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Why A Pagan Newsletter

Pagan's In Palm Beach County

Dreamweaver

Dragon Palm Circle

It seems that the Pagan community is growing in the Palm Beaches, but communication is lacking. Most Wiccan Covens only know of one or two other Covens, yet rumors say that there are more.

There is also the large amount of people wearing Pentagrams, now its true there is nothing that says you must be Pagan to wear one, but we are sure a lot of the people doing so are.

This newsletter can be a way for Pagans to communicate with one another and let other Pagans know about one another.

We realize a lot of Pagans and Wiccans are still in the "Broom Closet" and don't want the world to know what religion they follow. So people can use public magick names, p.o.boxes and e-mail address to correspond. We feel that as Pagans we must network with other Pagans and this can be a good place to start. To get in touch with us write to: Dreamweaver, PO Box 17903, West palm Beach, FL 33416 or e-mail dragonpalm@worldnet.att.net (e-mail is the quickest way to contact us).

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To Be, or Not To Be

Pro's and Cons of working in a Coven

Hawk

Wiccan Elder of the Nordic Tradition

Well, I have thought about this awhile.

Cons:

By working alone, you never have to worry about, a coven member working against you. It seems that sometimes Coven members will say that they are with you but, really they are Not, and when you try to do Magick they work to stop you. For what ever the reason, be it that they are jealous or that they truly think you are wrong.

You are never told what do when you work alone. As it seems that many Coven have too many leaders and Not enough coveners. And you think your voice or words will go to the wind.

There is yet a better reason for working alone, and that is they just don't CARE. I mean that they "show up when they want to" and when they do it's just "A Party" fun and games. They don't take it seriously, they are off talking to each other, about things that have nothing to do with Wicca. They are almost never "On Time" or have anything that they need. When they do show up "they bring empty stomachs, empty pockets, not even a bottle of wine.

Pros:

What a Place to learn, "WOW". The people in a Coven are your Family, and they care "and show it." They do this by caring about you, physically, mentally and spiritually (Note. * This is why sometimes they are talking about things other than Wicca.)

There is so much to learn, and only, in the loving hands of Family will you get what you NEED.

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An Open Letter To A Witch

This letter was on the Internet - it had no author listed. I think it is a very important letter to be read by all Pagan whether they are Witches or not.

I do not know what Tradition you follow. That does not matter, indeed, for all I know, you may be one of those many lonely ones who, for whatever reason, must worship by 'feel' rather than through any formal coven training or participation. But whoever you are and however you worship, all that matters to me is that you hold true to the God and the Goddess. My purpose in writing this letter is to enjoin your aid in destroying that which cripples our Craft. Dissension is the disease. It is not a cancer, for it can be cured; and, as with most herbal cures, the best treatment is that administered internally.

Friend, help spread the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Craft, do not seek to establish a scale of Wicca purism, (for no two Witches will ever agree on the relative positions on the scale or even their own tradition.) There is no one religion for all people, and **THERE IS NO ONE TRADITION FOR ALL WITCHES!** Let this be understood, and accepted. Choose your own path and leave your neighbor to choose his. Remember the primary tenet: "AN IT HARM NONE, DO WHAT THOU WILT."

Yet never forget: "An it harm none." If your path leads to sex rites, to homosexuality, to phallic-initiation. .do not put it forward as : **THE WICCAN WAY**". It is only A Wiccan way, one of MANY. And by the same token, if a path so presented is not your way, do not decry it simply because it is not your way. Who are you to say another is wrong, so long as it harms none.

Strive for honesty, friend. Do not make false Craft claims, whether of position, heredity, lineage, or whatever. If you have a quarrel with someone seek out the one you disagree with, rather than utilize perhaps unreliable intermediaries. Do not spread unfounded rumors and question those who do so. News of battle makes more exciting reading than news of peace. Why, then, provide battle news for publication when the serenity of the Craft is what we should be showing.

We have come a long way, my friend, in a few short years. Let us move on along our chosen paths till we emerge as we will - accepted and respected by ALL, as a religion in our own right.

Help us bring an end to washing our dirty linen in public. There will always be disagreements, there will always be those who cannot tolerate others, but they are in the minority and so they should remain, if you wish. But do not deny them their right to be different.

Friend, we are Children of the Universe, and Children of the God and Goddess. Let us try to remember that, and Live in Peace.

