

BELTAIN

(E.S.S.G) 2 = 9 Rituum Officium - Seasonal

In Memorium: Simon Magus the Samaritan, (1st Century C.E.)

[See short biography in Spring Equinox Ritual]

I Consecration of the Quest

II Installation of the Gate

A) Opening the Temple

III Seasonal Ritual

1. Introduction

Prior to working these rituals, the Temple members must say a Mass (High) and set the Four Angles with the Host fragments. The members must have read and discussed the character of the Ennoian Gnostic System and this becomes the subject of an initial meditation which shall set the atmosphere for the following.

2. Introit

The Celebrant bows and gives salute to the Northeastern Angle, in honor of the season of Beltain. All members bow in following and the celebrant says:

The threshold stands ready, awaiting the opening of the gate and at each cross-quarter a newly established philosophy is fulfilled, a Gnostic revelation is understood, a magickal current evoked; all unto the endless and eternal spiral of the evolution of consciousness.

I fulfill the Gnosis of Ischus, which is represented by the exaltation of the Ennoia in its unification and knowledge of the Nous, or that which is within it.

3. Gnostic Revelation

The Celebrant begins to circumambulate the magick circle widdershins, slowly while saying the following.

Sadness has come upon us when we seek to feel joy. For there can be no joy as long as the mistress of the Absolute is in her fallen state. She has caused herself to be seduced by the children of vanity and material ambition. There is the Ennoia (the thought) but it no longer holds any meaning and is bereft of answers. The experience of the spirit is denied and the rituals are empty and repetitive. We must mourn the ending of the issue of grace and the drying up of spiritual wisdom. For without the continual effulgence of the source everything is without purpose or direction. And even worse, because thieves have taken the Ennoia captive and are selling her charms for cheap tokens. These are times of darkness that beg for the inner light of Illumination to cast away all shadows.

What must be done to change this sad state of spiritual affairs? What must we do to recapture the essence of life which makes us feel the potency of youth? The wise shall tell us that we can be free only when the Ennoia shall discover her sad and degraded state and feel a desire to be liberated from her continual exploitation. Awareness is an important key to redemption, for, without awareness we are as mindless as brutes, caught in the continual vortex of meaningless existence.

This awareness must lead to a realization of the spiritual component of being - the Nous (mind or meaning) which exists within the Ennoia (thought). The realization of the spiritual is the second key which opens the well of hidden significance.

The third component that occurs is when the realization of the inner and spiritual self is reflected back upon the temporal and mundane self. Clearly, there is a recognition of ones true state; suddenly the expensive clothes are revealed as poor rags, the rich food and the lavish home become the swill and offal found in the meanest of slums.

We are brought low with our own self-realization, and therefore occurs the fourth key which is the strong desire, the activated will, to change this state of affairs. The desire is to once again be purified and released from the vanities and false ambitions which held us captive.

Therefore the fifth key is the action of summoning the inherent power of the self to unite the Nous with the Ennoia and thus redeem thought with the hidden meaning of the spirit. We are filled with joy at the restoration of significance and direction. We have become determiners of our own fate and shall no longer be held in bondage by the vanities of those who spiritually presume.

4. Seasonal Vortex

The Sentinel in the Northeastern Angle makes the sign of the Iron cross and vibrates the letter *Lambda* and intones the word *Lampros* (The shining one), and says:

The light of the spirit shines forth from the exalted adept's lamp and if we look, we shall see this light dimly perceived amidst the tenebrous shadows and foggy labyrrinths of despair. Hearken to this master's light! For it leads us to our destiny and reveals, when the source is discovered, the true vision of the world.

The Sentinel in the Northwestern Angle makes the sign of the Iron cross and vibrates the letter *Omicron* and intones the word *Odos* (The Threshold), and says:

The way to spiritual realization is the hard and lonely path of the magus. The light has revealed the way and continues to point the seeker in the correct direction, yet there are many hazards and temptations along the way. The true will of magick shall make firm our ambition and act as a mantle to warm our hearts and fortify our resolve to continue onward in the face of adversity.

The Sentinel in the Southwestern Angle makes the sign of the Iron cross and vibrates the letter *Gamma* and intones the word *Gamos* (Marriage), and says:

The task of redemption is the uniting of the dark and light aspects of the self. Be aware of your light when expressing the beauty of your joy. Be aware of your darkness when expressing the potency of your wrath. Then cause the light and the darkness to embrace and you shall become aware of the empowered soul which cannot be swayed by lies and deceit and which shall shed forth the light of the spirit; the meaning within the thought.

The Sentinel in the Southeastern Angle makes the sign of the Iron cross and vibrates the letter *Omicron* and intones the word *Olbios* (Good fortune), and says:

The blessings of the spirit manifest in nature shall give forth its bounty unto you. For those who have found the means to unite themselves into a holistic expression of light and darkness shall be a channel for the fulfillment of both the mundane and spiritual life. The arts of the magician are made known for they consist of the potent expression of the uniting of opposites. All has become bliss in the holistic state of superconsciousness.

The Celebrant in the Center of the circle makes the sign of the Iron cross and vibrates the letter *Sigma* and intones the word *Sporos* (Production of progeny), and says:

Be fruitful and multiply, saith the false god of those who spiritually presume. Yet we know that the true knowledge of the spirit shall be revealed. For even the densest fog or the utter gloom of total darkness shall not endure forever. Let those who have degraded the truth beware of the end of their folly. The light shall persevere and shall conquer all iniquities and injustices. For truth is the great equalizer and nothing can completely evade it. Therefore, those who have seen the light shall come together in fellowship and the body of adepts shall grow until one day it shall contain all humanity!

The Celebrant joins the Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast nodes to the Ultrapoint in the center of the circle. He says:

**Lampros, Odos, Gamos, Olbios, Sporos!
Lambda, Omicron, Gamma, Omicron, Sigma! Logos!**

Through the power of the word and its inner revelation is the realization of truth expressed, that we must ever strive with our purified wills to unite the light and darkness and therefore exult in the joy of wholeness and the bliss of the spirit liberated!

5. Penetrating the Gate Threshold

Then all participants meditate in silence while the celebrant sets the three talismantic gate keys; one in the Southeast Angle (The Hierophant V), one in the Western Watchtower (The Tower XVI), and one in the Northeast Angle (Fortune X), with the appropriate Tarot trumps placed on each.

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Southeast, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu V)

The keys to the true self are given to the seeker who strives for liberation and union with the absolute. For the ordeals are difficult and the path is filled with adversity. Therefore are the five keys given.

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Western Watchtower, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu XVI)

That which we must conquer is the wall of lies which we built to obscure the truth. We have built a safe world in which to live, but that security is false. For society's morals are corrupt and the spiritual institutions bankrupt.

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Northeast, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu X)

The path of becoming one with the spirit is an endless process. We strive upon its breadth knowing that the end stretches to eternity. This may seem a fruitless task because the goal is always beyond our reach. But to walk the path and to know its glory and ecstasy is our greatest compensation. Keep moving and thus escape all death!

Then the Celebrant makes the sign of the parting of the threshold in the center of the circle and advances through this threshold and stands in the gate absorbing the blessing therein. He departs and then each participant takes a turn entering, standing and departing the threshold. Then the celebrant closes the gate and draws sealing spirals to the Northeast, the West and finally, the Southeast. Then is the gate closed.

All members complete the ritual with meditation upon what has been revealed.