

A person wearing a brown hooded robe and patterned leggings is walking away from the viewer on a sandy dune. The background is a vast, hazy landscape with distant, ornate structures that resemble a city or a temple. The overall tone is warm and atmospheric, with a golden-brown color palette.

Planetary Magic Principles: The Sun

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INTRODUCTION

- Hello and welcome to the class.
- In the previous class, we talked about the qualities of the Planet Mars, the third planet in the Chain of Manifestation. We explored what kind of god Mars is, and how that force manifests in our lives as the “little bad,” the smaller-scale negative events that we go through in life.
- Today we turn our attention to the Sun. In Saturn, the fate of a thing is set, in Jupiter its blessings are bestowed, in Mars, the discipline is applied to shape it into what it must become.
- In the sphere of the Sun, the Idea transitions from the higher spheres into the lower, beginning in earnest its descent towards matter. The internal aspects of the idea have been set, and now the ways that it will appear and manifest most obviously in the world are applied.



Sphere of Projection

- In some ways we can see the Sun as a sphere of Projection. It functions as a type of magnifying glass that makes whatever it's passing near or through seem bigger, but it only magnifies what is already there. It doesn't add anything to the mix, except light that reveals what is already there. (And heat, and life itself, but we'll get to that later)
- Think of how your "Sun" sign determines how you will come across to other people. That is what the Sun does, it takes the essence of a thing, and makes it known to the entire cosmos. It expresses the inner truths, the fate of the Idea, the blessings of the idea, the discipline of the idea. It takes these qualities and makes them apparent.

Apparently

- It is very much the sphere of the apparent, the self-evident. This is the realm of tautological truths, where you will find that things are exactly what they are, and you will not suffer any illusions to the contrary. This is the realm of the anti-illusion. It is the truth-until-it-hurts sphere.
- We can see this in the myths of the primary Greek deity of the Sun, Helios.
- Helios is the god of the Sun in the Greek Pantheon, one of the Titans who fought with Zeus against his fellow Titans. Why he chose to side with Zeus is not recorded, but we do know from the other myths of Helios that he is a kind god, nice, good hearted, and loyal to his friends. It is fair to say that this Titan would not have worked for Zeus if he thought it was wrong.
- But there's not a lot more than that to go on. In Mars, we had Ares, the god of War, and in Jupiter, Zeus. In Saturn, we had Kronos. These gods have rich traditions in Greek lore, with many stories and epithets to bring out the details and the nuances of the gods, and how they manifest in the world.
- But in the sphere of the Sun, we have Helios, the god of Light, who drives the chariot of the Sun. Helios plays a major part in three myths:
- He reveals Ares and Aphrodite are having an affair to Hephaestus
- He reveals Persephone and Hades are off in Hell to Demeter
- His bastard son Phaethon tracks him down, Helios is so happy that he promises him anything, his son demands to drive the chariot of the Sun, he can't be dissuaded, and so Helios lets him. The kid sets the world on fire, and so Zeus shoots him down with a thunderbolt.
- Throughout most of the rest of the myths, he shows up as a supporting character. He saves Hephaestus during the Gigantomachy, and he is the source of many witches, such as Medea. His role is always the light bringer, the revelator, the one who brings freedom through enlightenment, who displays nobility by revealing the purity within.
- So, besides lighting up the whole universe and revealing secrets, there isn't much more to it. You'd think the source of life on the Earth would play a bigger role in the myths, but not so much. We'll take a look at his myths in more detail, and the epithets he has reveal more about how he helps us as magicians, but the lack of nuance is very much a reflection of the lack of subtlety of the Sun.
- Without being mean about it, the Sun is nice, good, and thinks it is very noble, but it is kind of ignorant of how its goodness can have a negative impact.

Little Self Reflection

- It is the sphere of the unintentional idiot, the sphere of goodness over the sake of righteousness. Helios snitched on Aphrodite to Hephaestus, and also to Demeter about Persephone and Hades. He sees all, and knows all, but he also reveals all that is really done, regardless of who it hurts.
- It should be noted that during the Gigantomancy, Helios saved Hephaestus from the battle, and in return made Helios' son Aeetes some ever-flowing fountains and some fire-breathing bulls. They were buds. When Helios told Hephaestus that he was being cuckolded, it was as one friend to another. With Demeter, in a lot of ways, he was her lover. The Sun is the sphere of the good friend who does the right thing, even if it hurts.
- Helios revealed Ares and Aphrodite's affair to Hephaestus, doing his old friend a solid, but he didn't take into account that Hephaestus had coerced Hera into forcing Aphrodite to marry him, even though she and Ares had five children together and were happy living as unwed consorts. Telling on the lovers was the good thing to do, even if it perpetuated an injustice.



The God of Light

- The role of Helios as the God of Light is key to understanding this aspect of solar magic. The gods of the Sun reveal things.
- The light of Helios is the light of the entire cosmos, and it is this light, this clarity that provides solar deities with the power of sight, mystical sight, the ability to see what is really going on in any situation.
- Liberator – Freeing us from darkness every day. This is the transformation of the sun, it frees us from the darkness, it reveals things.





