



HEALERS AND HEALING

A THEURGIC VIEW



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WITHIN OUR MYSTERY tradition, there are marked stages of magical growth; which reflect one's position in relation to spiritual maturity. A healer is viewed as one who has a high level of spiritual age. In fact, one of the deepest aspirations that can be felt by an aspirant, is that of healing or becoming a healer. For healing has a major role in the Great Work of lifting all life to light and love.

Within the occult, the healers moves beyond the realms of teaching and compassion. Indeed the healer touches the plane of love, whose healing fruit, is communion. Communion, a religious word, is in fact extremely important in the philosophy of White Magic. For it is by communion that all become a working and magical part of the greater universal body, which is love.

The healer by his own nature, and by the extension of his soul has in fact encouraged the Spirit to reach out, to touch the transgressions of others. This article is not the place to debate the idea that sickness is the result of transgression. The argument goes into higher levels of mysticism than I confess to understand. However it is sufficient to say, "That evil cannot grasp that which is pure, for it must have something to hold on to".

The Beauty of the Divine

It is by the beauty of the Divine that the healer can represent perfect peace. And this

Theurgy: Literally, "Divine working". Theurgy invokes Divine or supernatural agencies to achieve its goals. Some people call Theurgy White Magic.

peace is not simply the peace of no war, but rather likened to the peace of everything sharing; or likened to that of a well harmonised machine. In summary it is the peace of God. It is by this peace, that the healer gathers the power to lift those inflicted and in suffering. Such is the power of the Divine, that the healing is able to release these and allow them to experience the blessings of the spirit. In a very real sense it is like the healing 'Set the captures free.'

This is true for both Christians and Pagans alike. No matter by whatever faith, it is the power of the Godhead that provides life and healing. The important question here that must be asked is, "Does the religion (whether Christianity or Paganism) allow you to experience the transformative powers of Divine Love?" It is those transformative powers which do the magic.

Even those magicians who deny the validity of the Godhead, will still frequently use invocation to petition the healing powers of whatever angels or demigods to their service.

A Theurgic Vessel

The theurgic healer undertakes to become a vessel of the Divine. For Light and Love induces the healing. By its very nature, it wishes that all may experience its love and thus receive healing.

In order to help the Divine exercise its will, healers may spend long periods alone in edifying their being.

The healer does this by constant watch and vigilance in: prayer, meditation, inner journeying etc. Which method is used is not

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too important, for the goal of each is the same - the enlightenment of the soul and communion with the Divine. In a sense the healer is but an instrument, a slave, a servant to the Great Work.

The healer represents the hope that none shall suffer, but like castles the door must first be opened and the Kingship welcomed in peace.

So, in order for the Divine to work through the healers, they prepare themselves by living a holy existence. Like gracious servants they are, meditating on God, they are being summoned to do the work of the Throne. By being near the Throne, the healers find it easier to strive and maintain the constant habit of its realisation.

A Theurgic Healing Rite

As I said: Healers offers themselves to the patient as a sacrifice without blemish, and from the healers' spiritual purity flows forth the light. For it is by healers communion with the Light that they remain open channels. By their empathy, the healer is able to drive out the demons of discord, bring forth harmony. The patient is blessed and the soul renewed with faith and peace.

Cleansing

As the healer approaches the patient he or she chants: "Erichthonie, Erichthonie, Erichthonie," cleansing the surrounding room from any evil presences. It is here that the healer is then greeted by temptation for his notice has become known by the discord. Firstly the demon seeks to avoid confrontation, rather than fight for the illness to remain. Yet the healer goes on, resisting the temptations which are beating upon his or her mind - like waves of the ocean. And with each wave, the temptation is to wane further towards submission. In a sense, temptation is like going into a dungeon with no means of escape. Yet the healer is correct and endures. Temptation

endured brings blessing. The rebirth or releasing of a soul that has regained its redemption. Indeed the healer's faith looks beyond death. Even the grave cannot hold those who the healing willingly touches.

Healing

Leaning over the patient the healer chants.

Erichthonie
Richthonie
Ichthonie
Chthonie
Hthonie
Thonic
Honie
Onie
Nie
Ie
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While sprinkling leaves of Cumin, Fennel and Kostos root, the chanting becomes heavier and heavier. Then like a crowning of inspiration, the spirit moves; and the healer lays his or her hands on the patient's forehead crying out,

Flee, hateful spirit,

for Christ pursues you.

*Phor, Phorba, Phor, Phorba, Bes,
Charin, Baubo, Te, Phor, Borphorba.*

Flee, hateful spirit,

for Christ pursues you.

The power has flowed through the healer from High. And so now as the healing is completed, the healer finishes with a small prayer.

IO, Mother of God,

*AO Sabaoth, incorruptible, undefiled,
unstained Mother of Christ,*

*thank you for healing this person who
now invites your spirit to enter them.*

AMEN.