

Sacred Ropes:

Rope Bondage for Energetic, Spiritual and Magical Applications

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Ordeal path workings using torture tie techniques. Hand-made rope collars for intentional acts of submission. Transformational rites using rope for rites of passage or deity invocation. Rope bondage positions for yoga, trance workings, and divination. Rope bondage has the power to be used as a diverse energetic, spiritual and magical tool, and in this class we will dive into historical applications of rope magic and turn to the present in a discussion of how this amazing tool can be modified to your needs no matter your path.

Historical Rope Magic:

Fates (Moirai): daughters of Themis (Necessity) and Zeue, Klotho (spins), Lakheis (measures) and Atropos (cuts)

Mohammed's Beard: Qu'ran, Labid (jewish sorcerer) ties 11 knots in hair, then Libid's daughter breathes curses into each knot- magic could only be undone by undoing knots, Mohammed nearly died.

Druidic Cingulum: 9ft or inch cords, consecrated to one practitioner, that were tied around the waist to identify craft specialty, rank, used as dedicated tool for magic

Bondage Ritual and Connection-Specific Negotiation

- Setting Intention, clear, concise, repeated, resonating- time limits, how much of YOU in the work
- Safe, Sane & Spooky?
- Informed consent? With Magic
- Dedication to deities, spirits, or specific workings
- Specific spiritual framework (Pagan, Christian, Ceremonial Magic, others)
- Did you really want to do *that*?
- Solo work
- Partnered work
- Community work
- Freeform vs. formal rituals

The right fiber for your work

- Natural materials: wool (sheep, goat common in Mesopotamia), cotton, coconut, hemp, jute
- Artificial fibers: nylon, climbing rope, parachute cord, mfp
- Non-fiber options applied to this work: plastic, leather cording
- Harvesting, purchase, creation
- Spinning (Having second magic worker create adds power, esp if priestess makes and sorcerer uses- Mesopotamia)
- Dying, Treating or Transforming (writing on, painting, power of color choices)
- Cleansing, Blessing, imbuing, anointing and Consecrating... and Haunted Rope
- Physical work or Astral work (silver cords, shapeshifting, working with grandmother spider, spirit binding)

Specific Arts of Rope Bondage Magic

Energy/Connection

- Hand Made collars (styles of release or not releasing- slow, speed, cut)
- Breathing in time
- Creating boundaries no one can cross
- Buddhist “process of liberation”
- Holding on when gone:

*Oh corset me my love, and lace me in
That I may feel its tight clasp round my waist*

Then when thou'rt gone-

I still may feel thy touch

-Anon 1765

Astral-Cords and Astral Work

- Laying and re-laying Silver Cords; Severing astral cords via rope rituals
- Handfastings, tying the knot (how about untying the knot?)
- Pulling on the bound within and without
- Binding bodies for sending on astral journeys
- Astral body modification with rope magic
- Maiden, Mother, Crone work with rope (white, red, black), or Warrior, Father, Sage (red, black, white) or Youth, Warrior, Sage (black, red, white)

Ordeals

- Torture Ties
- Sacred ropes for hook suspensions
- Rites of Passage (can be non-ordeal)
- Purging an ill (or energetic block) from the body by tying that cutting away
- Warrior Ordeals

Trance/Divination

- Top Trance
- Yoga
- “Forced” meditation
- Deity Invocation
- Deity Control
- Divination
 - Nihliomancy: Sensory deprivation as a tool for divination
 - Tasseomancy: Pattern Reading- can be done with rope patterns, rope marks, looking at rope after a magical ritual.
 - The art of partnered readings