Source of Life and Revealer of Nobility

- The Sun also represents all noble things, goodness, and purity.
- It is the force of enlightenment, of enlivenment, and of transformation.
- In the Greek Magical Papyri, we see that Helios is called upon to provide consecrations,
- In the in the “[Consecration of all things](#)” ritual, we see that he is called upon by the 12 signs he passes through, tapping into his role as vivifier in each of the signs.
- The role of the Sun in the myths of Greece was focused on the Light the Sun brings, and the life it engenders in things here below. The natural powers of the sun are expressed, and the purity of its metals reflect the purity of its warm light.
- Dark things cannot exist in the light.

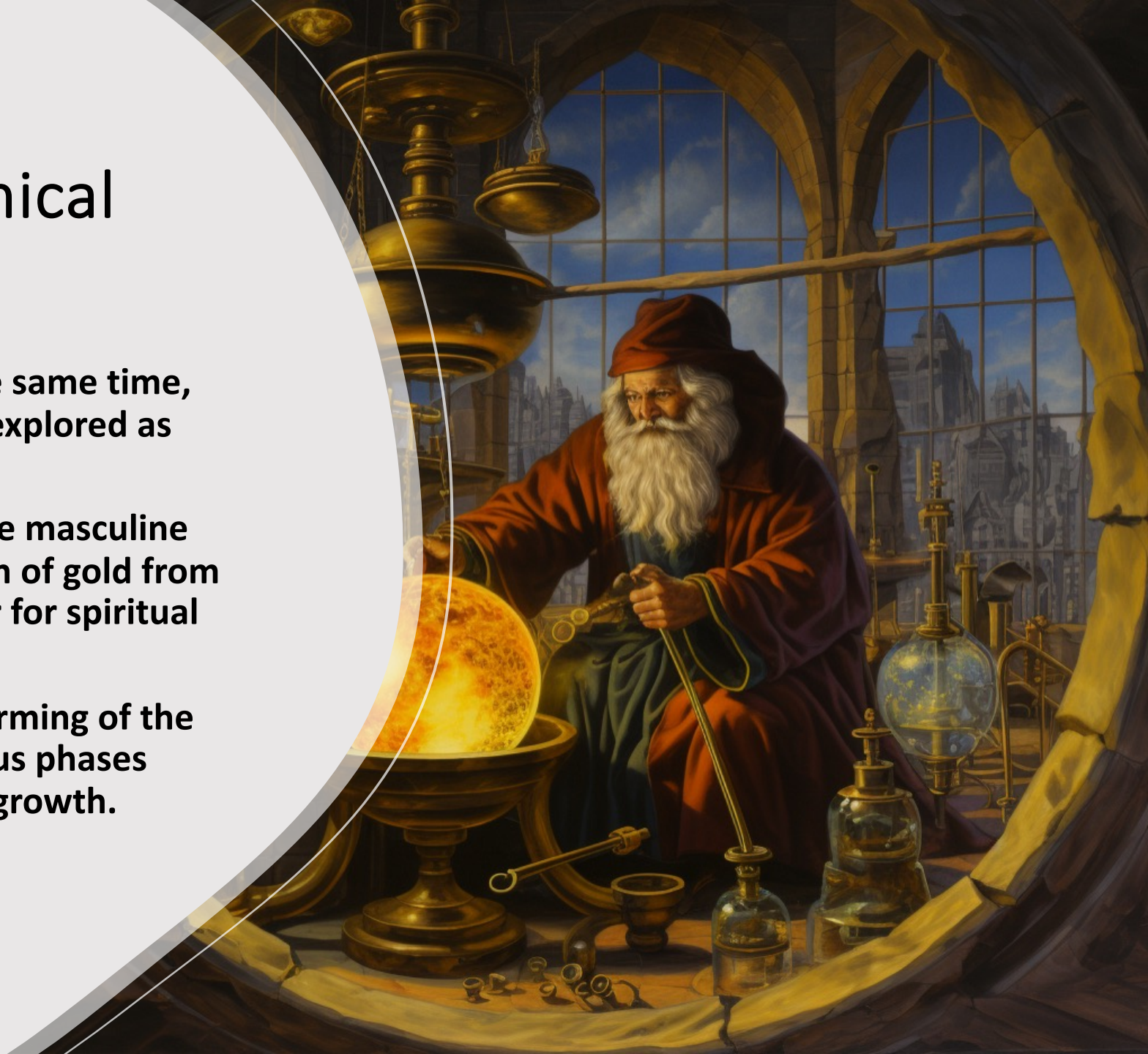


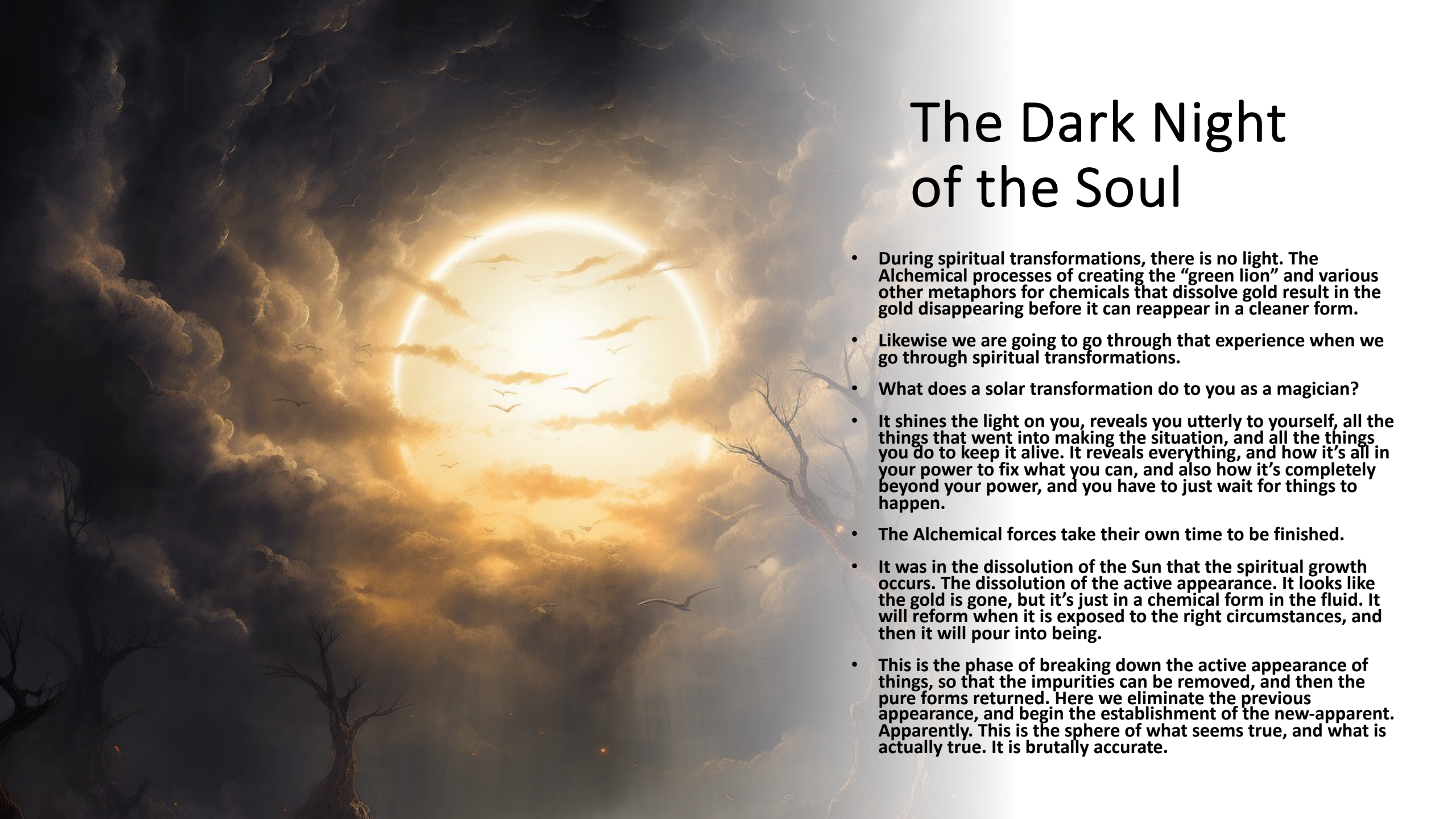
Source of Magical Power

- Helios is the grandfather of many witches. It is interesting to think of how the folks on the darkest fringes of society have the source of their power in the golden realms of the Sun. They are descended from the powers that transcend the heavens. From above the firmament, the Sun shines down.
- We see that the illuminating nature and the enlivening forces of the Sun continue to be prevalent in Agrippa's Three Books of Occult Philosophy into the 16th century.
- The purposes of Solar magic in this time were to reveal truths, to win the favor and blessing of nobility, and to shine forth in courageous valor, standing up higher in the sight of your fellow humans. It was used to bring out those qualities in a person, to transform them from their lower state to their higher state. This became more obvious in the Alchemical treatises of the time.

The Sun as Alchemical Transformation

- In the alchemical realms of the same time, the role of the Sun was being explored as the symbol of transmutation.
- It was symbolic of gold, and the masculine trait, and when the purification of gold from base metals was the metaphor for spiritual transformation
- it was the dissolution and reforming of the Sun as it passed through various phases that represented the spiritual growth.





