

IRON PENTACLE SERIES

In the Name of Power

Part 3

The witch deals in power. *Francesca De Grandis*

When the power of love replaces the love of power man will have a new name:
God.

Sri Chimnoy

If you get confused about power, remember love. *Victor Anderson*

Love is the greatest power in the universe. *Babatunde Olutunje*

Think about these quotes as you move through the week. Walk with them. Listen deeply. Ask your Godself to reveal their Truths to you. Be open to Wisdom shining through

Power Notes

Power of Life & Death

I want to talk for a moment about the Power of life and death. Knowing we are capable of killing is a must. I am not asking you to kill. I am asking you to take a broader, more liberal view of the terms when we say, "To heal or kill." Every breath I take engenders both life and death. Every meal I partake in requires something die in order that I live. When I take antibiotics, I do so knowing I am killing bacteria in life-and-death war. If the bacteria win, I die. If they die, I win.

I don't think I ever asked if you were willing to kill another person, did I? How interesting to watch, consistently, where our thoughts go.

What would you fight for? What would you die for? What would you kill for? Take the Human from the forefront of your mind and answer these questions.

We *cannot* choose not to claim the power of death. We kill ten thousand times a day. A Witch works with all things. We pray to know, honor, love, and take responsibility for all our parts. We are not outside the Laws of Nature. As such, we give life . . . and death.

Regarding resistance to the Wizard on the grounds that he seems crazy. Power can seem crazy! I watched a talented conductor work a chorus last night. He looked crazed! His bald head was bright red and dripping sweat. He crouched and sprang, pointing, demanding, and commanding those voices with his will and his body! He looked like he was having seizure. Some might have called it an act. What I saw was a man possessed by Passion which ran clean and clear into Pride.

One of the lessons I have been dealing with this week as I do this work (ya'll *know* I am doing this work right alongside you, right?) is refusing to tone it down or become small in order to accommodate the comfort, preconceptions or projections of others. I have created a life where, for the most part, I can take up as much space as I take up. I am *this big*. I am *this much*. I am *this powerful*. A way that I am stretching my Power muscles is to do more spell work than is usual for me. Each day, I have been doing candle magic, water magic and song magic for self and others. Returning to the skills I enjoy has stretched and strengthened me in surprising ways. It's *fun* to be strong/power full.

Really, I do have a point here. I am winding this back to the Wizard who is fully engaged in generating and conducting Life Force (a nice word for Power, eh?). He looks crazy because he is not diminishing himself. He is fully engaged. He is not concerned how he is perceived. We cannot be! Not when it counts! Not when we are trying to birth forth our own Magnificence! Not when the Universe is waiting for us to deliver the gifts only we are fit to carry into this world! If we are worried how we will be perceived, if we concern ourselves with how power

changes our appearance, we might as well give up. Compare to sex. Look at the faces of human beings at the point of climax! (Here's the link I said I'd provide: <http://www.beautifulagony.com/>) We appear crazed, tortured, terrified, violent, beatific, and wild.

The Wizard is in touch with his Fetch—his Wildness. The Fetch not only stores but *generates* Life Force. Do what is necessary to move past this fear of looking silly, crazy, wild, uncivilized. *Would you be a Witch?*

In the quotes at the start of this week's work, you see a couple that link Power and Love. This is where we are going. This is how, after really engaging Sex, Self, Passion, Pride and Power we find ourselves at Sex again, but this time with a new and fresh understanding of Love. If we have been working Iron Pentacle long enough, consistently enough and with enough sincerity, we may find that Sex and Love blur, or that the Sex Point actually becomes Love.

The quote from Victor, "If you are confused about Power, remember Love," is not often repeated. I wonder why that is.

I think it is because it would be easy to give up Power in the name of Love. It would be easy to confuse and conflate the two. He is not, I think, saying they are the same thing. Not at all. He is pointing the way from Power on the Iron Pentacle to Love on the Pearl. And he is, of course, pointing the way from Power on the Pearl to Love on the Pearl. The Power of Iron and that of Pearl are worlds apart and yet, they are Twins who embrace and kiss.

