



Week Three Notes and Homework:

Evocation is a sacred art. To evoke is to summon, or to call forth. When we evoke, we are calling forth parts of ourselves for specific purposes. Even when you do something such as “summoning strength” to accomplish a task, you are actually engaging in a type of evocation. Dark Magic, as we practice it in this course, is for the purpose of harmonizing our own personal darkness in order to bring about positive results in our lives.

Any tool can be misused as a weapon of destruction. The more powerful the tool, the more powerful the potential weapon. In any magic this powerful, the character of the practitioner is called upon and tested. Once you have evoked a powerful force within a triangle of manifestation, you can use it for positive personal growth and self perfection, or you can instead decide to unleash it, unbind it, and program it to cause destruction in its wake. Powerful magic is a tremendous responsibility, and many have misused it through the ages. Don't be one of them. If you feel that you can't trust yourself with this amount of power, then don't practice evocation until you know that you *can* trust yourself to use it carefully, wisely and safely.

Forgiveness

One of the most important things we can do to better ourselves and our world is to engage in the regular practice of spiritual purification. The most powerful spiritual purification available is the practice of forgiveness. Ask yourself, “Whom have I wronged in my past that has resulted in my unleashing any sort of punishment on myself from the underworld in the form of the problem at hand?”

Anytime we do wrong to another and intentionally cause them harm (even if we convinced ourselves that it wasn't that big of a deal at the time), it causes us to unleash demons of punishment upon ourselves. This cycle of guilt and punishment is something that is purely our own doing, and no outside force has any part in it. Remember, that the deep mind is replete with rivers upon rivers of thought patterns, which in turn become

behavior patterns. These patterns cycle over and over again. The deep mind churns these habits all throughout our lives. When we do any intentional harm to another, or think harm against another, it reinforces a powerful and seemingly endless cycle of guilt and punishment in our underworld, and thus in our daily lives.

The only way end these patterns of guilt and punishment is through the process of forgiveness. Evocation which is accompanied by forgiveness is a truly safe form of evocation. This is because through the power of forgiveness, the thought forms that are contrary to both our wellbeing and the accomplishment of our desires, are re-calibrated and brought into perfect harmony with our goals. This establishes powerfully constructive new currents of thought and behavior patterns that support our desires and higher purpose in life. It is important that before undertaking any operation of evocation, that we perform what I call, an “Underworld Inventory.”

The Underworld Inventory

In order to be forgiven for anything, We must first be precise about that which we are seeking forgiveness.

Take a clean sheet of paper and write down the following questions and their answers:

Whom did you wrong?

Why did you wrong them?

What needs were you trying to meet by doing this to them?

Who taught you how to behave like this, or whose behavior were you modeling when you did it?

Are you willing to forgive this person for teaching you wrongly?

Are you willing to receive forgiveness for that which you feel guilty?

Are you willing to be completely forgiven and free from this guilt and punishment? Are you willing to STAY forgiven and free from this guilt and punishment?

Are you willing to act like you are forgiven and free from this guilt and punishment?

Evoking an Underworld Shade

Divine Principles are the laws under which things work. Some examples of Divine Principles are the *Principle of Cause and Effect*; the *Principle of Gender*; the *Principle of Vibration*; *The Principle of Infinite Love*; the *Principle of Divine Guidance*; *The Principle*

of Perfect Harmony, etc. Divine principles are often called upon by the names of Angels or Deities. If you are working Angelic magic you may want to call on the Divine Principles by their angelic names. If you are part of a pantheistic tradition, you may choose to call upon the Principles as Gods and Goddess. If you are a Christian Mystic, you might call upon the principles as saints. You may also simply work with the forces directly, as pure principles (See WBB 2: Advancing your Craft for greater detail in working with these forces).

Pure light has no discernible form in the third dimensional world. In order to experience form, a shadowing of the light must occur. All forms in this world come from this shadowing or *shading* of light. Whereas all Divine Principles are aspects of light, Shades, are thought forms which are the shading of a divine principle. It is imperative to remember that Shades are not principles unto themselves, they are shadows of principles.

There can be both constructive shades and destructive shades, depending solely on how the shading is applied, and thus how it is named and used. For instance, constructive Shades of the principle of Prosperity might be in the form of *wisdom in spending*, or *increased income*. However, a destructive Shade of the principle of prosperity might be *poverty*, *greed* or *covetousness*. In Dark Magic, we can harmonize our destructive shades so that they take on new roles and new forms as constructive shades, which work on the behalf of our goals, growth and evolution. The energy itself doesn't actually change when a destructive shade has been harmonized, because the Divine Principle behind the shade never changes. What is different is how this energy is being used and expressed. Remember the Divine Principles are part of the Infinite Life Force, while the shades are ultimately nothing. This is why all form eventually must fall away, and that nothing physical lasts forever: shades are nothing but the darkening, shadowing or shading which gives temporary form to Light.

