

Magick & The Biosphere

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It's ironic that many dismiss magick as arcane superstition while reveling in contemporary notions of an interconnected biosphere. No doubt they are unaware of the link between magick and connectivity. That link is exemplified in the tables of magical relationships known as '*Correspondences*'.

Simply put, correspondences link an object with a corresponding intent. They are symbolic visual, auditory, olfactory and/or tactile catalysts designed to prompt specific psychological states in the practitioner. For the unfamiliar, correspondences appear as arbitrary lists of wishful relationships.

For example, the planet Jupiter, the color blue, cedar, expansion, Chesed on the Tree of Life, beneficence, sky deities, Thursday, the Chariot in Tarot, and luck. Such lists, for many, are "proof" that magick is little more than complicated silliness. I view them differently.

While there are dozens of such tables that vary from culture to culture, their real usefulness has been obscured by ignorance – and a lack of creative imagination. If we look at correspondences as triggers that link our intent with our reality, then we re-discover how magick is made. We transform the practice from a moldy artifact into a living technique.

That technique is in essence a technology, emotively linking us to our environment while intellectually placing us "in the moment". We stop pondering what could be, or what was. Our focus lands on what we intend – for ourselves, our relations, or our societies. We act in balance with that intent, creating a magical event. Anecdotally, that is the same mechanism underlying the effectiveness of affirmations (refer to "The Secret Behind LOA" in the Blog section).

Correspondences help us to clarify and amplify our intent. Thus I encourage you to develop your own lists. Books can guide you or inspire your imagination. Yet I believe the most effective tools are the ones with deep personal relevance. The truer your actions are, the more effective your magick is. Such has been my observation.

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