## THE EIGHT YEARLY RITUALS ALIA22

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This is an outline for ritual work throughout the year. The rituals begin on the Spring Equinox and finish on the feast of Inbolc on february  $1^{st}$  or  $15^{\circ}$   $\mathfrak{M}$  (aquarius). These workings don't implicate the conventional rituals, so it is recommended that they be approached from a Chaos Magick perspective, meaning the use of belief systems as tools.

From a point of view, it can be seen that the workings in the first half of the year are expansive and communicative, while the ones on the other half are introspective and more lonely.

From another point of view, or including the previous one, the equinoxes and solstices can be seen as light or solar workings, while the middle points (Beltane, Lammas, Samhain and Imbolc) can be related to the Black and Red Arts or stelar workings (because of the position of the stars).

**Spring Equinox (March 21st)** It is in this period that the year actually begins. The maiden has the keys of Life and through her touch the crops grow and bear fruit. Everything related to the words "beginning" or "start" is appropriate to take into account in order to perform the Ritual.

At this time it can be a good idea to dedicate the temple to the deity of our choice. Initiations and the change of passwords in the Temples take place during this time as well as the general planning of the yearly activity.

Rituals related to Air in the world of Yetzirah and Cabalistic rituals on the sphere of Mars are also quite appropriate around these dates. As the magical current to employ, the Golden Dawn and as set of Gods, the Celtic pantheon.

**Beltane** (May 1st) 15° $\times$  These dates are befitting for sexual rituals. There are two kinds of these. The first ones take place adopting the divine forms of gods. Greek gods (Pan and some nymph) work well, also Shiva/Shakti, Isis/Osiris, etc. At the peak moment, the experience is turned into an offering for the fertilization of the fields. The second kind are more complex and involve the Thelemic Current (Beast + Babalon). The first ones are considered "dry", and second "wet". These rituals can be adapted as desired for couple or group workings.

<u>Summer Solstice (June 21st</u>) In this period the sun is at its peak. Most of the workings of High Magick can be done at this time. Consecrations (of Magical Weapons, Talismans, etc), Planetary workings, classical evocations with the circle and the triangle, rising on the planes, conversation with the Holy Guardian Angel, invocations etc. Also works related to elemental Fire. Lunar workings from a planetary perspective and therefore Astral Workings.

Often, the weather allows for the celebrations to be performed in the country, in this case, the rituals for the balancing of the elements can be a good choice for the whole group. As a magical tradition, the Ogoadic.

**Lammas** (August 1st) 15° $\Omega$  At this time began the New Year for the Egyptians The Nile river grew and flooded the whole bank, fertilizing the arid desert soil. This coincided with the appearance of the double star Sirius on the Canis Major constellation, together with the sun at dawn. For this reason this is a propitious moment for rituals that employ the Egyptian pantheon.

Also around these dates is when the Milky Way is most visible at night and the skies are very clear, consequently, all workings of Stellar Magick apply, including the Thelemic/Typhoon, those related to the benevolent goddess Isis and also the workings with the Ancient Star Travelers, the Great Old Ones, "who inhabit the spaces between time", that "don't sleep, but wait dreaming". Beware of sleeping under the stars, for not all of them are beneficial!

The Sumerian Pantheon is the indicated for this time.

<u>Autumn Equinox (September 21st)</u> Hekate holds now the keys of Death and everyone runs away from her, but without her touch, Life would no have the promise of resurrection. The balance has shifted and we now get ready for the dark part of the year.

This is the time to harvest what has been planted during the bright phases and extract the juice or Nectar in the form of wine; this will be our nourishment for the remainder of the year. There are three kinds for workings that can be useful in this period: those dedicated to Dionysus and wine; masses; and the achieving of the year's tasks, this come under the umbrella of the Classical Western Tradition, as well as work related to elemental Water. In this tasks the concepts of Love, Compassion and Devotion (to the Great Work) are of the most importance, since this period is ruled by Venus/Libra on the High scale.

Regarding magical currents, this is a good time to approach the Maatian current, where everything gets balanced, and what matters is the remainder on the scale "regardless of who". Our eyes turn to the dark past.

<u>Samhain (November 1st) 15°</u> The darkest period of the year begins, when with each passing day, the nights become longer. In these times it is said that "the veil between both worlds becomes more tenuous" and workings with dark and subconscious energies have the most power.

From Classical Western Tradition, two rituals can be interesting: the first is the death and dismemberment of Osiris and the feminine version would be Inanna's descent to hell.

There are several workings that can be performed, most within the Typhonian Tradition: Maatian workings with the "Forgotten Ones", meaning those parts of ourselves that we call basic instincts. Workings with the Tree of Shadows through the Tunnels of Seth and/or Qlippoth. Works of Evocation/Possession without the protection of the circle and triangle. Works of Vision and Voice.

<u>Winter Solstice (December 21st)</u> From this period on, it is not recommended to perform magickal workings except for those related to the habitual curriculum because the tides are not propitious and are ruled by Saturn. We advise to strengthen family ties, get together with loved ones and give/receive gifts. It is a good time to observe the family's Karma/Dharma and perceive what attracted us at birth to this particular family and not other, as detached as possible. It should be a time of Joy for the return of the Sun and the promise of a new cycle.

We recommend in this time to get some rest, to submerge in day-to-day friendships, forgetting all Magickal work and friendships, carrying on a normal life, speaking about normal things as everybody else, and believe in those things. To do this, signifies an emptying of the cup, to leave room for the upcoming year.

**Imbolc (February 1st)**  $15^{\circ}$ <sup>222</sup> This is a time in which awakening takes place, but coincides with the colder days of the year. It can be a good moment to carry out all kinds of vigils, that is, to stay away all through the night until sunrise.

It can also be a good time to do some introspection, to practice immobility, the Death Posture and reverie, to discover what we really want to do, our True Will, and express it through ritual magickal work during the starting year.