

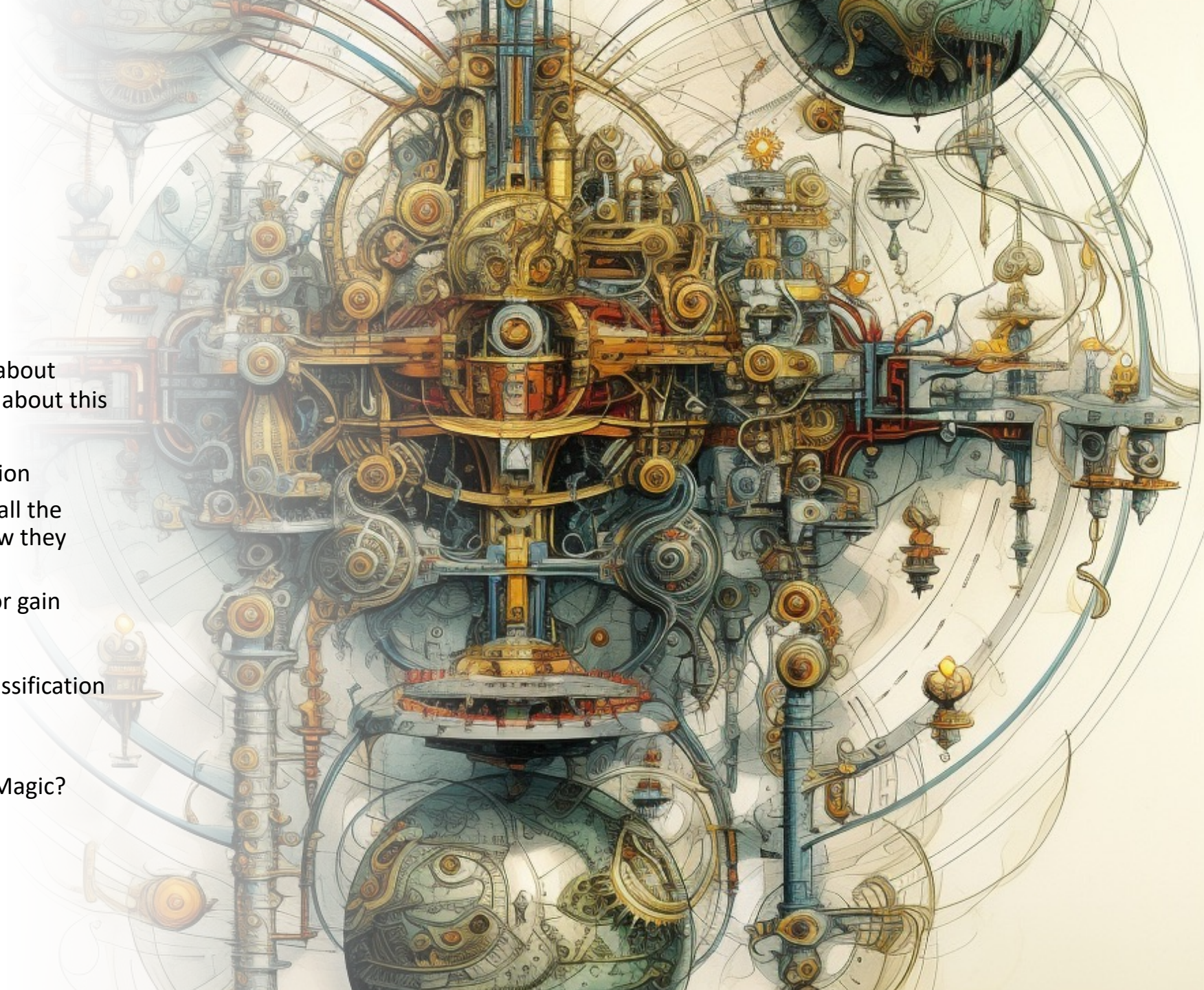


Principles of Planetary Magic: Mercury

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Intro

- Huge subject, could go on for hours about mercury and not cover all the things about this amazing planet.
- Mercury on the Chain of Manifestation
 - Mingling of the parts, putting all the things in columns, but also how they relate and what they do
 - Systems and how they work for gain
- Occult properties of Planet Mercury
 - Mind/Air/Intellect/Sorting/Classification/Wit
 - Speed – The Flash
 - Hermes the God of Hermetic Magic?



