

## Temple of Ascending Flame



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# Lucifer – The Triple God

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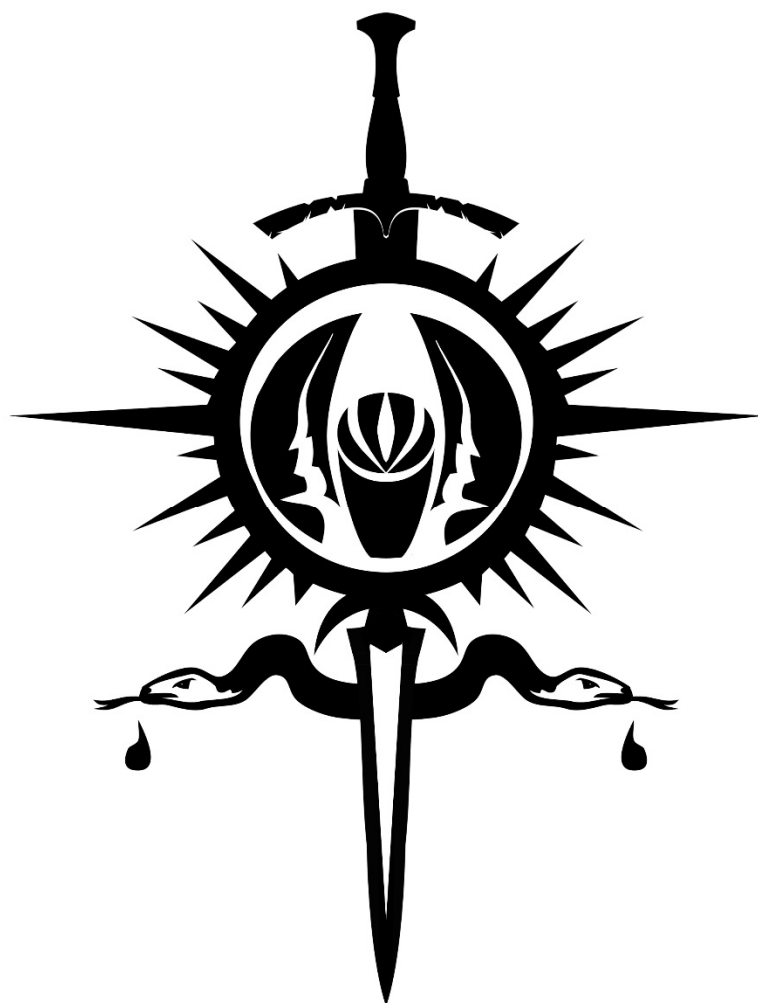
The idea of exploring various “masks,” manifestations and depictions of Lucifer has been a part of the temple’s work since the very beginning. We have already carried out projects focusing on his presentations in legends and books of magic, his equivalents in various world mythologies and folklore, his Qabalistic manifestations, and his associations with astrology, both ancient and modern. In this set of workings, we will take a look at characteristics that are rarely paid attention to when discussing Lucifer or describing him in ritual textbooks: his masculine, feminine and androgynous aspects. We will invoke each one to experience them through a direct communion and we will combine them all to reveal the raw nature of Lucifer, which is genderless and free from prejudices attributed to him throughout the ages.

While the masculine side of Lucifer is well known from myths, legends and folklore, very few sources refer to his “feminine” side, and even fewer explore him as an androgyne. However, if we take a closer look at his origins, we will find that the legend of the “Light Bringer” has its roots in myths and beliefs connected with the planet Venus, which is believed to represent the “divine feminine.” Its appearance in the sky has always fascinated people – both in the morning, when it was viewed as “the Morning Star” and after sunset, when it was referred to as “the Evening Star.” In ancient Greek and Roman sources, we find many references to the Morning Star, which is related to the Greek word “eosphoros” – “bringer of the dawn.” It appears in Homer’s *The Odyssey*, Hesiod’s *Theogony*, Virgil’s *Georgics*, and Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*. In Greek mythology, we encounter two deities representing this twofold aspect of Venus – Eosphoros or Phosphorus, personification of the Morning Star, and Hesperus (Vesper) – personifying the Evening Star. In Latin, the name of the god of the dawn, Phosphoros, translates to “Lucifer,” thus providing foundations for the legend of “the light bearer.” In ancient times we encounter many “light-bearers,” among them the goddesses Artemis/Diana and Hecate, whose epithet “Phosphoros” reflects her torch-bearing aspect. The original “Lucifer” therefore is either male or female, or he does not have a gender at all. This is what we will explore in the following set of workings. In the first one, we will invoke the masculine aspect of Lucifer, in the second – the feminine, and in the third working we will get to the roots of the archetype, exploring Lucifer as a “divine androgyne.”

