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Chants, Words & Your Ancestor Altar

There are different ways to use, different tools, which aide us with our connection to our Ancestors (Ancient or more recent!). In the next few weeks, we will explore different ways to connect...and it may even spark new ideas to do this too!!

As always, it's about what resonates for **YOU** and I can't stress this enough.....try it, and if it doesn't work for you, then try something different! It could just be that something doesn't work for you now, but may work for you in the future, or not! So, you can always go back and try a method another time :) No rules...remember!!? :D

So, this week we are exploring different Chants, Words and how to set up your Ancestor Altar :)

There are a few Chants out there in YouTube land which you can have a look at and learn - experiment with how you chant/sing them....what works for you!? On the next page is a list of the links and the words to the chants :) The list is by no means exhaustive, it just gives you an idea of what to look for! You can even create your own chants!!

Enjoy!!!





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Chants (links and words)

Cauldron of Changes

Cauldron of Changes, Feather on the bone. Ark of Eternity, Ring Around the Stone.

We are the Old People, We are the New People.

We are the Same People, Wiser than before. Repeat chant

Sacred Ancestors Chant

Sacred ancestors come to me

Sacred ancestors who love me

Sacred ancestors come to me

Sacred ancestors, please help me

All my mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and relations too

Who had love me for always I keep the light for you

Ancestor Chant

In my blood, in my bones, I hear your voice, I hear your call

Ancestors dance with me, Ancestors chant with me

I hear your voice, I hear your call

Ancestors Shining Ones Chant

Ancestors, shining ones, guide us with your wisdom

Ancestors, shining ones, ones who've gone before

Ancestors, shining ones, may the gate be open

Ancestors, shining ones, join us at the door



Chants (links and words)

Mother of Darkness Chant

Mother of Darkness, Mother of Light
Earth beneath us, Soul in flight
Songs of love and love of life
Guide us to our heart

Refrain

We all come from the goddess, and to her we shall return
Like a drop of rain, flowing to the ocean

Beltaine Chant

Honoured wild hunter, Cernunnos, Cernunnos, Horned one come to us
Fertile wombed lady, Brigid, Brigid, Mother come to us
Cernunnos and Brigid, Come to us, come to us, God and Goddess come to us

Odin/Wodan Chant

Wodanaz, Wodanaz,
hey-o, Wodanaz !
Wodanaz, Wodanaz,
hey-o-aah !

Calling Hekate

Trimorphis, Trioditis, Enodia Hekate



Words for Petitioning Deities

This list of words you can use is an example of how to use the power of words in your petition(s) - or request(s)

Arianrhod

Not necessarily a goddess people would usually call on for ancestor work, however, she is the goddess of Life, Death & Rebirth and her ship would carry warriors to the Other-world, so I see no reason why she can't be called!!

"I invoke you, Arianrhod! Goddess of Life, Death and Rebirth, Priestess of the Moon!

My gratitude I do show, as in life and spirit I work to progress and grow!

Weave for me my tapestry of my Ancestors' wisdom and knowledge

So I may stand upon their shoulders to see the way ahead!

I thank you, Mother of Light

That all I have, and shall receive

Is all I shall ever want or need!"

Gaia

The Earth, our Mother, from whence we came and to whom we return and are reborn!

"Gracious goddess Gaia! Mother of everything! At this time of Beltaine [or Samhain],

We mark the passing of all who have gone before! And all who shall come after!

We honour their knowledge, wisdom and guidance!

Gaia! You are us and we are you! You who give us life!

You who sustain that life, then embrace us in Death!

We are one!"



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Words for Petitioning Deities

Arawn

(Welsh) Celtic god of the Underworld - King of the Fae and leader of the Wilde Hunt at Beltaine and Samhain!

“Leader of the Wilde Hunt! Gywn App Nudd! God Arawn!

Lord of the Underworld! King of the Fae!

At this time of Beltaine [or Samhain] we mark the passing of our Ancestors, near and far!

As we honour those who came before us, those whom you have guided,

We give you thanks for your blessings!

Arawn! May your Cauldron sustain us, your abundance nourish us! We are one!”

General Goddess Petition for thanking Ancestors

“I am [name goes here] and I stand before you Isis, Astarte, Diana, Hekate, Demeter, Kali, Innana, Ishtar, Brighid, Shakti, Lunar, Gaia, Arianrhod, Boudica!

Mothers of the Ancient people! Guardians of those who walked the Earth eons past!

We bring offerings of gratitude for the strength and wisdom, inspiration and harmony you have bestowed upon me! Blessed Be!”

Ancestors Petition

This could be used in a ritual or just when you visit your Ancestor altar :)

“The Ancients have come! Here with me stand!

Wherever the country, wherever the land

They leave me not to travel alone, flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone!

Grandmothers, Grandfathers, friends passed, Great be their power!

Passed ones, and present, at this very hour!

Welcome within are the dead of my kin



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Words for Petitioning Deities

Join here with me and rest within!

My hearth is your hearth and welcome to thee!

Old tales to tell, new visions to see!

Hail and welcome!

Hekate Petition

“Hekate! Crone goddess! Grandmother of the Dark Moon!

Guardian of the threshold and of the crossroads!

