

## WHY SHOULD WE PERFORM MAGIC?

Let us ask ourselves why we wish to perform Magic. Is it because we have a grudge against the world and wish to use Magic as a means of revenge? Are we seeking easy money to pursue our pleasures in the night club flesh pots? Perhaps we even wish to go forth as the Christ and scatter the merchants from the Temple gateways as our vehement wrath explodes in self-righteous indignation. None of this is Magic. You need no magic to do any of the above. Do not make magic a cover for your weakness.

Let's think again. But this time let us build before us an image of our childhood heroes. Folk who possessed virtues that captured our infant minds and swept us into play acting designed to build these forms around us. Seek and capture once more a level of consciousness that is free to dream. I repeat *to dream*. Close your eyes and sink into the past.

Dream and throw your mind aloft on the wings of fantasy. Let time's beating wings pass you by, for time is subject to its rules but you are a child of the Gods.

This, my friend, is Magic. The search for Truth and in so doing attainment of the quest. The quest for perfection. Then might you go forth and scatter the shopkeepers from the Temple. Then and only then will you know what truly constitutes gold and treasure, for wealth of the Spirit is not won by business ability and self righteousness. It is a gift of the Gods that is won by all who strive earnestly for Truth and Knowledge in order that they might serve. To Serve. Never to rule, for in that service all are one and He who does rule is not of this Plane.

Now, ask yourself a final question before we move a little further. In which book will we find the answers? Well, there is no book other than the mighty book of "Life". In Life you will find your quest and you must kindle the flame of aspirational faith in your heart to strengthen and guide you. Certain books may help and suggest varying approaches but they will never, never give you the complete answer; for the only pages that can encompass you are those of Life. Live for life to the many is death. Die for death to the few is Life. You and you alone will solve the enigma.

**We practice Magic that we might learn and grow  
and direct Force that we might serve.**

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So we can say that Magic is a way of life. A life of orderly action where one is ever striving to move forward in Wisdom, Love and Power. Wisdom to plan day by day events wisely so we can avoid the stagnation that comes from joining the 'rat-race'. Love to enable us to regard our fellow humans without the ego-centric criticism of the know-all. A love which we demonstrate to others by our own example. Power to control ourselves and become masters of our own emotions and drives. Instead of our environment effecting us, we have the power to control it, providing we first conquer ourselves. The three facets together show us Magic as Life. Add to these a faith in matters eternal and we have Magic as a Religion. Again no book contains the secrets of this. We are Magic; Magic is Life; Religion is Magic. An equation that can only return to you. Thus Magic is YOU. Not merely the brief thirty minutes or so spent in a Magical Circle, mumbling incomprehensible words that are supposed to evoke entities. Most of the people who do so would have the stock of their lives should they experience the manifestation of the object of their mumbo-jumbo; we perform Magic; we live Magic; we are Magic 24 hours of the day.

The aim of this course is to deal with the five lower spheres on the Tree of Life in practical terms. Not as a symbol: not as isolated lines and circles, but as living forces that can be contacted and experienced. It is always wise to be a little wary when dealing with anything for the first time but let not your caution be rooted in fear, but care. Allow the force to flow into you and charge you, causing change to take place. Let it flush your brow; let your arms tingle as with static electricity. You'll come to no harm if you are bold enough to dare!

You will then be in a position to know and will keep silent as you hear theoreticians announcing this week's 'Secret Name' and proclaiming their great powers.

But YOU have felt the thrill of Invocation. You have experienced the flow of force as you vibrate the resonant Names. YOU have WILLED and DARED and thus you will KNOW. Such cannot be passed on to others. These are the true secrets and you can do no more than to be SILENT.