

Earth Healing Ritual to Hu Tu – Chinese Goddess of the Earth.



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Hu Tu is the Chinese pantheon equivalent of the Greek Gaia. She is the Celestial Court Goddess of elemental earth and is considered to be the personification of the broad and bountiful earth, the third born of the elements. While she lay upon the Great Ocean she meditated upon the forms and powers within herself and bore a great number of children, often without the aid of a consort. So rich was the Empress that life teems within and upon her.

Join me in a visualisation. We stand in a beautiful garden in Ancient China. There are beautifully tended and shaped shrubs and trees, the colours and scents blending to perfection. We hear the sound of water babbling gently over stones, and see a small waterway wending its way among the plants. It is crossed at intervals by delicately carved oriental bridges, and bonsai tree decorate the banks. A bank of azaleas creates a backdrop of reds, pinks, yellows and mauves, and rising above this in the distance we see a pagoda standing elegant and proud, reaching up towards the setting sun. We move deeper into the garden and come to a clearing where we find a simple stone shrine. There is a sacred atmosphere to this place and the very air feels different, charged with energy and power. It is here that we will invoke Hu Tu and ask for her aid.

A silence falls as we prepare to cast the circle, as this clearing with the shrine transports us to the higher realms.

Let the circle be cast by the grace of the elements, by air, by fire, by water and by earth, let us welcome guardians to our rite.

Guardians of Air in the eastern quarter, sylphs of the breeze, we welcome you this night and ask you to lend your powers to our work. We bid you hail and welcome.

Guardians of Fire in the southern quarter, salamanders basking in the heat of the sun, we welcome you this night and ask you to lend your powers to our work. We bid you hail and welcome.

Guardians of Water in the western quarter, undines of the streams, we welcome you this night and ask you to lend your powers to our work. We bid you hail and welcome.

Guardians of Earth in the Northern quarter, gnomes of the hills and dales, we welcome you this night and ask you to lend your powers to our work. We bid you hail and welcome.

Lady Hu Tu, Goddess of the Earth, we ask you to grace our circle with your presence, and to lend your powers to our work. We bid you hail and welcome!

See the Lady Hu Tu standing within our circle. See her elegant, oriental beauty; her embroidered robes in many shimmering colours; and see her pleasure that we have called on her this night.

We have come together to try to redress some of the damage done to the Earth by man. We know the effects of pollution, of greed and of needless destruction and we are all saddened that our beautiful world is being destroyed.

As we watch, a ball of white light forms between Lady Hu Tu's hands. It slowly expands, changing colour to green and blue, until we recognise it as our world, as the Earth itself. The Lady releases the globe and it floats above our circle, shining like a jewel. This is the world as it used to be, before the ravages of man. As we watch, areas of green disappear, and we see areas of brown as forests are destroyed for no better reason than man's greed. The brightness fades and the Earth looks tired and dull. As individuals' attempts to save our world seem small and insignificant, but if we each do just one thing, our collective efforts will have an effect. After this ritual, vow to do one thing, and keep this vow, show Lady Hu Tu that you are serious in your intent. Whether it is conserving water, remembering to turn off lights, planting trees, building sanctuaries for wildlife in your garden, recycling whatever you can, every little step will help.

Now, let us gather our energies for tonight's work. Reach out with your minds and connect with the Universal Life Force, the energy that pervades all things, the gift of the Goddess since the creation of all that exists. Feel the enormous power of this energy. Feel it enter your body through the crown chakra, feel it circulating within you, energising you and giving you the strength for this work. Now channel this energy, let it flow from your crown chakra, down the chakra chain to your heart chakra and then down your arms to your palm chakras. As it passes the heart chakra, add your own healing and loving energy to this stream of power, and see it become a most beautiful, healing green light. Concentrate on the globe slowly rotating before us. Direct this stream of healing energy towards the globe. See the brown areas begin to recede, see the Earth restored to its initial state, so that it shines like a blue-green jewel, once more perfect, undamaged and beautiful. See the Lady Hu Tu lend her power to our work, and feel the wondrous healing and peace that fills our circle.

Hold this image a moment longer and then slowly allow the image to fade, as you remember your vow to the Lady Hu Tu and the Earth.

I bless the chalice and offer it to the Lady Hu Tu with our thanks.

Lady Hu Tu, we thank you for your presence in our circle this night and ask that you accept this small gift as a token of our gratitude. Blessed be!

Lady Hu Tu, Goddess of the Earth, you have granted us your powers this night and given strength to our work. As we remember our vows to you, till we meet again, we bid you Hail and Farewell.

Guardians of Earth, powers of the north, we thank you for your presence in our circle this night. Till we meet again, Hail and Farewell!

Guardians of Water, powers of the west, we thank you for your presence in our circle this night. Till we meet again, Hail and Farewell!

Guardians of Fire, powers of the south, we thank you for your presence in our circle this night. Till we meet again, Hail and Farewell!

Guardians of Air, powers of the east, we thank you for your presence in our circle this night. Till we meet again, Hail and Farewell!

As we prepare to open the circle, allow the excess energy to drain back to the Earth to continue its work.

Let the circle be open but forever unbroken, let love stay forever in our hearts.

Blessed be!