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THE FORMULAE OF THE MAGICK  
OF LIGHT, let them be puissant in the  
EVOCATION  
of the  
SPIRIT  
Beth-Resh-Tzaddi-Beth-Aleph-Lamed

The Ceremony consists of Five Parts:

1. The Banishings and Consecrations.
2. The Special Preparation of the Material Basis.
3. The Particular Invocations of the Forces of Mars.
4. The Dealings with Bartzabel, that mighty Spirit.
5. The Closing.

Gloria Deo Altissimo  
Ra Hoor Khuit  
in nomine Abrahadabra et in hoc signo

{A pentagram, with point to top}

The Circle has an inscribed Pentagon, and a Tau within that. Without are 5 pentagrams with 5 ruby lamps. There is an Altar with the Square of Mars and the Seal of Mars. The triangle has the names Primeumaton, Anaphaxeton, Anapheneton and Mi-ca-el within. Also the Sigil of Bartzabel, and his name. About the Circle is the name ALHIM.

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The Chief Magus wears the robe of a Major Adept, and the Uraeus crown

and nemmes. He bears the Lamens of the Hieres and the 1st Talisman of Mars. He bears as weapons the Spear and Sword, also the Bell.

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The Assistant Magus wears the Robe of a Probationer and a nemmes of white and gold. He attends to the suffumigations of Art. He bears the 3rd Talisman of Mars (from the Key of Solomon), and the consecrated Torch. The Magus Adjuvant is robed as his brother, but wears the 5th Talisman of Mars. He attends to the Lustrations of Art. He bears the Book and Pen.

Upon the Altar is the Image of Ra Hoor Khuit, Isis is the East his Mother, Khem is the West facing him. In the South is the Censer, in the North the Cup.

The Material Basis is masked, and robed in red.

On the Altar are also the rope, the burin, the oil, and the Lamens of Mars for the Material Basis.

The Lamps are all alight.

#### PART I

C.M. At altar, kneeling in humility.

2 M. With sword of C.M.

3 M. In other chamber with M.B.

C.M. {Vau}

2 M. Performs Banishing Rituals of Pentagram and Hexagram around whole room,

and replaces Sword on Altar.

3 M. Washes M.B. with pure water, saying:

:eam:

Asperge : : Domine hyssopo et mundabitur;

:eum:

:eam:

lavabis : : et super nivem dealbabitur.

:eum:

:her:

He masks: : with the mask and robe of Mars, saying:

:him:

By the figurative mystery of these holy vestures of concealment,  
doth

the Lord cloak thee in the Shroud of Mystery in the strength of

the

Most High ANCOR AMACOR AMIDES THEODONIAS ANITOR that our desired

end

may be effected through thy strength, Adonai, unto whom be the

Glory

in Saecula saeculorum A M E N.

:her: :her:

He leads : : to : : place in the Triangle.

:him: :his:

The Chief Magus now rises from his knees, and takes the Spear from  
the

Altar.

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C.M. Hail unto Thee, Ra Hoor Khuit, who art the Lord of the Aeon!

Be this consecrated Spear

A thing of cheer, a thing of fear!

Cheer to me who wield it! ---

My heart, its vigour shield it!

Fear to them who face it ---  
 Their force, let fear disgrace it!  
 Be a ray from the Most High,  
 A glance of His unsleeping eye!  
 Arm me, arm me, in the fray  
 That shall be fought this dreadful day!  
     He hands Spear to 2nd Magus to hold.  
     The Chief Magus takes the Sword.

C.M. Hail unto Thee, Ra Hoor Khuit, who art the Lord of the Aeon!  
 Be this consecrated Sword  
 Not abhorred before the Lord!  
 A guard of Steel, a tongue of flame  
 Writing in adamant His Name!  
 Puissant against the Hosts of Evil!  
 A mighty fence against the Devil!  
 A snake of lightning to destroy  
 Them that work Mischief and Annoy!  
 Arm me, arm me, in the fray  
 That shall be fought this dreadful day!  
     He hands Sword to 3rd Magus to hold.  
     The Chief Magus raises his hands above the Altar.

