

HEXING & CURSING

NEVER MIND THE RULE OF THREE

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Alas, we come to a topic that is both controversial and feared—hexing, crossing, and cursing. Many moons ago, when I first began on my magical path, I abided by the law of three and the “an’ ye harm none, do what ye will” rules. Because of this, I became a vegetarian and certainly would never hex or curse anyone—I didn’t need that all coming back around to me. No way.

However, as I continued my magical journey, I began to study hoodoo. Just to be clear here, hoodoo and Voodoo are not the same thing. Hoodoo is African-American folk magic. Hoodoo is a practice, not a religion. And Hoodoo is not evil, but it doesn’t have a three-fold law. As I was evolving, I realized that the rule of three was not practical—not for me at least. I have never been a big fan of “turn the other cheek” and certainly not the idea that you should just sit there and let karma “do its work” while you are being trampled on, treated poorly, or being disrespected.

I started learning about hexes, jinxes, and curses. And, yes, there is a difference:

Hexing: to cast a spell over someone

Cursing: often spoken or written, to wish bad luck on someone

Jinxing: to cast a spell that has irritating or annoying effects

They all require some form of spellwork and usually use fixed candles, oils, and roots. For me, a jinx or hex is something carried out in a discreet way—putting a special powder on the doorstep, so when the person walks over it, ill intent will be carried out; anointing the doors with special oils and putting something in someone’s shoe. A curse is something that is more ritualized, a calling up of certain spirits to send ill will or bad luck to the person. To me, these are much more evolved and take a lot of work—so if it is done, it’s because someone really deserved it. But wait . . . I know what you are thinking: “Zehara, aren’t you worried about all the terrible things that will happen if you curse someone?” Quite frankly, no. Why? It’s simple. To me, a curse or a hex is giving that person their karma right then and there rather than waiting around for it. Sometimes, it can take a while before the hex, jinx, or curse kicks in, but it does eventually. And it works very well if you have been wronged.

If you feel that hexing and cursing are bad—and you feel guilty doing it—then don’t. If you are scared the three-fold law is going to get you, then you shouldn’t meddle with hexes and curses to begin with.

Like all spellwork, hexing and cursing need to have the same energy and effort given to any other magical workings. You need to first visualize and work the spell. If you don’t “feel” it—like any other work—the hex or curse will not come into fruition. Cursing and hexing shouldn’t be used for mundane irritants. If someone cuts you off in traffic or was just nasty to you in a line at the grocery store, that is not cause for a hex or curse. I am talking about the kinds of things that are unforgivable. You need to have a legitimate reason for why you are doing this type of work. I will tell you that the spirits don’t give a damn about a hex for someone who just cut you in line—they know better, and you should too!

What works best? As with all magic, it depends on your preference. Some people are OK with a candle, a picture, and a few words of ill intention. Others like more contact by putting powders near the person so they will walk through it or burying and hiding objects in their home without their knowledge and then kickstarting them when the time is right. You can use dolls via sympathetic magic by filling it with hair or nail clippings from the intended. Everyone has their own ways of doing things. I am more of a ritual person. Candles, incantations, and the calling upon spirits and energies to assist with or do the work for me; I have had some fantastic results, and some curses are waiting for the kickstart. I am also a big fan of hiding cursed items in the person’s house or outside their residence.

So, if you feel like cursing and hexing are not a good thing—don’t do it! If you have a reason (a real reason) and feel in your heart that someone deserves their retribution a bit quicker, start delving into curses and hexes.

For further reading, I highly recommend the book *Cursing and Crossing: Hoodoo Spells to Torment, Jinx, and Take Revenge On Your Enemies* by Miss Aida.