

## Crowley Letter to Grady on the IX-Degree (11-21-1944)

*Aleister Crowley wrote the following to Grady Louis McMurtry on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1944:*

Now about IX°: The theory is simple, and I think I told you enough at 93 [Jermyn St.] for you to work on. Just in case: -

You prepare the Medicine by mixing the two ingredients, with your mind concentrated on and exalted on the purpose of the Opus at the moment of mixing. You absorb this, preferably by the mucus membranes (so as to avoid the gross chemical change which would occur if it were swallowed); and, when a third person or thing is involved, you apply a small portion to it, either directly or by means of a talisman or some such device. In material Opus it may be well to complete the current by making contact with earth: e.g. the grass, or a plant, not a floor or any artificial ‘ground.’

The art of preparing the Elixir is not easy: (a) You must get a copious Eagle, and (b) the Eggs ought to be fertilized: (c) the Link must be made secure. Remember that the thing works in every case; so, if you miss your target, stray bullets will be flying around, and may do endless mischief. They may hit you!

Experience: the first and only Teacher.