Hermes - Messenger of the gods

- "He [Hermes] fastened on his ankle-wings, grasped in his fist the wand that charms to sleep, put on his magic cap, and thus arrayed Jove's [Zeus'] son [Hermes] sprang from his father's citadel down to earth."
- Angelos, carries our messages, carries the offerings, blessings, troubles, etc. He delivers.
- God of the underworld, guide of the dead
 - Older guide, guardian of crossroads, guide to spirits of the underworld
- Teacher of ecstatic mysteries



Birth of the God, youth

- Zeus and Maia
- Thief of cows
- Shepherd
- Rustic Musics

Hermes in the war

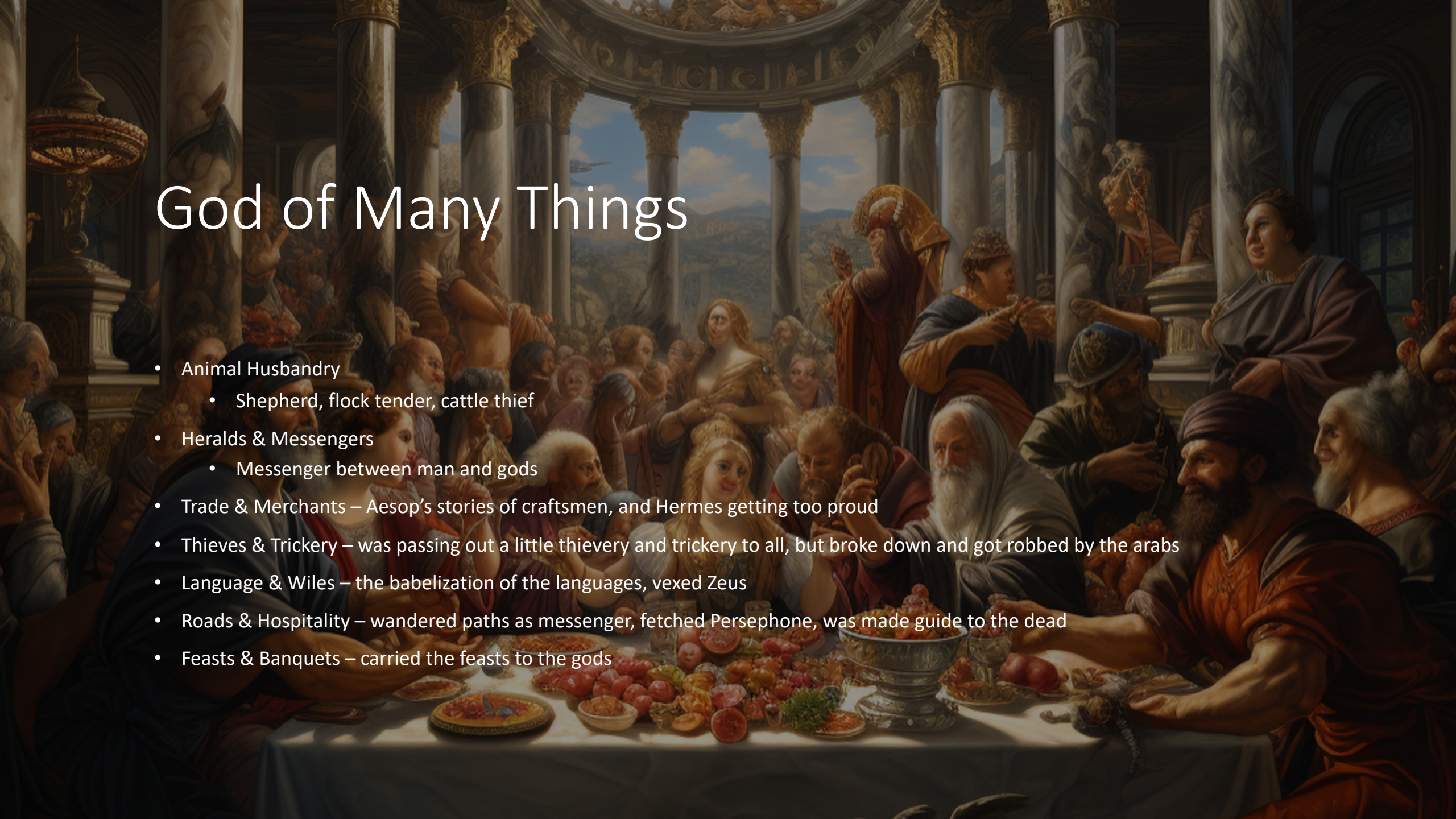
- Defeated the hundred-eyed giant guarding io, getting the title Argeioptes
 - "[Io the love of Zeus was transformed into a cow to hide her from Hera :] Hera demanded the cow from Zeus, and assigned Argos Panoptes as its guard . . . Argos tied the cow to an olive tree in the grove of the Mykenians. Zeus instructed Hermes to steal her, and Hermes, unable to sneak her out because Hierax had told on him, killed Argos with a stone. From this came Hermes' surname Argeiphontes."
- When the Gigantes (Giants) made war on Heaven, Hermes fought in the ensuing battle and slew the Gigante Hippolytos with his golden sword. He was frequently depicted wielding his sword against this Gigante in ancient depictions of the battle.
- Hermes saves ares from the giants in gigantomachy
- Went to troy, would have had to fight leto, left and said she could tell everyone she beat him
- Saved zeus after defeated by typhon





