

IRON PENTACLE SERIES

In the Name of Passion

Part 5

This week is a time for returning to the Vessel which simultaneously hold, carries and *is* your Passion. We created a symbolic representation of that vessel in visualized-meditative space. But, the truth is: You are the Vessel!

Knowing this, look again at the beautiful representation of your Self combined with Passion, Pride, Power and Sex that you created in the Eye of your mind. See its strength and fragility, beauty and practicality. Notice that form and function follow one another in unending cycles.

Ask yourself, honestly, what it is you need to do in order to ground, sustain, develop and carry forth your Passion into the world(s). Check with each of the Iron Pentacle Points for answers. How do each of your Souls need to be upheld, honored, trusted and sustained? What does your body require? Your environment? We understand, now, that Passion without precision is chaos. Let us be sure that knowledge carries over into wise and loving action toward ourselves.

Witches are Passionate! We will have many True Passions in our lives. Some of them will be so great they will occupy us for years. Others may be fleeting--changing us deeply, even if only entertained a short while. Bless them all. Treat each as the precious gift it is, while taking great care to hold each with respect and care so it does not slip into obsession, addiction, compulsion, neurosis (aka: chaos).

Whether your True Passion during this round of Iron Pentacle Work is to follow your bliss as a healer, musician, performer, writer, dreamer or parent, know that even these True Passions are but expressions of the great truth and passion that

is *you*. Each of us is a reflection of the Star Goddess--She who's impulse to create was/is/will be expressed in the Passion of stars and planets, churning seas and sighing lovers; circling moons and the howling of wolves; the swirling patterns of galaxy, nautilus shell and the cochlea of the human ear.

Here are some prayer/practices/visualizations to help you as you integrate the powerful work you've done over the past 5 weeks. Of course, repeat them often, weaving the magic of Passion around yourself like a velvet cloak. Repeat them often, until they reveal their layered meanings to you. Repeat them often, until they become your Truth.

1.

*I am the Working, I am the Work
Mine is the honor, the power, the glory
Mine is the love, the pride and the story
I am the Working and I am the Work
For I am the honor, the power, the glory.*
(Karina B. Heart, 2008)

2.

*Who is this flower above me?
What is the Passion of this God?
I trust myself in all my parts.
I honor myself in all my parts.*
(Say/visualize/be as you send Ha during Soul Alignment.
Karina B. Heart, 2004)

3.

Passion without precision is chaos.
(Victor H. Anderson)

4.

I am the Goddess' beloved.

(Francesca De Grandis)

5.

Now I walk in beauty

Beauty is beside me

Beauty is within me

Beauty is before me

Beauty is behind me

Above and Below me.

(Traditional Navaho song. In that Tradition, "beauty" is defined as wholeness)

TO DO:

1. Go back to the Five Questions you answered at the beginning of the 5 week intensive. Answer those questions again. You can compare your current and past answers, if you like.

2. Take your beautiful jar of honey to the river and offer it to Oshun. When the honey offering was prepared, it was done with this intention. It is important for you, your magic, your passion and your relationship with Oshun to follow through on that intention. This ritual action is also symbolic of your ability to *follow through* with your Passion. On the Iron Pentacle, the Power (the ritual), connects to Passion (the purpose of the ritual), and then to Sex (the fulfillment of the ritual). From there, the energy/power lines connect to Pride (what we feel upon fulfillment) and Self (which is empowered by the magical act) and back to Power. And, so it goes. Complete the circuit by taking your honey jar to the river.

Know that you can always create a beautiful honey jar for your own altar.

3. At some point this week, light a yellow candle to give thanks and honor to yourself for doing this work! Light incense you love, put on some music that inspires you to move--have yourself a little party (it's a *ritual*) in honor of your ability to do this work even when it gave you pause. Celebrate Passion within you.

I want to thank you for participating as fully as you were able in this intensive. Teaching is a True Passion of mine and I am both honored and humbled to have the opportunity to be a Vessel for these teachings. May you know and honor your Passion. May Passion flow through you unhindered. May your Passion be a blessing to you and all who know you.

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