

THE TASKS OF THE DOMINUS LIMINIS

**(Advanced Magician)
Portal Grade -- the Link**

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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

The principal business of a member of the grade of the Dominus Liminis (*Lord of the Threshold*) is to obtain sufficient control of the aspirations of his/her own being. The Dominus Liminis should endeavor to perfect him/her self in all the suggested Rituals of the Outer Order. Thus shall s/he be duly prepared for initiation into the Magical Grade of the Adeptus Minor, to become an Adept Magician of the Rose of Ruby and the Cross of Gold.

A Dominus Liminis should meditate on the diverse Knowledge and Power that s/he has acquired as a Magician in the Novus Ordo Aurora Aurea, and s/he should endeavor to harmonize that Knowledge and Power. The grade of the Dominus Liminis is, ultimately, the Link between one's Elemental Self and Holy Guardian Angel. This so-called grade pertains to the Element of *Spirit*, and it specifically refers to the *Veil of Paroketh* which separates the first and second Orders of the Grades of the Man of Earth and the Lovers. This Veil falls in the Path of Samekh between the two Sephiroth called Yesod and Tiphareth. The word Paroketh (PRKTh) refers to the Four Elements. Peh is Water, Resh is Air, Kaph is Fire, and Tau is Earth. It is the Word of the Veil of the Temple, before the Holy of Holies. It is the Veil of the Four Elements of the Body of Man.

Dominus Liminis is the final grade of Self-Initiation in the Man of Earth Triad of the Outer Order of the Thelemic Golden Dawn. It is a grade which exists between the two Worlds of Matter and Spirit, and it is linked with Yesod, the Sphere of the Moon, because of the Path of Trial and Probation which connects Yesod to Tiphareth. It is especially referred to *Yesod of Yesod in Assiah*, the World of Action. The number of the Moon of Yesod is Nine, but in a more esoteric sense the number of the Moon is Five, which is the number of the Pentagram and the Microcosm.

The Dominus Liminis should in every manner train his/her own mind by learning to *Control Thought*. The disciplines of Raja Yoga are of great value in this practice, especially those of *Pratyahara* and *Dharana*, whereas the disciplines of Asana and Pranayama are of great value in the Grade of the Zelator. (Consult Aleister Crowley's A.:A.: Publication in Class B, *Liber E Vel Exercitiorvm*, Part V, for instructions on Dharana or Control of Thought. Also consult Aleister Crowley's "*Book IV*", Part I, Chapters IV and V, and his "*Eight Lectures on Yoga*". Also consult and make a thorough study of the book "*Raja-Yoga*", by Swami Vivekananda.)

The Dominus Liminis should endeavor to establish sufficient control of his/her intuitive faculties. This may be accomplished by learning to master a system (or systems) of *Divination*, such as Astrology, Tarot, and the I Ching. By such a development of this type, the Dominus Liminis is duly preparing him/her self for the divine influx of his/her Holy Guardian Angel, to receive Hir Celestial Light and Intelligence, and to attain Hir Knowledge and Conversation. True intuition is the Inner Voice of one's Holy Guardian Angel; and methods of Divination, when used correctly in the light of spiritual attainment, can yield many divine fruits which can nourish one with profound intuitive insight.

Divination is the Art of exercising Divinity. It must be a sacramental act, a religious experience, a uniting of the mind with a Higher Principle. It should awaken creative insight and intuitive realization. It should not be viewed as a simple means of foretelling future events; it should be viewed as a sacred means of exercising divinity, of helping us to evolve in the divine consciousness of the Light. To exercise divinity is to be united with divinity; to be united with divinity is to be one with divinity; and this is the work of the initiate.

The Dominus Liminis is one who has consecrated his/her elemental vehicles to the Supreme Operation of the Great Work. These elemental vehicles are the five senses, that is, sight, taste, smell, touch, and hearing; and these five senses are called in Magical Philosophy the five Elements of Fire, Water, Air, Earth, and Spirit. The Zelator initiation activates the four lesser Elements of Fire, Water, Air and Earth, and then are these Elements synthesized in the greater Element of Spirit, which pertains to the grade of the Dominus Liminis.

The Dominus Liminis must balance his/her elemental vehicles to prepare for the sublime influx of the Light from beyond the *Veil of Paroketh*. This Light is the Dawning Splendour of the Second Order of the Lovers Grade. It is the Light of Life which informs us with Intelligence and Beauty. This Great Light inspires the Dominus Liminis in his/her aspirations to accomplish the Great Work of uniting with his/her Holy Guardian Angel.

The Magical Symbol of the Dominus Liminis is the Fivefold Star or *Pentagram* which is a symbol of the Four Elements called Fire, Water, Air, and Earth, crowned by a fifth Element called Spirit. These are but magical names for the Five Senses. The Pentagram represents the Five Elements or Senses which are the instruments of the True Will to be employed and consecrated to the Great Work by way of action which is Ritual.