Lover of Aphrodite

- Stolen slipper, zeus as wingman
- Hermes at the hephaestos scandal
- ‘Hermes messenger (diaktoros), giver of blessings (dotor heaon), son of Zeus (Dios huios), would you be content to be chained as fast if then you could lie abed with golden Aphrodite?’
- And messenger (diaktoros) Argeiphontes (Radiant One) answered him : ‘O Lord Apollon of darting arrows--would that it might be so! Though desperate chains in thrice that number were to enclose me round--though all you gods were to have full sight of me, and all the goddesses too--I would even then choose to lie with golden Aphrodite.’
- So said Hermes, and laughter arose among the immortal gods."



God of Many Things

- Animal Husbandry
 - Shepherd, flock tender, cattle thief
- Heralds & Messengers
 - Messenger between man and gods
- Trade & Merchants – Aesop's stories of craftsmen, and Hermes getting too proud
- Thieves & Trickery – was passing out a little thievery and trickery to all, but broke down and got robbed by the arabs
- Language & Wiles – the babelization of the languages, vexed Zeus
- Roads & Hospitality – wandered paths as messenger, fetched Persephone, was made guide to the dead
- Feasts & Banquets – carried the feasts to the gods



God of Many Things (continued)

- Protector of the Home – avert thievery
- Guard Dogs – avert thievery
 - Protector of property
- Guide of the Dead – uses staff to wake them
- Sleep - staff
- Birds of Omen – heaven’s herald sent the birds
- Dreams of Omen – heaven’s herald sent the dreams, staff of sleep
- Rustic Divination – divination by stones
- Gymnasiums & Games – the test of human against human
- Rustic Music - Lyre, pan pipes
- Animal Fables – Story of Aesop, shepherd who asked for a gift of wisdom, and received the fable
- God of Magic
 - Associated with Thoth
 - Moral guide to right action and whatnot in plato



Loves

- DIVINE LOVES (GODDESSES)
- APHRODITE The goddess of love was seduced by Hermes with the help of Zeus and a stolen sandal. She bore him a son named Hermaphroditos.
- BRIMO A goddess of the underworld (probably Hekate), whose virginity was lost to Hermes on the banks of the Thessalian Lake Boibeis.
- DAEIRA An underworld goddess who mated with Hermes and bore him a daughter (or son) named Eleusis. She may be the same as Brimo mentioned above, in which case her name is probably a title for Hekate or Persephone.
- PEITHO The goddess of persuasion whom Hermes took as his bride.
- PERSEPHONE The gods Hermes, Ares, Apollon and Hephaistos all wooed Persephone before her marriage to Hades. Demeter rejected all their gifts and hid her daughter away from the company of the gods.

