Ascending to the Gods

A Theurgic Path of Divine Union

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Theurgy

• Deity Work & Invocation
• Context & Origins
• Method & Path
• Result & Benefits

The problem with Ascent
The Engine of Theurgy

- Invocation
- v. Evocation

Willed ingestion of Divine Eternal Objects in the becoming of the invoking subject
Preparation, Approach & Union

• Preparation
  – Education, Purification, Tonification

• Approach
  – Method, & Varieties
  – Successful Strategies

• Union & After
  – Intensity of possession
  – Level of materiality
  – Success and its benefits
Education

• Liberal Arts
  – General arts and sciences (Homer & Aristotle)

• Philosophy
  – Having a theory of world and self and method is an improvement over its absence
  – Having a map guides practice

• Priestcraft
Purification

- Physical
- Moral
- Economic

*Purification as refinement*
Purification-Iamblichian

Indeed, of catharsis, one must conceive its most useful aspects to be:

1. withdrawal from alien things;
2. restoration of one’s own essence;
3. perfection;
4. fullness;
5. independence;
6. ascent to the creative cause;
7. conjunction of parts with wholes; and
8. contribution from the wholes to the parts of power, life, activity, and similar things.

*De Anima*, 43, *Stob. I*, 455, 25-456, 4, Shaw tr., formatting and numbers added
Tonification

- Strengthening, Charging
- Kneading the Clay
- Photogogia
Approach

- Many rites
- Regular practice
- Establish Altars
- Continuous attention
- Mobil practice
- Offerings, praise & prayer
- Tantric Yanas & Liber Astarte
ASTARTE vel Liber BERYLLI
sub figura CLXXV

Let the Philosophus prepare a powerful Invocation of the particular Deity according to his Ingenium.

But let it consist of these several parts:
First, an Imprecation, as of a slave unto his Lord.
Second, an Oath, as of a vassal to his Liege.
Third, a Memorial, as of a child to his Parent.
Fourth, an Orison, as of a Priest unto his God.
Fifth, a Colloquy, as of a Brother with his Brother.
Sixth, a Conjuration, as to a Friend with his Friend.
Seventh, a Madrigal, as of a Lover to his Mistress.

And mark well that the first should be of awe, the second of fealty, the third of dependence, the fourth of adoration, the fifth of confidence, the sixth of comradeship, the seventh of passion.
Union & After

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Why Union?

- Divine Experience as Qualia
  - Immediate, not Theory, not Report
  - Unspeakable: *arreton*
- No Doubt (more Questions)
Intensity of possession

Iamblichan spectrum of possession

From the faintest inspiration to juggling red hot iron
Degrees of Union

- Illumination
- Projects
- Unspeakable Oneness
Level of Materiality

Deity = Offering = Benefit

Matter
Action-Speech-Energy
Thought

Calibrating your Ascent
Tantric Dimensions of Union

- Outer, Inner & Secret (or Inmost)
- Body, Speech (or Energy), & Mind
Iamblichus’ Taxonomy of Epiphanies

- Deity
- Archangel
- Daemon / Angel
- Hero
- Soul

- Henadic
- Noetic
- Noeric
- Celestial
- Terrestrial
Strategies

• Serial invocations of diminishing materiality
• The Solar Strategy
• Holy Guardian Angel/Personal Daemon
• Theosis, Noesis, & Henosis
After Success:
Demiurgic Mimesis or Wielding Power

4 powers

After Ascent:
Join the Administration
Thank you!

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