The Dark Night of the Soul

- During spiritual transformations, there is no light. The Alchemical processes of creating the “green lion” and various other metaphors for chemicals that dissolve gold result in the gold disappearing before it can reappear in a cleaner form.
- Likewise we are going to go through that experience when we go through spiritual transformations.
- What does a solar transformation do to you as a magician?
- It shines the light on you, reveals you utterly to yourself, all the things that went into making the situation, and all the things you do to keep it alive. It reveals everything, and how it's all in your power to fix what you can, and also how it's completely beyond your power, and you have to just wait for things to happen.
- The Alchemical forces take their own time to be finished.
- It was in the dissolution of the Sun that the spiritual growth occurs. The dissolution of the active appearance. It looks like the gold is gone, but it's just in a chemical form in the fluid. It will reform when it is exposed to the right circumstances, and then it will pour into being.
- This is the phase of breaking down the active appearance of things, so that the impurities can be removed, and then the pure forms returned. Here we eliminate the previous appearance, and begin the establishment of the new-apparent. Apparently. This is the sphere of what seems true, and what is actually true. It is brutally accurate.



About Apollo

- Apollo is also associated with the Sun in some myths, but upon deeper examination, you find that it is not the Sun at all, but light itself that is represented by Apollo. The epithet shared by Helios and Apollo is Phobos, meaning light, but the Greeks never placed Apollo in the chariot of the Sun. Helios was ever the driver of that chariot, and each night he rode home in a chalice.
- But the light of prophecy, the light to see what is to come and what is unknown is key to the Sun.



Michael and the Sun

- Michael of the Sun is from Ibn Ezra 1145, the Sefer Raziel, some versions. It is Raphael in a lot of other traditions. Peter d'Abano's Heptameron in thirteenth-century, Trithemius in 16th century.

A stylized illustration of a seal, likely a fur seal, looking upwards and to the right. The seal is brown with dark, wavy fur. It is framed by a circular border with a dark blue outer ring and an orange inner ring. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise scene with a large, pale yellow sun partially obscured by the seal's head. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the ocean below is dark blue with white-capped waves. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century graphic design.

QUALITIES OF THE PLANET



Source of Light, Life, Love and Liberty – From Thelema

- **Bright Airiness, Clarity, shining the light on it**
- **Projection**
- **Announcements and Revelations**

Good but Dumb

- **Good Things**
- **Nobility of Character, Courage, Good Leadership**
- **Truth, clarity, inspiration, the clarion call to exciting goodness**
- **The kids on the Sun card, bliss and happiness, celebration of life, the fruiting of the vine, the empowerment of the potentials, the activation of the internal potential**



Heat of Transformation

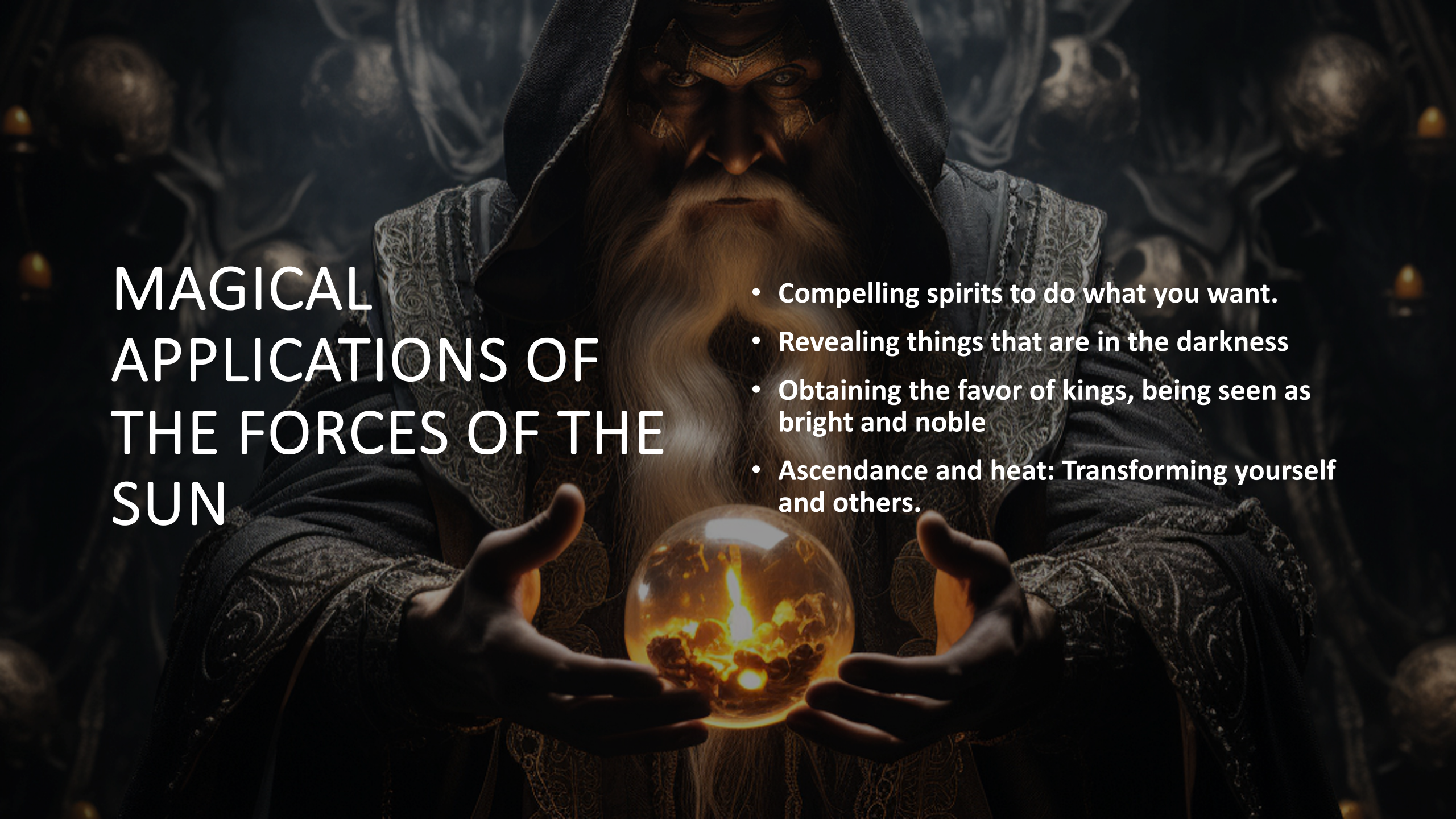
- Source of heat, warmth
- Transformational powers of the Sun
- Alchemy