Qualities of the Planet

- Breathing breath lungs, mouth, voice
- Communication, vocalization, eloquence, persuasiveness, business dealings, commerce, trade, accounting houses, sales, trade, merchanting
- Deceit and changeability
- Mixture of things represents him in medieval stuff
- Genitalia and sexuality
 - Mixture of genders, hermaphrodite,
 - Lovers of men and of women
- 8th sphere, hod, intellectualism, the sorting of things, spreadsheets, rows, columns, the sorting and organizing of information





SUMMARIZING THE QUALITIES OF THE SPHERE OF MERCURY

- Communication is the key
- The struggle of people against people as shown in the gym
- The comparison of things to each other for classification purposes
- The establishment of relationship maps
- The flow of information, commerce, the exchange of money and ideas in symbol sets
- Hermetic Magic



MAGICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE FORCES OF MERCURY

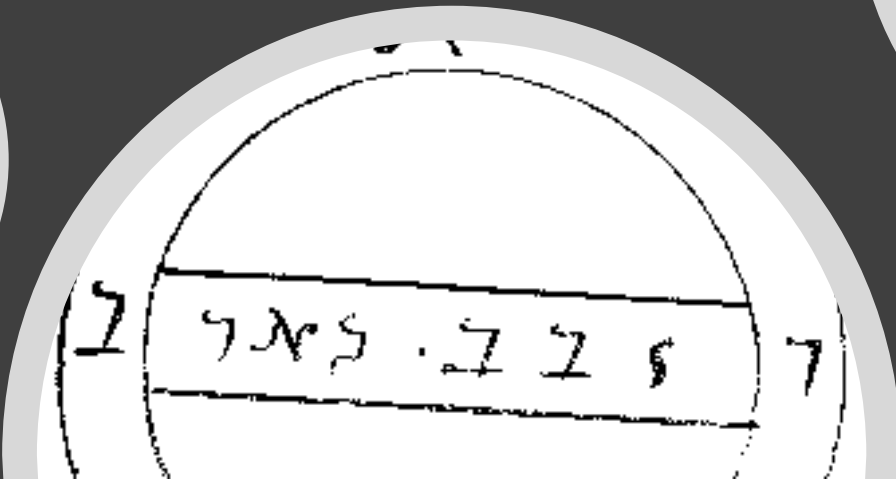
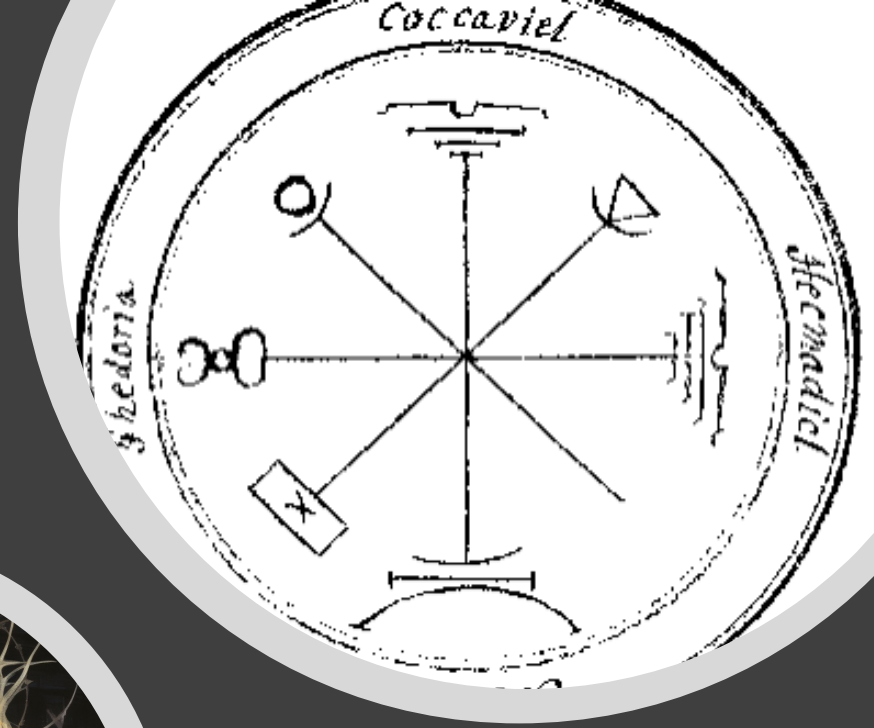
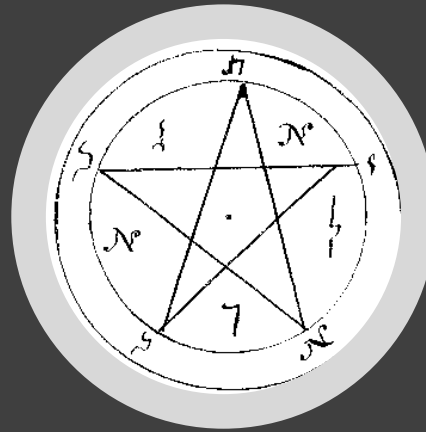
- Movement – to get things to move
- Information that causes action – Allatori get you info you need to make decisions and do business investing and risk management, diplomacy
- The Black Man at the Crossroads – Hermes Chthonios as the Underworld Deity
 - Get shades/Get rid of shades
 - Get the dead roused to do your thing/Put the dead to sleep and send them home again
- Stupid Good Luck
- Leadership to Guide Others
- Translations and communications with the other spirits
- Business – Asapstoukros spell
- Miracles
- Obstacle opening
- Home Protection
- Communications clarification with people who just don't understand



