

Invocations for the Initiation of The Messenger

Orphic Hymn 27 To Hermes

(Day 1 of The Ordeal)

Hermes, draw near, and to my pray'r incline, angel of Jove, and Maia's son divine;
Studious of contests, ruler of mankind, with heart almighty, and a prudent mind.
Celestial messenger, of various skill, whose pow'rful arts could watchful Argus kill:
With winged feet, 'tis thine thro' air to course, O friend of man, and prophet of discourse:
Great life-supporter, to rejoice is thine, in arts gymnastic, and in fraud divine:
With pow'r endu'd all language to explain, of care the loos'ner, and the source of gain.
Whose hand contains of blameless peace the rod, Corucian, blessed, profitable God;
Of various speech, whose aid in works we find, and in necessities to mortals kind:
Dire weapon of the tongue, which men revere, be present, Hermes, and thy suppliant hear;
Assist my works, conclude my life with peace, give graceful speech, and me memory's increase

Orphic Hymn 56 To Terrestrial Hermes

(Day 2 of The Ordeal)

Hermes I call, whom Fate decrees to dwell in the dire path which leads to deepest hell
O Bacchic Hermes, progeny divine of Dionysius, parent of the vine,
And of celestial Venus Paphian queen, dark eye-lash'd Goddess of a lovely mien:
Who constant wand'rest thro' the sacred feats
where hell's dread empress, Proserpine], retreats;
To wretched souls the leader of the way when Fate decrees, to regions void of day:
Thine is the wand which causes sleep to fly, or lulls to slumb'rous rest the weary eye;
For Proserpine thro' Tart'rus dark and wide gave thee forever flowing souls to guide.
Come, blessed pow'r the sacrifice attend, and grant our mystic works a happy end.

Invocation of Diaktoros

(Day 3 of the Ordeal, and for any working)

I am Diaktoros,
on swift wings I fly --
silent, invisible;
no border may contain me,
for all borders are mine
and the between places as well.

I am El Nuncio

I am Psychopompos

I am The Herald

I am Diaktoros:
heed my words.

Conjuration of Diaktoros

(Day 4-42 of The Ordeal)

Iô, Diaktoros!

I call on you, Diaktoros, to come to me so I may know you.

I am **(say your name)**, the master and ruler of this domain.

I call upon you so that I may know the Servant: **(name of Servant)**

Who is known for: **(describe the Servant in your own words)**.

Iô, Diaktoros!

Bring **(name of the Servant)** forth so that I may recognize **(him/her/it)**,

And in return he/she/it will recognise us as **(his/her/their)** friend and master.

Ordeal Outline

- Day One - Orphic Hymn 27 To Hermes
- Day Two - Orphic Hymn 56 To Terrestrial Hermes
- Day Three - Invocation of Diaktoros
- Day Four - Invocation of Diaktoros, Conjunction of Diaktoros for The Adventurer
 - Day 5-42 Repeat Day Four with the next Servant (The Balancer, The Carnal, etc. skipping The Messenger as we have already established our relationship)
- Day 43 - Invocation of Diaktoros, Orphic Hymn to Terrestrial Hermes, Orphic Hymn to Hermes