Blessed Be, and Merry Part!

This letter says a lot. If we respect one another and not look at ways we are better, we will all be much better off.

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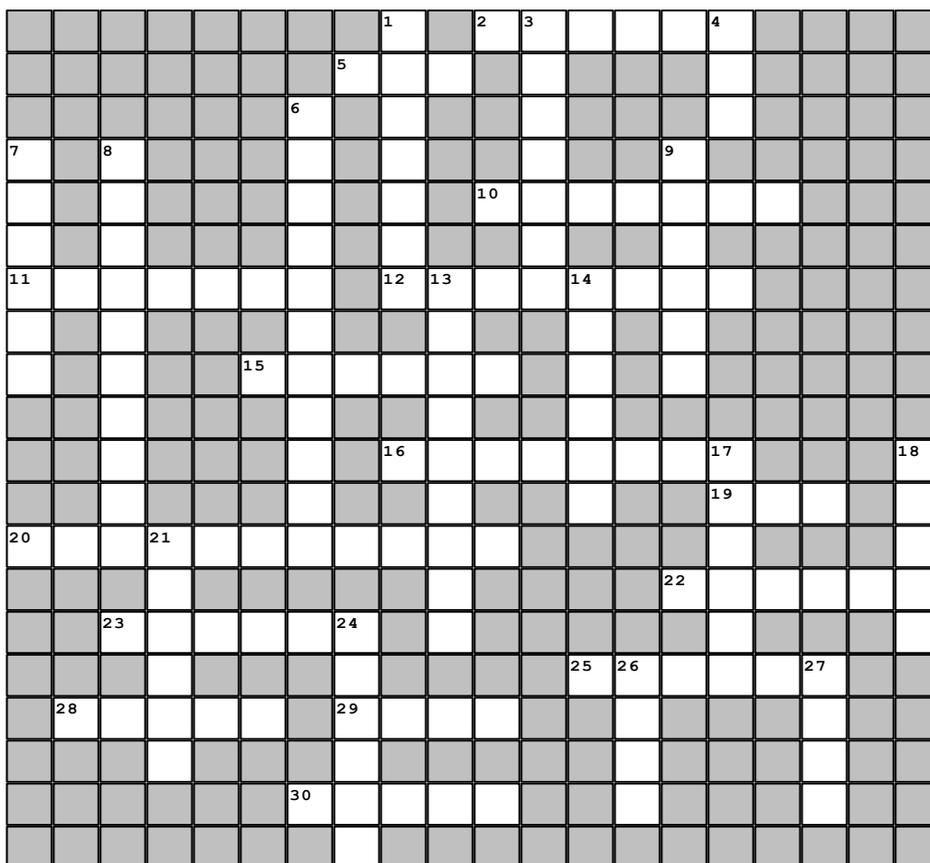
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The Craft



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| <p>2. February 2</p> <p>5. Color relates to South</p> <p>10. Halloween</p> <p>11. Novice</p> <p>12. A mixture of beliefs</p> <p>15. Spring Equinox</p> <p>16. Wrote "Complete book of Witchcraft"</p> <p>19. Conscious part of the human psyche</p> <p>20. Wiccan wedding ritual</p> <p>22. Total non-physical makeup of a human being</p> <p>23. August 1</p> <p>25. Relates to East</p> <p>28. Third aspect of the Mother Goddess</p> <p>29. Color relates to West</p> <p>30. Fall Equinox</p> | <p>6. anti-clockwise direction</p> <p>7. The Witch's black-handled knife</p> <p>8. An appeal to a higher power</p> <p>9. Magickal act of driving away evil or negativity</p> <p>13. Celtic Horned God</p> <p>14. Magick is done in it</p> <p>17. clockwise direction</p> <p>18. An organized group of Wiccans</p> <p>21. Fire breathing animal</p> <p>24. Eight seasonal festivals</p> <p>26. Quarter relates to air</p> <p>27. Quarter relates to Water</p> |
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1. May eve
3. Refers to the everyday
4. Small house pet

Are You Wiccan???

If you are, then you should be able to do or answer all of these questions.

1. Can you cast Circle?
2. What is the Wiccan Rede?
3. Who is Gerald Gardner?
4. How many cards in a Tarot deck?
5. What were the Burning Times?
6. What is Magick?
7. Can you cast a spell?
8. Do you have a Book of Shadows
9. What is Theban?
10. What is a Rune?
11. What is the three fold law?
12. Who is Raymond Buckland?
13. What is an Athame?

