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The Book of Shadows

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Casting the Circle.

" Blessings be upon this Creature of Salt in the Holy and Sacred names of the God and Goddess. "

" O Creature of Water, let all phantoms and illusions of spirits of the World of Phantasm be cast henceforth from Thee, wherefore do I bless Thee and consecrate Thee by the Holy and Sacred names of Karnayna and Aradia. Blessings. "

I pour the salt into the Sacred Water. I am going to sprinkle the Circleand cense the circle.... I am going to carry fire round the Circle. I am picking up the Sword to describe the circle. I am beginning in the North East.

"O Thou Circle be Thou a meeting place of love and of joy and of love and of truth, a shield against all wickedness and evil, a rampart of protection for all those we who stand herein, wherefore do I bless Thee and consecrate Thee by the holy and sacred names of Karnayna and Aradia. "

I am going to draw the power down with the black

handled knife, the Athame.

I am raising the knife in front of me in the East from the crown of my head to the sole of my left foot - (I am drawing the pentacle of Earth in the air.) from the crown of my head to the sole of my left foot- to my right shoulder- to my left shoulder, down to my right foot , upto the crown of my head, down to my left foot to seal the pentacle or the Pentagram of Earth. Saying:-

"Lords of the Watchtowers of the East I do summon, stir and call Thee up to witness this rite and to guard this Circle."

I am moving to the South:-

"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the South."

I am repeating the Pentacle of Earth .

"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the South, I do summon, stir and call Thee up to witness my rites and to guard the Circle."

Each time the drawing of the pentacle is six movements:- Crown of the head, sole of the left foot first movement. Second movement to the right shoulder, third movement, left shoulder. Fourth movement- right foot. Fifth movement- crown of the head. Sealing of the power- left foot. Six movements to make the five pointed star of Earth.

I am moving to the West, the place Water where the Goddess herself resides. The Great Mother of the Great Sea. The Chalice belongs to Her here, The Cauldron of Rebirth.

"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the West"-

Repeat the drawing of the Pentagram of Power.

"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the West I do summon, stir and call Thee up to witness my rites and to guard this Circle."

I am moving to the North . The same movement with the Athame, invoking at the same time that I am drawing the power with the black handled knife.

"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the North. Boreas, Thou Guardian of the portals of the North, I do summon stir and call Thee up to witness my rites and to guard this Circle. Open the Gates that the God and the Goddess may enter herein, wherefore do I bless and consecrate this Gate, by the holy and sacred names."

I am moving to the altar which is in the centre of the Circle. I am facing the North. My arms are crossed upon my breast, as in the position of Osiris- dead.

"Ator Malkuth, ve Geburah, ve Gedulah, Ley Olam, Lamac, Lamec, Khasi, Acababi, Korrelyios."

*"O Great God Karnayna, return to Earth again,
Come at my call and show Thyself to men.
Shepherd of goats upon the wild hillsway,
Lead thy lost flock from darkness unto day.
Forgotten are the ways of sleep and night.
Men seek for them whose eyes have lost the
light.*

*Open the door ,the door that hath no key,
The door of dreams whereby men come to*

Thee.

Shepherd of Goats, O answer unto me."

I am about to give to the priestess the fivefold salute, kissing the feet and knees, womb, breasts and lips.

*"Hail Aradia from the Amalthean Horn,
Pour forth Thy store of praise,
I lowly bend before Thee,
I adore Thee to the end,
With loving sacrifice Thine shrine adorn,
Thy foot is to my lips,
My prayer upon the incense smoke upborne,
O Aradia, descend to aid me,
Who without Thee am lonely and forlorn."*

The celebration of this festival is May Eve 1987. The candles are lit. The flowers are upon the altar. The incense is burning. I have one initiate with me only this time.

I am drawing the power of the God upon me, that I may function as a priest.

*"O Horned God I am not alone,
I stand before Thine Altar Stone,
I thank Thee O God, I thank The O God,
Today I am a priest of Thine.*

*Darksome night and shining Moon,
East, then South, then West, then North,
Harken to the Witches Rune,
Here I come to call Thee forth,
Earth and Water, Air and Fire,
Wand and Pentacle and Sword,
Work ye unto my desire,
Harken ye unto my word,
Cords and censer, Scourge and knife,
Powers of the Witches Blade,
Waken al ye unto life,
Come ye as the power is raised,
Queen of Heaven, Queen of Hell,
Horned Hunter of the Night,
Lend your power unto my spell,
And work my will magic rite,
By all the power of land and sea,
By all the might of Moon and Sun,
As I do will, so mote it be.
I chant the spell and be it done."*

*"Eco eco Azarak,
Eco eco Zamalak.
Eco eco Karnayna.
Eco eco Aradia."*

(Repeated three times.)