SORCEROUS PATH: CHANGING THE MATERIAL WORLD

Powers of the Pentacles of the Key of Solomon

- Invoke other spirits of the Air
- Cause miracles contrary to nature
- Allatori – for diplomats and students, and to know all things
- Open doors





What to expect when you do the practical magic of the sphere

- Leadership to Guide Others
- Translations and communications with the other spirits
- Stupid Good Luck
- Miracles
- Clearer Communications

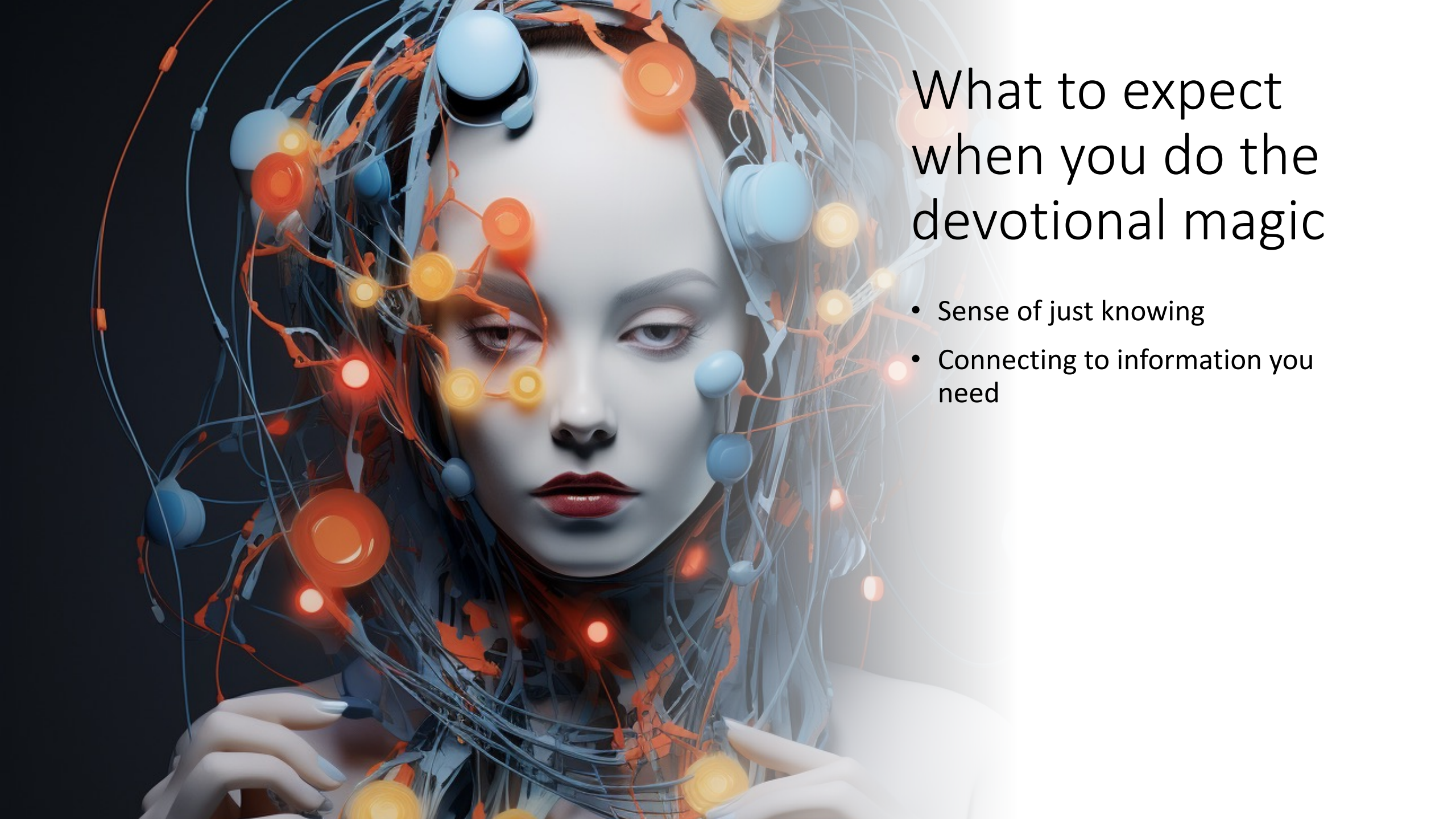
A highly detailed, futuristic space station or orbital structure is depicted, featuring a large, realistic Earth globe at its center. The station is composed of numerous metallic, golden-brown components, including pipes, panels, and structural elements, all arranged in a complex, circular pattern. Several large, blue, spherical objects, possibly representing celestial bodies or data spheres, are visible within the structure. The background is a deep blue, suggesting outer space, with some distant stars and a faint, glowing ring of light around the station. The overall aesthetic is one of advanced technology and exploration.

DEVOTIONAL PATH

A painting of a man in a blue tuxedo and top hat, with a large bird on his head, surrounded by flowers and a peacock.

