

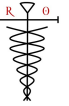
Planetary Magic Principles

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INTRODUCTION

In today's class, we'll be going over the basic principles of planetary magic. The last class I gave lasted three hours, and it was only supposed to last an hour. Hopefully we get through all this a lot faster.

We'll start with a discussion on what planetary magic is, and what differentiates it from other types of magic. We'll talk about how the forces represented by the planetary spheres are woven together into our experienced reality, using astrology as an example. We'll talk about different ways we find the planets in different systems of magic, such as the Goetia of the Lemegeton and the Heptameron. We'll talk about how the planets were found in caves in Mithraic mystery schools, and their "celestial" nature.

Then we'll turn our attention to the specific method of conjuration I recommend working with the seven planets, their intelligences, and the forces they represent. This consists of a conjuration ritual, methods of practice, and methods of devotion that I have found particularly effective.

Next, we'll discuss the idea of initiations and activations, attunements, and resonance. Working with the spirits of the planets can make us more effective, and more efficient just by being around them. They make our words matter.

Finally, we'll go over the outline of the upcoming lessons for each planetary sphere. Remember, each lesson can be taken individually and is a standalone introduction to all the things of the planet. You should be able to ascend to the sphere, receive initiations, communicate with the spirits, and bring their forces to bear in your world.

Without further ado, let's get started.

WHAT IS PLANETARY MAGIC?

Simply put, planetary magic is doing magic with the spirits that govern the powers represented in classical occultism by the planets.

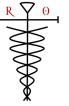
Now, "Magic" can mean a lot of things to a lot of people, so let's begin with identifying what we mean here when we say the word.

Magic, for the purposes of this class, is "conjuring spirits to quantifiably influence the natural world, or qualitatively influence yourself in accordance with your desires."

When you conjure spirits, you can get amazing results, in both the material and unmanifest realms. They can bring you wealth and love, favor and wisdom, power and respect. Magic is amazingly effective at influencing the course of events to go in your favor. It's how we access the unmanifest realm to get help here in the material side of things.

We look at our archaeological remains of our ancient ancestors, and we can guess from the way they made drawings of humans dressed like animals that they were participating in some form of appeal to the animal spirits for a successful hunt.

We assume that they were doing what humans have done the whole time we've been making symbols to represent thoughts, ideas, and the unseen elements that shape our lives. Magic is what we call it today,



and we mean some very specific things by it, but we are continuing the process of addressing ourselves to the unseen from the material realm to get aid.

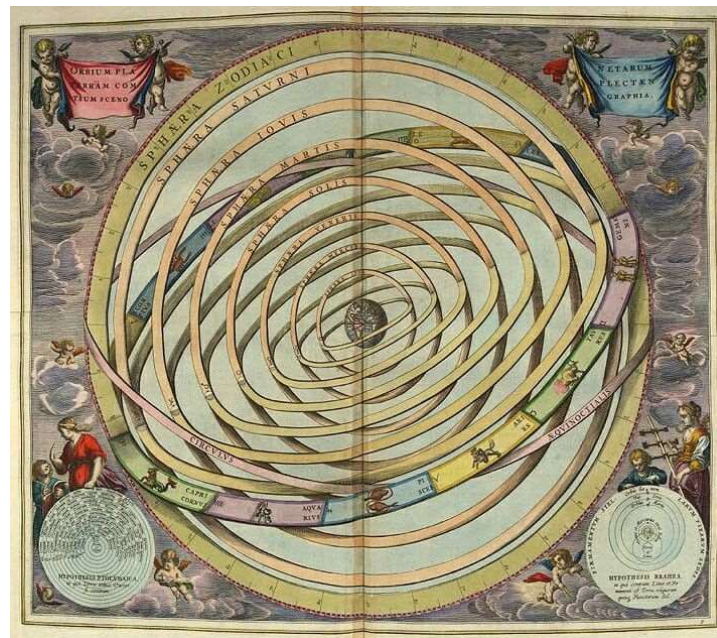
But what does Planetary mean?

