



PAIONIOS

THE HEALING MOON GODDESS



She is the darkness, and she is the fire.

She is the cry of "enough."

She is the sigil written in stone.

She is the silent walking away of the betrayed.

She is the lonely raising arms to the moon.

She is the lie told to live the truth.

She is the secret circle drawing down her moon.

She is the poison that heals.

She is the bold stare into the mirror.

She is the blood shed to bring rebirth.

She is all those who dare to become.

She is the power that is our right.

She has returned.

Answer her call.

The time is now.

Speak the truth.

Be healed.





**HEKATE
AND
THE MOON**

Drawing
Down
Hekate's
Moon



*Hail Hekate, Goddess of the Moon.
Unconquerable ruler of land, sea and sky.
I call upon You to attend me now.
Hail Hekate, Goddess of the Moon.
She who reigns over all liminal spaces and times.
I call upon You to attend me now.
Hail Hekate, Goddess of the Moon.
Divine intervener and mediator.
I call upon You to attend me now.
Hail Hekate.
Goddess of the Moon.
Mighty Queen of the Witches.
Hail Hekate, Three-Formed Goddess.
Reflected in the moon's three faces,
And the hidden healing of the darkness.
Hail Hekate, Key Holder of the Mysteries,
The secrets of the moon are Yours.
Reveal them to me.
I draw down the energy of Your glorious moon,
I seek Your favor.
My intention is true,
And my will is strong.*

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* Document to the waning moon.²⁷⁸

Spell:

"Hail,²⁷⁹ Holy Light, Ruler of Tartaros,
Who strike with rays; hail, Holy Beam, who whirl
Up out of darkness and subvert all things
With aimless plans. / I'll call and may you hear
My holy words since awesome Destiny
Is ever subject to you. Thrice-bound goddess,

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HEKATE AND THE MOON

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I now adjure you by this potent night,
In which your light is last to fade away,
In which / a dog opens, closes not, its mouth,
In which the bar of Tartaros is opened,
In which forth rages Kerberos, armed with
A thunderbolt, Bestir yourself, Mene,

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Who need the solar nurse, guard of the dead, /
You I implore, Maid, by your stranger beams,²⁸¹
You I implore,²⁸² O cunning, lofty, swift,

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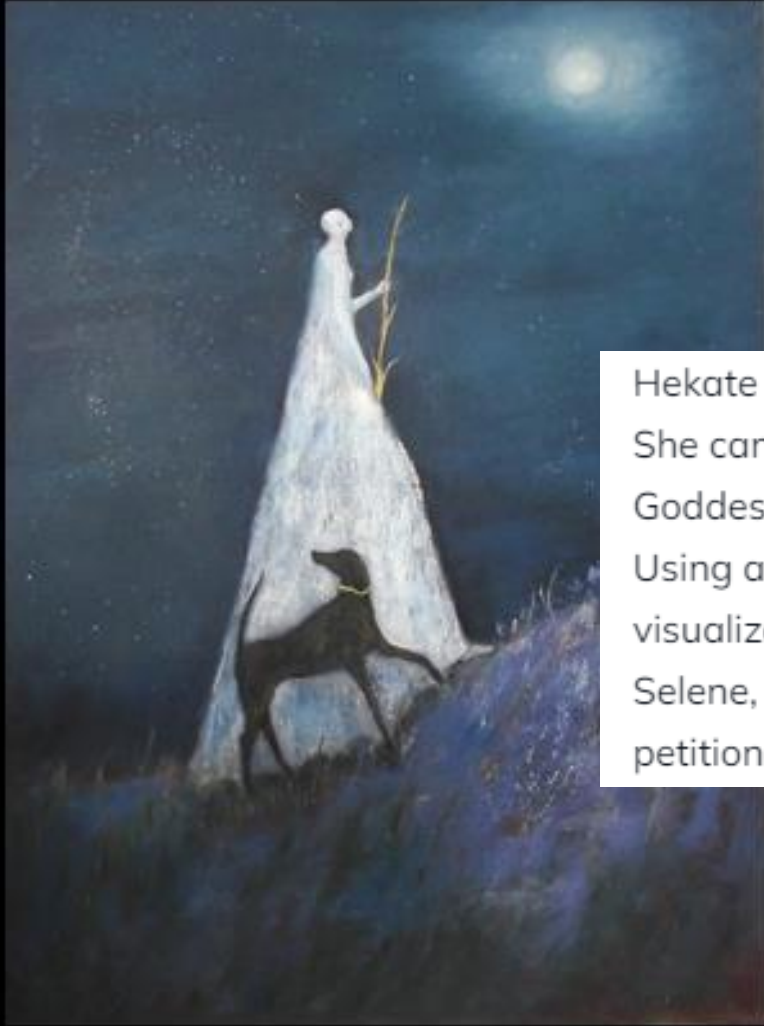
O crested one, who draw swords, valiant,
Healer, with forethought, far-famed, goading one,
Swift-footed, brave, crim/son, Darkness, Brimo,
Immortal, heedful, Persian, pastoral,
Alkyone, gold-crowned, the elder goddess,
Shining, sea-goddess, ghostly, beautiful,
The one who shows, skiff-holder, aiming well,



