

## MAAT: MAGICK OF HERITAGE

Maat Magick is a Thelemic Magick whose purpose is to change the human race from Homo sapiens to Homo veritas by means of personal transformation.

Along with the individual Initiatory work, Maat Magick includes large-scale rituals with many participants. Three of these were performed at consecutive Winterstars (84-86); the Tree of Life, the Elevenstar Working and the Circus of the Aeons.

The large-scale rites are intended to cause global change, to affect the entire species of humanity--including the participants. The individual praxis of Maat Magick also includes world-scale workings, but numbers multiply the effects. Through sincere participation, each ritualist becomes a living talisman who radiates the specific energies of the rite throughout his/her sphere of influence.

Concentration and focus on the ritual generates double consciousness among the participants, which is the condition of being Homo veritas. This workshop includes just such a ritual, since showing is better than telling, experiencing is better than listening or reading, and every problem perceived should suggest its own remedy.

When I told Jeff that I'd do this workshop, I had no idea of the subject matter. In the following weeks, what emerged from the Akasha was the image of the Child. The Child, whether in the form of Harpocrat, baby Krishna, Cupid or the infant Hermes, represents all the world's children, from quickening to puberty.

With the image of the Child came the image of the Forgotten One of altruism. Altruism here means the urge to give help to strangers. The Forgotten Ones are human survival instincts and urges, hard-wired into our neurosystem, and often at odds with our assumptions, lifestyles and self-image. The basic ones are hunger, sex, fight or flight, clanning, communication, curiosity, altruism and religion.

A little contemplation of the Forgotten Ones reveals the relationships among them, their complimentary and sometimes conflicting natures, and the circumstances under which some are primary and others are subordinated in action. They are also linked to the major Chakras in ascending order.

Homo sapiens is only a phase of human existence, aspiring to civilization and maturity, but usually in the throes of confusion and conflict. As a whole, our passions and actions are not serving us well.

Envision the children of the world: some are loved and cherished, well cared-for and educated; others are hungry and abused, exploited and neglected. One can only guess at the proportions, but even one child in pain merits our attention and help.

Consider the legacy of the planet they stand to inherit from us, as we inherited it from our ancestors. We're in the process of using up non-renewable

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resources, fouling the air, water and land, and destroying countless species of plants and animals who are our priceless companions in life.

Think about the lies and crippling attitudes we're teaching the impressionable minds and characters of the children. We teach them, directly or indirectly, that wealth equals worth, that differences in race, gender and nationality indicate superiority and inferiority, and that moral choices are to be governed by expediency, public opinion, authority or dead literature.

I offer these motives for making altruism with children a strong component of your Magick:

- 1) Enlightened self-interest. If reincarnation is a reality, our descendants will be our ancestors. How we care for them and the planet bears directly on the world we'll live in.
- 2) Manifested transcendence. By spending time and energy on the children of the world, we reach beyond our restricting egos into a larger existence. Since Initiation involves the expansion of consciousness, such active reaching assists our own spiritual growth.
- 3) The legacy of love. Our influence, for good or ill, will outlive our mortal bodies as it spreads, in a ripple effect, from one individual to another, through the years.

We don't need to be physical parents to achieve a type of immortality; through world Magick focussing on the well-being of all children, we encourage and sponsor their development and evolution.

It should go without saying that in order to fully earth any Magickal working, the essence of it needs to be put into practice in everyday life. Organizations for children stand in constant need of volunteers and donors of time as well as money.

I invite you to join with me in a Maat Ritual for the protection and well-being of the children of the world.

## THE RITE OF THE CHILDREN

(This ritual requires no altar or tools, though they can be used. The Master of Ceremonies (any gender) calls for the response of all where indicated. The directional invocations and closures can be done by individual volunteers, as can the statements and pledges in the promise section.

The circle dance chant is sung on the same notes as the "Isis, Astarte..." chant.

Energy spheres are generated, maintained and changed through visualization and concentration of will. Their tactile effects are spontaneous.)

MC: DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW.

ALL: LOVE IS THE LAW, LOVE UNDER WILL.

Below: BES! UNIVERSAL ANCESTOR! LINK US WITH THE DEPTHS OF SPACE. SMALLEST OF THE GODS, BORDERLINE OF ENERGY AND MATTER, ANCHOR US IN THE UNCERTAINTY OF BEING.

South: OSIRIS! FATHER OF US ALL! LINK US WITH THE FORCE OF FIRE. PROTECTOR OF YOUR CHILDREN, SIRE OF THE WILL TO LIVE, CHARGE OUR WILL TO CHANGE.

West: ISIS! MOTHER OF US ALL! LINK US WITH THE WAYS OF WATER. FIERCE AS THE TIGRESS, SUBTLE AS THE FLOW OF OCEAN, FLOOD OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE.

East: HORUS! ELDER BROTHER OF US ALL! LINK US WITH THE ARTS OF AIR. LIBERATOR OF YOUR SIBLINGS, HAWK-HEADED WARRIOR LORD, FREE OUR MINDS THROUGH WINDS OF CHANGE.