The “Planetary” part refers to an astrological classification system that our occult forebearers used to explain what everything was made up of, and how things came into being. Specifically, I’m referring to the occult traditions that come from North Africa, Greece, Persia, and the Middle East. The system has a lot of manifestations and flavors, but basically the concept is that everything and everyone on Earth began as an Idea in the Mind of the Source of Everything. This Idea then went through Seven Spheres where the qualities it would need to manifest in the material world were applied.

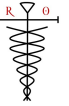
According to this model of the universe, everything that exists is the result of the combination in various proportions of seven essential qualities. At a very high level, the qualities representing the planets are:

- Saturn – Death and Occult Wisdom
- Jupiter – Blessings and Expansion
- Mars – War and Conflict
- The Sun – Creative, Noble, Lifegiving Forces
- Venus – Love and Sex
- Mercury – Words, Communication, Business
- The Moon – Nebulous forces of Waxing and Waning, Mysteries, Dreams

In the image below, you can see the sphere of the Zodiac, the Seven Planetary Spheres, and the Earth at the center. The Seven Planets are Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, the Sun, Venus, Mercury, and the Moon.



Our occult ancestors saw that the planets and stars wove an intricate, but predictable dance across the sky, and presumed the regularity and predictability of their movements implied they were part of the order of things, and that the universe operated on orderly principles.



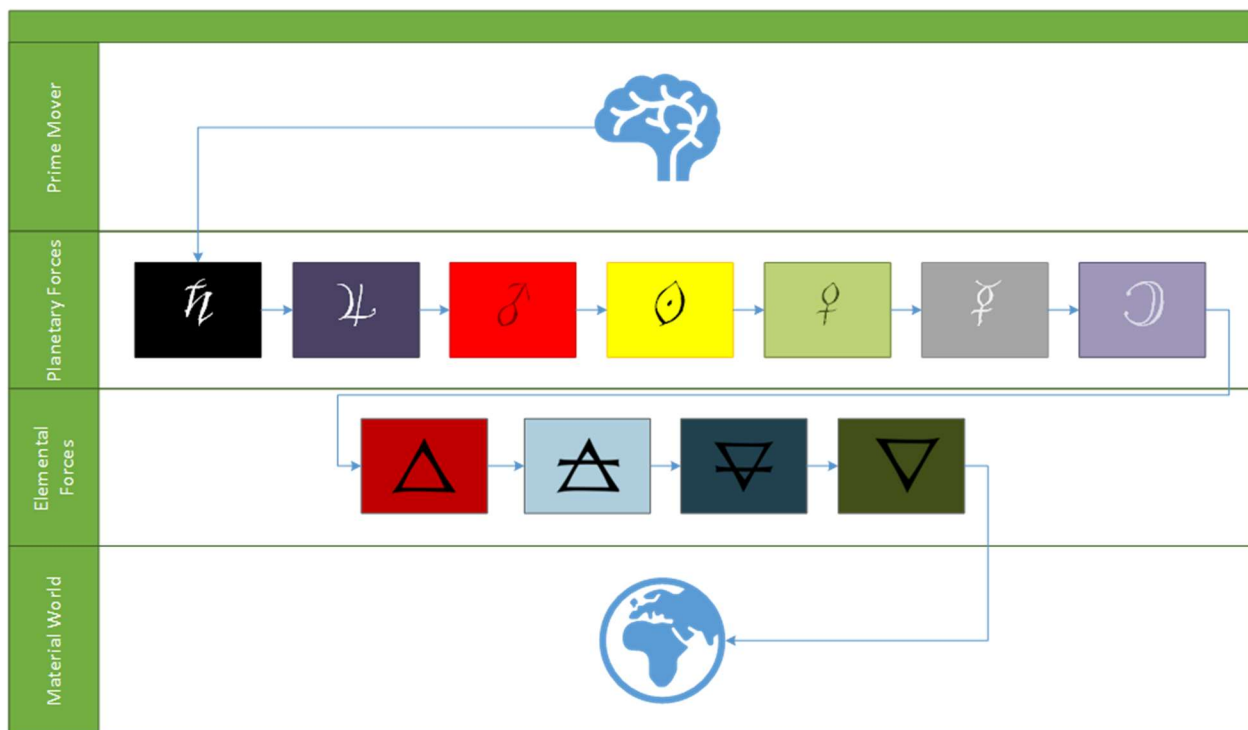
They determined they could infer how the planetary forces would manifest on Earth when a situation or a person came into being by looking up which sign of the zodiac the seven planets were in, relative to the location of the start of the event or birth of a person. They identified the qualities that each planet ruled over, and how those qualities manifested in the world around us.