Harmonizing destructive shades in our deep mind enables new deep and harmonious thought and behavior patterns to be built, and thus results are created which reflect our desires, rather than continuing to reap results which come out of the undisciplined deep mind, with its shades running amok in the underworld, having no master to give them direction. We must make new choices and give direction as to how our shades are to behave. We become masters of our minds, and thus our lives. Supreme mastery over one's mind and life is called by names such as adeptship, enlightenment, perfection, etc.

In evocation, we are not trying to annihilate, punish or get rid of shades which have been causing us problems. We instead call upon our Higher Mind to recalibrate these shades so that they work only on behalf of our good, rather than on behalf of our fears, guilts, hatreds, etc. Remember the Dark One is our kind friend. It only does what we tell it to do. When we give it new direction, we always get new results in kind. We work on the shades and thus impress on our deep minds that which we now desire. We give this new desire over to the Dark One having reformed the shades. The dark one can thus organize these shades according to its own infinite wisdom. The Dark One gives form to

the the seeds we plant in ways that are beyond our understanding, our only job is in choosing which seeds we plant.

Evocation: The Practice

You must call by name that which you are summoning. I find it most effective to evoke what I call “abstract shades.” Again, shades are simply the shadowing of principles. There is a principle of health. Constructive Shades to health are thought forms which are in direct harmony with the principle of Health such as wellness, fitness, healing of particular conditions etc. However, destructive shades to the principle of Health is sickness. It is a massive distortion of the Divine Principle back of it. There is a principle of Prosperity, a constructive Shade to this principle could be in the form of a thriving business. However a destructive Shade to this principle might be indebtedness, which is another massive distortion of the Divine Principle back of it.

It is imperative when considering using evocation to bring about a positive change, that you take time to know exactly which Shade you are calling on, which Divine Principle it is shading, and what you want to *rename* the Shade.

Determining The Names of the Shade, and the Name of the Principle

1. On a clean sheet of paper, write down the goal you are working on very clearly. It should be a positive goal. If you are trying to overcome a problem, write down that which you would like to see as a resolution to the problem (rather than writing down the problem itself).
2. Define the goal clearly as described in Lesson #2 of this course.
3. Underneath this well defined goal, write out and complete the following sentences, being sure that you write out each though that comes to mind, without editing:

“The main reason I doubt I can have this is”

“The things that are standing in my way are”

“The things about which I feel most guilty are”

“The things about which I feel most afraid are”

“The most negative thoughts I have about myself are”

“The most negative thoughts I have about others are”

These exercises simply serve to prime the pump a bit. Now you are going to complete one final question:

“The main reason I can’t have this goal is”

The answer to this question is the shade you will be evoking. Once you have determined the name of the shade with which you will be working, you must then determine which Divine Principle is it shading.

For instance, let’s say your goal was “To have all my bills paid on time each month in an easy and fun way, with an ever increasing divine surplus of money each month.” After having completed all the sentences listed above, let’s say you finally wrote “The main reason I can’t have my bills paid on time is...” and the thought ... “because I’m stupid!” comes to mind. Write it down. You are going to evoke the shade, “stupid” in this session. Someone probably called you stupid before and that’s a name that has a lot of power in your deep mind, or you wouldn’t have come up with it in the exercise.

4. Having determined which shade to evoke, you ask yourself, “Which Divine Principle is back of this shade?” In this example you might decide that Infinite Intelligence is the principle that “Stupid” is shading.

Remember that this shade will serve a higher function once it is renamed to reflect the pure Principle of Infinite Intelligence rather than distorting it as “Stupid.” Therefore, ask yourself, “Once this shade called Stupid is harmonized, what will its new name be?” Ask yourself, “What are some positive shades of the principle of Infinite Intelligence that my shade could embody rather than being Stupid?” Perhaps you will choose either Prudence, Right Choices, Right Action, Education, Wisdom, Divine Guidance, and so forth. You can name your shade whatever you think will best serve your goal and which is for the highest good of all, but find one name only and make sure it is a constructive shade of the same Divine Principle that was back of it originally.

When summoning the shade into the triangle, you will summon it simply by stating, “Shade, I know you by the name, _____. I summon, stir and call you up. Come forth now and show yourself within this triangle. Show yourself to me, in the name of _____ I command it. By the Divine Principle of _____ be it so.”

5. Call on your superconscious mind and together, rename the Shade, and give it a new , then you will observe as your superconscious mind begins to work with the energy of the thought form inside the triangle. Observe as its energy appears to change expression. Feel the emotions which are released, experience any memories which may come up as you relax into the feelings of this transformation. Remember to dive only as deep into these feelings as feel slightly uncomfortable, but never painful or strained.

