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Module 9 - Working with Planetary Powers

Lesson 3: Jupiter

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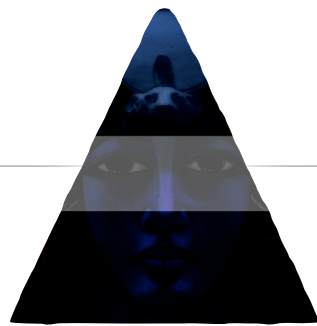
The Quareia takes a magical apprentice from the beginning of magic to the level of adeptship and beyond. The course has no superfluous text; there is no dressing, no padding – everything is in its place and everything within the course has a good reason to be there.

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So remember - in order for this course to work, it is wise to work with the lessons in sequence. If you don't, it won't work.

Yours,

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Jupiter is another planet that is key to the development and work of a magician. In your lessons so far, you have looked a great deal at the influence and understanding of Ma'at, the Egyptian expression of balance, fairness, and the responsibilities of the monarch. Jupiter is of that power, and is essentially a planet that expresses the power of Ma'at. Jupiter is a force of balance, of leadership, knowledge, and ensuring that resources are where they need to be. Jupiter is the fulcrum between Saturn and Pluto, and ensures the balance between the two powers.

Where Saturn limits, Jupiter emits a power that ensures whatever is limited is resourced; and where Pluto winnows, Jupiter ensures that the harvest is sufficient. When the force of Jupiter is fully engaged by the magician, its balancing influence comes to the fore.

In a wider sense, Jupiter is the trigger for the two planets of Saturn and Pluto. When Saturn overlimits, Jupiter triggers the scales to rebalance things. When Pluto cuts away too much, Jupiter limits that force to ensure enough is left for life to continue.

As a planet of wisdom and learning, Jupiter's force triggers within us the desire to learn from experience, to take the reins of our own destiny, and to lead ourselves and those who depend on us.

Like all the planets, Jupiter influences not only humans, but every living thing. The interwoven influences of these planets are a constantly shifting dynamic, and when one gets out of balance or exerts an influence that becomes counterproductive for balance, the others shift their power to trigger change. A macro-level example of this is that when humanity overgrows, the influence of the planets becomes destructive for us until we are cut down to size. The dance of planetary powers in search of balance is a constant flow: in truth, manifest substance cannot find true balance, but in the search for balance, life and death occur.

Jupiter enables us magicians to find where our fulcrum of balance is, and points the way for us to rebalance by our own initiative. We learn through trial and error, and by engaging all the other planetary influences in our lives. Jupiter also protects us in the form of just assistance. If we wish to be leaders, we must engage the full power of Jupiter. In return we will get what we need and no more, and we are given levels of guardianship that protect us in ways we cannot protect ourselves.

Over the years, I have been fascinated to see how the flow of fate, the weave of planetary influences, and the strong pull of destiny within an individual all come together to make a harmonic path. Each time I have found myself in the greatest danger from magical enemies, the planetary influences in my chart have all been positioned to offer help and protection. Everything dovetails together: the powerful threat that could destroy and the influences that help and assist, together with my own effort and willingness to meet the challenge and learn from it.

If we do not step up to such challenges, the protective powers will not be engaged. Every challenge in our lives holds the potential for learning, strengthening, and maturing. If we meet the challenges of life in order to strengthen those potentials, then all the planetary influences will be at our disposal and engaged around us. Of all of the planets in this dynamic, Jupiter is the master: he is not dubbed ‘king of the gods’ without reason.

Those kings and queens of Egypt who held true to the rule of Ma’at were offered divine protection and assistance. We too, as individuals, when we uphold that law of balance, are allowed levels of protection and assistance. These do not shield us from the harsh lessons of life, but help us to grow and flourish despite them.

In adept magic, Jupiter is worked with in construction and in long-term projects that affect nations, landmasses, and nature. Jupiter is the balancer and cornerstone; Jupiter is the gold brick that holds the pattern of the inner temple; Jupiter is the power that enables the magical lodge to flourish in as near a balanced way as possible. On an individual level, Jupiter is the influence that ensures that the magician has what they need if they are walking a path of service and balance. It draws resources to the magician to ensure that they can do their work.

This planet's influence is one of give and take: of mature generosity that gives, not in order to receive, but because there is need. As the magician is given what they need, so too does the magician give where they see need and are in a position to give. This giving can be anything from resources to learning or protection.