Thus, Astrology evolved over a long time, and remains a core part of our lives to this very day.

THE CHAIN OF MANIFESTATION

Magicians and philosophers went on to assume that the orderly movement of the stars indicated an orderly structure of the universe. An orderly structured universe would have an orderly process of materialization.

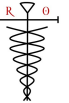
This is known as the Chain of Manifestation.



The gist is that the Supreme Source of all Things is at the top of the process of materialization, and that this entity came up with all the Ideas that become reality.

The ancient magicians put the seven spheres in order based on how quickly they seem to move, relative to the Earth. Saturn appears to move the slowest through the Zodiac, while the Moon moves the fastest. We call the order from Saturn to the Moon the Chaldean Order of the planets.

Our occult ancestors then populated each sphere with a governor and their servants, like a king and their armies, or an archangel and their choirs. They postulated an Intelligence made sure the forces of the planets were properly applied to the Ideas, and ruled over the forces they represented, directing them as they pleased.



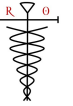
ספרא	Seraphim		Metatron	Sphere of the Prime Mover
כרובים	Cherubim		Jophiel	Sphere of the Zodiac
ספרא כרובים	Thrones		Tzaphqiel	
דכא	Dominations		Tzadqiel	
ספרא דכא	Powers		Camael	
ספרא	Virtues		Michael	
ספרא דכא	Principalities		Annael	
ספרא דכא	Archangels		Raphael	
אשר	Angels		Gabriel	

Soon magicians started calling on these forces, and asking them for favors, because why not? Can't hurt. And sure enough, it worked, sort of.



The spirits associated with the planets can influence and impact the things that we have going on in our lives in the material realms, causing amazing miracles at times, but mostly by applying the positive aspects of the forces they represent to the situations you want them to help with.

And that's what Planetary Magic is all about, working with the Intelligences of the Forces of Creation and Manifestation to influence things to go our way.



The Other Planets

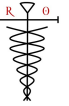
Before we go any further, yes there are more planets, but no we don't talk about them. There are lots of books that will tell you the names of the archangels of Pluto, Neptune, and Uranus, but they simply weren't readily visible (or thought to be that impactful) when the magical systems of planetary magic were being developed. The system works without the rest of the planets. Why? I think it's because the model provides sufficient explanatory force to make things work.



WHAT MAKES PLANETARY MAGIC DIFFERENT?

Ares is the god of War, the Greek version of the god Mars. A ritual to Ares for victory in war would certainly be a Martial ritual, but it would not necessarily be considered Planetary Magic.

This is because the Planets are a classification system for the properties they represent. They are adjectives, descriptors of the types of forces, not necessarily the specialized embodiments of those forces.

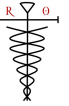


Mars the planetary energy can describe accurately the qualities of multiple Martial deities, such as Ares, Shiva, Ra Hoor, or Tiw. But these gods are made up of combinations of all the planetary powers in the proper proportions necessary to make that deity what it's supposed to be here in the material realm. When the Source of All came up with the Idea that we interpret as Ares, or Shiva, the forces of Mars were a major part of what goes into the manifestation here below, but there are aspects of all the other six planets as well that give the deity its differentiations.

These are the properties, aspects, and proclivities that make that god behave the way it does in its lore. They are not representative of the creative forces represented by that Planet cosmologically.

But when we contact the Intelligences, Archangels, or Governors of the Planetary Spheres, we are contacting the consciousness that represents just that one planetary force. We are working specifically with the pure forces that are combined into the rest of existence.

While this is more pure and more powerful, in practice it has more room for error. The gods of War are not just the conscious embodiment of the principle of War, they have personalities, and stories about



their histories and their lives that give them some glimpses into what it means to be human. They can relate to humans differently than the raw forces of the planets can. They have more understanding of what it means to be human, and how the forces they represent might impact you.