The grade of the Dominus Liminis is a *Crown to the Four Elements* of Fire, Water, Air and Earth, which pertain to the Grade of the Zelator which has special reference to the Sub-Elements of Malkuth in Assiah. It formulates the topmost point of the Blazing Star or Pentagram, and it concerns itself with the summarization of the Elemental Mysteries of the Grade of the Zelator, equilibrating one's Elemental Self which is to be completely surrendered to one's Holy Guardian Angel for the attainment of Hir Knowledge and Conversation. The grade of the Dominus Liminis is the transmutation of the Cross of the Elements into the Pentagram of Spirit. It is the sacrifice of the Four Lower Senses unto the Higher Sense of Spirit.

The Pentagram further represents the Four Powers of the Sphinx, crowned by the fifth Power of Spirit. In Latin the Four Powers of the Sphinx are *Velle* for Will, *Audere* for Courage, *Tacere* for Silence, and *Scire* for Knowledge. The Fifth Power of the Sphinx is called *Ire* in the Latin tongue, and it is the power “to Go”. The grade of the Dominus Liminis is a symbol of the Power to Go, which is the function of a God, or the act of doing one’s True Will. The Dominus Liminis is an initiate of the Four Powers of the Sphinx, having duly mastered them in the Grade of the Zelator. S/he is now to synthesize these Four Powers into One, into a Fifth Power of the Sphinx called “to Go”. This is the highest and final stage of the Man of Earth Triad.

Now consider these very informative words by the French Magus, Eliphas Levi, concerning the Fivefold Star or Pentagram:

“The Pentagram symbolizes the domination of the mind over the elements; the demons of air, the spirits of fire, the phantoms of water and the ghosts of earth are enchained by this sign. Equipped therewith, and suitably disposed, you may behold the Infinite through the medium of that faculty which is like the Soul's eye, and you will be ministered unto by legions of angels and hosts of fiends.

“The empire of the Will over the Astral Light, which is the physical soul of the four Elements, is represented in Magic by the Pentagram. The elementary spirits are subservient to this sign when employed with understanding, and by placing it in the circle, or on the table of evocations, they can be rendered tractable, which is magically called their imprisonment.

“When conscious of failing will, the Magus turns his eyes towards this symbol, takes it in his right hand and feels armed with intellectual omnipotence, provided that he is truly a king, worthy to be led by the Star to the cradle of divine realization; provided that he Knows, Dares, Wills and Keeps Silent; provided that he is familiar with the usages of the Pentacle, the Cup, the Wand and the Sword; provided, finally, that the intrepid gaze of his soul corresponds to those two eyes which the ascending point of our Pentagram ever presents open.

“All Mysteries of Magic, all symbols of the Gnosis, all figures of occultism, all qabalistic keys of prophecy are summed up in the Sign of the Pentagram, which Paracelsus proclaims to be the greatest and most potent of all signs.”

The Dominus Liminis abides on the Threshold. His/her mastery of the Elemental Powers may be disputed when s/he least expects it. Therefore let him/her always be on guard, to practice the Four Powers of the Sphinx, resolving these into the Greater Power of doing his/her own True Will. Let him/her flame forth free with Light and Liberty as a Blazing Star on its own Starry Orbit!

The Dominus Liminis should perfect him/her self in the performance of the *Greater Ritual of the Pentagram* and the *Ritual of the Spirit Vision*. The Greater Ritual of the Pentagram is specifically employed to open an Elemental Ritual or to invoke a particular Element for the consecration of an Elemental Weapon, but it can also be used to Travel in the Spirit Vision and to invoke or banish Zodiacal influences.

The Oath of the Dominus Liminis is the link to the Second Order of the Lovers Triad. This Oath is designed to prepare the initiate for the attainment of his/her Holy Guardian Angel. It is not an Oath to be taken lightly, as though it were but a mere word with no substance. The Oath of the Dominus Liminis is a most serious obligation. Every Zelator would be wise to consider whether or not it is truly his/her Will to be prepared for the supreme illumination from within, to attain the Knowledge and Conversation of his/her Holy Guardian Angel. If not, it would be better for the Zelator to wait for such a time when his/her Will is genuinely inspired in this direction, to take the Oath of the Dominus Liminis.

The words “*Dominus Liminis*” are Latin for “*Lord of the Threshold*”. The grade of the Dominus Liminis is the *Stage of Puberty* in the Novus Ordo Aurora Aurea, and it establishes the spiritual link to the attainment of the Great Work; it prepares one for the Supreme Illumination, the Summum Bonum, True Wisdom, and Perfect Happiness.

Love is the law, love under will.