

Initiation into the Priesthood of Anubis  
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INITIATION INTO THE PRIESTHOOD OF ANUBIS

☩ OPEN GATE IN THE NE AND LEAVE & WAIT OUTSIDE CIRCLE.

☩ Kabbalistic Cross:

" ATEH "	forehead
" MALKUTH "	breast
" VE-GEBURAH "	R-shoulder
" VE-CHESED "	L-shoulder
" LE-OLAM "	clasp hands breast level.

☩ fetch sword, face ☩ & say:

" O thou who standest on the threshold between the pleasant world of men and the Dread Domains of the Lords of the Outer Spaces, Hast thou the courage to make the assay?"

Place sword on ☩'s heart and say:

" For verily I say, it were better to rush on my blade and perish than make the attempt with fear in thy heart."

☩ says:

" I have 2 passwords. Perfect love and perfect trust."

☩ says:

" All who have such are doubly welcome. I give thee a 3rd to pass thee through this dread door."

○ Lay down sword, kiss ☩ on head, go round behind & push forward with body into Circle. Close gateway.

Blindfold ☩

Take ☩ round Circle slowly decil to Watchers & say:

" Take heed Ye Lords of the East, of the South, of the West and of the North, that \_\_\_\_\_, Priestess, Witch and Hidden Child of the Goddess, is properly prepared to be initiated into the Priesthood of ANUBIS."

☩ lay down in centre of Circle, head to North, arms crossed over breast - right over left - hands resting on shoulders.

☩ kneel down beside ☩ and say:

" And now you must think of quiet, gentle things to make you still. You must think of cooking fires, with their smoke gently rising at sunset; think of them until you can feel their warmth and their shelter.

You must think of birds leaving the reeds at sunrise upon a quiet morning, until you can hear the warring of their wings through peace.

You must think of flowers, smoothly unfurling their petals to the new day.

And you must think of Warriors, their swords shining with the Light for which they fight; their courage shall be your shield and the memory of them shall give you strength. And the love of them shall be as a cloak about you.

And you must remember the Wisdom of these Masters, your teachers, and their words shall be to you as is the guidance of the stars to a traveller across the desert by night."

Pause quietly, then continue:

" You must now go to the Caverns of the Underworld. All is grey. This is the place of the torturers. Here there are victims who, of their own cruelty, are paying for their deeds. Many times they have been taught, by reaping the bitter harvest they have sown, that their actions were against the Laws of the Gods. Yet they listened not; and now, they suffer in all intensity and in one time, what they once did to others upon Earth. All manner of torture is to be seen here. They know that they are dead, and they wear the image of death which they hold in their minds; some are like skeletons, and some have shreds of putrefying flesh upon their bones, and some are like corpses bloated in the Sun.

Then there is the place where those whose tongues had been as a poisoned weapon, and they suffer the pain that their venom gave to others - not those who spoke without thought, but those who maliciously echoed the cruelty in their hearts.

There are others also - the false priests; those who revered material possessions above all else; and the pitiful ones who fear death, fever and famine. Their own courage would free them but they choose to dwell in the prisons they have built around themselves.

Here shall these souls remain until one, of whose companionship they are no longer worthy, shall, of his compassion, fetch them from this place to rejoin their brethren on Earth."

Pause then continue:

" And now you see before you the Great Building Splendid with Pillars. It shines with light and before it are 2 great lions towering above you. You must approach them upright in strength and without fear and your heart must be filled with peace. For now you meet an ARCHETYPE as the lions become as cubs beneath your will. Before you now stands the Keeper of the Gate and above him on the lintel is written in letters of fire ' PEACE AND TRUTH AND WISDOM BE ONE', AND FROM THEM SHINES THE EVERLASTING LIGHT WHICH CASTS NO SHADOW'. And the great door opens for you. Inside there are many things which your Earth eyes know not and here you are like a tree knowing all that is part of your growth through the ages, while on Earth, you are but a leaf upon a branch. There is a great hall with a vast polished table and the Watchers can look upon it and see any part of Earth as though lit in a mirror.