6. During the transformation time it is helpful to give your conscious mind a focus. One of the best ways to focus the conscious mind is with a chant or affirmation. My favorite chant when working on transforming shades is, “Only good CAN come from this. Only good WILL come from this. Only good now COMES from this.” I chant this over and over again while I see the transformation of the energy in the triangle moving from the

original shade (in this case “Stupidity”) as it is renamed and given a new role (in this case perhaps “Wise choices”).

7. Once it feels like the session is complete, take some time to observe the new shade. State its new name out loud several times, for instance, “Wise Choices. Wise Choices. Wise Choices!”

8. Call on the Dark One and introduce the new shade to it. Tell the dark one that the old shade now goes by this new name and has this new role to play, the old role which is now gone for good. Anytime the habit of the old shade is activated, immediately the new shade will come into action instead.

9. Give the thought form over completely to the Dark One. See it completely leave the triangle and be absorbed into the darkness where it will be reflected in the most positive ways in your life.

10. Re-enter the third dimension and disband your orb in the same way as we have been doing.

Why Evoke?

We move through the phases of observing this thought form as it starts with your destructive feelings and compulsions, and relax into these feelings. We observe the superconscious mind transform these thought forms into those which have a new a constructive name and role to play.

The the Dark One begins developing the pictures in life that you want to see rather than the pictures you have been avoiding and casting thoughtlessly into your deep mind. The triangle gives you a place to watch it happen.

Your Superconscious Mind is the part of the mind that is in charge of the magic. Think about the purely magical meaning behind the phrase from the New testament, “Do you not believe, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak to you, I speak not of myself. But the Father who abideth in me, he doth the works.” This is stating that the Higher Self is the worker of magic.

Long, uninterrupted periods of performing dark magic are not recommended. Dark magic orients us toward the underworld, and the ego mind can very easily get tempted into thinking that it is the all-powerful one who works the magic. The nano second you catch any whiff of an attitude like, “Don’t mess with me, because I know Dark Magic” STOP. Either work on something else. Or work Dark Magic to transform this shade of inflated ego.

When you are working evocations, it is akin to working with some potentially very volatile chemicals. “Slow and Shallow” is the name of the game with Evocations. Work on easy things first. You can get much farther finding harmony with yourself if you take it

easy and keep a light touch. Don't work on your greatest fears right away. Work instead on things that are mildly vexing you. Working on so called "smaller problems" will actually be much more profitable to you than going for the big fish before you've ever actually sailed in the really deep waters. Dark Magic and Evocation is no place for carelessness.

As you gain skill, of course you will be safer to work more deeply, but don't discount the power of working slowly on your deep mind. You can have almost immediate results which compound over time quite rapidly if you keep things slow, steady and sane.

How to do the Evocation Ritual

All magic is mental magic. The difference between what we call mental magic and ritual magic is that mental magic is worked solely in the mind. Physical magical rituals, however, tend to be very powerful in keying our deep minds. I especially recommend ritual magic for working evocation, at least until you gain some proficiency in the practice. However the choice to work mentally or ritually is left completely up to you.

The Golden Bough or Magical Wand

The Bough, or Wand is a magical instrument which in an external symbol of your sovereignty while in the depths of your own deep mind, the Underworld. You have already been working with its mental equivalent. This is the staff of the prophet, the wand of the Druid, the divining rod of the dowser, etc. The Bough is a phallic symbol which has been associated with Divine Wisdom throughout the ages — from Mercury's Caduceus, to the Jannes and Jambres of the Egyptians, the rods of Moses, Aaron and Elijah, and the wand of Merlin, etc.

The wand should be made from ebony, fruitwood or nutwood. It may be cut by you or purchased pre cut. It is consecrated on a Wednesday, during a waxing moon, in a Mercury hour if possible; being that Mercury works in any hour, the hour you choose is not vital.

Start by casting a circle, using any method you prefer (a basic circle casting procedure is given in A Witch's Primer if you do not know how to do it).

Burn an incense of Mercury in your thurible. If you don't know what to burn, a very small pinch of the herb mace on a hot incense charcoal works quite nicely as a Mercury incense (never use barbecue charcoals indoors for incense, only use incense charcoals).

Keep your intention firmly in focus throughout the consecration, by chanting, "Blessed be thou Bough of power, blessed be thou Bough of wisdom."

If your bough has not been finished, trim from it all twigs, and peel off all of its bark. You may also need to use a bit of sand paper so that your wand is smooth enough to safely handle.