C.M. Hail unto Thee, Ra Hoor Khuit, who art the Lord of the Aeon!  
 Be this consecrated Altar  
     A sign of sure stability!  
     Will and Courage never falter,  
     Thought dissolve in Deity!  
 Let thy smile divinely curving,  
     Isis, bless our dark device!  
 Holy Hawk, our deed unswerving  
     Be thy favoured sacrifice!  
 Holy Khem, our vigour nerving,  
     We have paid the priestly price.  
 Hail, Ra Hoor, thy ray forth-rolling  
     Consecrate the instruments,  
 Thine Almighty power controlling  
     To the Event the day's events!  
 Arm me, arm me, in the fray  
 That shall be fought this dreadful day!

C.M. Takes Spear from 2nd M. and gives him the Censer and Torch;  
 Sword

    from 3rd M. and gives him the Cup, Book and Pen.

C.M. Goes to apex of triangle. The others support him at the base.  
 He

    takes the cord from the altar.

:Frater:

C.M. : : N! As thou art blindfolded save for that light and sight  
 which

:Soror :

I can give thee, so do I now bind thee, so that thou mayst be  
 for a

    space subject to my will and mine alone. (Ties hands and feet.  
     Takes Spear from altar.) And since thou art without the circle

in

    the place of the triangle, with this Spear do I invoke upon

thee the

    protection of Ra Hoor Khuit, so that no force either of Heaven

or of

    Earth, or from under the earth, may act upon thee, save only

that

    force that I shall invoke within thee.

Bahlasti! Ompehda!

place So then, I being armed and exalted to the Power of the Most High,  
upon thy head this drop of consecrated oil, so that the ray of  
Godhead may illumine thee.

And I place this holy kiss upon thy neck, so that thy mind may be  
favourable unto us, open to our words, sensible of the power of  
our  
conjurations.

And with this burin do I draw from thy breast five drops of  
blood, so  
that thy body may be the Temple of Mars.

Wherefore also I command thee to repeat after me:  
I submit myself to thee and to this operation; I invoke the  
Powers of  
Mars to manifest within me. (done)

:his:  
(C.M. places about : : neck the Lamen of Mars.)  
:her:  
Magi return to circle, face east.

C.M. Now, Brethren, since we are about to engage in a Work of so great  
danger,  
it is fitting that we make unto ourselves a fortress of defence in  
the  
name of the Most High, Elohim. Frater Adjuvant Magus, I command  
thee to  
purify the place with water.  
(3rd M. sprinkles thrice around circle walking widdershins.)

C.M. Thus, therefore, first the Priest who governeth the works of Fire,  
must  
sprinkle with the waters of the loud-resounding sea.  
Frater Assistant Magus, I command thee to consecrate the place with  
Fire.  
(2nd M. censes the circle thrice around, walking widdershins.)

C.M. So when all the phantoms are vanished, and through the Universe  
darts  
and flashes that holy and formless Fire --- Hear Thou the Voice  
of  
Fire!  
(C.M. takes Sword.)

The Lord is my fortress and my deliverer; my God in whom I will  
trust.  
I will walk upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the  
scorpion will  
I tread under my feet.  
Because he hath set his Love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:  
I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name.  
(C.M. circumambulates thrice widdershins with sword.)

Hail unto Thee, Ra Hoor Khuit, who art the Lord of the Aeon!  
Be this consecrated Tower  
A place of power this fearful hour!  
May the Names of God that gird us  
Be our sign that he hath heard us!  
By the five unsleeping Stars  
Ward us from the wrath of Mars!  
By the rood of God erect  
Be He perfect to protect!  
Arm me, arm me, in the fray  
That shall be fought this dreadful day!  
(He now conjures the Dog of Evil.)