The great ones are beyond form as we know it yet you perceive them in the semblance of man. And in their faces is the wisdom of age and the glory of youth; they are neither man nor woman, yet they have the knowledge, they have the beauty, they have the strength, they have the understanding of these two in one. Here all is light, which is a living substance.

Pause then continue:

" Now you come to the Place of Records, where the Keepers of the Great Scales of Tahuti take those of mankind who cannot themselves look into the past; and here they show them things that are reflected in their future, so that upon Earth they know what, of their own free will, they should do to adjust the balance.

Pause then continue:

" Now you visit the place from whence the weather of Earth is ruled. Here, at the bidding of their Master's will, the thunders roar, tempests rage, winds cry, Summer breezes and morning mists, the crystal panoply of snow, seas are turned to rain and RA arises new-born.

Pause then continue:

" Then you come to the Place of Melody. Listen and you shall hear the essence of sound, the source from whence all music flows; but only scattered silver drops reach Earth.

Pause then continue:

" And now is the Place of Scent."

Take incense and pass before nostrils, continue:

" Here can your nostrils so delight your heart that you forget colour and are blind to sound."

Replace incense, continue:

" Then you come to the place where true prayers are answered though the time has not yet come for their fulfillment upon Earth. Here does pain turn to peace, and fear to quietness, and lovers find that death or the distances of Earth can make no barrier between them; for here they are together to the rejoicing of their hearts."

Pause then continue:

" Now before you is the place of the teachers, where wise ones talk to those who are children in spirit. Here there are no divisions of rank or wealth, each man is judged solely by what he knows. And those who are young and know not for themselves follow the guidance of their priests, as happy children follow them they love."

Pause then continue:

" And finally you come to the Land of Peace, where there are those who are reaping the joy that they have sown on Earth. All is peace and happiness."

" It is now time for you to undergo the 7 great ordeals, but heed well that you are now open to forces of darkness and should you be called upon at any time to face them, let your will fail you not.

Arise! "  
W stand up, aided if need be. X say:

" Know that this is a test of your will and you are bound to the present, encompassed by the limitations of Earth and enshrouded in it's fears. Speak not but nod if you are ready for your first ordeal."

Place soggy cotton wool and grass in centre of circle (on tray), say  
" Before you is a vast swamp of quaking mud. From it's dark surface there stretch the arms of skeletons; foetid bubbles break it's dark expanse, the dying breath of those it has engulfed. Upon it there are tufts of withered reeds, and know that as you step upon them, they shall sink under you, sucked beneath the ooze. Art thou ready to make the assay?"  
W nod. then lead towards 'mud', and W tread over it.

X say:  
" You have passed your first ordeal. Are you ready for the 2nd?"  
W nod, then lead W round Circle to N by altar. Say:

" There is a cave before you and it's passage way leads down to a darkness, pierced with bats and a putrid smell of rotting flesh of those who have gone before. You must crawl through the passage."  
W go on knees and crawl slowly. X hang 'stinking' valarian round neck and place rocks in hands, say:

" You must feel the rock of the cave walls. The passage narrows, closing around you. You must now lay on your face and drag your body through until you feel the freedom of the outer air."  
W blow on face to signify 'breeze', with paper.

" For your 3rd ordeal you must pass the plain of fire. The fire is dark with the smoke of burning flesh. There are charred bodies and the heat of the devouring flames is intense. If thou art ready to make the assay, take three paces into the flames."  
X direct W in direction (W to E) and W take 3 paces.

X lead W round Circle again, then say:  
" Now you must cross a wide river churned with crocodiles. They float like logs in the water and they are waiting for you. You must freeze them with your will and cross their rigid backs. X If thou art ready to make the assay, take 3 paces across the river."

W take 3 paces. X lead round Circle again, the say:  
" Your 5th ordeal is a narrow road, availed by archers. Between them lay the people they have slain quivered with arrows. Know that if a single arrow pierces your side, you will have failed and your earth-body die. Your only armour is to show no fear. If you have the courage, take 3 paces and walk between the archers."  
W take 3 paces. Lead W to before chasm.

