

## A Brief Discourse on Crystal Gazing (excerpt)

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The crystal stone in which celestial powers have visible appearance should be of a round globic form, or ball of clear and solid glass or thick of hollow of glass, with a little hole on the top of like form of any convenient bigness, and the same to be set in a frame, and also the glass is to be made with a stalk or shank thereof and so to be put in a socket, with a foot or pedestal to stand upright. The stone being called a Show Stone and the glass by the name of a glass receptacle.

For invocation for spiritual appearance, there shall be a wax candle on each side or a lamp behind burning and set on a table. The sign of appearance most seemeth like a veil or curtain, or some beautiful colour changing in or about the stone or glass, as a bright cloud of other pretty kind of hieroglyphical show, both strange and very beautiful to behold.

Either good or bad angels may appear and they will be known by their appearance.

The good angels are dignified powers of light and in countenance very fair, beautiful, affable, youthful, smiling, amiable and usually flaxenish or gold coloured hair, without any of the least deformity either of hairyness in the face or body or any crooked nose or ill-shaped members. Their garments or vestures without spot or blemish and always embrace the word mercy.

When they appear the gazer must say:

'Welcome to the light of the highest and welcome to the messengers of Divine grace and mercy, unto us the true servants and worshippers of ye same God, whose name be glorified both now and for ever more. Amen'

The gazer then demands: 'Are ye the same whom we have moved and called forth to visible appearance now before us by the name --- or what are ye and of what order among the blessed angels'

If it make no answer repeat the words. Then it will show forth and tell its name and thou shalt say:

'If you be as you say, In the name of Jesus, say that all wicked angels are justly condemned and by the mercy of God in the merits of Christ mankind elect is to be saved.'

Whereupon it will return a satisfactory answer and depart.

If unsatisfactory or if there be silence, then make humble request for answer to such desires and proposals, as in a certain writing is contained which ought to be in readiness with you.

Failing these, there are nine great Celestial Keys or Angelical Invocations that could be used for calling forth to visible appearance the governing angels. These are METHRATTON, RAZIEL, CASSIEL, SACHIEL, SAMAEL, MICHAEL, ANAEL, RAPHAEL, AND GABRIEL."

And if the spirit would be compelled thou shalt say the curse:

'Thou spirit, thou knowest that God doth live + Christ doth overcome + Christ doth rule in Heaven and in Earth, in Air and in ye Water and in all places. By ye truth of God, I conjure thee by the will of God. I do constrain thee by ye power and potency of our Lord. I do bid and command thee by all the holy names of God . . . Jesus ye Son of ye Virgin Mary, which shall come to judge both ye quick and ye dead and ye word of fire. Amen.

'I do commit thee into the hands of ye infernal spirits Lucifer, Deucalus, Sathan, to be tormented in fire and brimstone until thou hast done my will.'

Then let the conjurer make a cross upon the ground with Holy Oil, then kneel, command his fellow which shall bear thy work to kneel down and lay with the bare sword upon his head. Then to fasten the spirit to the crystal until licensed to depart the gazer says:

'I bind thee spirit that art appeared in this stone or crystal, that thou do not disobey my commandments but do all things for me that to thy office appertaineth and more too. I bind thee not to go away from me until I release thee. Here to remain until thou hast fulfilled all my commandments, for I will use art towards thee and nothing but art, and thou spirit therefore here stand, I charge thee in this crystal stone.'

A general curse for all spirits, both for ye stone, glass or circle. This is to be carried out by making a fire of dry cow turds, brimstone and suchlike stinking stuff and writing the spirit's name on virgin parchment and saying the curse.