



HERMANUBIS

Offerings from this are tools for thinning the veil between our realm and that of the dead. They can be used with or without calling Hermanubis himself into your work, and you will likely find them compatible with other psychopompic and dead-oriented crossroads spirits, such as Hekate and Baron Samedi, who possess and thrive on a similar charge.

These offerings can be used to: “Wake” and call specific dead, or classes of them, help facilitate better communication between yourself and any deceased, activate an ancestral altar and get the attention of your ancestors, works of necromancy, helping a loved one navigate the death realms and get to where they need to be, achieving death gnosis and preparing for your own transition.

Side effects: Be specific with your calls and keep these items covered when not in use, because they act as attractants for any and all dead and can, in that way, cause inadvertent hauntings. You may wish to delineate boundaries in the form of a circle or across thresholds using the Natron or Asclepius salt before use, which can be mixed into larger quantities of normal salt to make it go a longer way. Make sure to dismiss whoever you called at the conclusion of the work or offering. Lingering dead and the heavy charge can be dispelled using Asclepius water and/ or incense.

In Ritual + Ancestral Work: Use the elixir and/ or incense to prime any space or ancestral/ dead altar before making your calls and giving offerings. Anoint offering plates or other items you want the dead to pay attention to. Light the candle for the duration of communications with the dead or calling psychopompic crossroads figures. Keep these items on dead related or ancestral altars. Anoint headstones, urns, or icons of those dead you are petitioning or trying to reach, likewise items you are using to scry or ask the dead to communicate through. Pair with Moon-Neptune for increased sensitivity or dream visitations from the deceased.

Self-Application: Use these offerings while meditating to achieve death-gnosis and establish comfort with one’s own mortality. Anoint before channeling the dead.

Aiding in Life-Death Transition: Anoint the body (or images/ belongings) of the dying or recently deceased, ask Hermanubis to help them navigate the process and get to their destination.

Ink: Natural, hand-made, preserved with salt and grain alcohol — uncertain of shelf life. Can be used with a brush. Write messages to the dead, or channel automatic drawings and writing.

Prayer: For prayers and rituals dedicated to Hermanubis, see Gordon White’s *The Chaos Protocols*. Below is the orphic hymn to Hermes Chthonius, who can also deliver souls and communications.

*Hermes I call, whom Fate decrees to dwell in the dire path which leads to deepest hell
O Bacchic Hermes, progeny divine of Dionysus, 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, Persephone, 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 Persephone 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.*