Initiations into the Sphere of Mercury

- Conjunction, orphic hymn, lots of scrying
- Get information from this one



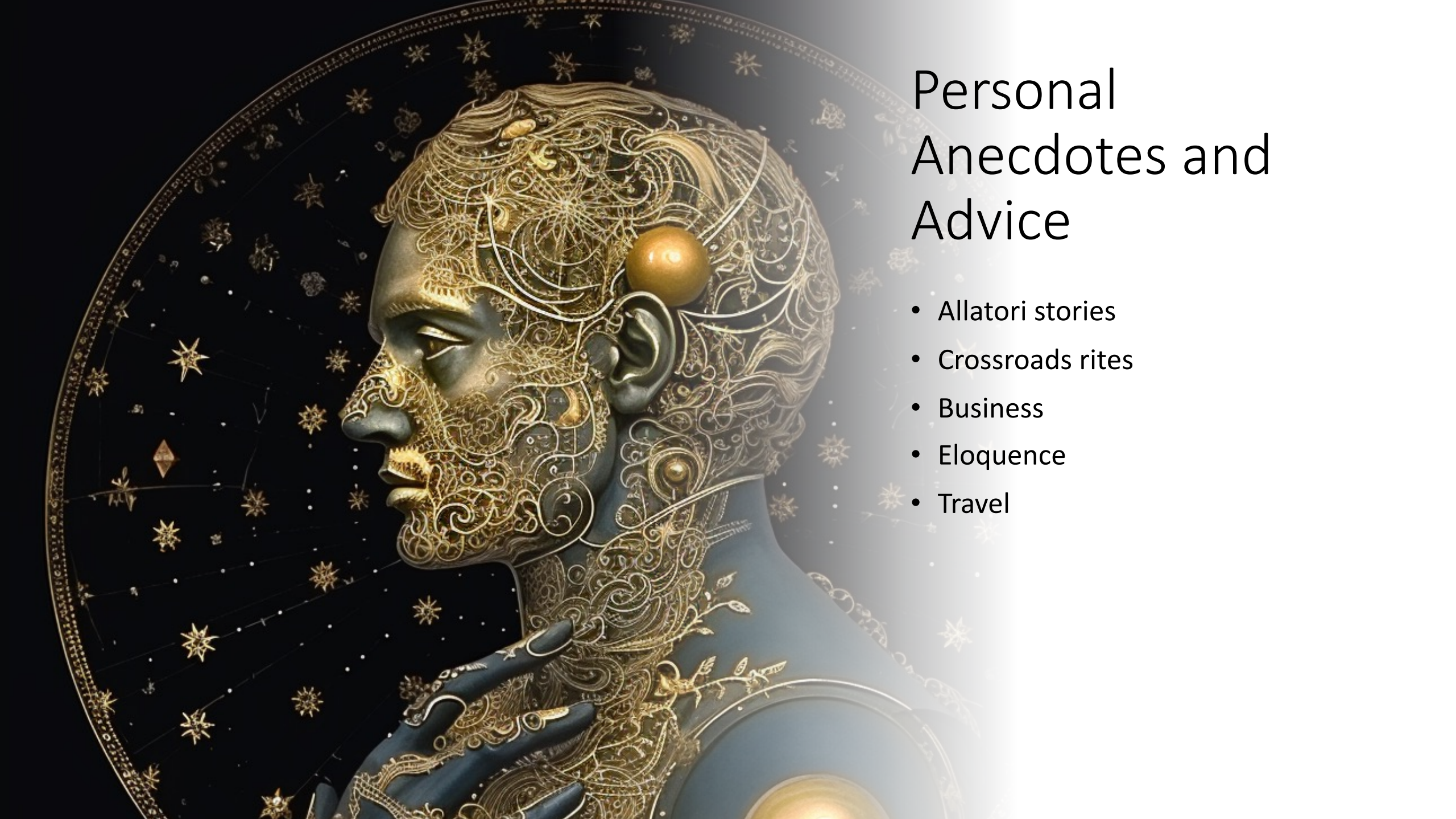
What to expect when you do the devotional magic

- Sense of just knowing
- Connecting to information you need

A woman with blonde hair, eyes closed, wearing large headphones. She is surrounded by a complex, glowing digital aura of blue and gold lines, particles, and small square icons, suggesting a connection to digital or magical energy. The background is dark on the left and fades to white on the right.

Types of devotional magic

- Regular offerings/prayers
- Prayer of Hermes



Personal Anecdotes and Advice

- Allatori stories
- Crossroads rites
- Business
- Eloquence
- Travel

In the Material World

- Water, cold, winter, the North, agility
- Water
- Aire and water
- Quick-silver, Tin, the Silver Marcasite
- amongst Stones, the Berill [beryl], Chrysolite, Emerald [emerald], Saphir [sapphire], green Jasper, Corneola [carnelian], the stone Aetites, the Lazuli [lazuli] stone, Corall, and all of a fair, various, white, and green Colour;
- their occult properties
- the Emerald [emerald], Achates [agates], red Marble, Topaze, and those which are of divers colours, and various figures naturally, & those that are artificiall, as glass, & those which have a colour mixed with yellow, and green.