You who stand in grace at the veil! And who holds the key to all knowledge!

Hold high your lantern to share your light with us, at this time of Beltaine [Samhain],

We mark the passing of our Ancestors, near and far,

And honour their knowledge and wisdom!

Hail and Welcome!

Odin

Another psychopomp Deity (one who leads the dead to the Otherworld)

“Odin! Allfather! God of gods and of war!

Guardian of ravens, wolves the spear and the Valnoot!

Master of Magick and of mystery! Shamen and poet!

Leader of the Wilde Hunt! Lord of Asgard!

Our Ancient Ancestors you have seen, and guided to the place in dreams

In Valhalla the ones we love live on - wine, beer, food and song!

We honour their passing and give thanks for their wisdom!

Allfather bless us! We bid you Hail and Welcome!



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Songs (links and words)

Walpurgisnacht

In den Abendhimmel steigen
Heute Nacht die Zauberweisen,
Wildes Volk und Liliths Art,
Lauernd Winde heimlich fährt.

Lasst uns zu den Feuern streifen,
Raunend nach den Sternen greifen,
Gutes und auch böses Wort
Tragen wir heut fort und fort.

In den Weiden werden unsere Träume klingen
Und die Winde werden unsre Lieder singen.
Lasst uns mit den Funken übers Feuer springen,
In der Walpurgisnacht!

Hört die Geigen, hört die Geigen,
Die Feuer sind entfacht!
Folgt dem Reigen, folgt dem Reigen
In der Walpurgisnacht.

Ungestüm im Spiel der Geigen
Dreht sich unser nächtlich' Reigen
Und wir treten wild und frei
Diesem alten Zauber bei.



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Songs (links and words)

Einmal nur im großen Kreise
Tanzen wir auf jene Weise,
Bis das erste Morgenlicht
Unser Traumgewebe bricht.

In den Weiden werden unsere Träume klingen
Und die Winde werden unsre Lieder singen.
Lasst uns mit den Funken übers Feuer springen,
In der Walpurgisnacht!

Hört die Geigen, hört die Geigen,
Die Feuer sind entfacht!
Folgt dem Reigen, folgt dem Reigen
In der Walpurgisnacht.

Hymn To Herne

You can say your prayers, work your rites
burn your little candles day and night
you can shimmy 'til dawn to the pounding drums
but you best be ready when the Horned One comes, yeah
If you wake to the sound of a hunting horn,
dance a ring in the gathering storm.
If the Solstice time gets your panties in a wad,
it's just the coming of the Horned God

chorus



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Songs (links and words)

He will call you out, make you sweat,
give you a blessing that you'll never forget.
So revel in the chase and let your heartbeat run:
Blessed are the children of the Horned One!

Hunter who tracks outside of time,
guardian lord of ancient rhyme,
brother stag in the musky glen
and consort of the Goddess in her woodland den,
we call you forth as we make our way,
walking in your power every day.
Guide us true in our hunt this night
and maybe even later in the Great Rite!

chorus

If you wake to the sound of a hunting horn
dance a ring in
the gathering storm
revel in the chase and let your heartbeat run
but you'd best be ready, little one!
You'd best be ready when the Horned One comes!

chorus



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Songs (links and words)

Helvegen

Kven skal synge meg
i daudsvevna slynge meg
når eg helvegen går
og dei spora eg trår
er kalde så kalde,

Eg songane søkte
Eg songane sende
då den djupaste brunni
gav meg dråpar så ramme
av Valfaders pant

Alt veit eg Odin
kvar du auge løynde

Kven skal synge meg
i daudsvevna slynge meg
når eg helvegen går
og dei spora eg trår
er kalde så kalde

Årle ell i dagars hell
enn veit ravnen om eg fell



Songs (links and words)

Når du ved helgrindi stár
og når laus deg má rive
skal eg fylgje deg
yver gjallarbrui med min song

Du blir laust frá banda som bind deg
Du er løyst frá banda som batt deg

"Deyr fé,
deyja frændr,
deyr sjalfr it sama,
en orðstírr
deyr aldregi,
hveim er sér góðan getr.

Deyr fé,
deyja frændr,
deyr sjalfr it sama,
ek veit einn,
at aldrei deyr:
dómr um dauðan hvern."

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Your Ancestor Altar

So, lastly (but by no means least), I'd like to say a couple of words around creating your Ancestor Altar :)

As with anything Witchy, please remember there are NO RULES!! No rules, no rules!! I can give you guidelines, the rest is up to you!! :)

Now, your Ancestor Altar (should you choose to make one), will absolutely be 100% personal to you! There's no right or wrong here, ok!?: :)

For me and Ian, our Ancestors Altar focuses around photos, because that's what we have, so work with what you've got! ALWAYS!! Lol We also have personal items which belonged to relatives who have passed, so that's an option too :)

Skulls - they are resin and easily obtained via Ebay/Amazon, we also have stones & bits of wood from Ancient sites we have visited ;) A large piece of a Yew branch and a small Oak tree branch. There are two small glass containers for food/drink offerings, candle holder, container for burning incense and we sometimes add fairy lights too!

Add what feels right for you to your Altar, if it resonates, do it!! And enjoy it!! :) xxx