This course was envisioned under the influence of Jupiter: there was a need, and so it was given, freely.

The practical work for this lesson will be the same as the practical work for the previous one.

Practical Work

HALL OF THE PLANETARY SPIRITS

Just as in your last lesson, go into the Hall and commune with the planetary spirit of Jupiter. Do this facing the central altar with your back to the north. When you have finished, write your notes and do the sigil.

ASTROLOGY

Do the same astrological exercises. Look at the position of Jupiter in your natal chart, look at what house it is in, and its position in respect to the two other planets you have worked with. Look at your transits, and see where Jupiter is active in your life. See if you can make the most of that position of influence by directly engaging it in your life.

THE BALANCE OF THREE

The three planets that you have now worked with, Saturn, Pluto and Jupiter, are a balanced triad that, when consciously engaged by the magician, can help you develop as a magician and as a human being. We all have inherent imbalances in our lives and personalities. When we are heavily buffeted by imbalance in our lives, whether through our own actions or through events over which we have no control, engaging these three planets can help us navigate our way through the chaos.

Life is very rarely plain sailing. The challenges we face make us or break us: it is how we react to these events that decides whether we grow stronger, wiser, and more powerful, or whether we become broken victims.

The same is true for our personal imbalances. We all have them, and we will never be totally balanced in life: imbalance is an inherent part of manifestation. But we can step closer and closer to balance by dealing with our physical, mental, and emotional issues one layer at a time.

To begin this rebalancing process, we must recognize our personal imbalances, realize where these three planets have a strong or weak influence, and work out whether we are engaging their positive influence or their negative influence. Each planetary influence has a negative influence to match its positive one, and usually the negative influence will take precedence if we do not make the effort to learn and grow.

From what you know of these three planets and the power that flows through them, take a strong hard look at yourself and your life. See if you are allowing one specific influence to take precedence over the others. If you are, then engage the fulcrum and opposing power in your life to move closer to balance.

The same is true of life events, even if you have no control over them whatsoever. Whatever destructive or difficult overarching power is creating chaos in your life, identify the opposing planetary power along with the fulcrum (Jupiter) in your own life and personality to trigger a rebalancing action.

TASK

Get three pieces of white fabric that you can draw on (I used an old pillow case). Cut them into circles, and using a gold marker pen draw your personal sigils of the three planets on them. Before you draw them, silence yourself, light the central candle, and remember the feeling of the contact with each planetary spirit as you draw them. Draw a circle around each sigil to seal it in, and put a drop of your blood on each individual sigil to sign it.

When you are working ritually in your space, experiment with these sigils. Look at your transits on your chart, make sure you know which part of the chart points south (the direction you face for many of your rituals) and look at where the three planets are in relation to south. When you do a ritual, place the three cloth sigils in their transit positions in relation to the working directions, and be aware of them. Remember the connection between you and the planetary spirits, and be aware that a fragment of that influence is flowing through the sigils.

If you wish to experiment, choose a ritual or ritual vision from the work you have already done, and when you set your tools out, place the three planetary sigils in their transit positions. See if the work feels any different, or if it strengthens the contact.

You can also try putting the planet sigils in their natal positions, then working a ritual. See what difference having the planetary sigils working in the space makes if you revisit the vision/ritual with the web of fate, or work one of the versions of the pentagram ritual or the anchor. Write up your notes and conclusions in your computer log.

You can do all sorts of experiments with these three sigils: placing them around your bed at night in their transit positions (make sure you know the directionality of your bed, so that they are in an accurate position), or carrying them together in a pouch to an important meeting or event. The key is to be aware of them and the contact they carry.

How they affect you is individual to you, and will also depend on the strength of the fate flowing round you at that particular time. Sometimes they make little or no difference, sometimes they make a major difference: and that shift alone will tell you how strong or not the influence of those three planets are at any one time in your life.