- the Hazle [hazel], Five-leaved-grass, the Hearb [herb] Mercury, Fumitary, Pimpernell, Marjoram, Parsly [parsley], and such as have shorter and less leaves, being compounded of mixed natures, and divers colours.
- Seed and bark
- Man
- Animals also, that are of quick sence, ingenious, strong, inconstant, swift, and such as become easily acquainted with men, as Dogs, Apes, Foxes, Weesels [weasels], the Hart, and Mule; and all Animals that are of both sexes, and those which can change their Sex, as the Hare, Civet-Cat, and such like.
- Amongst birds, those which are naturally witty, melodious, and inconstant, as the Linet, Nightingale, Blackbird, Thrush, Lark, the Gnat-sapper, the bird Calandra, the Parret [parrot], the Pie, the Bird Ibis, the bird Porphyrio, the black Betle [beetle] with one horn.
- And amongst fish, the fish called Trochius, which goes into himself, also Pourcontrell for deceitfulness, and changeableness, and the Fork fish for its industry; the Mullet also that shakes off the bait on the hook with his taile.
- To Mercury, shops, schools, ware-houses [warehouses], Exchange for Merchants, and the like.
- White colors
- But all white, fair, curious, green, ruddy, betwixt saffron, and purple,⁶ resemble Mercury, Mercury, and the Moon.