Arise, Dog of Evil, that I may instruct thee in thy present duties.  
 In the name of Horus, I say unto thee, Arise.  
 Thou art imprisoned.  
 Confess thou that it is so.  
 I have done this in the name and in the might of Horus.  
 Except thou set thy face in my defence, thou art blind, and dumb,  
 and  
     paralysed: but thou shalt hear the curses of thy Creator, and  
 thou  
     shalt feel the torments of my avenging wrath.  
 Therefore be thou obedient unto me, as a guard against them that  
 hate me.  
 Let thy jaws be terrible as the storm-parted sky.  
 Let thy face be as a whirlwind of wrath and fury against the enemy.  
 Arise, I say, and aid and guard me in this Work of Art.  
 O thou! whose head is of coal-black fire!  
 Thou, whose eyes are as columns of smoke and flame!  
 Thou, from whose nostrils goeth forth the breath of destruction!  
 Thou whose body is of iron and brass, bound with exceeding  
 strength: girt  
     with the power of awful blind avenging force --- under my  
 control, and  
     mine alone!  
 Thou, whose claws are as shafts of whirling steel to rip the very  
 bowels  
     of my adversaries.  
 Thee, thee, I summon to mine aid!  
     In the name of Horus: rise: move: appear:  
     And aid and guard me in this Work of Art!  
 Rise, Dog of Evil, to guard the Abyss of Height!  
 Rise, I say, to guard the Four Quarters: the Abyss of the North;  
 the  
     Abyss of the South; the Abyss of the East; the Abyss of the West.  
 Rise, I say, to guard the Abyss of the Great Deep.  
 Horus it is that hath given this commandment.  
 Be thou terrible against all them that hate me!  
 Be thou mighty to defend me from the Evil Ones!  
 At the confines of Matter: at the Threshold of the Invisible: be  
 thou my  
     Watcher and my Guardian! Before the face of the Dwellers of the  
 Abodes  
     of Night!  
 As a flaming sword turning every way to keep the gates of my  
 Universe:  
     let thy teeth flash forth!  
 Nothing shall stop thee while thou settest thyself in my defence.  
 In the name of Horus: Rise, Move, and Appear: Be thou obedient unto  
 me:  
     for I am the Master of the Forces of Matter: the Servant of the  
 Same  
     thy God is my Name: true Worshipper of the Highest.  
     (Much incense is now burnt, and there is a pause.)

#### THE INVOCATIONS

(C.M. first performs the Invoking Ritual of Mars.)  
 (The Adepts stand at the points of the Tau.)  
 C.M. Even as of old there came three Magi from the ends of the earth to  
 adore  
     the Fivefold Star, so come we, O Lord, armed for the holy work of

an  
the  
the  
spark  
Evocation of Bartzabel the spirit of Mars, that is obedient unto  
Intelligence Graphiel, chosen from the Seraphim who follow Kamael  
Great Archangel that serveth God under his name of Elohim Gibor, a  
from Thine intolerable light,  
Ra Hoor Khuit!

Therefore hear Thou the Oath of the Obligation that we assume before  
Thee.

(The Chief Magus points the Sword downward upon the apex of the  
Triangle of R.H.K. and the other Magi place their hands upon  
the  
hilt.)

We, Perdurabo, a Neophyte of the A.'. A.'. , All for Knowledge, a  
Probationer of A.'. A.'. , and Alpha-gamma-alpha-theta-alpha, a  
Probationer of A.'. A.'. , swear unto Thee, O Lord God, by Thine  
own  
eye and  
at  
all  
almighty power, by Thy force and fire, by Thy glittering Hawk's  
Thy mighty sweeping wings: that we all here in this place and now  
this time do utterly devote ourselves, mind, body, and estate, at  
times and in all places soever to the establishment of Thy holy  
Kingdom.

And if we fail herein, may we be burnt and consumed by the Red Eye  
of  
Mars!

(Magi return to stations.)

And this our purpose is fivefold:

Firstly, that the Kingdom of Ra Hoor Khuit may be established in the  
Aeon.

Secondly, that we may succeed in that particular design of which it  
is not  
lawful to speak, even before Thee.

Thirdly, that we may have power to help the weak.

Fourthly, that we may be filled with the Courage and Energy of Mars  
for  
the Prosecution of the Great Work.

And, lastly, that we may obtain the service of Bartzabel that he may  
be  
be  
invoked  
obedient unto us thy servants, that between him and us there may  
peace, and that he may always be ready to come whensoever he is  
and called forth.

Now because in such a work it is not possible for us to do anything  
at all  
of ourselves, we have humble recourse unto Thine Almighty power,  
beseeching upon our knees Thy favour and Thine aid.

(The Magi kneel at three sides of altar, all clasping spears in  
the  
proper manner.)