Hope you didn't expect the answers. We gave this list to some of our Wicca 101 students and they knew them all and they are not finished with their year and a day. If you don't know the answers you need to talk to someone and find the answers. You do need to study more. And you should seek out a teacher if you are truly interested in this very beautiful religion.



ADS - Palm Beach Pagans

This newsletter is going to be given out free, so we are going to need ads.

There will be only one size ad and that will be business card size and they will cost \$10 each. You may buy as many as you want and put them together to form larger ads. Eight would form a full page.

If you are interested in advertising contact us at

Dragonpalm@worldnet.att.net

Or PO Box 17903, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-7903

And we will have someone get in touch with you.

Deadlines for ads are as follows:

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Please do not send ad and money until you are contacted by a member of our staff.



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BEWARE!!

Looking for a teacher or a group to join, just want to meet some fellow pagans.... How do you know if someone is what they say?

You don't, this is why e-mail and PO Boxes are the best bets when networking. But sooner or latter there comes a time when you are going to meet someone face to face. Pick a very public place for the meeting and if you are going alone arrange for someone to meet you there later.

How to pick a teacher. First before looking read a book like Bucklands Complete Book of Witchcraft. This will give you an idea if what the person is saying is true or not. Also a teacher will never make you do something against your will. (In other words if they say you must do something and you feel uncomfortable about it, leave them and find a new teacher) If you are underage you will need your parents permission. (If they don't beware)

Don't run to the first person willing to teach you, shop around. See what you can find out about this person from other Wiccans or Pagans. If people say stay away, heed them.

If possible try to learn from a Coven. Study groups given by Covens are a good place to start your learning and from there you can usually find a teacher that will further your studies.

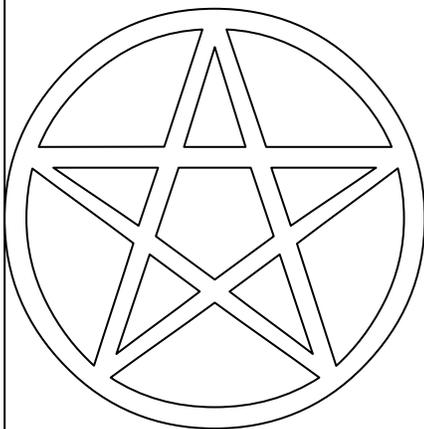
I realize this is very sketchy and not a lot of information. In future issues we will go more into finding teachers and networking. We will have a letter forum in future issues. And we will cover other things to beware of such as Chat rooms on the net.

Blessed Be
Dreamweaver

By Moonlit Met

Wyndsong

By moonlit met
 In shadowed glen
 And misty maze of meadow
 We gather gladly
 Fawning madly
 With out Wiccan fellows
 Joining hands
 And laughing gaily
 Within the circle cast
 We sing their praises
 In amazement
 Of our future's past
 Our Lord and Lady
 The keepers to
 The secrets of the craft
 Guide us wisely
 Never blindly
 On our chosen path
 Come all ye
 And sing with us
 Dance and be merry!
 If you have an
 Open mind heart
 You'll be asked to tarry.



What Wicca means to me

Brandy

Outer Circle, Dragon Palm Circle

Wicca means to me that we Love, Trust, and Respect each other...It also means to respect yourself.

LOVE: love mankind, animals and yourself.

TRUST: means you can tell something to someone you know and you believe that person.

RESPECT: loving yourself and others. Others you respect 99% of the time respect you and what you believe even if they don't understand and / or if they do not believe in it.

So if someone tells you "Hey I'm Wiccan". Ask yourself do they love, trust, and respect, themselves, and others.

The Craft

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Answers to the crossword puzzle on page 5. We are looking for puzzles, wordfinds, and other games for future issues. The should be sent in a graphic format via e-mail (dragonpalm@worldnet.att.net) or in a very clear print out that can be scanned. (mail to: PO Box 17903, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-7903)

We also would like artwork that can be used in future issues also. It can be sent to us the same way.

Articles can be sent to us as a Text file, Word file, Works file or WordPerfect file. (We use MS Word) or sent written out. Please no hand written, it just makes mistakes too easy to make.