SUMMARIZING THE QUALITIES OF THE SPHERE OF THE SUN

- In summary, the Sun represents:
 - Light/Truth
 - Life
 - Transformation



MAGICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE FORCES OF THE SUN

- Compelling spirits to do what you want.
- Revealing things that are in the darkness
- Obtaining the favor of kings, being seen as bright and noble
- Ascendance and heat: Transforming yourself and others.



SORCEROUS PATH: CHANGING THE MATERIAL WORLD

- The practical magic of the sphere of the Sun is awesome.
- The most obvious things you can use it for are revealing the hidden secrets
- We can also use it to enliven things.
- We can use the powers of the Sun to transform situations, bearing in mind that it will always purify and reveal things, making a situation better because the negative things that were false are burnt away, or dissolved utterly.
- Obtaining wealth is always a thing I think people should do. I get that everyone isn't money motivated, but a lot of the darkness in this world comes from people wanting money. Having money gets rid of a whole lot of reasons to do bad things, and if you can get past greed, you're in the clear.
- Solar wealth magic is about revealing your inner nobility to others so they can reward you. I once did a solar rite for my business, and I lost my job, forcing me to focus on growing my business. It worked, but it didn't do what I wanted at all. I wanted less stress, I got what I thought would bring it.
- The forces of the sphere of the Sun were good, and helpful, and did what I said, but they were also dumb, and followed the shortest way to get what they thought I needed to have what I wanted. This is how I learned to ask for what I want, how I want it, and not for the things that I think will get me what I want.
- This really is the sphere of uncomplication. Simplify things, and it's solar shiny bright.

Powers of the Pentacles of the Key of Solomon

- By reviewing the things you can do with the pentacles from the Key of Solomon, we can see how magicians have worked with The Sun in the 16th century, and get some ideas about how we can apply that to our own lives.
- What to expect when you do the practical magic of the sphere
- Expect quick results that are clear and unmistakeable. The things of this sphere are not mistakeable for things of other spheres. It is unsubtle. It is bright.
- Expect people to like you, a lot. They will see the potential for good in you, and will help set you up so that you can thrive. The bad part of this is that you still have to have the merit they see in you in order to be able to thrive, to take advantage of the opportunity you've been given.
- The good part is that if you let them, they will help you obtain, develop, and reveal the noble qualities of your self that warrant the positive attention they bring to your efforts.



Pentacles of Solomon

- The first pentacle of the Sun.-- The countenance of Shaddai the almighty, at whose aspect all creatures obey, and the angelic spirits do reverence on bended knees.
- The second pentacle of the Sun.-- This pentacle, and the preceding and following, belong to the nature of the Sun. They serve to repress the pride and arrogance of the solar spirits, which are altogether proud and arrogant by their nature.
- The third pentacle of the Sun.-- This serveth in addition (to the effects of the two preceding) to acquire kingdom and empire, to inflict loss, and to acquire renown and glory, especially through the name of God, Tetragrammaton, which therein is twelve times contained.
- The fourth pentacle of the Sun.-- This serveth to enable thee to see the spirits when they appear invisible unto those who invoke them; because, when thou hast uncovered it, they will immediately appear visible.
- The fifth pentacle of the Sun.-- It serveth to invoke those spirits who can transport thee from one place unto another, over a long distance and in short time.
- The sixth pentacle of the Sun.-- It serveth excellently for the operation of invisibility, when correctly made.
- The seventh and last pentacle of the Sun.-- If any be by chance imprisoned or detained in fetters of iron, at the presence of this pentacle, which should be engraved in Gold on the day and hour of the Sun, he will be immediately delivered and set at liberty.

A person wearing a brown hooded robe is walking away from the viewer on a sandy, uneven path. In the background, a hazy, golden-brown cityscape with tall, spire-like buildings is visible under a warm, sunset-like sky. The overall tone is contemplative and spiritual.

