

OUTER COURT ENTRY: SELF-WICCANING RITUAL

This is the ritual of Self-Wiccaning, or Entry to the Outer Court. In enacting this ritual you are declaring yourself to be a Wiccan believer, and affiliating yourself with the Correllian Nativist tradition of Wicca. Consider this well before you undertake the ritual.

In this ritual you will use many of the skills you have learned during these lessons. You may enact the ritual alone, or with others. It is best performed during the Waxing Moon.

- * altar candles, as many as desired
- * salt, sea salt if possible
- * water
- * matches or lighter
- * charcoal (if using powdered incense)
- * Incense, preferably powdered
- * Athame
- * Wiccaning Candle, preferably purple
- * anointing oil
- * chalice with beverage of choice
- * a libation dish

The Wiccaning Candle should be a small, quick burning candle. A votive or even a tea light is good.

You may use any form of incense, but if you are not using powdered incense you will wish to substitute a candle for the charcoal to use in charging the Circle.

AIR - EAST Opening

Begin as always by clearing and releasing all excess energy.

Now prepare your ritual space for use by cleansing and charging it;

Bless the salt and water. Make three Tuathail circles over the salt and send out of it all negativity or impurity -visualize the salt flooding with yellow-white light. Declare the salt cleansed. Then make three Deosil circles over the salt, and bless it. Visualize the salt filling with blue-white light, raising its energetic vibration. Declare the salt blessed.

Repeat this process for the water.

Now add three pinches of salt to the water.

Now use the salt and water to cleanse your ritual space. Make a Tuathail circle asperging the area, and visualizing it filled with yellow-white light, sending away all negative, unfocused energy.

Now bless the fire and incense in the same way. The fire may be the charcoal on which you will burn your incense, or if you are not using a powdered incense the fire may be a candle. As with the salt, first cleanse, then bless the fire. Now repeat that process for your incense.

Add three pinches of incense to the charcoal,

or if you are not using a powdered incense, waive the incense three times over the fire, to conjoin the energies.

Charge your ritual space by making a Deosil circle around it with the fire and incense. Visualize the area filled with blue-white light, raising its vibrational rate.

Now take up your Athame and cast the Magic Circle, surrounding your ritual space with an energetic barrier which will help to focus and strengthen your working.

FIRE - SOUTH Invocations

Now call the Quarters. Move Deosil around the circle, calling upon each of the Quarters and asking them to aid your working. At each of the four Quarters create a pillar of white light.

You are now ready to invoke.

Speaking from your heart, call upon the Goddess to be with you. Ask Her for Her guidance, and Her aid as you undertake this step of Self-Wiccaning and affiliation with the Correllian Tradition.

Now call upon the God. Ask Him to be with you too, to aid and help you.

If you have a specific Patron Deity, or Patron Deities, call upon that Deity also.

Finally and just as importantly, you must now invoke your own Higher Self, and align with it, so that you will be acting in accordance with the highest parts of your being.

SPIRIT - CENTER Ritual

Now take a few moments and look within yourself.

Consider the step you are taking. Think about how you came to this place, and the things you have experienced in coming here. Think about what this ritual means, and what it means to you. Through this ritual you are making a commitment to yourself and to Deity -a commitment to continued spiritual growth, a commitment to honor Deity and self, and a commitment to the Correllian Tradition. The Correllian Tradition is not an exclusive Tradition -you can belong to it and still belong to other Traditions as well- but this ritual is still a commitment to honor Correllian teachings and ideas, and to honor fellow Correllians as part of your spiritual family, and to honor and respect Correllian Clergy and institutions. This is a commitment which can only be made by free will, and should not be made without reflection.

Take up the anointing oil. Imagine the oil filled with beautiful white light, radiating out from within it like a sun. Place a small amount of oil upon your finger tips.

Take up the Wiccaning Candle, and dress it with the anointing oil. As you dress the candle, continue to reflect upon the meaning of the ritual, and your

feelings toward the step you are taking.

When you have finished dressing the candle, hold it before you.

Now light the Wiccaning Candle.

Look upon the candle. Look at the flame. Watch how it dances, how it sways. Behold its beauty. Its strength. How generously the flame shares its light.

Know this;

The flame that you are watching is but a pale reflection of another, greater flame -an Eternal Flame. A flame which burns within you, at the core of your soul.

That Eternal Flame has burned since before creation, and will burn throughout existence. It is your inmost soul, the Divine Spark of the Goddess within you.

Through that Eternal Flame you are always connected to the Goddess, your source and the ultimate center of your being. Through the Eternal Flame you are connected to all things which exist, from the smallest molecule to the greatest star -indeed the whole of creation -for the same Eternal Flame burns within all of these.

Through the Eternal Flame you are always connected to Goddess. Through the Eternal Flame you may always call upon Her. Through the Eternal Flame you may always access Her love, Her strength, Her powers. When you grow spiritual, the Eternal Flame burns stronger and your ability to access increases. When you deny your spirit, the Flame burns low -but it can never go out. Not ever.

The Eternal Flame has always burned there, within you, but now you know and acknowledge it.