Next, pass the bough through some incense smoke. Finish by making the sign of an equal armed cross in the air with your fingers three times, and state, "So mote it be."

Do not sprinkle salt water on the bough during its consecration, as this will demagnetize it. The bough is consecrated by the elements of fire and air only.

Wrap it in silk, preferably of a color of Mercury (see correspondences in A Witch's Primer, Witchcraft: Beyond the Basics, Beginning Angel Magic, etc. for color correspondences).

Your wand should be with you whenever you work Underworld and Dark Magic, as it is a powerful symbol of your true identity in the World Above. This helps ensure that you don't become hypnotized or glamoured by your own illusory underworld.

If working a physical ritual for evocation, it is always recommended that you use physical ritual tools. However, you always have the mental equivalent of your Bough; it cannot be lost and it cannot be taken from you. It is a part of your consciousness always. It only needs to be summoned in your mind.

The Pentacle of Protection

Around your neck should be worn something that symbolizes your perfect faith in the One Power. This is, for many witches, often a pentagram made of silver that is always worn underneath one's shirt, dress or blouse and thus kept private. But it could just as easily be a 6 pointed star, a crucifix, a cross, an Awen symbol, a yin/yang symbol, etc. This pentacle of protection should be consecrated in a circle, cleansed by the 4 elements and charged with the light of your Superconscious mind by whatever name or names you call it. If working purely mental magic, your pentacle may be visualized, but wearing a regular physical pentacle of protection is highly advised for all practitioners of magic.

Setup

Your altar should face east.

Keep your altar simple and sparse.

It should have a black cloth.

Two tall white candles should be lit in the rear left and right sides of the altar when you are ready to begin.

In the center of your altar, on the black altar cloth, mark out a triangle, in white, using chalk, masking tape or some other substance which can be erased or washed away when finished. The point of the triangle should be facing east, directly in the center of the altar. The sides of the triangle should be 12 inches.

Place your magic mirror on its pedestal inside the triangle. If your mirror is very large, you may have to make a larger triangle.

Place your chair before your altar so you may be comfortably seated facing east and be able to see into your mirror.

Keep all your other tools neatly to the side or under your altar to avoid any sense of clutter.

The Evocation Ritual

Burn Frankincense lightly during your ritual. Thick, heavy incense smoke is rarely desirable in any magic, but it is especially not appropriate in evocation. A light vapor or smoke with a gentle fragrance is all that is called for.

1. Invoke.
2. Cast your circle and conjure your orb of light.
3. Invoke again.
4. Trace your triangle with your athame or finger, and see it glowing brightly with electric blue witch light (see *A Witch's Primer* for more information on the witch light).
5. Hold your bough in your strong hand.
6. Descend into the underworld.
7. Call one your higher self to take you to the precise location in the underworld where the shade you are evoking dwells.
8. Summon the shade.

Be respectful, but commanding. Remember that this is your own mind that you are working with and you have supreme authority over it.

Say:

“Shade, I know you by the name, _____. I summon, stir and call you up. Come forth now and show yourself within this triangle. Show yourself to me, in the name of the One (or whatever Divine name use. By the Divine Principle of _____ be it so.”

9. Gaze into the mirror.

You may feel a pressure around your forehead and between your eyes. You may experience a haze on the surface of the mirror. This is a sign that the entity is materializing. Keep gazing. Do not shift your attention from the mirror; keep a divine sense of detachment and ambivalence so you don't disrupt the link you are establishing between the worlds. This is where most beginners tend to disrupt the evocation. If that

happens, you can either try to reestablish contact again, or end the ritual and begin it again another day. It must be remembered that you are commanding an entity to materialize. Any other vision is completely inconsequential at this time, so avoid allowing yourself to get lost in your own mind.

10. Invoke.

Once you have a clear sense of the shade you have called (or perhaps even a physical manifestation within the mirror), call again upon the world above using whatever name is most appropriate to you (as has been discussed previously). State something like:

“Infinite Intelligence, here is the shade _____. Let us now rename this shade _____. In your image and by your likeness be it renamed and transformed now.”

12. Begin your chant:

“Only good can come from this, only good will come from this, only good now comes from this.”

As you chant and gaze, watch as your superconscious mind begins to work with the shade within the triangle, harmonizing the frequencies of the shade according to the new name you have given it.

13. Call upon the Dark One.

Say something like:

“Dark One this shade has been renamed and consecrated to the service of my Good. I entrust it to your good care. All manifestations which are born from this newly named shade bring only infinite good into my life, in the highest and best ways possible. Thank you for our most harmonious and peaceful relationship now and forever. So Mote It Be.”

14. Ascend back from the underworld.

15. Exit your trance completely.

16. Close down your orb and circle and put away your altar and tools.