The planetary Intelligences, on the other hand, are not human and have little experience with what it's like to feel their forces manifest in the flesh. You can ask for things that are bad for you, and they will apply the forces of their sphere to your situation, as requested. If you're wrong about it helping, that's on you.

Divination is key to figuring out if what you're planning is a good idea. If you do a tarot card reading about the outcome of your rite as planned, you can see whether the cards that pop up look like what you want, or not. If not, try something else.

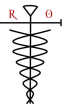
The planetary spirits give you less wiggle room, the planetary forces are more literal, more blunt. However, they are also less judgmental, and less concerned with some of the finer details around accomplishing things. They are always ready to try to help you, even if what you're doing is stupid. They will try to make whatever you ask for happen. It won't work if it doesn't fit in with what fate has planned, or if you have no means for it to materialize, but these entities will certainly apply their forces as requested.

PLANETARY MAGIC AND ASTROLOGY

Earlier, we talked about how our occult ancestors figured out that the Zodiacal signs the planets were in relative to the Earth at the time a thing happened could give them hints about how that event was going to manifest.



Venus in Aries

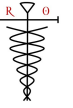


Astrological Magic

Astrologers started looking for when the planets would be in the right signs to encourage a particular aspect of manifestation, and they would be sure to start important events in that time, so the rays of the planets were aligned with the success of the endeavor.



Some astrologers figured out they could capture the rays of the planets at a given time in symbols sympathetic materials, and they created talismans that have specific astrological timing. The Fourth Pentacle of Jupiter in the Key of Solomon, for example, can only be made when Jupiter is in Cancer. Jupiter stays in one sign for about a year, so when it goes into Cancer in 2025, you'll have a year to find a good Jupiter Election to make your talisman.



The idea behind astrological talismans is that the planets are radiating their qualities at their various strengths at any given time, and the talisman you create becomes a snapshot of those forces and continues to emit that effect in its general area for as long as it exists. It is a passive method of consecration that just relies on timing. The Talisman receives the forces of the moment, the Intelligences of the spheres bless the talisman to carry on the manifestation of those forces.

The more I've learned about astrological magic though, the more I've realized that it is never a good time to do anything on Earth. There's always some negative aspect somewhere that's going to conflict with your desires. It's a practice of approximation, you get something as close to what you want as possible and hope for the best.

Our Magical Approach

Planetary magic differs from astrological magic in that it doesn't wait for the stars to be right. The seven days of a week are named after planets because the day is ruled by the planet. Each hour of the day is also ruled by one of the planets, beginning each day with the hour the day is named after. Sunday's first hour of the day is the hour of the Sun. Each subsequent hour follows the Chaldean Order of the Planets.

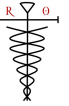


Planetary hours trump all other astrological conditions for planetary magic. In the Planetary hour, the intelligence of that planet is stronger than any other planetary spirit and can make things happen that other spirits cannot.

In Planetary magic, we do not wait for the stars to be right, we call on the spirit that represents the planetary power, and we ask it directly to manipulate the forces it controls anyway according to our desires.

Where astrological magic is passive, planetary magic is active. We make up for the lack of supporting forces by asking the spirit we have called to "bless the fuck out of" the talisman.

While this gives us more of a wallop in our magical practices, it still takes place within the constraints of other forces. There's a whole universe of forces at play all the time, and it's not all about you, or me. We have to share the universe with the rest of the people too, and sometimes when we ask for things, the answer is simply no.



HOW MAGIC MATERIALIZES

When we do magic, the result can manifest in a lot of different ways. While we get the occasional miracle, especially with some Mercury spirits, almost all the ways that magic can manifest follows natural laws. This is true of most magic, but it is even more so with the materialization magic that taps into the seven spheres.

Planetary magic is all about making things happen here on the Earth, make no mistake. The forces that we work with are in the room with each of us right now, effectively doing their jobs without any instructions from us, going about the process of manifesting our experiences according to our fate.

When we conjure them and talk to them, we are asking them to go off autopilot, and fly their powers where we want them to go instead. They're almost always happy to help, but they are literally the forces of normal manifest reality. The ways they make things happen are going to look pretty normal, and they're going to unfold over time. But the key part of any materialization of planetary powers is you.

