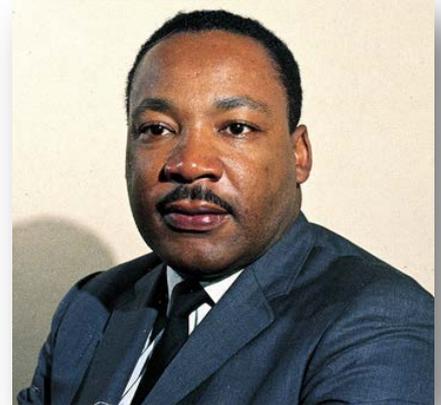


MAGICAL ACTION TO INCREASE COMPASSION TOWARDS ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN AUSTRALIA

"We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured."
~ **Martin Luther-King.**



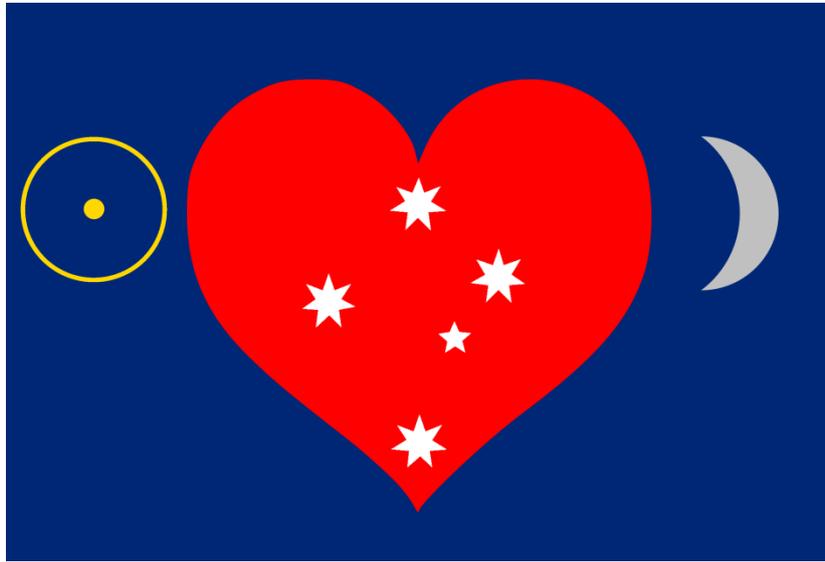
- This is for everyone concerned about the current government's actions in regards to asylum seekers and refugees in Australia. Polling suggests this is well over half the population.
- While magic is predominately the realm of Witches, Magicians, Pagans, Druids and others, the invitation is here for any and all people to help open the group mind of Australia towards compassion for those seeking refuge.
- This form of magic does not impede on anyone's sovereign will. But it does provide opportunities for change should there be an inclination towards that change.
- The daily reports of appalling conditions in offshore detention centres, the military style secrecy of the Australian government, the universal and repeated condemnation of these centres and practices by international sources and the increasing whistleblowing by those working in these centres is a concern for all Australians.
- These actions by the Australian government are supported by choices and non-choices we have made and are currently making; as individuals, as groups and as a nation.
- From a magical point of view these choices ultimately stem from the fabric of the collective unconscious, the hidden side of culture and society where our deepest assumptions and beliefs lie. We have all experienced transformation from reworking the weave of our own inner depths. We facilitate these changes in others through initiation, prayer and healing. Now we need to go broader and work directly with our nation and our culture.

INTENTION

To increase compassion towards asylum seekers and refugees within the Australian group mind.

METHOD

Everyone is invited to contribute to this magic which will be conducted in five phases from 9 January to roughly 7 February. The magic centres around the symbol below as a representation of compassion in balance within the Australian group mind and as a focus for the intention given above (please see 'Notes on the Symbol' below).



PHASE 1 – SPREADING THE WORD (January 9 – 16). During this week, please share this invitation to all magical people you know, far and wide, personally, via social media and other means.

PHASE 2 – CREATING THE SYMBOL (On or around Full Moon, January 16). The symbol is created within the ‘astral’, inner realm and strongly exists ‘above’ Australia, and is **‘ALIVE’**.

PHASE 3 – CHARGING THE SYMBOL (January 16-26). Additional magic is done to empower the symbol.

PHASE 4 - BIRTHING THE SYMBOL (On or around Australia Day, January 26). Magic is conducted to ‘bring down’ the symbol into the group mind of Australia.

Time of ‘gestation’ (January 27-31)

PHASE 5 – PRACTICAL ACTION (On or shortly after New Moon, January 31). Practical action such as letter writing to earth the magic.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MAGIC

- Those skilled in magic can readily apply the principles below and should work as they normally do.
- All magic should ‘start grounded and finish grounded’. This is very important. It means we begin connected to the earth, knowing ourselves and our boundaries, and we finish the same way. Grounding is normally one of the first skills taught in most magical traditions. Grounding exercise examples can be found [here](#).
- Another key point is that straight after grounding we connect with our Sacred One(s) and ask them for assistance in the magic.

Creating the Symbol

- Visualisation is the key here. After grounding and asking your Sacred One(s) for assistance, strongly visualise the symbol. Keep in mind the intention. Once the symbol is strong, see it grow larger and larger and rise to fill the air above the whole of Australia. Keep visualising for as long as possible.
- At this time experienced folk around the country will be working deep magic to create the symbol on the inner realms, so it will be easy for you to add your bit by simply visualising.