" You are before the chasm for your 6th ordeal - a mighty cliff and you must scale this precipice. Can you perceive the chasm which you know so well? Know then also that many have tried to reach it's heights but the abyss enslaved their will and they lie mutilated at it's foot. If Ye have the courage to make the assay, raise your hands high now in salute to the Warriors. And now you must turn around for your last ordeal."

☞ turns to face SE. Continue:

" See before you a great pit where vipers writhe and slither across the floor, weaving an endless pattern of venomous death. In their midst is a mighty cobra, reared upon it's coils. You must venture into the pit among the vipers and crush the cobra with your hands. Are you ready for this, your last ordeal?"

☞ nods. Continue after placing 'asp Crown' in centre of circle:

" Then I shall remove your blindfold, for verily I say, this is the essence of all your fears."

Remove blindfold.

☞ move to 'crown' slowly, then raise it high between hands.

☞ say:

" Now you have joined the Winged Ones. Now you are free to come and go at will, to walk in the caverns of the Underworld, to light them and be unshadowed by their fear. You have heard melody where music lives, and looked upon beauty in her house of light. All these things you shall record on Earth, so that the hearts of your people shall rejoice, so that the hearts of the wicked shall know fear, so that they shall retrace their steps to find the path which leads them to the freedom of the stars. Unfurl your wings and glide gently back to Earth, like a white dove returning to it's home, bearing the message of the Winged Ones."

☞ hold 'crown high and both go to Watchers. ☞ say:

" Take heed, Ye Lords of the East, of the South, of the West and of the North, that \_\_\_\_\_, Priestess, Witch and Hidded Child of the Goddess, has passed the Seven Great Ordeals and is duly consecrated Priestess of Anubis."

☞ Take 'crown' from ☞ and place on head.

☞ go to altar, say, kneeling:

" ANUBIS, give me the courage to use thy wisdom well that I may be thy servant worthily. Master, if tomorrow there be that before me which of my own experience I cannot judge truly, may I be shown away from Earth that which is necessary for my understanding; so that I can see the truth, and the Scales remain a true symbol of Justice. Teach me to be a Pathfinder of the Jackal, when the gateway of sleep is an ever open portal through which the light shines, so that I may lead others through the dusk of Earth, even as You have lead me across the Great Causeway. I have learned that no flail shall fall upon my back unless my hand has been upraised unjustly; I shall not know hunger nor thirst unless I have suffered another to know these things; I shall not journey across the wilderness in darkness

unless I have closed my eyes to the Light; my feet shall not bleed because of stones upon my path, unless I have heeded not the voice of one who told me to wear sandals of my own wisdom; I shall not cry upon the wind for loneliness unless I have been false to a proven friend; I shall not fear death looming in my path unless I have denied the glory of your countenance. For, verily, I say, I know that the things which befall me are but my own actions reflected as in a true mirror. I shall travel swiftly in the Boat of Time along the River of Eternal Life, and set no course upon the stream of tears that flows through the Caverns of the Underworld."

Change roles and repeat Initiation ceremony.

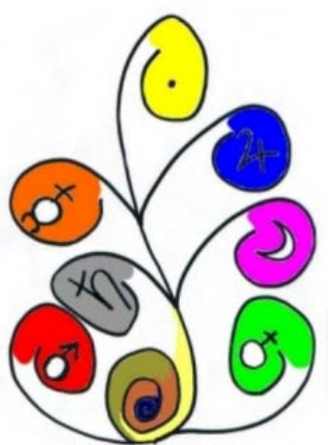
Now both chant the triumph of a Winged One.

"Love is the Law; Love under Will; Love as Above; So shall I Will; As Above; So Below."

1st Degree Initiation Gesture - D/R/L/D

Close Circle.

Note: I am uncertain as to the source material of this rite, used by Soror Moonshree. Alex taught Moonshree to get material from a range of sources, possibly some of this material could be from Alex himself, but i don't know. The format of the rite will be of Soror Moonshree's with input from Alex, however the source is unknown.



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