

Excerpt from *Dragonflame* by Lawren Leo

Chapter 3: Lion's Tail—Goal

A Summary of Dragonflame

Lion's Tail—The goal is your desire, wish, or dream.

Unicorn's Horn—The purpose is why you want that goal or what you will do with it once you obtain it. It is where the goal is found.

Horse's Body—The sacrifice is what you are willing to let go of in order to obtain your goal.

These three principles are the embodiment of the Dragonflame philosophy. The more you use them (with harm to none), the more you will transform spiritually and refine your subtle body (the Great Work), which eventually leads to the Philosopher's Stone (enlightenment).

The Alchemy of Creation

Alchemical Explanation

The lion's tail corresponds to alchemical sulfur. In alchemy, sulfur represents our spirit or inner essence. This is the energy of desire. It is that energy that makes us want to keep living. It can take on a primal nature, one of survival, but without it there would be no life. This energy represents the alchemical experience of giving birth to a goal and realizing what we desire, thus creating a starting point. Without this starting point, no magic can be put into action.

Another way to understand alchemical sulfur is to think of it as your personality. If you were to compare your personality to an essential oil, what would it be? Spicy and sweet like

clove, wild and seductive like musk, or maybe welcoming and refreshing like lime? Trying to discern your personality helps teach you who you are. As you search, strong points will accentuate themselves, which you will be able to use in magic and other avenues of your life to achieve success.

Alchemical sulfur is composed of fire and air—two elements that can take you airborne. Imagine a hot air balloon for a moment. The fire heats the air and the balloon begins to rise. This can be an alchemical metaphor of your career taking off. On a deeper level, it can be seen as your very essence lifting your spiritual vehicle to great heights. If a hot air balloon is too slow or uncomfortable for you, replace it with an airplane. The same principle applies, air and fire, thought and desire.

On a higher level, this energy becomes more spiritual. The desire becomes strength, a potent energy force that Dragonflame helps transmute more easily, allowing us to notice that everyday struggles are spiritual and magical opportunities.

The more we work on ourselves spiritually, the closer we get to our pure essence or true will. This is what is meant by turning lead into gold, taking advantage of every opportunity that comes your way to transmute yourself into a more enlightened being leads to the Philosopher's Stone.

Visualization Exercise

Alchemy of Creation: Born of Fire

On page 00, you learned a meditation using widdershins or counterclockwise spirals for releasing energy built up during the length of a ritual or exercise. You will be using the same concept in this meditation only with the direction of the spirals reversed. The clockwise motion represents

activating energy, the “building up” or “starting your goal into motion” portion. Bringing the spiral from a broad radius out of the universe and down to a point on the earth plane represents collecting universal life force and drawing it down to the physical where you give birth to your goal. You will be vibrating or calling out the archangelic name Uriel. Uriel (pronounced Or'-ree-el) is the angel who resides over the Qabalah (see more about this on page 00) and Mother Earth. The angel's name means Fire of God, alluding to dominance over the realm of spirituality. Calling Uriel's name activates change at the highest level of spirituality and is extremely powerful. Please call this angel's name with the utmost respect. Because, when you do, you are calling on the Fire of God to be poured through your body in order to burn away all dross or that which is no longer needed.

Enter a relaxed state and begin the following guided meditation:

Imagine that you are floating in the middle of outer space. Notice all of the stars around you, flashing here and there. A desire to create, to find, and fulfill your destiny stirs inside and you feel a forward movement. There is another urge within you—a desire to know, to understand. This desire is so overwhelming it surpasses time. It is so powerful it springs forth from your spirit a mighty archangelic name. You call forth in a long, drawn out cry Ooooooortrrrrrr - reeeeeeeee - lllllll (Uriel), and begin to move quicker as you start to make your first clockwise spiral downward towards Mother Earth. You cry out again to the ends of the universe Ooooooortrrrrrr - reeeeeeeee - lllllll (Uriel), and create a second spiral breaking into the earth's atmosphere as you corkscrew downward, faster. Finally, with your last breath, you cry Uriel's name and at the same time make the third and last spiral touching ground on to the soil made fertile by Isis. Your goal has been planted. You are the seed.

Open your eyes. Log any experiences or feelings in your magic journal.

Enhancements for the Advanced Student

- Light a brown candle to the archangel Uriel and place an offering of mandrake root on your altar to her (you may either extinguish the candle with a candle snuffer or let it burn out naturally). Throw the mandrake root outside, back to Mother Earth when you are finished. Never bury wax in the earth as some books on Wicca would advise. It is bad for the environment. Instead, throw the wax in the garbage when it has cooled down completely.
- Research the archangel Uriel further.

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