You might say something like;

"Behold, It is not the light of this candle which lights my path, but the light of another, greater flame -the Eternal Flame which burns within me, and has burned within me since the first beginning. The spark of Divinity placed in me by the Goddess, which binds me to Goddess and God now and through all time. Through this inner Flame I draw upon the Divine energy which is always available to me in limitless quantities. I light this candle to remind myself now and forever of that Eternal Flame within me, and I shall never forget it again."

Stop and think about the Eternal flame within you -your connection to Deity, the Monad which is the point of Divine consciousness within you. See the flame and imagine it growing stronger and brighter. Feel its strength and beauty, and the love of Deity within the flame.

Now speak the Oath;

"Behold I _____ declare myself a spiritual child of the Correllian Nativist Tradition

of Wicca. Acting from my highest self, and in accordance with the Sacred Flame which burns within me, I make this Oath of my own free will. I swear that I shall always respect the Tradition's teachings, and that I shall always act in accordance with the Wiccan Rede and the Law of Three. I call upon the Goddess and the God to witness my sacred Oath and to help me to make it as deep and full as possible. By my will, I will it so, so mote it be."

Now place the candle back upon the altar. If possible it should be allowed to burn until it is completely gone.

Now take up the anointing oil to perform the ritual of self blessing.

Begin by blessing your feet. Place a bit of oil upon your fingers. Use your index finger and middle finger together -this is the "Blessing position." Touch the top of each foot -imagine a ball of bright white light around the feet. Say something like;

"Blessed Be my feet, that I may walk always in the paths of Spirit."

Now take a bit more oil onto your fingertips, with which to anoint your knees. It is not necessary to touch the knees directly (as essential oil may stain a robe) -place your fingers a few inches before the knees, and imagine a ball of white light around them. Say something like;

"Blessed Be my knees, which shall kneel at the altars of the Ancient Ones."

Now take a bit of oil, and bless your pelvic region. Again, you may hold the fingers a few inches before the pubic area and imagine a ball of white light there. say something like;

"Blessed Be my loins, which bring forth life, and joy, and creativity."

Now take a bit more oil with which to anoint your Heart Chakra -the center of your chest. Place your fingers a few inches before the Heart Chakra, and imagine a ball of white light around it. Say something like;

"Blessed Be my heart, which is formed in beauty, that I may give love and receive it."

Now anoint your lips -again you do not need to the lips directly (essential oil on the lips may burn) but place your fingers just before them and imagine a ball of white light to conduct the blessing energy. Say something like;

"Blessed Be my lips, which shall speak the words of power in time to come."

Now take a bit of oil, and touch your Third Eye -the center of your forehead. Imagine a ball of clear white light around the area. Say something like;

"Blessed Be my Eye, that I may see all things clearly."

And finally, take a bit of oil and anoint the very top of your head. Imagine a ball of white light here as well. Say something like;

"Blessed Be my Crown Chakra, that I may receive always the messages of the Goddess."

Imagine a column of white light coming down upon from above, through the top of your head and into your body. A beautiful, clear, white light. Let the light fill you, pouring into every part of you. Be one with the light, and let it move through you.

Let the light suffuse you for a few moments. Then release it -let it run down through your feet, retaining only what you need.

WATER - WEST Offering

Now turn to your Chalice.

Take up the Chalice, and bless it. Imagine a ball of clear white light around the Chalice, radiating out in all directions like a Sun. Declare the cup blessed, in the name of Goddess and God. You might say something like;

"Behold, in the name of the Goddess and the God may this cup be blessed. We share it in token of our love for Them and for one another. In perfect love and perfect trust -So Mote It Be."

Now take a sip from the Chalice. If there are more than one of you, each person shall take a sip.

Now pour out a small libation, and dedicate that to your Ancestors, physical and spiritual, and to all your friends in Nature, seen and unseen.

Then dedicate what remains in the Chalice to the Goddess and the God.

(After the ritual, the libations may be emptied outside, or otherwise respectfully disposed of.)

NORTH - PENTACLE Closing

You are now ready to give thanks, and close the ritual.

Begin by thanking your own Higher Self, and affirm your desire to move in harmony with it, and fulfill your highest purposes.

Now thank your Patron Deities or Deities, if you invoked any.

Give thanks to the God, and to the Goddess.

Now go Tuathail around the Circle, thanking each of the Quarters, and taking down the pillars of white light you raised for each.

Finally, take up your Athame, and -going Tuathail around the Circle again- take down the Circle itself. You might say something like the Traditional;

"As Above, So Below. As the Universe, so the Soul. As without, so within. Merry meet. Merry part. And merry meet again."

And as always - clear and release all excess energy.

If possible the Candle of Dedication should be allowed to burn until it is all gone. If the candle cannot be allowed to burn down after the ritual, relight it again at another time, and let it burn down the rest of the way. You should not reuse it for any other purpose.

Congratulations -after performing this ritual you may call yourself Correlian. To be recognized as an Outer Court member of the Tradition, follow the instructions given earlier in this chapter.