

# 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.

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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).

This chapter brings the final triad of the Dragonflame philosophy into focus—goals (purpose and sacrifice being the other two). The lion's tail is associated with goal-making on Dragonflame's anatomy. One of its most important lessons is that by creating a goal, we agree to meet our destiny half way. Somehow, the act of pursuing our dream creates an energetically charged reaction from the universe. This, in turn, allows the universe to change the course of our goal for ours and anyone else's betterment touched by the ripples of our goal, thus maintaining balance. This is best explained through the analogy of Christopher Columbus's goal of finding a faster trade route to the East Indies. He set sail heading west to pursue his dream and instead accomplished another: landing in the Americas. This is further understood through the magical associations attributed to the lion's tail.

### **Astrological Sign Leo (July 23–August 22)**

The fiery astrological sign of Leo is best suited for the Lion's tail since goals are fueled by our will. Strength, confidence, and creativity are three key ingredients in goal-making, which play out in the following manner: *Strength* helps us follow through with a thought, *confidence* makes the decision making process easier, and *creativity* expands our intellect by adding color or “yin” energy to its otherwise masculine or “yang” influence.

### **Tarot Card Major Arcana XIX, The Sun**

On a subconscious level, the desire to create stirs our conscious mind into action. By studying Major Arcana XIX and utilizing the Dragonflame philosophy, we can awaken the sixth sense and pull original thought and life-changing goals directly from our inner sun.

### **The Hebrew Letter Resh**

The spiritual sun found on the tarot card Major Arcana XIX awakens the inner senses to help manipulate thoughts with greater skill. Best understood in conjunction with the Hebrew letter Resh, translating into English as “face,” this inner sun illuminates the face of our intuition and sixth sense.

### **The Egyptian God Osiris**

Although any slain and risen god or goddess may be associated with the lion's tail as found on Dragonflame, I have chosen Osiris, the Egyptian god of the dead and resurrection. The famous myth of Osiris illustrates a magical resurrection and a complete cycle and is echoed in the Dragonflame philosophy. Osiris's body was torn into fourteen pieces and scattered to the ends of

the earth by his evil brother Set (also known as Apophis in the Greek pantheon). His wife and sister, Isis, found all the body parts with exception to the phallus and, through a series of magical events, aided Osiris's resurrection, making him the god of the underworld and rebirth. Quite simply, the myth parallels the thought or creation process:

- Isis symbolically gives birth to the thought process and creates purpose (by collecting Osiris's body and aiding in the resurrection process).
- Set or Apophis represents the sacrifice(s) necessary to bring the thought process into maturity, living the extent of its life and finally dying away (the tearing apart or death of Osiris).
- Osiris represents the new and/or refined thought that takes its place (the resurrection of Osiris, less the phallus, representing a more refined state of being).

### **Alchemical Sulfur**

Alchemical sulfur represents our pure inner essence as defined as the personality. It creates desire and thus a stimulus for goal-making. Its association with the lion's tail helps us understand the primal force within us that desires and wants, enabling our will to extend forth, reaching towards our goals. It is a necessary component in magic and naturally embedded in Dragonflame's philosophy and power.

Sometimes what we want is not necessarily what is best for us. Understanding the lion's tail and goal-making process will give you the tools and knowledge necessary to stop impeding change and allow you to mold your future as beneficially as possible. Consistent use of Dragonflame's magical GPS System (Goal, Purpose, Sacrifice) will help you analyze your goals

on a deeper level, bringing to light a more profound understanding of your desires, and if they are best suited to your present needs.

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