

Samhain 2013

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Cast the Circle

By the power of the Dragons, may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified

Call the Quarters

Guardian Spirit of the Eastern Gate,
Ancient one of Air
We call upon thee
To guard, protect, and charge this circle
Aid us in communicating with our ancestors
Now and always in our memories

Guardian Spirit of the Northern Gate,
Ancient one of Fire
We call upon thee
To guard, protect and charge this circle
Aid us in communicating with our ancestors
Whose spark still kindles are existence

Guardian Spirit of the Western Gate,
Ancient one of Water
We call upon thee
To guard, protect, and charge this circle
Aid us in communicating with our ancestors
Whose love is endless

Guardian Spirit of the Southern Gate,
Ancient one of Earth
We call upon thee
To guard, protect and charge this circle
Aid us in communicating with our ancestors
Whose evolution has lead us here

Quarters say: Let these powers be as one.

All: Hail and Welcome

I call upon the Old Gods, upon the Dark Mother and Dark Father who preside at this the dark part of the year. May they watch over each and every one of us, may they guard, guide and protect us in

all that we do. Within their care we know that although the days continue to darken the light will yet return to us. And so the Wheel turns. Blessed Be

GODDESS:

Dark Mother, ruler of the night, Goddess of death and rebirth, Hear and behold your children this night as we honour Thee and Thy realm. We stand humbly before Thee, asking for Thy blessing and favour. Lift, now, the Veil between the worlds, as this time-out-of-time begins, that we may commune with our ancestors as they journey to the Otherworld's. Blessed be

GOD:

Dark Father, aged Consort of the Crone, Lord of the Underworld, Hear and behold your children this night as we honour Thee and Thy realm. We stand between Thee and Thy Lady, asking for blessing and favour. As this time-out-of-time approaches, stand ever guard as the Veil lifts, Keep safe our ancestors, and all loved ones as they journey to the Otherworld's. Blessed be

Ancestors:

This is the night when the gateway between our world and the spirit world is thinnest. We celebrate both life and death, for neither can exist without the other. Around the world, the ways of the Wise teach us to face the hidden, embracing the mysteries. Tonight we call out to those who came before us. Tonight we honour our ancestors.

Spirits of our ancestors, we call to you, and we welcome you to join us this night. We know you watch over us always, protecting us and guiding us, and tonight we thank you. We invite you to join us and share our meal.

Workings: Leave a space for the ancestors to sit with us

Think about all the people you come from, your past ancestors from all cultures you have been part of, whose genes are part of you. They all have

helped shape and create you.
Appreciate them for what they were,
with no expectations or apologies, and
know that they are watching over you.

Meditation:

Sit comfortably on your seat, relax your body and mind, and rest your hands gently on your knees. Soften your eyes as you focus on the flames in front of you. Breathe in and out, in and out if any tension is felt breathe into that area, relax.

Tonight we remember those who have gone before us, who have paved the way for our freedoms, our knowledge, our inspiration and our determination for a better life for themselves and their descendants.

Take a moment now to reflect on their passing how the circle of life is always present... in life there is death... in death there is life.

Continue to stare at the flame, the same fire that lit the lives of our ancestors, the flame that gave them light, warmth, inspiration, courage. The spark that ignited their existence ignites ours

If you wish to speak to your ancestors take a moment now.....

Its time to thank your ancestors for their wisdom and guidance may their knowledge empower you on your journey.

Now bring yourself back, see the flames, feel the night cool breeze, stretch your hands, wiggle your toes and bring your breathe back to normal rhythm.

Today we also remember those who fought in battles great and small, today we give thanks to all that have come before us. Lest we forget

Each person says a thank you to past ancestors we

Those who have gone before us, paved the way for the blessings in our life.

When it is time a bell is softly chimed and all stand.

Say: Serve Apples (slice showing the star)

Hidden within the core of each apple lies a pentacle, symbol of magic and mystery. Taste the fruit of death in life.

Say: Serve Pomegranate juice

The pomegranate gives of its seeds, symbol of rebirth and power. Taste the juice of life in death.

Say: Hold up ancestors' plate with apple & drink

This is the sacred fruit of spirit
Divine symbol of humanity
This is the cup of remembrance

We remember all of you
You are dead but never forgotten
And you live on within us

As we have eaten of the fruit of life, so our ancestors live in our fruitful memories of them.

Ancestors:

Spirits of our ancestors we thank you for joining us here tonight, for watching, protecting and guiding us tonight and always. Blessed be

Hail and Farewell to thee.

GOD:

Dark Father aged Consort of the Crone, Lord of the Underworld. We thank you for your blessings, guidance, protection and honouring our circle tonight.

Hail and farewell to thee.

GODDESS:

Dark Mother, ruler of the night, Goddess of death and rebirth. We thank you for your blessings, guidance, protection and honouring our circle tonight.

Hail and farewell to thee.

Quarters:

Guardian Spirit of the Southern Gate,
Ancient one of Earth
We thank thee, for attending, guarding,
and charging our circle here tonight.
Hail and Farewell

Guardian Spirit of the Western Gate,
Ancient one of Water
We thank thee, for attending, guarding,
and charging our circle here tonight.
Hail and Farewell

Guardian Spirit of the Northern Gate,
Ancient one of Fire
We thank thee, for attending, guarding,
and charging our circle here tonight.
Hail and Farewell

Guardian Spirit of the Eastern Gate,
Ancient one of Air
We thank thee, for attending, guarding,
and charging our circle here tonight.
Hail and Farewell

Scorpio Moon (Website: Spheres of light)

(Water) ruled by Pluto - Increases awareness of psychic power. Ends connections. Death, sex, taxes, inheritances, transformation. Ambition, heightened sensitivity, and things in which are hidden, divination, matters of transformation and desire, life changes, sexual fantasies, psychic growth; healing of the reproductive organs, bladder, urinary system, colon, prostate, coccyx.

Scorpio is the keeper of secrets, and a good time to try and unlock occult wisdom through divination and ritual. It is also a very fertile sign and a good time to work on fertility and sex magick. Matters pertaining to deceit, trustworthiness, and things hidden are best dealt with now. Scorpio is the sign of ambition, and spells for personal promotion work well at this time. Ruled by Pluto, the sign is linked to the work of the dead, and conditions for solid magick for the spirit world are optimal. This transit is very compatible with almost all lunar spellwork.