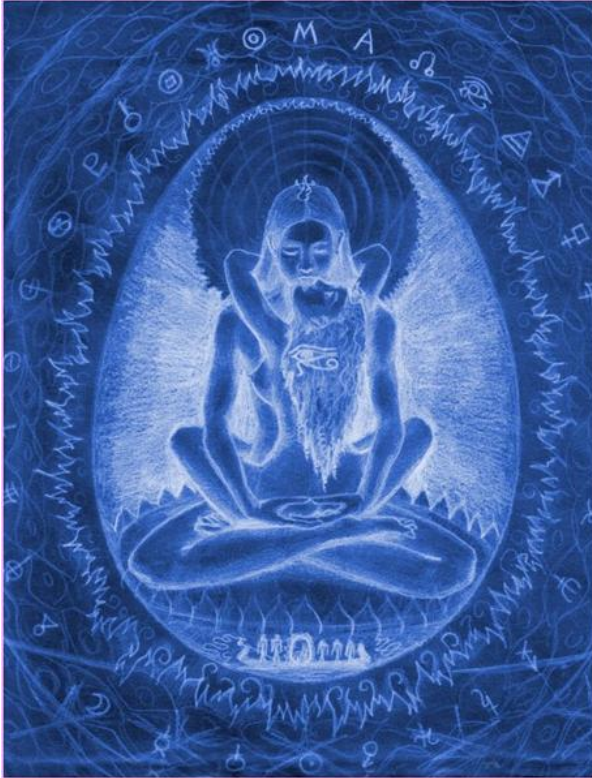


# TRANSFORMED THROUGH OTHERNESS

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## INTENT

Over the last two months, we have followed the journey of Psyche. We have as we have learned about Her experiences of loss and devastation remembered and connected with our own - grounding and centering ourselves in readiness for the journey towards restoration. We have begun to walk that path, seeking out and embracing the tasks that will lead us to wholeness. This night then, we seek to have wholeness restored - to celebrate the paths that we have been walking, and to claim the realisation of unity. We claim the right to be not fractured or less than our true selves, but to experience the fullness of ourselves.

To this end, we will hear tonight the ending of our story - each of us connecting as deeply as is possible with Psyche. Each of us will then see within another in our circle the image of Eros - of beauty, love and divinity personified. One by one we will then carry a thread of life to that person, knowing that while the divinity that we see in them is their own it is also a reflection of our own - this being a great paradox of the holographic universe in which we live. In this way then each of us will bring together Psyche and Eros within ourselves, feeling the beholder and the beheld become as one as the thread of life weaves around the circle - eventually forming a star. In this way, each will experience seeing the divine in another, and having the divine seen in themselves. Once the sacred star of unity has been formed, then, at its heart the blessings of the Great Ones will be called upon - seeking that the union of the Lover & Beloved within each of us will be fertile, harmonious and empowering. In this way, each of us will indeed be: TRANSFORMED THROUGH OTHERNESS

## CIRCLE CASTING

*After smudging, each person enters circle,  
walking deosil,  
singing:*

We are a circle  
A living circle  
With no beginning  
And never ending

*Together, honour the land in song:*  
Gundrah A oo noo Nungeenah tya  
Gundrah Lah oo oo noo  
Yahma koora, yahma koora  
Nungeena tya  
Yahma koora

## QUARTER CALLS

### East

Spirits that dwell in the East  
That rise with the Sun over the ocean,  
Spirits of the water.  
Guide & guard this place,  
Guide & guard our hearts.  
We Welcome you  
So Mote It Be

### North

Spirits that dwell in the North  
That stand tall with the Sun over the  
mountains, the earth,  
Spirits of the Earth.  
Guide & guard this place,  
Guide & guard our bodies.  
We Welcome you  
So Mote It Be

### West

Spirits that dwell in the West  
That set with the Sun over the desert,  
Spirits of the Fire.  
Guide & guard this place,  
Guide & guard our desires.  
We Welcome you  
So Mote It Be

### South

Spirits that dwell in the South  
That reign while the Sun sleeps,  
Spirits of the Air.  
Guide & guard this place,  
Guard our minds.  
We Welcome you  
So Mote It Be

## STORYTELLING

But Cupid being now recovered from his wound, and not able longer to bear the absence of his beloved Psyche, slipping

through the smallest crack of the window of his chamber which happened to be left open, flew to the spot where Psyche lay, and gathering up the sleep from her body closed it again in the box, and wakened Psyche with a light touch of one of his arrows. "Again," said he, "hast thou almost perished by the same curiosity. But now perform exactly the task imposed on you by my mother, and I will take care of the rest."

