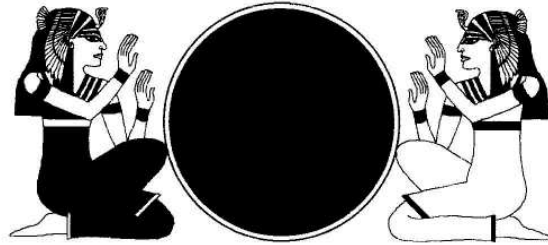


Temple of the Dark Moon



Meeting your Holy Guardian Angel

*The following has been taken from "Ma'at Magic: A Guide to Self-Initiation"
by Nema (Samuel Weiser, 1995)*

The process of knowledge and conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel (a term used by Aleister Crowley) is the integration of your identity and the consequent discovery of your True Will. This is a process that can take a lot of time and work, or it can be a simple recognition of what you have always known.

The Holy Guardian Angel has been known by other names such as Daimon, guiding spirit, Higher Self, and so on. Among the symptoms of knowing your Holy Guardian Angel and your True Will are a strong sense of purpose, a clear vision of the shape of your work, and a satisfaction and joy in the doing of it. Symptoms of not knowing your Angel and your Will are stress and pressure, a sense of directionless drifting and a general malaise of the spirit.

When you begin on the path of initiation, you embark on a search of truth. In the previous levels you discover truths about your faculties and abilities. You learn how to use your assets to assist your initiations and your magick.

Take inventory of yourself. What are your desires, inclinations and talents? Obtain your natal chart; astrology does not predetermine your life, but it gives you an idea of what is in your incarnational toolbox. Make an honest search of your memories to review your behaviour and feelings in various situations. What do your actions and reactions tell you about yourself?

Examine your dreams - sleeping and waking. What work provides you emotional satisfaction? What do you learn from the images you use in the silent language of dreams? Whom do you admire or disdain, and why? Use your experiences to observe and note your interests.

You need to clear yourself of distraction in order to meet your Holy Guardian Angel. The most serious distractions are difficulties with money, love and sex, or any clash of wills. When anyone tries to persuade, command, or manipulate you into doing what they want you to do, it can be a distraction, but you can use it to observe your own will.

Many times ignorance of your True Will is the factor that induced your distractions in the first place. If you wait until "thing clear up" to seek your True Will, you will wait until Hell freezes over. A good banishment is your tool for clearing time and space in which to invoke Truth and recognise it.

The revelation of the Holy Guardian Angel and True Will can happen as a definite event, accompanied by visions an ecstasy, it can be a silent "click" as your point of view shifts to a wider and deeper perspective, or it can be a gradual dawning in a series of individual revelations. It is helpful to step outside your mind (and the rest of yourself) to watch yourself from an objective distance.

A strong method for attaining knowledge and conversation with the Holy Guardian Angel is to take a magickal oath to continue in your invocation of the Holy Guardian Angel until you are united with it. A magickal oath is strictly binding and will be manifested in one way or another. There is a purpose to your existence; there is no accidents. Your main obligation in life is to discover your purpose and work on its fulfilment.

Once you comprehend your True Will and begin to work on it, you will draw people to you without conscious effort. Some will have interest in action congruent with your own, others will diverge, and still others many oppose you. In all cases, you are obliged to help each one's spiritual evolution, according to individual need. This does not mean that you should do other people's work, or even imply that you could. The most you need to do is teach by example, suggest reading material, and raise as many questions as you answer. You will know your Holy Guardian Angel by the clarity of purpose that it brings, and by a fresh view of life in which may puzzling factors fall into place and make sense to you.

Presented in this format by the

Temple of the Dark Moon
PO Box 2451
SALISBURY DOWNS SA 5108

(Email: darkmoon@ace.net.au)
Web site: www.templedarkmoon.com