The Four Archangel Magic Squares

Magic squares contain distinct positive integers where the sum, i.e., the magical constant, is the same for each row, column, and diagonal. The four Archangel magic squares depicted on the court Kings in *Spirit Keeper* are inscribed with Brahmi numerals, which are the precursors to the Hindu-Arabic numerals, which are what the numbers in the Major Arcana Keys of this deck are written in (an intentional decision on my part, despite Crowley noting that the Keys of the Major Arcana should always be written in Roman numerals). The magic squares are based in Islamic-Arabic ceremonial magic for working with the archangels.

The following is a key for the Brahmi to modern Hindu-Arabic numeral correspondences:

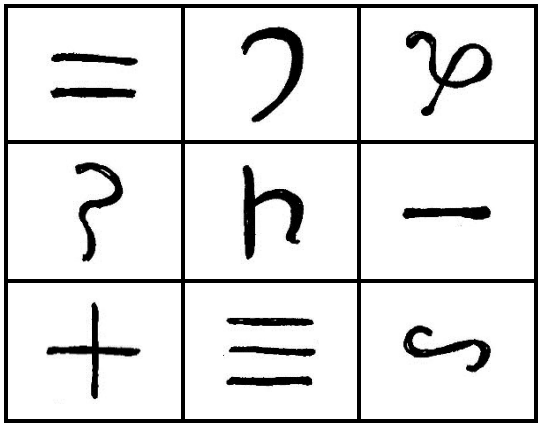
Brahmi Numerals	*Arabic Numerals*	*Phoenician Alphabet*	*Direction*	*Astrology (Traditional)*	*Astrology (Modern)*
𑁒	1	𐤀 𐤊 𐤃	North	Sun	Sun
𑁓	**2**	𐤂 𐤆 𐤅	Southwest	Moon	Moon
𑁔	**3**	𐤃 𐤌 𐤇	East	Jupiter	Jupiter
𑁕	**4**	𐤄 𐤍 𐤒	Southeast	Lot of Fortune	Uranus
𑁖	**5**	𐤉 𐤎	Center	Mercury	Mercury
𑁗	**6**	𐤈 𐤏	Northwest	Venus	Venus
𑁘	**7**	𐤇 𐤆	West	Lot of Spirit	Neptune
𑁙	**8**	𐤋 𐤓	Northeast	Saturn	Saturn
𑁚	**9**	𐤕 𐤐	South	Mars	Mars

Note. The Lots, also known as Arabic Parts, are personal sensitive points calculated geometrically within an astrological chart.

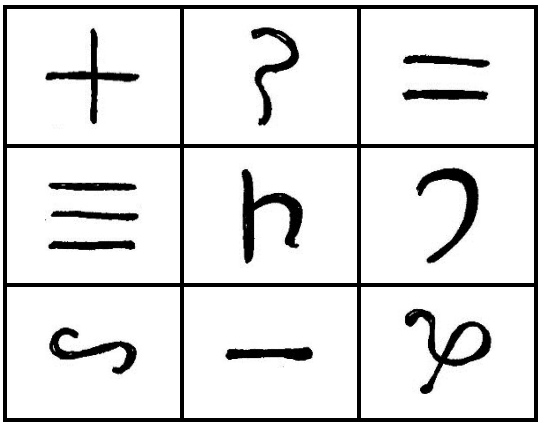
The Archangels in *Spirit Keeper's Tarot*, while based on Abrahamic angelology, are not named, because traditions differ when it comes to correspondences for the Four Archangels.

It's difficult to reconcile the Islamic grimoires on angelology, Jewish texts, and Golden Dawn attributions, where each text will differ from the others to the point of contradiction. Thus, I've opted to identify them by title (which would be the respectful way to be addressing them anyway) instead of by name. The Archangel names can then be filled in by the keeper based on the keeper's own observed associations.

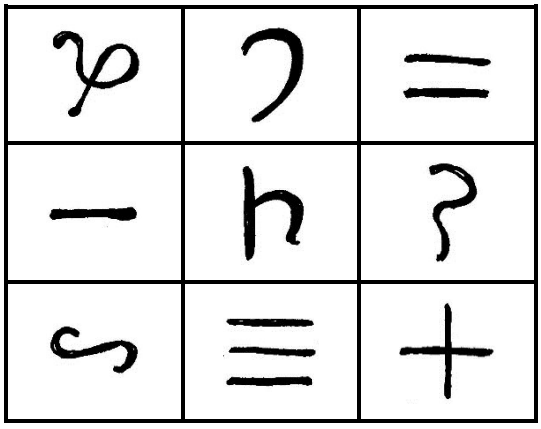
The actual name of the angelic spirit will be disclosed to you, and to you only.



