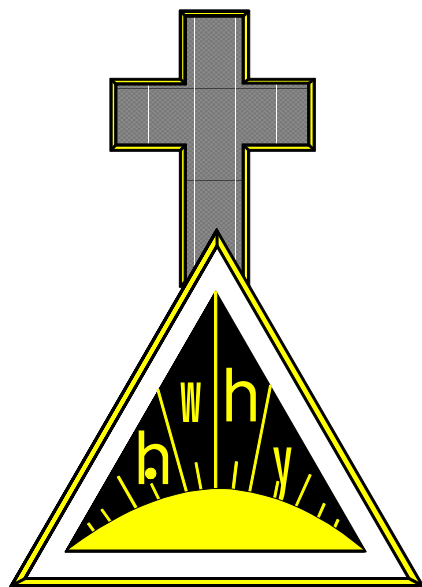


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**LESSER INVOKING RITUAL
OF THE PENTAGRAM**

Meditation with Auriel

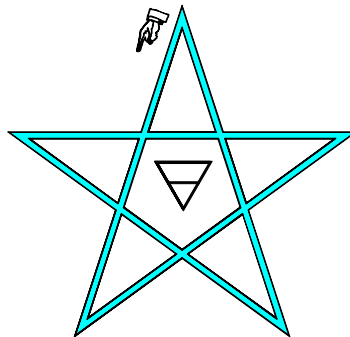


ZELATOR 1=10

This ritual is performed much in the same way as the L.B.R.P.. However, instead of banishing, you will be invoking. Very similar in its effects to the L.B.R.P., it protects, it creates a circle, it expands one's aura, and invokes the Archangels.

A couple of slight differences in the visualization should be noted in the L.I.R.P.. The pentagram to be drawn will be the Invoking Earth Pentagram. In the invoking of the Archangels, they are to be facing the Zelator. This entire ritual is known as the Lesser Invoking Ritual of the Pentagram.

Just to mention a few of the benefits that may be obtained from the L.I.R.P., it will aid in grounding mental and emotional conditions, it will allow the student to call forth the four elements within his circle, and the Zelator will have the ability to commune with the great Archangel of Earth, Auriel. A few basic rules should be kept in mind when performing the ritual. While in the learning stage, it is advisable not to perform the L.I.R.P. before going to sleep. The energies invoked may be too potent for a novice and therefore may disturb one's peace of mind, making it hard to get any rest. Keep in mind that the Archangels are to be facing the Zelator in the ritual, and lastly, that it is not necessary to perform the L.B.R.P. after the L.I.R.P. under normal circumstances. What is meant by normal circumstances is to say that other than conditions of using the ritual for balancing, grounding and conversing with the Archangel Auriel, it is usually not necessary to banish afterwards. There are many uses for the L.I.R.P.. These three basics are all you need to know for now.



Invoking Earth Pentagram

The Lesser Invoking Ritual of the Pentagram

Step 1

Perform the Relaxation Ritual.

Step 2

Perform the L.B.R.P.. (Optional)

Step 3

Perform the L.I.R.P. following the exact same steps as in the L.B.R.P., substituting the Invoking Earth Pentagram in place of the Banishing Earth Pentagram. Use the same Divine names. Remember, when invoking the Archangels be sure to visualize them facing inward, allowing their energies to pour out to you.

This ritual may seem easy, however, keep in mind that it is invoking. To some, it may be difficult to feel the energies, or for that matter, even have the ability to invoke the energies to begin with. It is imperative to apply the rules of vibration with this ritual. Most of all keep in mind to "Enflame thyself with prayer."

Meditation With the Archangel Auriel

Step 1

It may be of great advantage while a novice to take a ritual cleansing bath. Simply add a few drops of essential oil or a handful of salt to your bath water. This will not only cleanse you physically and spiritually, but it will also aid you to elevate your mind and to reach the state necessary for conversing with the archetypes.

Step 2

Returning to your ritual working area, either standing or sitting, briefly perform the Relaxation Ritual.

Step 3

Perform the entire Lesser Invoking Ritual of the Pentagram. After you have called forth the Archangels, stand in one place, pivot clockwise and bow to each of the other Archangels, Air, Fire, then Water. Now go to the north where the Archangel Auriel stands in your visualization. Make the grade sign of Zelator. Usually he will respond by making the sign in return.

Step 4

With your eyes closed, visualize as clearly as possible all the details of Auriel. The colors he may be wearing, the clothes, the background, etc., but most importantly try to feel his presence. Keep in mind that the usual colors of this archetype are citrine, olive, black and russet.

Step 5

Once you have your visualization established, let go of your reasoning. Merely be receptive; feel and allow your heart with your astral eyes to be your only senses.

Listen with your feelings to any words, inspirations or emotions that he may be communicating to you. You may stay in this state for as long as you wish.

Step 6

You may end the ritual here, simply thanking him for coming into your presence. Finish off by giving the Zelator Grade Sign and performing the Qabalistic Cross.

The instructions given in Step 5 are found to be the most difficult and challenging to do. This is because the ego blocks communing with the Higher. One is always questioning, "Am I doing this right?", or "How can I be sure this is him?", or "I'm just imagining all of this." For those who feel the barrier hasn't broken and assume that it is nothing more than the imagination, remember that in the Neophyte Initiation of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn Intl., it is said, "By images are all powers awakened and reawakened." Simply put, visualization (images) allows one to bridge the consciousness to beings outside of the physical limits. Visualization is imagination under will. It is true that learning to commune will take time and work, but always remember, aware of it or not, the Archangels stand ready to protect and help us. They always come when called, even when one has difficulty in tuning in to them. With this in mind, just because you cannot hear or see them clearly does not mean that they aren't present. Moreover, it is only in the development of the astral vision which is covered in later grades that one can fully admire the majestic presence of such beings. In performing such rituals as the Middle Pillar, it prepares and allows the astral senses to develop and open, beginning from day one of performing the ritual. So as aspiring magicians, the astral senses have been developing since day one of ritual work. Fine tuning the astral senses to a sharp point is important; this will be covered in the grade of Theoricus.

As a key to being able to project and receive messages, it all revolves around the ego. One of the major hurdles standing between the Microcosm and the Macrocosm is the constant battle in keeping the ego silent. This may be overcome with practice, meditation, and in some cases fasting. Although not much may be achieved from the first few experiences, keep in mind that the more this ritual is performed the more likely that piece by piece, fragments of the barrier will be removed and the channel will be open and clear to you.

Another good point to keep in mind is that when you wish to commune using the L.I.R.P., this ritual does not restrict you to communicating with Auriel only. So if you wish to speak to other Archangels, feel free to do so. The only difference while being in the grade of Zelator, is that you would omit the grade sign for that particular element. Since the L.I.R.P. invokes the Archangels to your circle, not only do you have the presence of one Archangel, but you have all of them together at one time. So if your intuition calls for you to speak to Michael, then do so, or if it is to commune with Raphael, then that's alright too. Keep in mind, however, while in the grade of 1=10, it is Auriel who is the foundation of the Zelator. "Build the house on Adonai, less the house crumbles, it will fall!" Auriel holds the key for passage into the next grade.