I adore Thee in the Song:

I am the Lord of Thebes, and I  
The inspired forth-speaker of Mentu;  
For me unveils the veiled sky,

The self-slain Ankh-f-n-Khonsu  
Whose words are truth. I invoke, I greet  
Thy presence, O Ra Hoor Khuit!

Unity uttermost shewed!  
I adore the might of Thy breath,  
Supreme and terrible God  
Who makest the Gods and death  
To tremble before Thee:  
I, I adore Thee!

Appear on the throne of Ra!  
Open the ways of the Khu!  
Lighten the ways of the Ka!  
The ways of the Khabs run through  
To stir me or still me!  
Aum! let it fill me!

All say, repeatedly:  
A Ka dua  
Tuf ur biu  
Bi a'a chefu  
Dudu ner af an nuteru!

When the Chief Magus is satisfied with the Descent of the God,  
let

all rise and let C.M. say:  
So that Thy light is in me; and its red flame is as a sword in my  
hand to  
push thy order. There is a secret door that I shall make to  
establish  
thy way in all the quarters ... as it is said:

The light is mine; its rays consume  
Me: I have made a secret door  
Into the house of Ra and Tum,  
Of Khephra, and of Athoor.  
I am thy Theban, O Mentu,  
The prophet Ankh-f-n-Khonsu!

By Bes-na-Maut my breast I beat;  
By wise Ta-Nech I weave my spell.  
Show thy star-splendour, O Nuith!  
Bid me within thine House to dwell,  
O winged snake of light, Hadith!  
Abide with me, Ra Hoor Khuit!

(Magus faces fire, and others support him.)

Hail! Hail! Hail! Hail! Hail!

Send forth a spark of thine illimitable light and force, we beseech  
Thee,

that it may appear in the Heaven of Mars as the God Elohim Gibor.  
O winged glory of gold! O plumes of justice and stern brows of  
majesty!

O warrior armed with spear and shield! O virgin strength and  
splendour as of spring! That ridest in thy Chariot of Iron above  
the

Storm upon the Sea! Who shootest forth the Arrows of the Moon!

Who  
wieldest the Four Magick Weapons! Who art the Master of the

Pentagram

and of the blazing fury of the Sun!  
Come unto me, thou great God Elohim Gibor, and send thy Angel  
Kamael, even  
Kamael the mighty, the Leader of thine Armies the fiery Serpents,  
the

Seraphim, that he may answer my behests.  
O purple flame that is like unto the whirling wheel of Life! O  
strong

shoulders and virginal breasts and dancing limbs!  
Kamael! Kamael! Kamael! Kamael!  
I see thee before me, O thou great Archangel! Art thou not the  
Leader of  
the armies of the Lord? Of the grey snakes upon whose heads are  
triple  
crowns of spiritual light, and whose tongues are triply forked  
with  
judgment? Whose bodies are like the Sun in his strength, whose  
scales  
are of the adamant of Vulcan, who are slim and splendid and  
virginal as

they rush flaming over the lashed sea?  
Come unto me, Kamael, thou archangel almighty, and send to me  
Graphiel

that great intelligence of thine, that he may answer my behest.  
O moon, that sailest on the shoulders of the Sun! Whose warrior  
body is

like white-hot steel! Whose virgin limbs and golden wings move  
like

ripe corn at the caress of the thunderstorm!  
O thou that wieldest the Sword and Balances of Power!  
Graphiel! Graphiel! Graphiel!  
Graphiel! Graphiel! Graphiel!

Come unto us, thou bright intelligence of Mars, and answer my  
behest. In  
the name of Kamael thy Lord, I say: Compel the spirit Bartzabel  
that is  
under thy dominion to manifest within this triangle of Art, within  
the  
Ruach of the material basis that is consecrated to this work,  
within  
this pure and beautiful human form that is prepared for his  
habitation.

And now I see thee, O thou dull deceitful head, that I shall fill  
with wit  
and truth; thou proud heart that I shall humble and make pure;  
thou cold  
body that I shall fashion into a living flame of amethyst. Thou  
sexless

being of whom I shall make the perfect child of Hermes and  
Aphrodite  
that is God; thou dull ox that I shall turn into the Bull of  
Earth; thou

house of idleness wherein I shall set up the Throne of Justice.

