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### **A message from the Editor, Jonathan Ludd**

Welcome to our third issue of Baphomet Lodge Newsletter, we have seen Beltane come and pass us by with delight, as the shadows of the future begin to reveal themselves to and through us. It is on this note that I pass sincere thanks to all of you whom participated in our High-Magic rituals during the course of the festival and for the Coven in the evening – A great time was had by all, as we passed our thoughts and energy to those who could not be with us on this very special day and evening. During the last couple of weeks Huntingdon Preceptory has seen the installation of Reverend Christian Bates and Reverend Janis Oulfkih into their Twenty-Seventh Degree and have successfully become 'Watchers of the Temple' – so congratulations to them both, as they continue ever onward upon the path.

We have further seen two new Hattin Lodge members from the United Kingdom and welcome both Sharon and Harry with open arms. I am certain that Janis will take great care in guiding them both through their degrees to reach their highest potential in time. So a great month ahead of us as we make preparations for the launch of new advertising in publications and reflect upon the years of establishing this great family of people.

### **Dreaming the Dark; Dreaming the Light**

To celebrate the high Sabbat of Beltane/Hidden Knowledge

Where do we go to dream the Dark and the Light? To crack the illusion of the human heart?

Who do we ask and what do we do, When the knowledge we seek is known just by a few?

How do we cross the Divine Divide to awaken our powers, free the spirit inside?

The Lady waits under the Perfumed Tree; in silence she has waited for eternity.

She knows not of time; she knows not of space; silently watches and steadfastly waits.

Her enigmatic smile and her blossoms of white allure and entice to open our hearts.

Her musky odour and scents of the night, invites us in for the very last dance.

We are drugged by our sins as she spins us around and around,

Will we fail to see her clues on the ground?

Can we chant her words that will open the veil as she spins us around in a far greater game?

With her knowledge of black and her knowledge of white she can bestow great truths on this night of nights.

But don't be deceived by the allure of desire, the trappings of flesh and her beautiful attire.

With the sun and the moon and the star in fusion we can dance the dance of human union,

We can draw down the stars from the Lady's eyes; we can raise the power from deep inside.

With purity and innocence and a greater love, she will allow us our dance, our moment of glory.

For from beginning to end she has written our story;

She can let us drown under the Perfumed Tree in the musky odour of our own desires;

Caught in an illusion, trapped in a web, still spinning, still dancing yet totally dead.

When her blossoms fade and the world turns green, when the frenzy of white combines with the dark.

When lust turns to love and innocence reigns; when this fleeting life is shown as a dream.

Who will we turn to; what will we do?

Will we know where to find her?

Will she want us to?

So go down in the odour of the scents of the flesh

For in this merry dawn your destiny rests.

Only a few will resist the pull, will cleanse the soul in the heat of the flame.

Only a few will face the dawn, will see and smell the Sacred Union.

So feel the thrust of her sword as it pierces your heart

And go dance the dance of the Light and the Dark.

Janis (Craft Tutor) May 2009





### **Sacred Herb craft within the Lodge**

From the beginning of time mankind has always forged a close working relationship with the plants of this earthly plane. For example many references to herbs and plants are to be found on the early clay tablets and pottery discovered in ancient Sumeria and the Bible too is full of many references to the use of plants, unguents and oils. And so it is no different within the Lodges today as the magical herb craft taught stems, as well as other sources, from this very ancient, often hidden knowledge.

After the challenges of the first few degrees, of morality and virtue and of knowing thyself, the student thus journeys on to the study of spell craft, seal workings, candle magic, crystal healing and to the understanding of herbs themselves and how they fit into our existence here on earth. From a general pagan perspective one may wonder what else there is to know about herbs and their use in magic? Most pagans will probably have been using herbs in a ritual, healing and magical context. However, the Lodge teachings take the student to a very different and higher level of understanding. Each student will be given precise information on the use of each sacred herb from a physical and a magical perspective. Further teachings come in the form of the connection to the sacred energies of this planet, of the numerology associated with each herb and of the connection to the energies of the universe itself. The student, once enlightened as to the magical and healing usage of plants, will in time and with dedication become a practitioner of sacred herb craft.