DEVOTIONAL PATH

- Tiphareth Initiation
- Abramelin/HGA stuff
- Tantra Enlightenment is not Solar Enlightenment, unless the Tantras are fibbing.
- Creating the Philosopher's Stone, and healing the World
- In other words, after enlightenment, you know how to fix what's wrong with people. You can cure melancholy, and point people to the patterns and resources that bring you health and prosperity.
- It's the hardest part. It's the dissolution of the ego, so that you can re-emerge. It looks like your life is going to shit, but it's beautiful. It's cleansing, it's empowering. Every part of you that ruins everything is going to burn, and you're going to be left alone, in a scorched land, smelling like smoke, a little shell shocked, but in one of the most fertile soils you'll ever find yourself in.
- Gets better
- But there is a secret about this sphere that is not mentioned by most people.
- You don't have to be perfect, or enlightened, or compassionate to be empowered in this sphere. You don't have to be broken of your false pride and reduced to rock bottom to rebuild your life from scratch, just to be initiated into the sphere of the Sun. That's for transformational things, it's great for healing from trauma and whatnot, though not particularly pleasant in the short term.
- But you can be empowered to command things into the light, to coerce spirits of darkness, and to heal the unbalanced just fine without becoming a saint. You can become good without becoming something false.



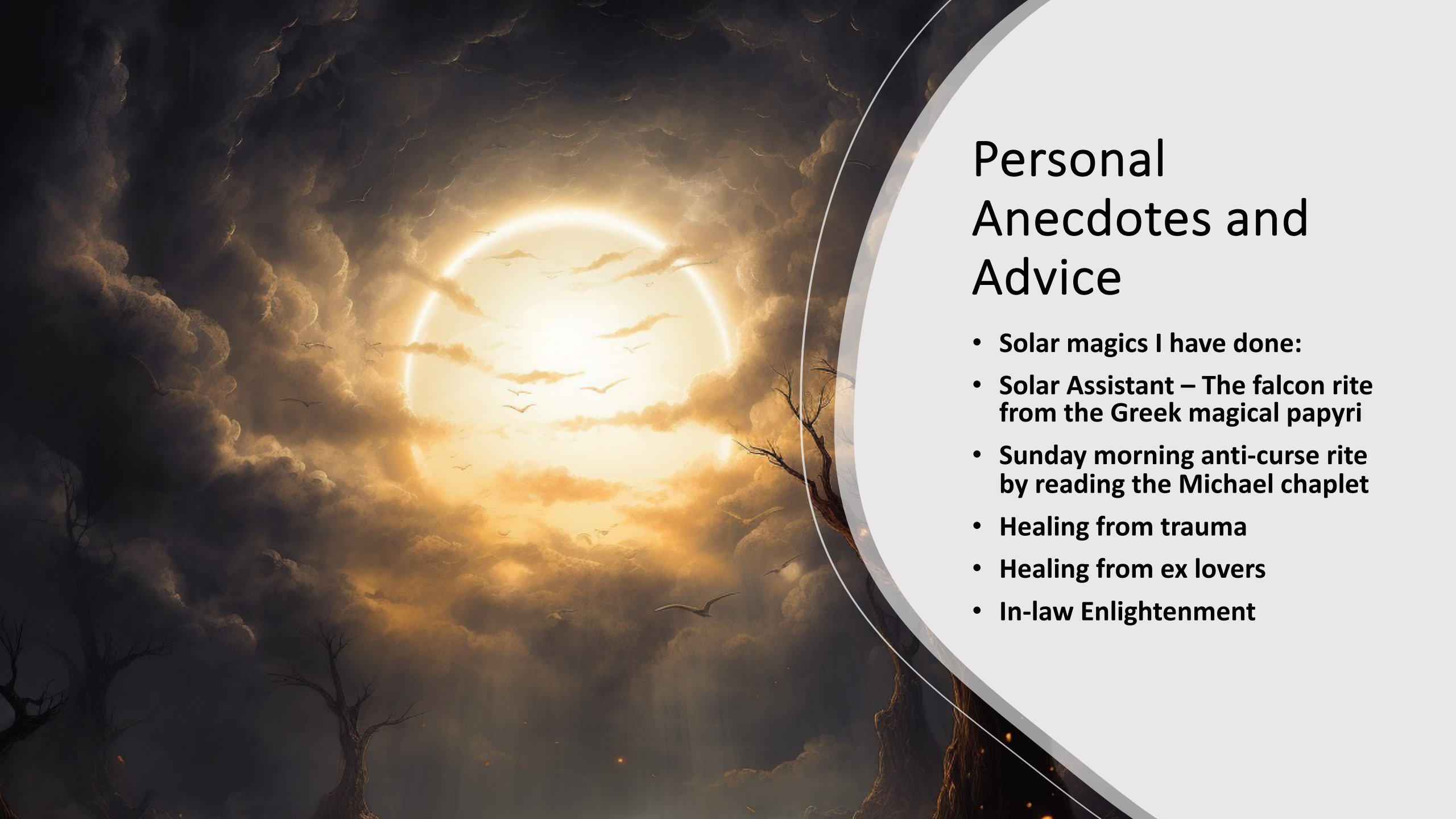
Initiations into the Sphere of the Sun

- Performing the Seven Spheres initiation into the Sphere of Saturn is a simple and easy way to get the forces of the sphere flowing in a relatively safe way.
- Conjure the archangel, read the orphic hymn, and then ask the intelligence of the sphere to initiate you into the sphere.
- Ask it to do so in a way that brings you the positive attributes of the sphere, and causing no harm to others.