North: MAAT! ELDER SISTER OF US ALL! LINK US WITH THE ENERGY OF EARTH. DANCER OF THE MASK OF BALANCE, LADY OF THE SCALES OF JUSTICE, UNITE US IN SHARED WORK.

Above: HARPOCRAT! UNIVERSAL DESCENDANT! LINK US WITH THE AEONS OF TIME. FOREVER INNOCENT, LORD OF SILENCE, EXPAND US IN THE ETERNAL NOW.

MC: CHILDREN OF THE WORLD TODAY, CHILDREN YET TO BE CONCEIVED, THIS IS OUR PROMISE:  
WE WILL CHANGE THE HERITAGE OF EARTH.

ALL: WE WILL CHANGE THE HERITAGE OF EARTH.

Ritualist A: OUR ANCESTORS, IN THEIR PRIDE OF WARFARE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, BEQUEATHED TO US A PLANET RAVAGED BY IGNORANCE AND GREED.

Ritualist B: WE WILL FIND NEW WAYS TO LIVE IN BALANCE, HEAL THE EARTH AS BEST WE CAN, AND SAVE THE MANY FORMS OF LIFE FOR YOUR COMPANIONSHIP.

MC: ABRAHADABRA

ALL: ABRAHADABRA

MC: IPSOS

ALL: IPSOS

MC: SO MOTE IT BE.

ALL: SO MOTE IT BE.

MC: WE WILL CHANGE THE HERITAGE OF HOME.

ALL: WE WILL CHANGE THE HERITAGE OF HOME.

Rit. A: BLESSED IS THE CHILD WHOSE FATHER PROTECTS AND CHERISHES, WHOSE MOTHER NOURISHES AND STRENGTHENS, WHOSE SISTERS AND BROTHERS GUARD AND TEACH.

Rit. B: WE WILL SHAPE OUR MAGICK AS A SWORD TO CUT THE GENERATIONAL CHAINS OF ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION: AS A WAND TO INSTILL A NEW RESPECT FOR CHILDREN: AS A CUP OF INNER CONSOLATION FOR UNHAPPY CHILDREN: AS A PANTACLE TO ABOLISH POVERTY.

MC: ABRAHADABRA

ALL: ABRAHADABRA

MC: IPSOS

ALL: IPSOS

MC: SO MOTE IT BE.

ALL: SO MOTE IT BE.

MC: WE WILL CHANGE THE HERITAGE OF SPIRIT.

ALL: WE WILL CHANGE THE HERITAGE OF SPIRIT.

Rit. A OFFICIAL PRIESTHOODS OF THE PAST HAVE USED RELIGION TO CONTROL OUR LIVES AND OUR OBEDIENCE. THROUGH GUILT AND FEAR, THEY'VE SAPPED OUR WILL TO CHOOSE OUR OWN ACTION AND THOUGHT.

Rit. B: WE CALL YOU, CHILDREN OF THE WORLD, TO THE PATH OF INITIATION. WE PLEDGE TO YOU THE FRUITS OF OUR EXPERIENCES, OUR PRESENCE FOR YOUR QUESTIONS AND OUR LOVE AS FELLOW-SEEKERS.

MC: ABRAHADABRA

ALL: ABRAHADABRA

MC: IPSOS

ALL: IPSOS

MC: SO MOTE IT BE.

ALL: SO MOTE IT BE.

(Chant and circle-dance.)

ALL: HORUS MAAT HARPOCRAT PERSEPHONE MARASSA: GANESHA EROS ELEGUA.

WE ALL GO TO THE CHILDREN  
AND FROM THEM WE SHALL RETURN  
LIKE PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES,  
RISING ON THE CHANGE-WINDS.

(Accelerate as the power rises. begin chanting the Word of Power to climax.)

ALL: N'ATON N'ATON N'ATON.....

(Earth energies with hands on ground.)

Above: HARPOCRAT! COLLAPSE THE LONG AEONS TO THE INSTANT OF NOW.

(Hold time as an energy-ball between your hands.)

North: MAAT! COMPRESS OUR GREAT PLANET TO THE ESSENCE OF EARTH. (Hold earth as above.)

East: HORUS! CONTAIN THE WILD WINDS BY YOUR ART OF THE AIR. (Hold air as above.)

West: ISIS! GATHER THE WATERS IN THE HOLLOW OF YOUR HANDS. (Hold water as above.)

South: OSIRIS! SUMMON ALL FLAME TO THE FORCE OF YOUR FIRE. (Hold fire as above.)

Below: BES! DRAW CLOSE THE BOUNDARIES OF INFINITE SPACE TO BE A SMALL SPHERE IN THE HERE OF THIS PLACE. (Hold space as above.)

(All point-callers converge at the center, pressing their energy-spheres together until they merge. The MC takes the sphere around the circle as each participant receives and holds it as a sphere of his/her own. When all have a sphere, compress and eat them.)

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