to use them in your future Operations. They will present themselves to you then and thus will corroborate themselves. Do not get discouraged, however, if you do not understand what you see and hear. We are often only too happy to see and hear similiar things, let us strengthen ourselves by such (experience) and let us not risk all to lose even that which we already have, by too much curiosity and haste.

(manuscript of Algiers, page 121, letter of 24/11/1767)

It is traditional to turn towards the Corner of the West to behold the "Passes".

It should be recalled that, to use an expression used by Martinez de Pasqually, the Hieroglyphs which we use are *baits*, intended to allow us an access to an intercourse with the Entities ever more elevated than those to whom we make our appeal at the beginning of our Operations.

All this is a matter easily proved for all those who follow the Operative Tradition of Martinezism for several years.

Dismissal of the Spirits.

"After the appearance of the "Passes", or before their prolonged absence, the Closing of the Work should be prepared. For this, a similar candle, but simply blessed, should be lit from the candle of the Centre. This is done in order to preserve the fire and light when taking off Ritualistic vestments and resuming ordinary clothing.

After this blessed candle has been lit, the formula of the dismissal of the Spirits is to be said, as follows:

"In the Name of the Father, (+) 10....., in the Name of the Son, 0 (+) 8, in the Name of the Holy Ghost, 0 (+) 7....., you Spirits who assisted me, depart in peace unto your abodes. Let there reign always Peace between you and me, and be you always ready to come whenever I call you. Amen.

(manuscript of Algiers, page 108)

The Operator will now extinguish the candle of the Centre with his fingers, leave the Operational Circle (Operational cloth), roll it up and store it into the box provided for it. The remains of the unburned perfume should be recovered from the earthenware casserole.

The Operator leaves the room walking backwards, holding the blessed candle in his hand.

- End of the Operation of the Masters Cohen-