What to expect when you do the devotional magic

- The elimination of falsehoods
- The growth of your reputation and your responsibilities, and commensurate skills
- Clarity of vision, a better understanding of how you fit in
- More authority at work and play
- **Sunday Services – Do a solar rite once a week**
- **Solar chakra meditations**
- **Liber Resh**



Personal Anecdotes and Advice

- **Solar magics I have done:**
- **Solar Assistant – The falcon rite from the Greek magical papyri**
- **Sunday morning anti-curse rite by reading the Michael chaplet**
- **Healing from trauma**
- **Healing from ex lovers**
- **In-law Enlightenment**

THE SUN IN OUR EXPERIENCED WORLD



In the Human

- Body
- Part of the Body – The Sun rules over the brain, heart, the thigh, the marrow, the right eye, and the spirit; also the tongue, the mouth, and the rest of the Organs of the senses, as well internall as externall; also the hands, feet, legs, nerves, and the power of imagination
 - Ten parts intrinsic of man. – Heart
- Hole in the head attributed to the planet (there are seven) – Right Eye





Inner World

- Emotions – victory and courage;
- Inner Sense – Seeing
- Amongst tastes – that which is quick, with a sweetness
- Spirit o Part of your Soul – the Vital:
- Divine Gift – By the Sun, nobility of mind, perspicuity of imagination, the nature of knowledge and opinion, maturity, counsell, zeal, light of justice, reason and judgement distinguishing right from wrong, purging light from the darkness of ignorance, the glory of truth found out, and charity the Queen of all vertues



Actions and dispositions

- Solary are honourable, and couragious [courageous] gestures, and countenances: also walkings abroad, bending of the knee, as of one honoring a King with one knee.
- countenance – The Sun makes a man of a tauny [tawny] colour, betwixt yellow and black, dasht [dashed] with red, of a short stature, yet of a handsome body, without much hair, and curld, of yellow eyes, wise, faithfull, desirous of praise.



CONJURING THE SPIRITS OF THE SUN

- In the following section, we'll discuss the lore, symbols, and methods of conjuring the entities of this sphere.
- Hierarchies for Conjunction
- I work with three "classes" of spirits in my magic, Gods, Intelligences, and Spirits.
- Gods are the deities and represent the parts of the planet that rule and govern the forces.
- I refer to the entities that think, inspire, direct, and manage the forces of the planet as the "Intelligences" of the planet. These are lower than the gods in authority, but are also their main manager of the forces.
- The Spirits are the laborers and the workers, the craftsman of the material world that make it run and hum.

Conjuration Tech

- **Incense**

- We make a suffumigation for the Sun in this manner, viz. of Saffron, Amber-gryse [=ambergris],¹ Musk, Lignum-aloes, Lignum-balsaim [lignum balsam], the fruit of the Laurell, Cloves, Myrrh, and Frankincense, all which being bruised, and mixt in such a proportion as may make a sweet odour, must be incorporated with the brain of an Eagle, or the blood of a white Cock, after the manner of Pils [pills], or Trochisks [troches].



Phrases for your Statements of Intent

- The Sun is called Phæbus, Diespiter [Dispater], Apollo, Titan, Pean [Paian], Phanes, Horus, Osiris, as it is in that Oracle,

*The Sun, Osyris [Osiris], Dionysus gay,
Apollo, Horus, King ruling the day
Who changeth times, who giveth winds and rain,
The King of Stars, and the immortall flame.*

- He is called also Arcitenens, burning fiery, golden flaming, radiating, of a fiery hair, of a golden hair, the eye of the world, Lucifer, seeing all things, ruling all things, the creator of light, the King of Stars, the great Lord, good, fortunate, honest, pure, prudent, intelligent, wise, shining over the whole world, governing, and vivifying all bodies that have a soul, the prince of the world keeping all the Stars under himself, the light of all the Stars, darkening, burning, overcoming their vertue by his approach, yet by his light and splendor giving light and splendor to all things: in the night he is called Dionysius, but in the day Apollo, as if driving away evill things. Therefore the Athenians called him Alexicacon, and Homer Vlioni, i.e. the driver away of evil things. He is also called Phæbus from his beauty and brightness, and Vulcan from his fiery violence, because the force thereof consists of many fires. He is also called the Sun, because he contains the light of all the Stars: hence he is called by the Assyrians ܐܕܕܐ Adad, which signifies only, and by the Hebrews שֶׁשֶׁשׁ Schemesch, which signifies proper.