The Celebration:-

*"O do not tell the priest of our Art,
For he would call it sin.
For we will be out in the woods tonight,
A conjuring Summer in,
And we bring you good news by word of
mouth,
For woman and cattle and corn,
For the Sun is coming up from the South
With Oak and Ash and Thorn.
Blessed be to all people upon this Earth."*

*"As the Athame is to the male, so the Cup is
to the female. O high priestess. O Being of Power
plunge the knife into the wine.*

*"Consecrate the Cup of the Wine of Life. As
the Athame is to the male so the Cup is to the
female when conjoined they bring blessedness.
Blessings be upon these cakes."*

*"Let all receive the Sabbatic Wine." "Be
blessed."*

Now - clairvoyance was received .

Now, as we merry met, the Circle of Power must be

banished; the blessings received from the Inner Sanctuary:
the blessings upon the brothers and sisters received
my hand , my heart . I pick up the Athame. I stand in the
East .I begin to send the Circle away. I use the Athame to
banish the power and return it from where it came. My
Athame to my left foot, drawing up to the crown of my
head, to my right foot, to my left shoulder, to my right
shoulder, to my left foot.- The sixth stroke- the final
farewell -with the sixth stroke to the crown of the head
saying:-

*"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the East, I do
thank Thee for Thine attendance at these rites and
ere Ye depart to your pleasant and lovely realms I
say hail and farewell."* - Kissing the Athame:-

"- Hail and farewell."

I go to the South . I make the Banishment
Pentagram -first the left foot, the crown of the head, the
right foot, the left shoulder, the right shoulder with
out-flung movements of the Sword (Athame) you extend
the bigness of yourself. Left foot - sealing the final
banishment of the Pentagram of Earth - above the head.

*"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the South, I
do thank Thee for Thine attendance at these rites
and ere Ye depart to your pleasant and lovely
realms I say hail and farewell."*

- Kissing the Athame ,

"Hail and farewell."

I am turning to the West . I am making very large
sweeping movement with the Athame. I am extending the

lines around my limbs. I am imagining a line of power running out of me into the Earth - down my left leg.. I am making one of the first points of power to banish it -out to my right shoulder - way beyond my shoulder. ..My right hand, holding the Athame is stretched out at the side of me, - to my left shoulder - great streaks of power going out. - Down to my left foot , earthing myself but still dispersing the power - up above my head until the point of the Pentagram is reaching into the sky; banishing and sealing it back into the Earth from whence it came saying:-

"Ye Lords of the Watch towers of the West, I do thank Thee for Thine attendance at the rites and ere Ye depart to your pleasant and lovely realms I say hail and farewell. O Goddess, gracious and Mighty One of the Cauldron I do thank Thee and ere Ye depart to your pleasant lovely realms.

I say:- *" Hail"* Kiss the Athame,

"- Hail and farewell."

I am moving to the North with great big sweeping movements. The room is full of vanishing power. The beautiful electric blue colours of the lines streaking everywhere. That which is above is also that which is below. We are trapped here upon the Earth with that which is below- the Earth itself - the powers of the Earth. The magnetical forces. Using the electrical forces of Earth, the great sweeping Pentagrams, the power. even though we say it is banished, still survives and takes time to fade away- so you can see the Upright Pentagram of Power

shooting it's sparks everywhere and the banishing power disappearing into the Earth, just like Aurora Borealis. The same giant sweeping movements. You are bigger bigger than the Earth now. You have the whole Cosmic space to operate in.

"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the North I do thank Thee for attending to my rites and ere Ye depart to your lovely and pleasant realms, I give thanks to Thee Boreas, Guardian of thre Northern Portals for opening the Gates that the God and Goddess may enter herein, therefore I say to you hail and farewell." - Kiss the Athame.

"Hail and farewell."

Now come my children let us celebrate. Let us dance, sing, feast and make music all in Her praise. Let the celebrations of love and laughter begin. Blessed be to one and all.