- When finished visualising, thank your Sacred One(s) and spend some time grounding.
- More experienced magicians can use other methods to create the symbol. A group can use dance, ritual, chant etc. to empower the symbol. Wiccan groups and couples can raise the cone of power or use the Great Rite.

Charging the Symbol

- Magic here involves two forms of action. Firstly, the aims and hopes of the people of Australia to make a compassionate society are directed 'upward' into the symbol. Secondly, the blessings of the spiritual powers and beings we are working with are also directed into the symbol. These may be seen as being directed 'downward' into the symbol, but only because these beings are transpersonal not because they are 'beyond the earth'.
- So in meditation, in ritual, in group or solo settings, we charge the symbol in these two ways.
- As individuals (after grounding and asking for assistance) we know ourselves to be representative of the thousands of others in our locales that wish for a more compassionate Australia. As representatives, we imagine ourselves taking their thoughts, wishes and love, as well as our own, *into* the symbol. We may create a chant to help with this.
- We then pray and ask our Sacred One(s) to bless the symbol. We see their love and power and light enter and enliven the symbol. We do this for as long as possible as on each day in this phase, if possible.
- Remember to thank your Sacred One(s) and ground at the end of each session.
- If you are in a magical group, create sacred space. Have one or two people in each direction. Raise energy and go into trance. Consciously identify the quarters of the circle with the quarters of your city; see the east of the circle as and overlapping with the east of the city and so on - so that your circle **IS** your city. The people at the quarters now open themselves to represent the people within that quarter of the city. In trance they collect and channel the good wishes and intentions of the people of the city. They direct these, in unison with the rest of the group, into the symbol above Australia.
- Now invoke in your usual manner your Sacred One(s) and see them enter the symbol with their love and power and light to enliven the symbol. Thank your Sacred One(s), close your sacred space and ground as normal.

Birthing the Symbol

- We do this on Australia Day, when our nation is self-conscious and open to influence.
- Again, after our preparation, we visualise the symbol. Once it is strong we again ask for the blessings of our Sacred One(s) to enter the symbol. We repeat our intention strongly. Then we slowly and clearly see the symbol come 'down' to cover the whole of Australia. We see it enter the group mind of Australia – see it enter the land, the towns, people in your neighbourhood, people in your city, politicians and media people.
- Then clearly see the symbol produce results – these may be visualised as you wish, for example newspaper headlines like, 'Australia Leads the Way with Refugees' or 'PM's New Approach to Asylum Seekers Heralded by UN'. Or see people you know who are not now compassionate

expressing compassionate thoughts. **Use some clear and simple visualisation that shows the completed magic.** Hold this visualisation for as long as possible.

- Once again, when finished, thank your Sacred One(s) and ground.
- In a group setting the 'birthing' process can take many forms from a group meditation to a full ceremony. Wiccans may like to link the birth to the Great Rite:
- The Coven once again creates the circle as their city. Then the Priestess and Priest will take on the Gods, standing centre circle. Then the Coven will dance the Cone around them and draw the symbol down to just 'above' the Priestess and Priest who then perform the Great Rite, birthing the symbol into the Cakes and Wine. These are then shared with the Covenanters, who are representative of the city, and thereby take the symbol and magic into the whole city. Some Cakes and Wine should also be offered to the four quarters of the city by people who live nearby.
- Other methods of birthing will present themselves to experienced magicians.

Practical Action

- We leave the symbol to affect the group mind of Australia from birthing (26 January) through the dark moon until the new moon (31 January). This is an important period where the 'ferment' of the magic grows.
- On and after new moon is the time for practical action to fully ground and make the magic work on the material level. **Without doing something physical the magic will not work.** Suggestions include:
 - Speaking to people about the issues; sharing accurate information;
 - Writing letters to the media;
 - Writing letters and contacting politicians clearly stating how you wish things to change;
 - Creating a simple flyer and letterbox dropping it for a few streets around your home;
 - Donating to various Refugee and Asylum Seeker advocacy groups; and
 - Volunteering at refugee agencies.
- Groups may like to spend a night writing letters and emails. Each member is assigned one letter to write (to local MPs, the Prime Minister, the Immigration Minister Etc.). They bring along a template, and all of the group copy and write and sign all the letters. These are sealed and stamped and magic done to bless them before posting.
- On all letters or emails it would be good to include the symbol as this will help bring the magic to the fore for those reading it. The symbol can be found here: [small](#) (jpg), [large](#) (png), [for letters](#) (jpg).

A NOTE ON THE SYMBOL

- The symbol expresses the intention. Yes, it is a little twee, but we want it to be simple and clear for people from all traditions and backgrounds.
- The colours are from the Australian Flag to help link to the Australian group mind.
- The blue in this case represents the raw consciousness of Australia, which we act on and inspire.
- The red heart represents the compassion we are seeking, rising out of the raw consciousness.

- The Southern Cross represents the Australian soul, now surrounded by compassion. It also can be used to bring in the stellar forces for those working this form of magic
- The presence of the symbols of the Sun and Moon represent the **balanced** approach to refugees and asylum seekers. The symbols also represent the binaries of the Goddess/God for Wiccans and other polarities for those working them.

RESOURCES

- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre - <http://www.asrc.org.au>
- Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) - <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au>
- Email Tony Abbott: <http://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm>
- Email Scott Morrison (responsible minister): scott.morrison.mp@aph.gov.au
- List of Federal MPs contact details: http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members