Path of the Rose Syllabus

A series of pathworkings by Sefriel Salem
inspired by the Grimoire of Armadel
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This syllabus will also provide a guide book for those joining the course mid-way, and will help with reflecting upon previous pathworkings.

It is heavily recommended that a diary is kept of these experiences, in order to get the most out of the visions and guidance given by the spirits met throughout the journey of the Path of the Rose.
The Astral Temple & The Elemental Plane of Earth
Sunday 19th April 2015 - 1.00pm

The introductory lesson will involve creation of the First Characters, the practice of an Astral Temple, and the first pathworking to the Elemental Plane of Earth.

We will begin by creating or furnishing an Astral Temple, and then continuing into visionary magick by undertaking pathworkings. As we journey to the elemental plane of Earth, we will use the Divine Name of “Adonai Ha Aretz”, and this Tattwa:

![Tattwa Image]

The First Characters must be drawn upon Virgin Parchment in the hour of the Sun on a Sunday; in this session we will work from 2.20pm as the hour falls from 14:18 to 15:28.

Should you be joining us after the introductory session, you may work this out for yourself by visiting the Planetary Hours page on the Lunarium website, at www.lunarium.co.uk - a most useful tool for magicians and occultists. We will make the lamen of the First Characters available to those who book.

![First Characters Image]

This week’s homework will be to visit your astral temple, attempt another visit to the plane of Earth, and to affix your lamen to a pendent for ease of wearing.
Walking in the Forest of Uriel

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Uriel

with
Sefriel Salem

Sunday 19th April 2015 - 2.30pm

Working with the Archangel Uriel

The Archangel Uriel is known throughout all Abrahamic cultures, and his name means “The Fire of God”. He is classically associated with the element of Earth, and the planet Uranus. Uriel is known for facilitating sudden, large changes which have been brewing for a while. He is associated with the Tarot trump XVI, the Tower, and brings the force and power one would expect of such an office. His domain also encompasses the deep unconscious mind, which moves unseen as do tectonic plates until that great change manifests.

As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

URIEL is a Spirit who did reveal unto the Prophet Esdras every description of Prophesy, he did also aid the Children of Israel in the Camp of the Babylonians. He teacheth natural Sciences, Physic, and Medicine.

Working with the Seal of Uriel

In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Uriel. While we may encounter Uriel on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

In this Sigil the faculties of the Mind and Understanding are purified, and these also in such a manner that they may be exalted from the lowest degree unto that which is most perfect of all. By the which composition also there can be a transmission made of the participating Power or that power of communication of the comprehension of Spirits.

In the context of this working, “the faculties of the Mind and Understanding” refers to our unconscious, unbidden thoughts which can detract from our closeness to the Divine, and how to repurpose our minds to better approach Divinity. We will focus on raising our consciousness using the energy of Uriel’s realm, to better communicate with the spirits we encounter as we progress, and better understand the Divine spark within ourselves.
Washing in the Waters of Gabriel

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Gabriel

with

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Tuesday 26th May 2015 - 7.30pm

Working with the Archangel Gabriel

The Archangel Gabriel is known throughout all Abrahamic cultures, and his name means “God is my strength.” He is classically associated with the element of Water, and the Moon in the Chaldean system. Gabriel has a great capacity to increase psychic and magical awareness, and to teach the understanding of dreams and symbols to those who petition him earnestly and humbly. He is also the Archangel who delivered the Qabala to humanity, and teaches the mysteries of the Divine.

As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

> **GABRIEL** is a Spirit who did teach unto the Prophet Elijah all the Mysteries of Divinity. He is to be invoked on a Thursday before Daybreak. His Power is very Great, and he can do you great good, in the which he will instruct you.

Working with the Seal of Gabriel

In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Gabriel. While we may encounter Gabriel on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

> In this Sigil there be taught the Methods of restoring and transplanting both health and mental force.

In the context of this working, “Methods of restoring and transplanting both health and mental force” refers to building up our capabilities on the astral plane, making sure we can withstand the rigours of pathworking and how to bring those benefits back with us to the manifest plane. We will focus on strengthening our Body of Light using the energy within Gabriel’s realm, and then channeling that energy back to our physical bodies. This will be an important capability to develop, and we will draw on these lessons as we venture further into the realms of the Archangels.
Building Bridges with Raphael

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Raphael

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Tuesday 23rd June 2015 - 7.30pm

Working with the Archangel Raphael
The Archangel Raphael is known throughout all Abrahamic cultures, and his name means “God has healed.” He is classically associated with the element of Air, and the planet Mercury in the Chaldean system. Raphael has a great capacity to heal and protect, and to teach the art of healing and protection to those who petition him earnestly and humbly.

