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Voodoo Love Magick

It was in Africa, the cradle of civilization that Voodoo was born. Voodoo or "Vodun" means Great Spirit. The practitioners of Voodoo believe that one deity rules over the entire Universe but there are multiple smaller deities called Loas who are in charge of various aspects of our life. Magick is performed to appease the Loas and gain their blessings.

Magickal ways of life probably originated from Voodoo. As Africans moved away from their land, Voodoo incorporated other practices into it and became Santeria, Hoodoo, etc.

Dance, Music and chanting are part of the ceremonial rituals of Voodoo. One of the main rituals of Voodoo is performing magick over dolls. These dolls are created ceremoniously by the Voodoo priestesses and priest. They are usually made of natural substances from the earth such as twigs, leaves, nuts and vines. While creating these poppets, the practitioner chants and meditates while giving the poppet its identity. The spirit of the ill person was invited to inhabit the poppet by anointing it with oil.

This type of magick where poppets are created to represent humans or animals was believed to have originated from necessity. Africa is a vast land where the different tribes lived as isolated nomads. When anyone got sick, they couldn't get the sick person to a healer because of the harsh and dangerous terrain. So the message would be sent to the healer and s/he would create the poppet to perform the healing magick on. Neat, huh?

Of course there were people who misused this practice to perform black magic and other psychic spells on innocent people. When missionaries returned from these pristine lands, they were only too happy to criticize the practice of Voodoo and call it savage and barbaric. For this reason, most Voodoo practitioners prefer to call their religion Vodun.





However Voodoo survived the colonial invasions and is still practiced in many countries. Candles, Anointing oils, Mojo bags, Poppets, etc are used in Voodoo spells. This religion places a lot of importance on ancestors, making a special altar for all ancestors in their homes, consecrating this area daily and sometimes also ceremoniously offering food to the ancestors.

Also, Voodoo and its variations place a lot of emphasis on the importance of the physical human body. In most spells, items from the body such as nails, hair, spit, secretions, blood, etc are used. To make some spells more potent, graveyard dirt is used. The idea behind it is that the place where a loved one is buried also contains the essence of that person's spirit who will help carry out the spell.

Here is a love spell from the Voodoo/Hoodoo tradition. This is worked to attract true love into your life.

One Red candle

Blunt knife to carve candle

One bottle of oil or perfume that reminds you of the one you love

One piece of red yarn about 9 inches long

Optional - Anything small that belongs to the person you wish to attract such as nail clipping, hair, etc.

On a night when the moon is in a waxing phase, take long, aromatic bath.

Sit at the altar for a while and quietly meditate on your longing for this person. With the knife, carve the name of the person on the candle. If you have any nail clippings or hair, make a small hole in the side of the candle and put the items in it, cover the hole with wax.

Now take a few drops of the perfume or essence that reminds you of your love. Holding the candle in the middle, anoint with downward strokes from the middle. Imagine that you are stroking your beloved. After you have anointed the lower portion of the candle, hold the candle in the middle and anoint from middle to top of the candle.

Slowly and with deep concentration, think of your ecstasy when you finally get together and become one.

Light the candle and sit in deep concentration. Take the red yarn and holding the ends together make a knot. While tying the knot, chant:

I bind this knot to bring me "name's" love.





(Replace with name of the person you love)

Check if the thread can now be worn as a bracelet. If it is too large, make another knot while chanting the above. Repeat until you have a simple yarn bracelet.

When the candle has burnt out, you can bury the remainder of the wax underground. Wear the bracelet every day until your love comes to you.

Brightest Blessings!

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