

RITUAL FOR YULE

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grimoires -

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TEMPLE SET*UP: candles at quarters and at center. All other details superfluous.

! indicates Priest's lines
@ indicates Priestess's lines

BANISH TEMPLE BEFORE START OF RITUAL

OPENING.. ALLOW PAUSE OF NOTICEABLE LENGTH BETWEEN LINES

! Winds out of the cold stars
@ Born of the dark between the light
! Gather unto us
@ Mark our circle
! Sever the mundane
@ Breath upon us and through us
! Cleanse us
@ Scour our bones of Mundane flesh
! Weave us bodies of living air
@ Lift us free of Earth
! Lift us unto the Gods

QUARTERS. ALL STANDING, FACING EACH QUARTER.

! Ruler of the east wind / south wind / west wind / north wind
@ Keeper of the morning breeze / sun / raging sea / quartered earth
! Eagle of Dawn / Lion of Day / Serpent of Dusk / Bull of night
@ Raise thy Tower
! Send thy Children
@ Open the Gate
! That the Gods of Air / Fire / Water / Earth
@ The Gods of the East / the South / the West / the North
! May join with us
@ And bless our circle
! _____ be with us
@ _____ be with us

PRIEST INVOKES A GOD PECULIAR TO THAT QUARTER OR ELEMENT.
PRIESTESS THEN DOES SO WITH ANOTHER GOD, FOLLOWED BY
EACH MEMBER OF THE CIRCLE.

ALL

Be with us
Make holy
This our Circle

CENTER FACING EAST

@ THOU who did sow the stars
! THOU who did fill the seas
@ THOU who art Wind and Flame, Water and Stone
! THOU who art male and female
@ THOU who art Spirit and Flesh
! THOU who art many and One
@ Open our ears that we may hear
! Open our eyes that we may see
@ Open our minds that we may know
! Open our hearts that we may love
@ Open our spirits to thine
! Be with us and among us
@ Make holy this circle set among the stars.

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SIT COMFORTABLY (SPRAWL IF THAT'S EASIER). START UP DRUMMING ,
FLUTING OR HUM. ENERGETIC TERPSICHOBIANS CAN ALWAYS DANCE.

! This is the festival of the death and birth of the sun
 The rite of the dieing and reborn year

@ Ancient the memory
 Ancient the miracle

! Free your spirits
 Let them drift
 To the days of the wandering tribes
 The elder hunters

@ Upon the Earth they worshipped
 Horned god
 Fruitfull mother

! In the sky the worshipped
 Horned moon
 Vibrant sun

@ Great the power of the sun

! Light-bringer

@ Life-bringer

! Lord of Day

@ Guardian against the night

! Guardian against the winter's cold

SLOW DRUMMING

@ Each year, the Lord of the Sun was brought close to death

BLOW OUT CANDLE TO NORTH

! Out of the North
 The place of greatest darkness
 The cold winds blow

@ Snow and sleet and frozen rain

BLOW OUT CANDLE TO WEST

! Each night comes earlier
 Each day ends sooner

BLOW OUT CANDLE TO EAST

@ Each night lasts longer
 Each day comes later

! Chill of night
 Fear of night
 Winter's hate
 And killing wrath

@ Only in the south
 The place of flame
 Does the sun stand
 Bare moments against lengthening night

! Each day less
 Each day shorter

@ And this the greatest fear

! That the sun
 Might die

@ And leave the earth
 To endless night

BLOW OUT SOUTH CANDLE. STOP ALL MUSIC. WATCH CENTER FLAME.

! To lonely flames
 In endless night

WAIT. FEEL THE MANTLE OF NIGHT AND THE CHILL OF WINTER

! How frail ~~are~~ the fires of man
@ How cold the fire of the stars
! Know the fear of night
@ Feel the dread of winter

WAIT. KNOW THAT THE SUN IS DEAD. FEEL THE ENDLESS NIGHT.
SOFTLY, SLOWLY RESUME DRUMBEAT.

! Ya, Shai-hulad
Dragon of Fire
Burn away the winter
Give to us a dawning

REPEAT CHANT. TIME DRUM
TO SAME. ALL JOIN.
INCREASE DRUMMING AND VOL
OF CHANT.
BRING TO FEET AND DANCE

BRING CANDLE FROM EAST TO CENTER FLAME. LIGHT. HOLD ALOFT

@ Behold the miracle of the reborn sun
In strength and glory the East knows light

EACH PARTICIPANT BRINGS A CANDLE FROM SOUTH WEST AND NORTH AND
RELIGHTS IT FROM THE EASTERN CANDLE. HOLD ALL FOUR CANDLES
ALOFT. THOSE NOT HOLDING REACH HANDS UP TO CANDLES.

MAINTAIN SHAI*HULAD CHANT

! In the cold of winter
In the death of the year
The sun is reborn
The year is renewed.
~~xxxxx~~ Bath in the power
Of the newborn sun

MAINTAIN CHANT, CIRCLE SUNWARDS WITH FLAMES HELD ALOFT, LET CIRCLE
OPEN AND EXPAND AND BRING FLAMES TO QUARTERS. CONTINUE DANCE
AND CHANT AS THE SUN'S ENERGY IS DRAWN IN. STOP WHEN ENERGY PEAKS

GROUND. THOROUGHLY