Conjuring the Spirits of Mercury

- Incense
 - For Mercury take Mastick, Frankincense, Cloves, and the Hearb [herb] Cinquefoile, and the stone Achates, and incorporate them all with the brain of a Fox, or Weesel [weasel], and the blood of a Pie [magpie].
- Phrases for your Statements of Intent
 - the son of *Jupiter*, the cryer of the gods, the interpreter of gods, *Stilbon*, the Serpent-bearer, the rod-bearer, winged on his feet, eloquent, bringer of gain, wise, rationall robust, stout, powerfull in good and evil, the notary of Mercury, the messenger of *Jupiter*, the messenger betwixt the supernall and infernall gods, male with males, female with females, most fruitfull in both sexes; and *Lucan* calls him the Arbitrator of the gods. He is also called *Hermes i.e.* interpreter, bringing to light all obscurity, and opening those things which are most secret.



Hymns

- Hermes, draw near, and to my prayer incline, messenger of Zeus, and Maia's son divine; prefect of contests, ruler of mankind, with heart almighty, and a prudent mind. Celestial messenger of various skill, whose powerful arts could watchful Argos kill. With winged feet 'tis thine through air to course, O friend of man, and prophet of discourse; great life-supporter, to rejoice is thine in arts gymnastic, and in fraud divine. With power endued all language to explain, of care the loosener, and the source of gain. Whose hand contains of blameless peace the rod, Korykion (Corycion), blessed, profitable God. Of various speech, whose aid in works we find, and in necessities to mortal kind. Dire weapon of the tongue, which men revere, be present, Hermes, and thy suppliant hear; assist my works, conclude my life with peace, give graceful speech, and memory's increase."



Hymn2

- *Orphic Hymn 57 to Chthonian Hermes* :
"To Hermes Khthonios (Chthonian, of the Underworld), Fumigation from Storax. Hermes, I call, whom fate decrees to dwell near to Kokytos, the famed stream of Haides, and in necessity's (Ananke's) dread path, whose bourn to none that reach it ever permits return. O Bakkheios (Bacchian) Hermes, progeny divine of Dionysos, parent of the vine, and of celestial Aphrodite, Paphian queen, dark-eyelashed Goddess, of a lovely mien: who constant wanderest through the sacred seats where Haides' dread empress, Persephone, retreats; to wretched souls the leader of the way, when fate decrees, to regions void of day. Thine is the wand which causes sleep to fly, or lulls to slumberous rest the weary eye; for Persephone, through Tartaros dark and wide, gave thee for ever flowing souls to guide. Come, blessed power, the sacrifice attend, and grant thy mystics' works a happy end."



Spirits for Ceremonialists

- God: Elohim Tzabaoth
- Choir: Archangels
- Archangel: Raphael
- Terrestrial Spirits:
 - Kokaviel, Ghedoriah, Savaniah,
and Chokmahiel.
- Seal of the Terrestrial Spirits:



Images of the Astrological Talismans

- From the operations of Mercury, they made an Image at the hour of Mercury, Mercury ascending in Gemini, the form of which was an handsome young man, bearded, having in his left hand a rod in which a serpent is twyned about, in his right carrying a dart, having his feet winged; They report that this Image conferreth knowledge, eloquence, diligence in merchandizing and gain; moreover to beget peace and concord, and to cure feavers;
- They made another Image of Mercury, Mercury ascending in Virgo, for good will, wit and memory; The form of which was a man sitting upon a chaire, or riding on a Peacock, having Eagles feet, and on his head a crest, and in his left hand holding a cock or fire.