It is recommended that you have fasted before contacting this Archangel, and are pure of body and mind. I leave it to you how best to interpret that! As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

*RAPHAEL is a Spirit of Science who did teach unto Solomon Knowledge and Wisdom. He is to be invoked on a Sunday before Sunrise. Thou must be both pure and chaste when thou dost invoke him, and thou must have fasted on the previous eve.*

Working with the Seal of Raphael
In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Raphael. While we may encounter Raphael on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

*In this Sigil is taught the manner of joining Actives and Passives together the one unto the other, in natural things.*

In the context of this working, “joining Actives and Passives together” refers to bringing our subconscious selves, our “higher self” or “Holy Guardian Angel”, into contact with our waking conscious selves. We will attempt to find a representation of our higher selves within Raphael’s domain, and begin the process of making that crucial connection which brings a new level of ability within our personal practice.

This angel will have many things to teach us, and we will meet him or her again in subsequent pathworkings. By working with the angel, we can develop a much stronger connection with the Divine and bring about powerful changes in our lives.
Sowing Seeds with Thavael

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Thavael

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Tuesday 21st July 2015 - 7.30pm

Working with the Archangel Thavael

The Archangel Thavael is a less well-known angel, and his name means “the Cross of God.” He is only found in this Grimoire, but is closely associated with the Tree of Life. Thavael has a great capacity to protect the faithful, as he did Jesus and his parents under Herod. According to the Grimoire, writing the letters INRI in ginger on a person’s forehead under the auspices of Thavael will preserve them from sudden death.

As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

This Spirit had a particular care of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was he who conducted the Holy Virgin and Saint Joseph into Egypt when they were fleeing from the persecution of Herod. He giveth unto us a perfect knowledge of all the simples and their virtues.

Working with the Seal of Thavael

In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Thavael. While we may encounter Thavael on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

In this Sigil is taught the planting or the sowing of the Seed of Plants, the comprehension of virtue; there are also (herein) taught the manners of flowering as regardeth Plants, and also those inspirations of virtue and grace which be as it were the fundamental plants of the Qabalistical ART.

In the context of this working, “the planting or the sowing of the Seed of Plants, the comprehension of virtue;” refers to specific operations performed by the angelic spirits we have been building relationships with in their domain. We will be travelling to the domain of Thavael, making a pilgrimage to the Tree sacred to him, and performing this same action, so that we may take the seed of wisdom into our lives, and enrich our understanding of the Divine in nature and in ourselves.
Shadowing Shepherds with Zadkaiel

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Zadkaiel

with

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Tuesday 18th August 2015 - 7.30pm

Working with the Archangel Zadkaiel

The Archangel Zadkaiel is known mainly in Kabbalistic and Western Mystery traditions, and his name means “the Righteousness of God.” He is classically associated with the Sephira Chesed or Mercy, and the planet Jupiter in the Chaldean system. Zadkaiel is known as an angel of Mercy, sometimes named as the angel who stayed Abraham’s hand. He marches into battle behind Michael, bearing the standard with Iophael, one of his lieutenants.

Zadkaiel is a high-ranking Archangel, and as such one should always act in a professional manner when making his contact. As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

\[ \text{ZADKIEL will teach unto you all the Sciences Active and Passive, with a remarkable facility, with all honesty and courtesy, together with every kind of benediction. They who avail themselves hereof will possess all things in content.} \]

Working with the Seal of Zadkaiel

In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Zadkaiel. While we may encounter Zadkaiel on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

\[ \text{In this Sigil is taught the method of joining together Actives & Passives, or in everything the manner of modesty & grace. In the which Numbers the Lord God doth sanctify these Planets, so that they may work marvels, & as it were portents, through such Numerations.} \]

In the context of this working, “joining together Actives and Passives” again refers to bringing our “Holy Guardian Angel” into contact with our waking conscious selves, in a more refined fashion this time - with “modesty and grace”. The Grace is a particularly important word, as Zadkaiel’s operation is in Chesed, the sphere of Jupiter. This Divine Grace will be important to manifest true and lasting results in our lives.
Reaping the Harvest with Samael

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Samael

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Tuesday 15th September 2015 - 7.30pm

Working with the Archangel Samael

The Archangel Samael appears in mystical texts in many forms, from the Angel of Death to Satan himself. He is generally agreed as ruling the Fifth Heaven, the planet Mars, and taking the soul from Man at the time of his death. Samael is a very powerful angel, and should not be approached lightly. His function is fundamental to the continuation of Existence, and as such one of the interpretations of his name is “the Machine of God.” As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

SAMAEL is the Spirit who did never abandon Saint John during the time in which he dwelled in the desert before his preaching. He is the protector of preachers in Missions among foreign nations. He teacheth Theology.

