

## 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