Helios' epithets included:

- ἡλέκτωρ (ēléktōr, “beaming, radiant”)
- ἐλευθέριος (eleuthérios, “liberator”)
- πανόπτης (panóptēs, “all-seeing”)
- σωτήρ (sōtér, “savior”)
- φοῖβος (phoîbos, “bright”)—an epithet shared with Apollo, with whom Helios was sometimes identified.



Hymn of the sphere

The Fumigation from Frankinsence and Manna.

Hear golden Titan, whose eternal eye with broad survey, illumines all the sky.

Self-born, unwearied in diffusing light, and to all eyes the mirrour of delight:

Lord of the seasons, with thy fiery car and leaping coursers, beaming light from far:

With thy right hand the source of morning light, and with thy left the father of the night.

Agile and vig'rous, venerable Sun, fiery and bright around the heav'ns you run.

Foe to the wicked, but the good man's guide, o'er all his steps propitious you preside:

With various founding, golden lyre, 'tis mine to fill the world with harmony divine.

Father of ages, guide of prosp'rous deeds, the world's commander, borne by lucid steeds,

Immortal Jove [Zeus], all-searching, bearing light, source of existence, pure and fiery bright

Bearer of fruit, almighty lord of years, agil and warm, whom ev'ry pow'r reveres.

Great eye of Nature and the starry skies, doom'd with immortal flames to set and rise

Dispensing justice, lover of the stream, the world's great despot, and o'er all supreme.

Faithful defender, and the eye of right, of steeds the ruler, and of life the light:

With founding whip four fiery steeds you guide, when in the car of day you glorious ride.

Propitious on these mystic labours shine, and bless thy suppliants with a life divine.



Spirits for Ceremonialists

- From Book 3, Chapter x:
- The sixt [sixth] name is *Eloha*, or a name of four letters, joyned [joined] with *Vaudahat*, his numeration is *Tiphereth*, that is apparel, beauty, glory, pleasure, and signifieth the tree of life, and hath his influence through the order of vertues [virtues], which the Hebrews call *Malachim*, that is Angels into the spere [sphere] of the Sun, giving brightness and life to it, and from thence producing mettals [metals]; his particular intelligence is *Raphael*, who was the Ruler of *Isaac* and *Toby* the younger, and the Angel *Peliel*, ruler of *Jacob* [Jacob].
- Ceremonialists have identified the following aspects that can be used in conjure rites:
- The method of working with these spirits is to call on the God of the Sphere to empower you and send his Archangel of the Choir to attend your instructions and empower the spirits of the material world to manifest what you want.

God Names and Archangels of the Spheres:

- God: Eloah
- Choir: Virtues
- Archangel: Michael
- Terrestrial Spirits:
 - Shemeshiel, Paimoniah, Rekhodiah, and Malkhiel.
- Seal of the Terrestrial Spirits:



Tables of the Planets: the Sun

- Chap. xxii. Of the tables of the Planets, their virtues, forms, and what Divine names, Intelligences, and Spirits are set over them.
- The fourth table is of the Sun, and is made of a square of six, and contains thirty six numbers, whereof six in every side, and Diameter, produce 111, and the sum of all is 666. There are over it divine names with an Intelligency to what is good, with spirit to what is evil, and out of it is drawn Characters of the Sun, and the spirits thereof. This being engraven on a Golden plate with the Sun being fortunate, renders him that wears it to be renowned, amiable, acceptable, potent in all his works, and equals a man to Kings, and Princes, elevating him to high fortunes, inabling to do whatsoever he pleaseth: but with an unfortunate Sun, it makes a tyrant, and a man to be proud, ambitious, unsatisfiable, and to have an ill ending. To Conjure:
- God Name: אלה Eloה
- Intelligence: Nachiel, The Intelligence of the Sun. נכיאל
- Spirit: Sorath, The spirit of the Sun. סורת



How Solar Spirits may appear in crystals

- Images of the Astrological Talismans
- You can engrave the following images on various stones to get the results described. I include them for reference in case you want to use the imagery in creating your own talismans, or to draw the forces of the spheres.
- From the operations of the Sun, they made an Image at the hour of the Sun, the first face of Leo ascending with the Sun, the forme of which was a king crowned, sitting in a chair, having a Raven in his bosom, and under his feet a Globe; he is cloathed in Saffron coloured cloathes [clothes];
- They report that this Image rendreth men invincible, and honorable, and helps to bring their businesses to a good end, and to drive away vain dreams; also to be prevalent against feavers [fevers], and the plague; and they made it in a Balanite stone or a Rubin, at the hour of the Sun, when it in his exaltation fortunately ascendeth;
- They made another Image of the Sun in a Diamond, at the hour of the Sun, it ascending in his exaltation; the figure of which was a woman crowned with the gesture of one dancing and laughing, standing in a Chariot drawn with four horses, having in her right hand a looking glass, or buckler [clypeum], in the left a staffe, leaning on her breast, carrying a flame of fire on her head;
- They report that this Image rendreth a man fortunate and rich, and beloved of all; and they made this Image, on a Corneoll stone at the hour of the Sun ascending in the first face of Leo, against Lunatick passions which proceed from the combustion of the Moon.