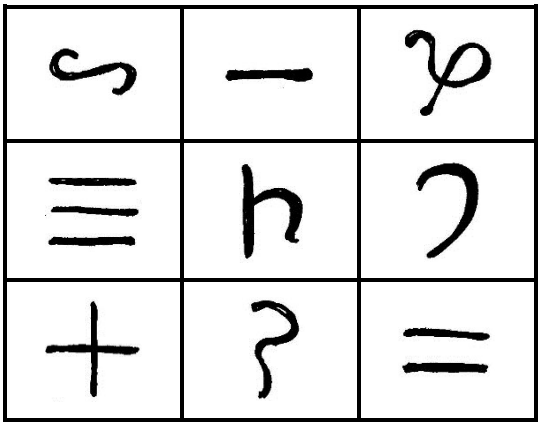
Archangel of Glory
Angel of Art and Grace



Archangel of Healing
Angel Who Salves and Purifies



Archangel Commander
Angel of Storms and Battles



Archangel of Mysteries
Angel Who Illuminates the Shadow

The magic squares can be crafted into talismanic jewelry for protection. They can also be used to shield or ward a living space. Carve each magic square onto a clay tablet or paint it onto a smooth, flat rock. Then place them along the four directions of your home based on your directional or elemental correspondences for the Archangels.

Guards you from the front

Guards you from behind

Guards you on your right

Guards you on your left

For shielding and protecting a home through the divine powers of the angels, place the magic square for the Archangel of Healing behind your home, or at the very back; place the magic square for the Archangel of Glory in the front; place the Archangel Commander to your right (so if standing on the street facing your home, it would be to the left); and the Archangel of Mysteries to your left (standing on the street facing the home, it would appear to be on the right side).

The magic squares serve as direct lines connecting you to the angelic beings, and so can also be used for evocation of the corresponding Archangels. Evocation rituals can be as simple or as elaborate as you need them to be. However, complexity, a thorough and methodical discipline, and layers of symbolic meaning in ritual contribute greatly to achieving that altered state of consciousness. Nevertheless, the only critical requirement is achieving that altered stated of consciousness where your energy levels feel raised, vibrant, and you're resonant with the essential beneficence of the angelic realm. Humility, faith, observing the virtues, and sincerity are how you achieve that needed psychic state.

A circle of protection can also be cast by calling upon the Four Archangels.

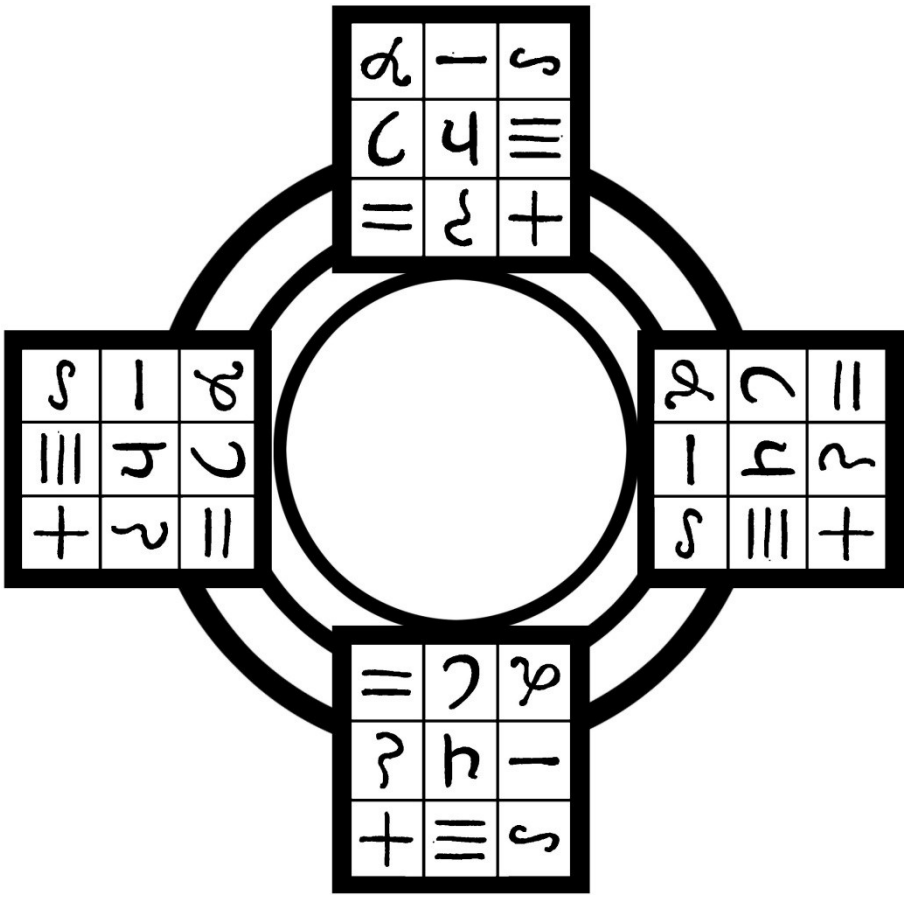
The diagram at the top of the subsequent page is for illustrative purposes only. Feel free to embellish upon or modify the basic structure. Additional sigils or inscriptions can go around the rings of the circle. Here, there are three solid rings for the Holy Trinity, but in lieu of three solid rings, you can have just one, or have three rings filled with inscriptions, etc.

