

Auras of Freedom

This is an OOC document and does not exist IC.

An aura is a persistent spiritual effect on a person, location or item. The auras listed here are created by priests whose soul is dedicated to Freedom who use the relevant ceremonial skill. A character who is dedicated to Freedom must pick one of the following auras when they perform the relevant ceremony.

Freedom is a thing that a character in Empire can have their soul dedicated to. The Empire regards it as a false virtue and calls it Anarchy. It is known by other names – for instance, Liberty – and the choice to use “Freedom” here is just to pick one name to consistently refer to it by.

Similarly, the names used for each aura are intended for OOC use only, primarily to inform a referee which you are applying if required. If your character has just gained the ability to use these auras, you could roleplay that they are only aware of the ones corresponding to the skills they can use, that they are aware of all of them, or that they only become aware of them when they attempt to create an aura for the first time. All of these are valid ways to use this list.

For convenience, GOD may have blank Anointing cards for you to use.

Anointing

Anointing involves a short ceremony to create a personal aura on a mortal being. Anointing always requires the consent of the subject.

The Price of Freedom

You feel compelled to tear down those who constrain freedom, by any means. There is no price too high for liberty.

The Power of Freedom

You feel empowered to bring about the change you swore to achieve when anointed. The restrictions imposed by legality or social consequences feel like barriers to be overcome.

The Voice of Freedom

You feel an urge to denounce laws and social conventions which limit freedom. You feel buoyed with confidence when you speak out in this manner.

The Salvation of Freedom

You feel a desire to save others from their complacency. Those who do not resist tyranny are complicit in it.

Consecration

Consecration is the ceremony used to create an aura on a clearly defined location. There is only one aura for each virtue, and all priests create the same one when they use this skill.

All That Impedes

You feel a profound sense that you can only reach your true potential if you are absolutely free. This is your fundamental right.

Dedication

Dedication is the ceremony used to link a pilgrim's soul to the virtue. It can also be used to create vivid oracular dreams.

Dreams of Freedom

The next time you sleep you experience a vivid dream concerning all those things that threaten the liberty of yourself and those you care about. Your dreams will often reveal new ways that tyrants can be resisted. Sometimes, the dream will show you ways in which your freedom is violated that you had been unaware of, which inspire you with righteous anger even when the constraints depicted are new to you. Often, the dream will include symbolic aspects of the oppression you face, which may provide new insight into tearing them down.

Hallow

Hallow is used to create an aura on an item, such as a weapon, implement, shield or suit of armour. It is not possible to use hallow to create an aura on large immobile objects. Hallows do not provide a source of supernatural strength, but are durable and can last for a year (or potentially forever in the case of an artefact hallowed with true liao).

- **Hallowing of Ahraz**

*You feel an urge to **free the downtrodden** from those who oppress them.*

- **Hallowing of the Satirist**

*You feel driven to **undermine figures of authority**, especially those who abuse their power.*

- **Hallowing of the Freethinker**

*You feel an urge to **chastise the hidebound** who are enslaved by their traditions*

- **Hallowing of the Brand**

*You feel an urge to **disobey orders which you don't personally agree with**.*

- **Hallowing of the Troubadour**

*You feel a desire to **encourage others to follow their own hearts** and ignore the commands of others.*

- **Hallowing of the Rebel**

*You feel an urge to **break the law** to show its empty nature.*

- **Hallowing of Frederick**

*You feel driven to risk everything in order to **preserve liberty**.*