



A TEMPLE OF THE
ELDER GODS

A Channeling from Haon Dor

with a Commentary by
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And with strange Aeons even death may die.

- O Thou shalt prepare a place set apart from the world of men; either within the Earth or upon some Peak, by the Sea or within some Wood. And it is best if this shall be a place where the Old Ones have been aforetime.
- I Upon the floor, which should be of black basalt or marble, thou shalt make an Elder Sign of twice thy own measure, and 'round this the Couplet of the Arab. And all this shall be graven in Silver.
- II In the midst thou shalt raise an Altar of stone that shall be higher than thy waist and of five sides. Carven on the sides shall be the Signs of Azathoth and Shudde M'ell, Cthulhu and Cthugha, and of Hastur. And it shall be so set that when thou shalt face the Sign of Cthulhu thou shalt face also His House at R'lyeh.
- III If thy Temple require light thou mayest have torches or lamps or candles of fat. Thy perfumes shall be of Camphor or Musk, and burnt in great quantity.
- IV Of the Weapons thou shalt have on thy Altar the chief shall be thy Wand. And this thou shalt carve from the long bone of the Shantak, and thou shalt carve thereon the Name of Nyarlathotep and other Sigils He shall show thee. And the hollow within thou shalt fill with thy Blood after thou hast eaten the marrow, to seal thy Covenant.
- V And thou shalt have a Knife of metal from a fallen Star, graven with the Yellow Sign, and with a hilt of the bone of a Byakhee.
- VI But thy Chalice shall be given thee by the Deen Ones of Dagon, and it shall be of gold of no common mine.

VII Also thou shalt have a Green Star of Mnar to be thy
Pantacle.

VIII And upon the Altar shall be an Image of the God whom thou
adorest. Also it is best if thou aquire it from thy God's
Servitors, though this be costly.

V The Knife should be forged of meteor-metal, such as is done in Indonesia with the Kris. The Yellow Sign is the Sigil of Hastur, the Byakhee is the race serving Him (again I suggest imbuing the physical Weapon with the appropriate Astral essence.)

VI The Deep Ones are said to alloy their gold with a most peculiar substance (see 'The Shadow over Innsmouth'). In this case I suggest you invoke them for the purpose of obtaining the Chalice, and then be alert for it's appearance in the Mundane world.

VII You'll probably wind up having to make one.

VIII Ditto.

COMMENTARY

This is a Channeling I received around the middle of 1990, a period when I was first beginning serious Work in the Mythos. (I should point out here that I consider ANY creative work to be some form of Channeling, so don't be too awed by the term.) It spent a few weeks in my head, putting itself in order and acquiring it's relatively polished style, then I spent a few days actually putting it on paper. When I was done I realized that it had 'Do Not Revise' signs all over it, and beyond correcting my spelling, I haven't. Still, I have the strong feeling that I did not 'catch' all there was to receive, and there are a few points that could use some explaining, hence this commentary.

O Simple good advice for a Magician operating in ANY current, but especially apt here. However, since few of us happen to own a Neolithic stone circle, I suppose the old basement will do reasonably well.

I 'Twice thy own measure' is double your height. This gives you rather more room than the 'traditional' Wiccan circle. 'The Couplet of the Arab' is of course Abdul Alhazred's 'That is not dead which can eternal lie, and with strange Aeons even death may die.' With it's implication of the cyclical reawakening of the Great Old Ones it is particularly apt for inscription around the circle. If you can get it translated into Arabic, so much the better. I suggest painting it on the floor.

II Note that the Altar will be larger than the standard Golden Dawn model. For the appropriate Sigils see my Lovecraftian Qabalah. HPL gives R'lyeh's location as 47° 9' South Latitude, 126° 43' West Longitude. Facing Southwest should do.

III As a general principle in Magick, avoid electric lighting. In this system of Primal Magick incense sacred to Luna or Pan is best.

IV As there is an unaccountable lack of Shantaks on Malkuth, I suggest that you obtain a suitable animal bone and fuse it with a Shantak bone you have acquired on the Astral. Nyarlathotep is really perfectly good Egyptian: 'ny har rut hotep' -- 'there is no peace at the gate', so get ahold of a Hieroglyphic dictionary. I don't recommend being too gung-ho about the consecration rite.