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Hekate becomes a powerful Moon Goddess when we combine all of her lunar connections. She can be seen as a Lunar Goddess who rules the moon as a mediator, Under World Goddess, torch bearer, champion of liminal places and times, and Queen of the Witches. Using all these ancient citations and my contemporary understanding of lunar energy, I can visualize the Moon as part of Hekate's domain. Invoke her close of allies of Artemis and Selene, as symbols of the moon's three major phases. Hekate's mighty lunar energy can be petitioned, or drawn down, for our workings.

**Another Night Journey by Jeanie
Tomanek**

Nourmeria



New



Waxing



Full



Waning



Dark

Deipnon

The ubiquity of the approach/avoidance duality is also found in magic. Probably the most common application is working with the different phases of the lunar cycle. I can use the energy of the waning moon to help with spells of avoidance. These are the things that I want to remove from my life. The opposite energy comes with the waxing moon – that energy is for things that I want closer to me. This is approach energy. Full Moon energy is a balance of both approach and avoidance energy. The Dark Moon can be interpreted as the absence of both. – *Keeping Her Keys: An Introduction to Hekate's Modern Witchcraft*

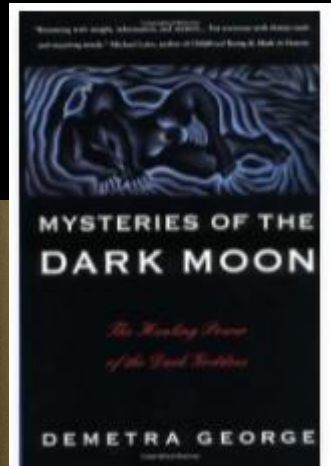
MOON GODDESSES: ARTEMIS, HEKATE, SELENE



Hekate's Triple Nature Hekate is one of the oldest embodiments of the Great Triple Goddess, known as Hekate Triformis, who expressed her threefold dominion over many realms. Porphory wrote, "The moon is Hekate . . . her power appears in three forms." Statues of this goddess often depict her as three female figures, or crowned with a triple-turreted headdress, or with three heads. Her three faces reflect the triple extension of her powers over heaven, earth, and underworld. Here in the realm of nature she was honored as Selene, the moon, in heaven; Artemis, the huntress, on earth; and Hekate, the destroyer, in the underworld. In this triad form she had control over birth, life, and death.

As the essence of the moon, Hekate also presided over the three lunar phases in the raiment of Artemis, the crescent new moon, Selene, the luminous full moon, and Hekate, the waning moon. Artemis/Diana represented the moonlit splendor of the night, while Hekate represented its darkness and terror reigning over the power of the dark moon.

The new, full, and dark phases of the Triple Moon Goddess also reflected the three stages of a woman's life as Artemis the virgin, Persephone the nymph, and Hekate the crone, and alternately as



*Come here to me, goddess of night, beast-slayer,
And heed my prayers, Selene,
Who rises and sets at night, Triple Headed, Triple Named.
Mistress of Night and the Underworld, sacred.
'Round whom the star-traversing nature of the universe spins.
Give heed to me, Lady, I ask of you.
You have established every worldly thing,
For you engendered everything on earth
And from the sea and every race in turn.
Of winged birds who seek their nests again.
Mother of all, who bore Love, Aphrodite.
Lamp-bearer, shining and aglow, Selene.
Adapted from *The Greek Magical Papyri*, IV 2441-2621.*



Selene

THE LUNAR AND THE SOLAR

APOLLO



ARTEMIS



Sol Invicus



Celebration was Dec 25

ca. 50 BCE (Late Hellenistic-early Roman)

THE GREAT MOON MOTHER



Artemis, Mary and Ephesus



Mary on the Moon, Bartolome Esteban
Perez Murillo (1617-1682)