The layout can be rendered onto a large sheet of cloth or canvas to be set on the ground for your magical workings. To cast the circle of protection by the Four Archangels, no matter how large or how small you've designed the layout, use a ritual wand, staff, or dagger to trace over the drawn lines.

Begin by tracing the magic square for the Archangel of Glory and reciting the following (or your own variation): "Archangel of Glory, you guard me from the front and keep watch, alerting me of any dangers." Then trace the magic square for the Archangel of Healing and recite the following: "Archangel of Healing, you guard me from behind and keep watch, consecrating my space, ensuring its sanctity, and clearing it of all dangers." Trace the magic square for the Archangel Commander and recite: "Archangel Commander, you guard me from my right and keep watch, defending me from all dangers, defeating all who might come and try to harm me or lead me

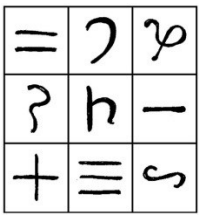
astray." Finally, trace the magic square for the Archangel of Mysteries and recite: "Archangel of Mysteries, you guard me from my left and keep watch, and by your powers of the Light, you extinguish the darkness that before it enters."

Then trace the circles with the wand or dagger to energetically close the sacred space and form the fortified boundary lines. A closing line to the effect of or equivalent to "Amen" or "So mote it be" is then recited to conclude the ritual. From these basic instructions, embellish as much as you would like with additional ritual tools, ritual observances, invocations, candles, incense, stones and crystals, or color symbolism. In the "Seeking: Gaining Knowledge" and "Becoming the Keeper" chapters earlier in the *Book*, my own correspondence references tables for the four elements were provided, which can help give the initiate a starting point for incorporating energetic reinforcements. Also, please rearrange as needed and replace titles with angelic names (e.g., Archangel Michael, Archangel Raphael, Archangel Azrael, Uriel, Israfil, Gabriel, etc.) based on your own observed correspondences.



Archangel Circle of Protection

Note that the magic squares are arranged such that they are facing outward, as if "eyes out" to keep watch.



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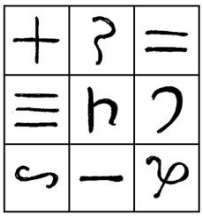

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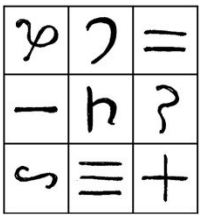

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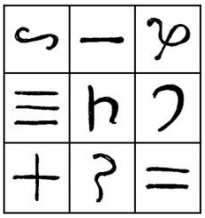

EARTH

The magic squares are attributed by element, so the magic square I've ascribed to the Archangel of Glory is rendered so because of the association with Fire. You can therefore use the same magic square for the named archangel you work with that is attributed to Fire. The magic square for Archangel of Healing is the magic square for Water, so you can use that magic square in connection to the named archangel you associate with Water, and so on.

The circle of protection arrangement can also be used as a talismanic sigil. Render the arrangement and then within the inner circle, write in your name and the names of all those to be blessed and protected by the Four Archangels. Again, ritualize the process as elaborately as you'd like. Do what you intuit needs to be done to achieve an altered state of consciousness and arrive at a vibrational resonance with the beneficent spirits.

To charge and empower the talisman, recite the following (or a variation of your own design): "Archangel of Glory, you lead me and direct safe passage through this life for all within my sacred circle. Archangel of Healing, you guard me from behind, and you protect the health and happiness of those within this sacred sphere. Archangel Commander, with the Sword of the Spirit ever raised and ready to my right, you defend me from all harms, and you defend those who I have named herein. Archangel of Mysteries, with lantern raised and illuminating me to my left, you ensure that I always see my path with clarity, with insight, and with wisdom, and you shine that light for those I've called in to this inner sanctum."

Taking the time to transform the barebones layout provided here into creative and original devotional art adds to the power of your Craft. Creating devotional art *is* Craft. The process itself nurtures a closer, tighter bond with the deities or spirits you're creating the art for. It enhances your emotional, psychic, and spiritual state.

I say playfully that the Four Archangel Magic Squares are like a direct line number you can use to call up the Chief beneficent and divine immortal beings associated with the four elemental worlds. Hierarchy-wise, they reign over all the spirits of the numbered pip cards within their respective suits.

The Archangel of Glory can be called upon to be present in every flame, every spark, every energetic stream of metaphysical Fire. The Archangel of Healing can be called upon to imbue her divinity in every droplet of water, to influence every human condition associated with metaphysical Water. Each elemental Archangel is also closest to the primordial spirits of that element from the Major Arcana, which represent the key elemental faces of the Divine. With that understanding, the magic squares are used in any manner in which you would need to communicate with, petition, send a request to, or ask for a blessing or protection from the Four Archangels.