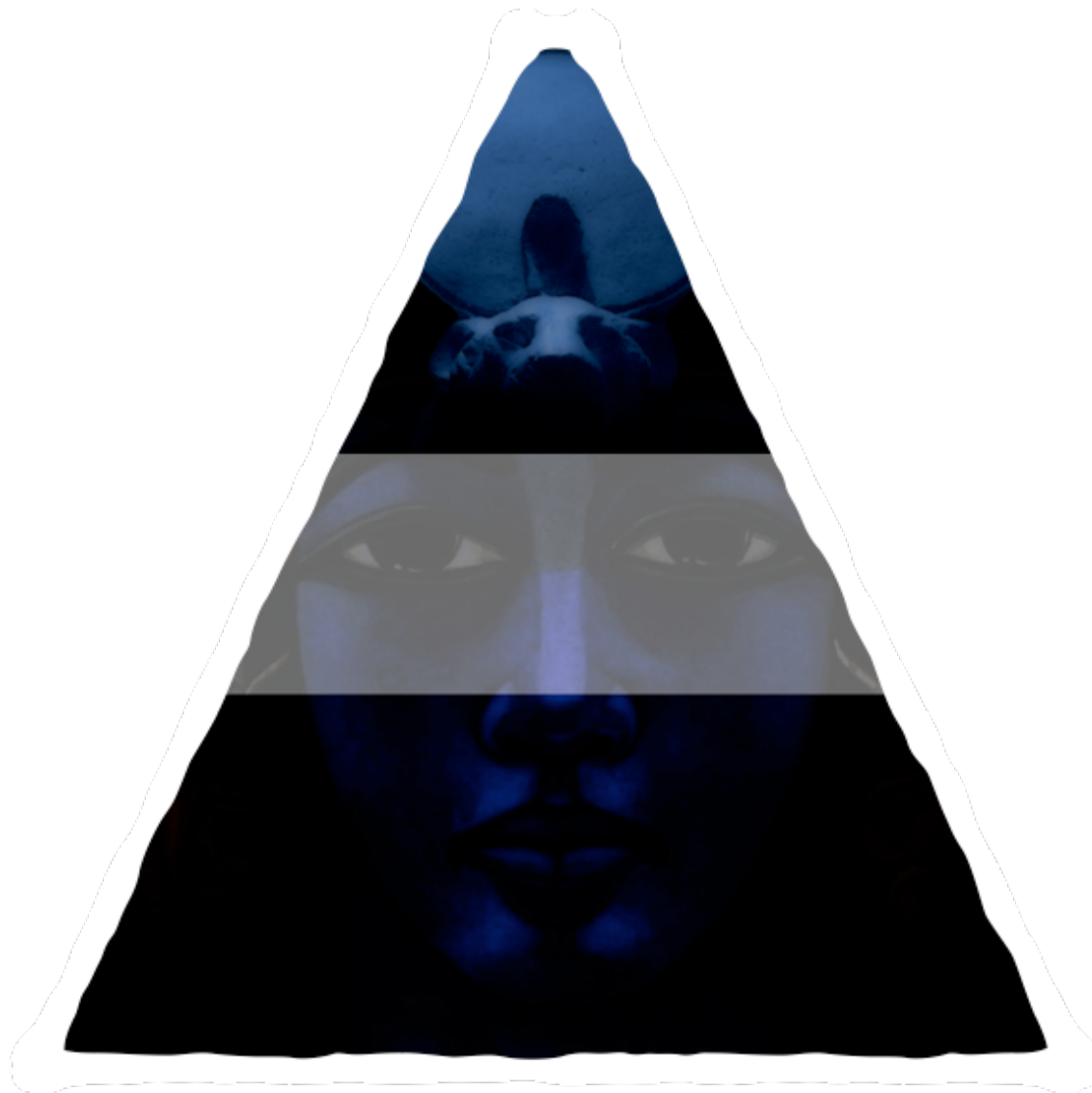
If the planets are exerting a major, active influence, then using the personal sigils to connect you to the planetary spirits will bring that influence into a sharp focus for you to work with. When the planets are not overly active in your chart, the sigils will do little: they are a direct reflection of your connection with the spirit power of the planets.

If you get a sudden impulse to carry them around with you or work with them, it is usually a sign that those planets are ‘coming online’ in your fate. It could signal important events coming up, or one or more of the planets becoming very active in your life. The sigils are a thread of connection, an amplifier, and a reminder for you to engage the power of the planets in your life at that time in order to gain the most from their influence.

When they are not in use, have a pouch or box they can live in which will protect them. Leave them under your bed (by your head) or near your bed when they are not in use. This way, the link can help the spirits to access you through dreams, should they need to.

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