Bartzabel! Bartzabel! Bartzabel!  
Bartzabel! Bartzabel! Bartzabel!  
Come forth, and manifest beyond the bars!  
Forth from the palace of seraphic stars!  
Come, O thou Bartzabel, the sprite of Mars!



Come: I unbind thee from the chains of Hell,  
Come: I enclose thee in the invisible  
To be my slave, thou spirit Bartzabel!  
By the spear, the sword, the spell,  
Come unto me, Bartzabel!  
By the word that openeth Hell!  
Come unto me, Bartzabel!

By the power o' th' panther's pell,  
Come unto me, Bartzabel!  
By the circling citadel,  
Come unto me, Bartzabel!  
By this mind of miracle  
Come unto me, Bartzabel!

By Ra Hoor Khuit, by Elohim Gibor,  
By Kamael and the Seraphim; by Hoor,  
Khem, and Mentu, and all the Gods of War,  
Ares and Mars and Hachiman and Thor,  
And by thy master, Graphiel,  
Come unto me, Bartzabel!

And if he come not, let the Chief Magus and his assistants humble themselves mightily, and repeat these holy invocations, even unto thrice.

And if still he be obdurate and disobedient unto the Words of Power, the Chief Magus shall assume the dignity of Khem, and conjure him and curse him as his own ingenium shall direct. Yet, if the rites have been duly performed, he will assuredly have manifested before this.

And these will probably be the tokens of the manifestation:

A ruddy light will play about the form of the Material Basis; or even a dark lustre beetle-brown or black. And the Face thereof will be suffused with blood, and the Heart beat violently, and its words will be swift and thick and violent. The voice thereof must be entirely changed; it may grow deep and hoarse, or at least strained and jerky, and it may be that it will suffer the torment of burning.

On the appearance of the Spirit much incense is thrown upon the Censer.

#### THE CHARGE

Hail, Bartzabel, and welcome, thou mighty spirit of Madim!  
Welcome unto us art thou who comest in the name of Graphiel and of Kamael and of Elohim Gibor, and of Ra Hoor Khuit the Lord of the Aeon.  
I charge thee to answer and obey.

1. How shall the Kingdom of the Aeon be established?
2. Will success attend that particular design of which it is not lawful to speak?
3. We shall obtain power to aid the weak; in what manner? Give us a sign.
4. Give us a sign of the Courage and Energy of Mars that floweth and shall ever flow through us by virtue of this ceremony.
5. Lastly, O thou Spirit Bartzabel, lay thine hands upon this sword, whose point I then place upon thine head, and swear faith and obedience unto me by Ra Hoor Khuit, the Lord of the Aeon, saying after me:

I, Bartzabel, the Spirit of Mars, do swear by the glory of Him that

is Lord of the Aeon, and by the Might of Elohim Gibor, and by the Fear of Kamael and the Hosts of Fiery Serpents, and by Graphiel whose hand is heavy upon me --- before which names I tremble every day --- that I will punctually fulfil this present charge, not perverting the sense thereof, but obedient to the inmost thought of the Chief Magus; that I will be ever the willing servant of thee and thy companions, a spirit of Truth in Force and Fire; that in departing I will do no hurt to any person or thing, and in particular that the Material Basis shall not suffer through this ceremony, but shall be purified and fortified thereby; that I will be at peace with thee and seek never to injure thee, but to defend thee against all thine enemies, and to work eternally for thy welfare; finally, that I will be ready to come unto thee to serve thee whensoever I am invoked and called forth, whether by a word, or a will, or by this great and potent conjuration of Magick Art.

A M E N.

#### THE BENEDICTION

Let Ra Hoor Khuit bless thee!  
Let His light shine perpetually in thy darkness!  
Let His force eternally brace up thy weakness!  
Let His blessing be upon thee for ever and for ever!  
Yea, verily and Amen, let His blessing be upon thee for ever and ever!

#### THE LICENSE TO DEPART

Now, O thou Spirit Bartzabel, since thou didst come at my behest and swear faith and fealty unto me by the Lord of the Aeon,  
I license thee to depart in peace with the blessing of the Lord until  
such time as I have need of thee.

#### THE CLOSING

Let the Chief Magus perform the Banishing Ritual of Mars, give great Thanks  
unto the Lord of the Aeon, and perform the Lesser Rituals of the Pentagram and Hexagram.