Magick – Clear Intent before working with Defensive Magick and Offensive Magick

When one works with magick, they must always be conscious of their intent first and foremost. If a person's INTENT (including the emotions behind the intent) are off, then the magick can become offensive and results to all parties (self-included) will be felt almost immediately; hence why it is always the best idea to get the intent and emotions under control <u>before</u> doing magick of any kind.

<u>So, what it Intent and why is it the most important first step in any magickal workings?</u>

Your intent / intentions is you getting clear on exactly what you want out of the spell—the desired outcome of your magic—and communicating it as clearly and specifically as possible.

Remember that a spell, or any magick, is so your desire is clearly communicated to the Universe – exactly and precisely what you want. Think of it as a Prayer – all words have INTENTION behind them. You never want to manifest something you don't want or truly need.

Also, remember that your basis – your Intention – is actually where most of the spell / magicks power comes from and with a clear intention, you can harness and direct the outpouring of magickal workings easier and with loads less chaos.

<u>Defensive Magick (also known as Protective Magick)</u>

This is magick that is used to repel or block magickal attacks.

Now mind you, not everyone or everything is out to get you; however, there will be times that defensive magick will be needed in your life; things such as Verbal attacks, Physical attacks, Energy draining attacks, Character attacks, Creative attacks, Relationship attacks….the list goes on.

The easiest defensive magick example is when you cast a circle before ritual, meditation, etc. This is protective and defensive magick in its purest form. And, as I said earlier, the Intent is pre-set in the universe – in this case protection from outside elements. (shielding is also a defensive form of magick as it warding home & hearth)

<u>Offensive Magick (used to be considered 'Black magick' or left-hand magick)</u>

This magick's purpose is to deliberately harm another person or thing; with full conscious intent of harm / damage and with extreme negative emotions backing it

With this type of magick and the potency of intent – the outpouring of chaos is extreme for all involved – including yourself.

Some ideas of offensive magick (in the lesser forms) are binding, cleansing and banishing magick.

To put the terms Black Magick or Offensive Magick in historical terms, A. E. Waite provided a comprehensive account of black magic practices, rituals and traditions in *The Book of Black Magic and Ceremonial Magic*.

Other practitioners have expanded on these ideas and offered their own comprehensive lists of rituals and concepts.

Some Offensive (or Black) magick practices and rituals include:
- True name spells - the theory that knowing a person's true name allows control over that person, making this wrong for the same reason. This can also be used as a connection to the other person, or to free them from another's a compulsion, so it is in the grey area.
- Curses and hexes - a curse can be as simple as wishing something bad would happen to someone, or as complicated as performing a complex ritual to ensure that someone dies.

Now, going back to what I said earlier about banishing, cleansing and binding being offensive – yes, they are under the Offensive Magick heading – however, your intent as well as your need is what makes them harmful or less-then harmful.

An example of less-then harmful vs harmful:
Less-then harmful: cleansing and banishing negativity from your home and then binding all the positive to stay within your home
Harmful: cleansing and banishing a person / thing from your life and then binding that person / thing to never find happiness in future.
See the difference of intent? Now image adding extra emotions into that? The chaos will explode everywhere!

Again – words have power and so do emotions – so never mix the two when doing magickal workings

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Witch's Pyramid
And
Witch's Intent Pyramid for
Defensive and Offensive
Magick

To Will

To Calm
/ Settle
Self

To Know

To set
pure
Intent