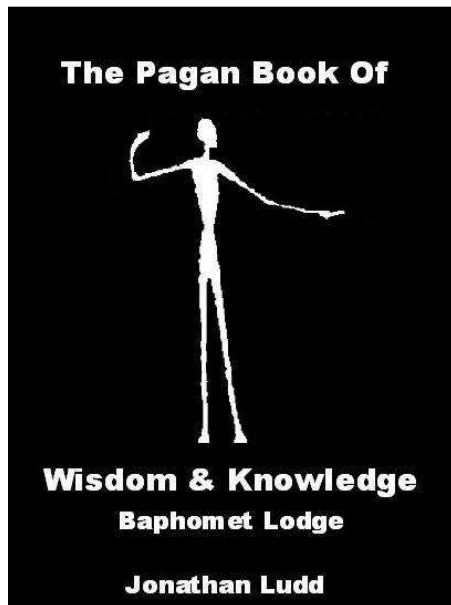
Each herb connects to a sacred stone, a deity, and a planet and to specific locations/energy alignment of the Earth. By using combinations of all these properties in a ritual and higher magical context the student is taught how to access sacred energies for their selves, for magical use and for the healing of others too. More importantly they are taught about the connection of mankind to the universe that can only be accessed via these specific combinations of plants and stones. In time each student is taught how to open the doors of perception within themselves in order to attain higher levels of consciousness and awareness and the opening of the veil.

The actual method of teaching is very, very different from anything that most students have been taught before or have been aware of before and seeing and doing certainly believes. No more so than in respect of the use of magically charged potions for healings. If anyone was ever in any doubt about this path, then to see how these potions really do work, will dispel all doubts completely. The ancient peoples of this planet knew much that has long been buried and forgotten, but now this knowledge is at last finding its way into the light again and is now within human grasp.

### **News and Views from Su.endal & Hattin Lodge – May 2009**

***“What mysteries do they long to tell,  
What secrets truths their scents unlock  
Within our mind where magic dwells? ”***

During April I was very happy to gain the registration of a new student into Hattin Lodge and I wish her Craft journey to be a journey of joy and Light and am greatly looking forward to tutoring her. Hattin Lodge (the International Lodge) was set up to enable students unable physically get to a lodge, to be assigned with a personal tutor, thus receiving 'one to one' tuition and guidance at all times. Please feel free to contact me if you are at all drawn to this path, I will be happy to answer your questions.



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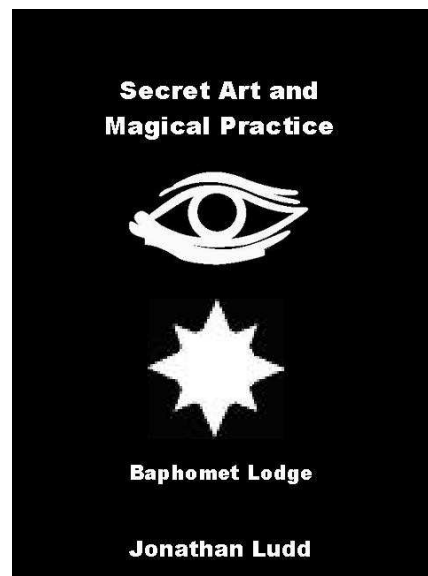
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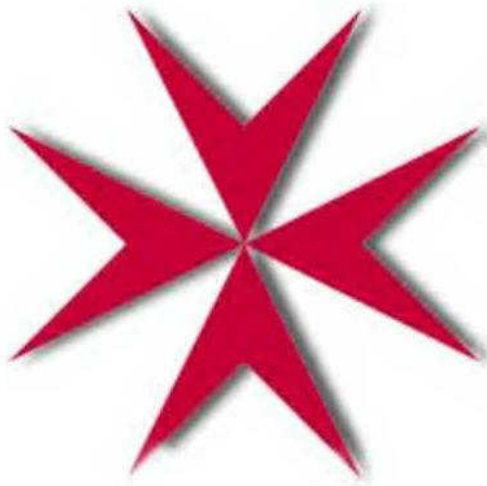
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We have both 'physical' and 'virtual' Lodges that welcome all to their doors, no matter whom (or what) you are. We strive to recognise all religions, all values, and cultures, and more importantly; all people (both male and female). It is our mission to ensure that the world evolves to a 'one-world' spirituality, so to bring peace throughout every region in the precious world that we are privileged to live within. Please take some time to browse through our website, and if you think that Baphomet Lodge is for you, we welcome your contact. Our Lodge Priests are as follows:

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### The Seven Alka Antam Principles

1. Reveal the common threads that unite all religions to create peace, love, tolerance and understanding between the religions, and to know that we are all One.
2. Reveal the links between all the religions and that many of them originated in the same places, such as the Motherlands of Lemuria, and they therefore have the same heritage.
3. Reveal that many religions began as pure spirituality before being clouded over by hierarchal dogmatic teachings.
4. Follow spirituality as an experience of the heart, with purification and conscious transformation uniting male and female polarities, to activate the inner divine wisdom.
5. Teach that our Path is of the original Goddess Path of the Divine, brought to this plain thousands of years ago, and known by many names across many religions and traditions.
6. Teach that there are many paths to purification and transformation. That we teach hundreds of paths that culminates in gnosis.
7. Understand that when enough people have opened their hearts to experience spirituality, only then will all dogmas be dissolved, and then a one-world spiritual tradition will unfold.