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## The Sigil of Lucifer the Androgyne

The sigil used in the workings reflects the masculine and feminine side of Lucifer merged together. The sword is symbolic of the warrior aspect and the phallic, penetrating quality of this current, while the sun with its sharp rays refers to the dynamism and destructive nature of this force. The vulva in the center of the sun stands for the female energy, which is creative and intuitive, but also dissolving and transforming, as it is represented by the snakes, chthonic creatures, and their venom, which is dripping from their tongues. The whole sigil forms a gateway to the current of Lucifer as a “divine androgyne” as he is explored in the last working of the project.



### For the workings you will need the following items:

- **The Sigil of Lucifer the Androgyne** (It should be printed or drawn on paper or another material of your choice, preferably in gold on a black background. Make it big enough to gaze into comfortably, without straining your eyes.)
- **Three candles** (One red, one black and one gold. You light only one in each ritual and let it burn out completely. If it is absolutely necessary, you can have more candles to light up the room, but try to avoid it.)
- **Dragon’s Blood incense** (It can be replaced with a special blend dedicated to Lucifer.)

- **A tool to draw blood** (This can be a dagger, knife, razor, lancet, etc. You only need a few drops to activate the sigil. The blood of the practitioner opens inner gateways and serves as a symbolic act of self-sacrifice. It is essential in this work and cannot be replaced by anything else.)

- **Other tools and preparations** – You can have your usual tools on the altar during these workings. A statue or portrait of Lucifer is recommended, but not necessary. Before each working you should perform your favourite Kundalini-raising exercise to prepare yourself for the actual ritual. If you do not know any, you will find suitable exercises in *Draconian Ritual Book* by Asenath Mason.

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## Day 1 Lucifer's Masculine Aspect

Lucifer is usually imagined and depicted in a masculine form. These forms differ depending on a legend or description, and sometimes he is a muscular man, while other times he is a horned devil or an angelic youth with wings. There are plenty of depictions in which he is presented as a man, and this is the most common depiction of all. Sometimes he is even thought to be the phallic principle behind creation of all forces of darkness, and the embodiment of the masculine currents of the Nightside. Associated with the Serpent in the Garden of Eden, he is the dynamic, penetrating force, connected with male sexuality and virility – the archetype of a warrior. This is also the aspect explored in this working. Here we will focus on the masculine-warrior side of Lucifer, exploring what it means and how it can be used in a magical context.

Begin this working by lighting the red candle. Red is the color associated with force, strength, courage, activity, and energy. Anoint it with a few drops of your blood and do the same with the sigil to activate it as a gateway to Lucifer's current. Then focus all your attention on the image. See how it becomes charged and activated with your life substance, how it glows and flashes with golden-red light, sparks of energy flickering around you. Keep gazing at the image until you can memorize and visualize its shape. Then imagine it forming in front of you, above the altar, growing and transforming into the gateway to the current of Lucifer.

When you build this image in your mind, speak the following words of calling:

*Lucifer – Warrior, Conqueror, Destroyer!*  
*Let me stand in your power and bathe in your crimson light!*  
*I call you to annihilate the weakness in me,*  
*And to awaken me to strength and courage!*  
*Come and become as one with me,*  
*As I become as one with you!*

You can recite the invocation only once or repeat it several times to empower the effect – feel free to do what your intuition tells you. Then focus on the energy of Lucifer entering your ritual space through the sigil gate. Imagine how it surrounds you with golden-red threads of energy, forming an armor around you, forging your aura and transforming you into an astral warrior. At this moment close your eyes and visualize yourself in Lucifer's warrior form – naked and muscular, with a forked snake's tongue and a flaming sword in your hand, or simply let the vision unfold spontaneously. Let his energy become your energy, his senses become your senses and his power become your power. Let all that comes with this manifestation override your perception and the sense of identity, gender and the way you experience the surrounding reality. Feel his fiery energy flowing through your veins and his consciousness overriding yours until you feel that you are one with him. This energy is violent and aggressive, dynamic and chaotic – this is the power to destroy the world and yourself and walk further with no regrets and without looking back. It is also chaotic – like fighting not for the sake of peace but to slaughter everything on your way in the name of chaos – the urge to destroy everything,

no matter the consequences. This is also the impulse to do something extreme, from which there is no turning back, to burn the bridges and step into a whole new reality.

You can do this working in the morning and then let this energy drive you through the day, or you can do it in the evening to experience dreams inspired by the warrior aspect of Lucifer. Whatever you decide, be prepared to face the consequences, as a successful invocation of this aspect of Lucifer is not just about being energetic and assertive, but it is about releasing the urge to lose yourself in chaos and destruction and rejoice in seeing the whole world break into pieces. Let the candle burn out completely during this working or leave it burning afterwards, but make sure it is safe to do so. Write down all manifestations, thoughts, and impressions from the working.