When we do magic, we conjure a spirit, we make our statement of intent, the spirit hears it, and sets about directing the forces of creation to manifest our desires.



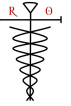
After you've done the rite, over the next couple of weeks, you'll start seeing opportunities arise for you to get what you want, or you'll see a series of strange coincidences that end up with you receiving your result.

But most likely, you're going to have to do something to make it happen. The way the world works includes fate, weaving of threads, and working things into being over time. We humans are part of the choirs, tribes, and legions of spirits who participate in the creation of our experiences in life. We take the actions that express the "will of the gods." Fate is accomplished through humans making choices, and the actions we take. We are a necessary part of manifesting our lives.

They can help us make a good impression on dates and interviews, and they can help us get into those dates and interviews, but we still have to shower, shave, and show up on time to win the romantic partner, or to get the job.

The more that we do to prepare the path of manifestation for the spirits to work with, the better our magic succeeds.

The spirits seem to go with the easiest path of getting us what we want. Having a "side hustle" job that you can get a spirit to bless with a windfall gives the spirits a path to get you a windfall when you need it, for example.



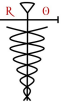
Materialization Magic Basics

To manifest changes in your life using planetary magic, determine what planet rules the aspect of your life that you would like to change. Examine your desired result and imagine a process to make it happen. Make up a story about how you would go from your current experience to the one you want instead.

How would you characterize the theme of that story? Does your situation need new life force breathed into it? That's a solar rite. Does the story involve a lot of attacking or defending? That's a Mars rite. Identify the primary qualities of the situation and figure out which planet rules that aspect of life.

When you're ready, conjure the Archangel of that planet in his planetary hour of his planetary day, and ask it to do everything in its power to accomplish your desires. Explain what you want to have happen.





Spend some time scrying, or in contemplation, meditating on what the spirit might be trying to tell you about your request.

Make sure to tell it to materialize your desired results in ways that are so obvious, even you can't miss them.

If you don't have what you want in two weeks, try again.

Advanced Materialization Magic

For larger projects, and for more impressive results, take your idea through all seven spheres, beginning in Saturn after a new moon. Create a symbol of the idea you are manifesting, and in the proper planetary hours of the planetary days, ask the Archangel of each planet to provide all the forces of its sphere necessary to manifest your results. It will take about five weeks to finish this ritual in the order of the planets.

If you are working on eliminating something, begin on a Monday in a Lunar hour, after a full moon, and work your way up through the spheres every other day. This process will take about two weeks to complete.



INITIATORY ASPECTS OF PLANETARY MAGIC



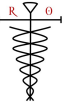
While initiations more properly fall under the idea of Mysticism, there is definitely a mystical aspect to planetary magic. If you are interested in the supreme mysteries of life, the things we experience in the blissed-out moments of unity with the all in all, planetary magic can help get you there.

What is initiation?

Initiation means the beginning of a process. You're initializing an experience, kicking off a series of events that will change who you are, and how you interact with the rest of the world. It is where you are introduced to something new and begin to process and integrate that experience into your worldview.

In mystery traditions, the process is supposed to be something like you get put into an impressionable state, you are introduced to new strange gods or concepts in symbolic metaphors, and then you are told what your experiences meant.

Whatever they do to put you into an impressionable state leaves you softer and more open, so you can absorb what



you were exposed to. That force then goes on to change you, empower you, or make you in some way more like itself.

On our own way down to materialize here on the Earth, we passed through each of the seven spheres of the Chain of Manifestation too.

In the Divine Pyramider of the Corpus Hermeticum, we learn that we received a portion of the powers of each of the spheres and were made in the image of the mind of god, and that we can take part in creation as a result.

It also teaches that when we die, we pass up through the Spheres to return to the Mind of God, relinquishing at each sphere the negative aspects of how it manifests here on Earth.

In the Emerald Tablet of Hermes, we learn that there's a path up through the heavens, and then returning in power.

In my book Seven Spheres, I lay out a path of initiation for people. You simply work your way up through the seven spheres, conjuring the spirits as you go, integrating the forces.

CONCLUSION

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