

Knighthood and Ziraat Attunement

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This attunement is inspired by the ceremony of Ziraat honoring the elements. It is meant as a way of preparing the soil of the worker for the Message to deliver the seed of Truth. The worker is imagined as a knight of the Message, upholding a noble way of conduct in life.

As a knight apprentice we prepare for the accolade of the knight or knighting ceremony by undertaking a purification process. This culminates when we kneel before the altar in the temple to offer our service to God and humanity. The temple is the body given to the soul as its instrument and the altar is the heart. As a knight we recognize the sacredness of the material instrument that has been kneaded for eons and the akasha of the heart that is the abode of the divine. We kneel and humbly offer our homage to the Earth element, its sacred manifestation in the body.

Do the earth breath while reflecting on this image.

Now we are ready to go out into the world. There the knight must face the roughness of egos by summoning courage and overcoming fear. The world may be cynical and critical. We must open the heart with courage to replace the shield of fear that protects the heart with the shield of courage, boldness, faith, and trust. The Message to be delivered through our being is not personal, not a lesson to teach, but the Divine Message that the world is waiting to hear and waking up to. The worker for the Message sounds a note that will resonate, though appearances may seem to deny it. We may feel fear and resistance, but we can step forward willingly when the heart is open to the flow of love. Then we willingly offer our homage to the love and compassion that flows from the heart, the Divine Heart, the Divine Wish.

Do the water breath with the thought of opening the heart while guarding it by faith in God.

Now the determination of the knight must take a further step. We rise above the contest of egos by looking above the fray and focusing on the ideal. The shining ideal kindles our inspiration and keeps our sights above the concerns of the ego. It helps us to step out of the competitiveness and protectiveness demanded by the ego and allows us to go forward with conviction. As a knight we offer homage wholeheartedly to the spark of inspiration that propels us through all obstacles.

Do the fire breath reflecting on the beauty and inspiration of the ideal.

As the our point of view expands through attention to the ideal, it becomes easier to serve a cause larger than ourself. The knight is released from fear and experiences a deeper satisfaction than is possible from gratification of the needs of the ego. We enter the world not only as individuals but as an expanded consciousness that merges with others we meet, recognizing in others ourselves, with caring, solidarity, and unity. In serving others we find happiness and joy. We gladly offer homage to the airy expansion that has freed us from self.

Do the air breath with the thought of freedom from the burden and weight of self.

Going further the knight is overwhelmed by a bewildering Presence much larger than ourselves. Freed from the narrowness of self, the knight sees only a glorious mystery. Metaphorically the knight encounters Gabriel. The knight surrenders, passively offering homage to the etheric mystery, to the Great Spirit that is fulfilling its Purpose.

Do the ether breath relinquishing the urge to understand by the mind and surrendering to grace.

Along this path of preparing the soil, the knight is offered a handful of living grain and the grain is sewed by the Spirit of Guidance as the knight progresses.

Finish with the prayer Nayaz.