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## Day 2 Lucifer's Feminine Side

This is a less known aspect of Lucifer, although the origins of his legend are connected with the planet Venus, which is associated with all things feminine and its astrological symbol is often used in reference to the female gender. Apart from that, we rarely see Lucifer portrayed in a female form, and his feminine characteristics are usually left out of books of magic. Instead, he is depicted together with a female partner, and in the Temple of Ascending Flame, his current is viewed as complementary to the current of Lilith. In this sense he is identified with Samael from Qabalistic legends. However, in the Qabalah, Lilith and Samael/Lucifer are sometimes thought to be not two separate beings but one, having characteristics of both and assuming the male or female shape depending on the circumstances. In this working we will take a look at this "feminine" side of Lucifer, exploring how it can be used in practice and incorporated into Luciferian magic.

Again, stand or sit in a comfortable position. Light the black candle, which is symbolic of the Dark Goddess and her female mysteries – all that is chthonic, dark, receptive, hidden, and intuitive. Focus on the sigil and gaze at it for a while, visualizing that it starts to glow and becomes alive. Feel your ritual space being charged with the energy flowing through the sigil and see it as a gateway to Lucifer's current. When you feel ready to perform the ritual, speak the following invocation:

*Lucifer – Morning and Evening Star!  
He who brings forth the light of Venus,  
Fill me with your illuminating essence!  
Lead me into the Womb of the Universe,  
And transform me through your rites of passion and pleasure!  
Come and become as one with me,  
As I become as one with you!*

Recite it once or several times until you feel connected with this current. Visualize that it surrounds you with threads of black-silver energy, which is dark but carries light within it. It is also pleasant and sensual, as if you were caressed by many small black snakes gliding over your skin and energizing it almost to the point of erotic arousal. At this moment close your eyes and visualize yourself as Venus - beautiful and sensual, seductive and playful - or simply let the vision unfold spontaneously. Let her energy become your energy, her senses become your senses and her power become your power. Give in to this feeling and let all this manifestation override your perception, the sense of identity and gender and annihilate all mental barriers. This energy is soothing and enjoyable, inducing a trance of comatose ecstasy – focused on love, beauty and pleasure, but at the same time dark and primal, connecting you to the beginning of everything, to the source, the roots, the seeds of all creation. It is the light and darkness of creation as manifested in love – free of pain, desires, suffering, anxiety, longings, etc. – the essence of simply being, flowing with the eternal current of the universe without trying to change or influence it. It is the understanding and acceptance of the processes of the universe – life and death in its primal form.

Like before, you can do this working in the morning and observe how it influences your day, or you can perform it at nighttime, before sleep. Pay attention to how it affects your emotions, perceptions and interactions with the surrounding world, and how it influences your thought processes. Again, let the candle burn out completely. Write down all manifestations, thoughts, and impressions from the working.

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### Day 3 Lucifer the Androgyne

This time we will focus on both masculine and feminine side of Lucifer merging into one – an androgynous being composed both of light and darkness. Sometimes you may see them as one being, while other times he is one but still made of two separate parts existing together like two sides of a coin. The energy of this form of Lucifer is both masculine and feminine at the same time and neither – neutral and manifesting as golden starlight. It transcends the mundane ideas of male, female, or even androgyne, existing on a completely different level, where such distinctions do not matter anymore.

Again, begin the ritual in the same way, following the same steps, but this time light the golden candle, which is symbolic of the Ascending Flame of Lucifer – the merging of light and darkness, the lunar and the solar, the masculine and the feminine. When you activate the sigil and build the image of the gateway in your mind, recite the following invocation:

*Lucifer – Lord of the Ascending Flame,  
Whose face is bright on one side and dark on the other,  
Who exists beyond all divisions and all definitions,  
Pour your golden light into my temple of flesh!  
Reveal to me the mysteries of the Divine Androgyne,  
And let me rise with you up to the stars,  
Where mundane thoughts and perceptions are no more!  
Come and become as one with me,  
As I become as one with you!*

When you speak the words of the invocation, focus on the current of Lucifer entering your ritual space through the sigil gate. This time it is pure gold, wrapping around you and entering your body through the air you breathe in. Close your eyes and visualize Lucifer as a being made of two halves – one is masculine, the other is feminine. The man is the warrior known from the first working. The woman is the sensual goddess from the second ritual. They are both entwined by serpents, and some of these serpents begin to coil around you. Recall the experiences from the previous days – the warrior’s influence is that of anger, fury and raw energy – the essence of the goddess is that of love, passion and openness to embrace whatever comes. You can feel them both as the serpents entwine around your body, preparing you for the initiation of the Divine Androgyne. Imagine yourself lying down on the altar of Lucifer, while the warrior cuts out your heart and the goddess replaces it with a golden one, thus making the communion complete. Take some time to meditate on what it means to be the Divine Androgyne, and then close the working, leaving the candle to burn out completely.

After this working, you should feel empowered and balanced, filled with the golden light of Lucifer. This is the light of creation, and you may at this time experience an influx of ideas or creative energies, or you can feel the need to “illuminate” the way for others by passing the knowledge that may come to you through this work. This last working concludes the entire operation.