This is to say that the only certainty in life is Death, and even when completely alone Samael will visit eventually. This has distinct links to other traditions who have personalised Death.

Working with the Seal of Samael

In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Samael. While we may encounter Samael on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

In this Sigil is taught the harvest of the Plants of Blessedness, and such harvests; ...of the which the Lord God did make use from the Beginning, and preserved (the same) for the production of all creatures, and also in what manner such souls be produced (and come forth)

The Plants prepared previously with fruit from the Tree of Thavael are now ripe, and ready for harvest. This will have great revelations of mysteries concerning the life cycle of all the souls of the Earth, including Man, which we will meditate upon before our final pathworking to the Palace of Michael. Take good note of all the information you receive on this journey, and be prepared to call upon the angel for aid in any situations you are not comfortable with.
Perfecting the Palace of Michael

Pathworking through the Greater Seal of Michael

with

Sefriel Salem

Tuesday 20th October 2015 - 7.30pm

Working with the Archangel Michael

The Archangel Michael is known throughout all Abrahamic cultures, and his name means “Who is like unto God?” He is classically associated with the element of Fire, and the Sun in the Chaldean system. Michael is known for his zeal and righteousness; as well as casting down unfaithful angels he also raises up those who truly seek the Divine and petition him for aid. Michael leads the hosts of Heaven, and is patron Saint to many vocations which require bravery and self-sacrifice. His domain deals with the very running of the Universe itself, and the protection of all Kingdoms.

As we will be working with the Grimoire of Armadel, this is the description of the Archangel found therein:

*MICHAEL is a Spirit who guided the Prophet Elisha in all his actions. He is the Protector of all Kingdoms. After God Himself, he is almost all-powerful as regardeth those who perform his Invocation.*

Working with the Seal of Michael

In this pathworking, we will be journeying into the spiritual domain of the Archangel Michael. While we may encounter Michael on our path, that is not our goal. What we can expect to learn is summarised by the following passage from Liber Armadel again:

*In this Sigil is taught how there may be formed a certain composite thing by means of which the faculties and vital Spirits [exist] as well in Man as in other creatures, according to what is necessary for and convenable unto them.*

In the context of the working, “*a certain composite thing by means of which the faculties and vital Spirits exist … in Man*” refers to the integration of our conscious selves with our Holy Guardian Angel, which we encountered earlier in this course.

We will be meeting this spirit again, and will use the energy of Michael’s domain to bring our angel’s companionship and aid into our daily lives. As a result, we shall gain strength and protection from Michael as we continue our lives in a more spiritual fashion.
About Sefriiel Salem

Sef Salem has been working magick across ceremonial and sorcerous disciplines for a decade and a half, and gives regular lectures and workshops for groups including the Pagan Federation and Ordo Templi Orientis.

Moving away from running groups such as the Gentlemen for Jupiter and Calix Sanctus Oasis O.T.O. in 2014, Sef has concentrated on his two open-access projects:

The Occult Conference
www.occultconference.co.uk

Taking on the mantle after 2013’s event, Sef and his team brought a fresh perspective to the Occult Conference held in Glastonbury on the Spring Equinox. Drawing representative from five major magical Traditions to give lectures and workshops, the new format was a huge success.

Tickets are now on sale for this year’s event: Weapons of the Gods, investigating Divination, Protection, Invocation, Evocation, and Visualisation across three venues in Glastonbury. In the evening, there is always a party, so the Bacchanal Ball will delight and thrill with a costume competition and our occult DJ.

The Visible College
www.visiblecollege.co.uk

Launched in Summer 2014, The Visible College adopts a “guerilla events” approach to bringing occultists together, beginning with lectures in Bristol over the summer, and Tarot & Tipple nights in the George & Pilgrim every Thursday.

Our first large event last October went very well, and so TVC is back for the Spring Equinox. The Spring Session will provide a look at the Sorcery of Social Change, and help magicians, pagans, and occultists to engage with our world and really make change happen about the things we care about. Come and see.