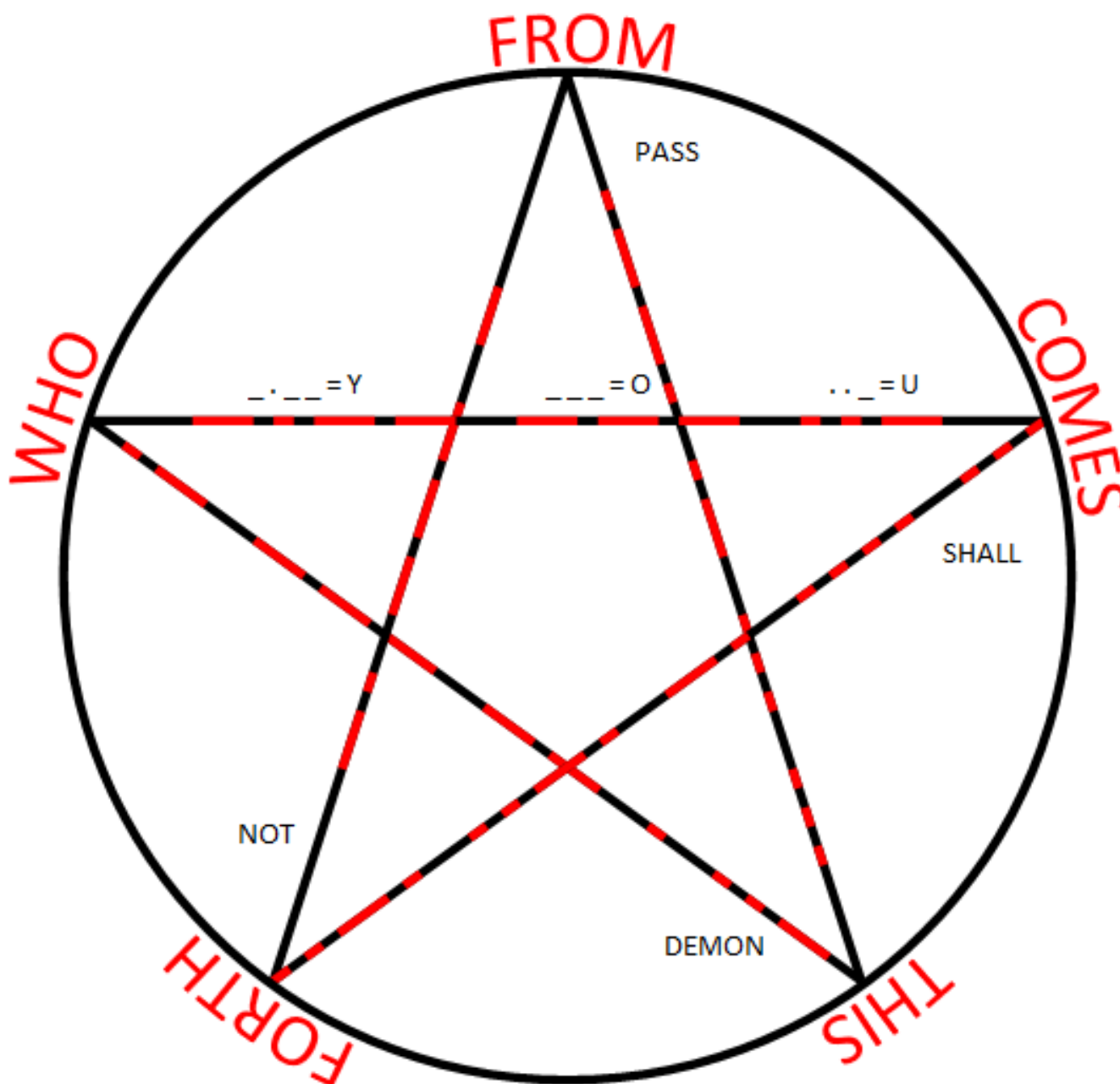




Summoning Ring

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The colored segments of each line of the pentagram correspond to morse. Single unit of red is a dit, single unit of black is a space between components of a letter. Triple unit of red is a dot, triple unit of black is a space between letters.

Each line has a single word and then is buffered on either end with black units to give uniform length.

The direction and order in which you read the lines is clued by the words on the outer ring. WHO COMES FORTH FROM THIS.

Following that direction along the lines, the morse ends up spelling out YOU SHALL NOT PASS DEMON.

The answer is the demon referenced by Gandalf's movie quote "YOU SHALL NOT PASS" – the BALROG.

DURIN'S BANE is also acceptable, as that is the specific Balrog that was defeated by Gandalf.

ANSWER:
BALROG