Then Cupid, as swift as lightning penetrating the heights of heaven, presented himself before Jupiter with his supplication. Jupiter lent a favoring ear, and pleaded the cause of the lovers so earnestly with Venus that he won her consent.

On this he sent Mercury to bring Psyche up to the heavenly assembly, and when she arrived, handing her a cup of ambrosia, he said, "Drink this, Psyche, and be immortal; nor shall Cupid ever break away from the knot in which he is tied, but these nuptials shall be perpetual."

Thus Psyche became at last united to Cupid, and in due time they had a daughter born to them whose name was Pleasure.

*"Not in dark disguise to-night*

*Hath our young heroine veiled her light;*

*For see, she walks the earth,*

*Love's own.*

*His wedded bride, by holiest vow*

*Pledged in Olympus, and made*

*known To mortals*

*by the type which now Hangs glittering  
on her snowy brow,*

*That butterfly, mysterious trinket,  
Which means the soul  
(though few would think it),  
And sparkling thus on brow so white,  
Tells us we've Psyche here to-night."*

## INVOCATIONS

Mighty Psyche,  
She who has known sadness and loss  
She who has worked hard for redemption  
She whose love is as deep as the ocean  
and as high as a mountain.  
We offer ourselves to you.  
That we may, As you have,  
Overcome, And be whole.  
May your essence rise up in each of us in  
acceptance of this offering,  
We welcome you,  
So Mote it Be

Mighty Eros,  
Beautiful God of love and grace,  
Divine being of passion and devotion,  
Winged one of kindness and charm.  
We call upon your presence to descend,  
To fill us with your light  
To reveal to ourselves,  
And to each other,  
The sacredness of your beauty,  
When it dwells within.  
We welcome you,  
So Mote it Be.

## WORKING

*Once each of us has moved into a full sense of  
Psyche's presence within us, each will be directed  
to focus their awareness at another individual  
within the circle. One by one, each will be  
approached by the person that has been seeing  
Eros within them. With them will be a red ball  
of string that will be given them. Once focus on  
Eros has been re-established, the ball of string*

*will then be taken to the person in whom that  
focus has been built. At each point, the person  
left at the previous point will keep hold of their  
end of the string, so that gradually a star is  
formed. While the star is being formed, everyone  
can sing together:*

I AM one in my Spirit, I AM one in the  
Earth (x2)

And I pray that this unity will ever be  
borne out,  
So I dwell ever more In the essence of  
Love  
So I dwell evermore in Love.

*As the star is formed, each will feel the presence  
of Psyche & Eros flowing through the thread of  
life, maintaining unity. Once the Star is  
completed, Caroline will make her way to the  
centre, and drawing on the energy that is flowing  
call upon the blessings of the Great Ones.*

In This night  
And in this hour,  
I call upon the Great Ones power:  
Mighty ones of old  
Guardians of force  
Citizens of rapture,  
Creators of all thought.  
I call upon your blessings to pierce  
through the night  
I call for thoughts of harmony,  
abundance wisdoms' bright  
I call for pure ambrosia to flow here from  
the heights  
To celebrate our unity, once lost but now  
aright,  
The magic has begun  
From the heavens power is come.

*This energy will then be drawn into a bowl of  
water that is on the altar - transforming it into  
the nectar of the Gods. Once the water is blessed,  
each can one at a time approach the altar and  
drink of the sacred waters. Once all have drunk,  
we sing together:*

It's the blood of the Ancients that flows  
through our veins  
And the forms pass, but the circle  
remains

May the peace of the Goddess be ever in  
our hearts.  
Merry meet, Merry part & Merry meet  
again.

## *CLOSING*

Mighty Psyche  
We thank you for your presence & power  
Hail & Farewell.



Mighty Eros,  
We thank you for your presence & power,  
Hail & Farewell.

### South

Spirits of the South, of the winds  
We thank you for guiding and protecting  
our minds,  
Hail & Farewell.

### West

Spirits of the West, of the Fire  
We thank you for guiding and protecting  
our desires,  
Hail & Farewell.

### North

Spirits of the North, of Earth  
We thank you for guiding and protecting  
our bodies,  
Hail & Farewell.

### East

Spirits of the East, of the Waters  
We thank you for guiding and protecting  
our hearts,  
Hail & Farewell.

May the Circle be open, but unbroken,