There is Power to (ability, capability), Power *from* (I receive power from the Sea, the sunlight, etc), Power *over* (authority, oppression), Power *with* (cooperative), Power *within* (intrinsic--which we are after).

In all of these instances, the emphasis of Talker is to pay attention to what is being done with/to/as a result of power. Still, let us stay with *being* Power

itself--developing *intrinsic* Power--the Power of the threefold spirit. The Genius, Wild and Divine in us working in tandem to BE fully human, wild and Divine takes Power.

Aligning with Power

*Who is this flower above me?
What are the Powers of this god?
I take responsibility for myself in all my parts.*

This week, continue to Align your Souls and recite the Flower Prayer as written above.

Notice your resistance. What Power are you resisting? Which responsibilities make you nervous?

Re-sacralizing the World.

This week, pay closer attention to human manifestations of Power. Like the conductor at my daughter's recital. Like the artists using breath to create glass or music or song or poetry. Really really really look for the ways in which humans engage their passion fully which then, naturally pulses through them as Power. Don't just notice, though! Give the recognition. This recognition can be done with applause, a standing ovation, a statement "That was so powerful!" Or, "You are so powerful!" Or, you can recognize with your dollars (supporting an artist—and anything produced with True Passion is Art). But, I'd rather you use your words to acknowledge the Power of your fellow humans.

Iron Pentacle. The Red Candle Spell.

It is Traditional from Gabrielle Caradoc of BloodRose but I have adapted in for my work with BlackHeart and these workshops.

You will need your red candles. You should do this ONCE per week. There are

three weeks left of class. Do this spell each week using one of the three red tapers I asked you to obtain.

Align your souls. Make Kala on whatever might be obstructing you from engaging fully in this work. Breathe Life Force *throughout* the spell so you are not drained. If we do not continuously breathe Life Force during this kind of work, the Life Force *will* be drawn from our own resources and stores—leaving us achy, head-achy, grumpy, argumentative, exhausted, too wound up, dehydrated and open to illness. So, take care of yourself and make sure you breathe mana throughout.

RED CANDLE PENTACLE EMPOWERMENT SPELL

Stand in the Star position, holding the unlit candle in your Right Hand.

See the Iron Pentacle drawn in you in red fire--at the place where the flame meets the fuel (the fuel is YOU) see the flame burn as Blue. Just a fire burns blue at its base and red at its tips.

Say aloud, with POWER--like you MEAN it! As you visualize

"By the Power of Fire, I invoke Pride!" Visualize a red Flame at your right foot/Pride Point. Illuminating that point.

"By the Power of Ether, I invoke Sex!" See violet flame at head/Sex Point.

"By the Power of Air, I invoke Self!" See yellow flame at your left hand/Self Point

"By the Power of Earth, I invoke Power!" See black flame at right hand/Power Point.

"By the Power of Water, I invoke Passion!" See blue flame at left foot/Passion Point.

Repeat the invocations at each point until you feel that you are fully charged and that the points are activated by the element/flame.

Then, run Red fire with blue base through all the points of the pentacle until the Star pulsing in you--throbbing and blurring until you are pulsing with fire.

Say, the IO Prayer (I affirm I am a living entity—etc. I include this below for those of you who do not have it)

See the pentacle in your shrink to the size of a coin--and place it at your heart.

Blow mana to Godself. Use the rain of blessing and the excess mana in your body to charge the Red Candle in your left hand. Pour the power from this rite into the candle using your will, your visualization, your breath, and your word, saying "My Power burns bright. I am Power. Mine is the Power, the Honor and the Glory. Power, I will be your Intelligence. Power. Power. Power etc. Then be SURE to say these particular words, "As this candle burns, so may the Iron Pentacle Burn Bright in Me!" Light the candle and let it burn all the way out.

Io Prayer

In the Name of Sex, Self, Passion, Pride and Power

I affirm I am a living entity

A threefold spirit with a dense physical body

My Godself is the third and highest of my three spirits

The most sound, whole and perfect part of me

We are

I am

One

(visualize your 3 spirits and 3 subtle bodies aligning and intersecting)

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