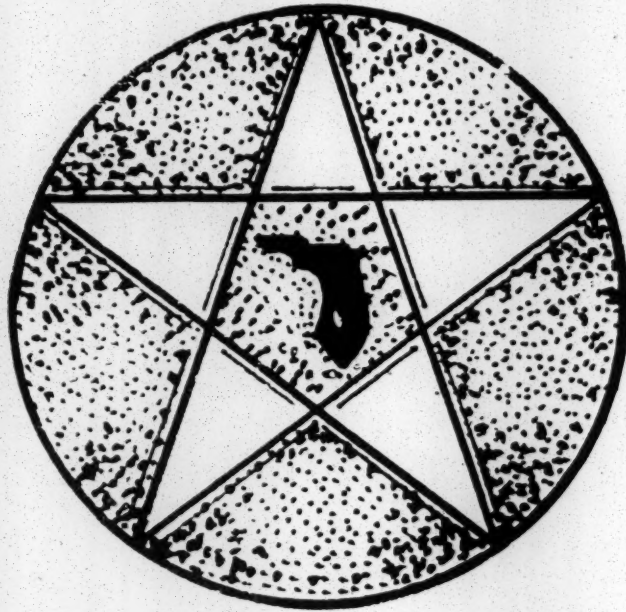


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a Saint's Legacy

In our own South Florida area, the Aquarian belief with the largest following is most definitely concerned with either the Santero or Espiritista faiths. Both these modes of religious expression are increasing and strong amongst the large Latin population in our area, and have stretched far beyond.

Santeria in its present state is not very old, yet it has reached many in the short time it has been around. Originally the religion of the Yoruba people in Africa, it was brought over to the island of Cuba

with the slaves. Amongst the Yoruba people who were the victims of slavery was a strong belief in seven powers, dieties of their homeland. On arrival to the island of Cuba, task-masters and slave owners felt that the rituals and beliefs associated with the Yoruba religion should be eliminated, and made it a point to persecute those still following that religion.

At that time, the people of the Yoruba religions, in order to preserve their religion, adopted those Christian Saints which most closely resembled their own dieties' nature. In that way, they could continue their religious practices, for although the slave owners might object to the name of a Yoruba still object to the name of a Yoruba God, they could certainly not object to the name of a Christian Saint spoken in prayer by a devotee.

The seven dieties and their later Christian Saint counterparts are: Chango (Saint Barbara), Ochun (the Virgin of Charity of Cobre), Yemalia (the Virgin of Regla), Obatala (the Virgin of the Mercedes), Orula (St. Francis of Assisi), Ogum (St. John the Baptist), and Elegua. Of all these, as the legend go, St. Barbara was the leader of these dieties, and contained in her possession the tablet of teaching that the Santero follows. Yet, she was a happy Saint, who loved much the games, feast and party; was of both the spiritual and material worlds.

With this in mind, she imparted the tablets to Saint Francis of Assisi who the Santero believes is the man who has come closest to God. Last, yet not least, is Olafi, an obscure diety, over all these seven, which the Santero equates with Jesus Christ.

Much of what the Santero believes is secret, and few have in their possession what was long ago upon the tablet which Chango conceded to Orula. Today, unfortunately, much of what is Santeria has been debased by those who seek money rather than truth, some of them charging four to six thousand dollars for their services. No doubt these people should be avoided, for as all the religiousmagickal systems teach, no money may ever be accepted for the practice of that system.

The exploits and powers of these saints as told in story are most beautiful. By prayer, sweet substances, flowers and pure water, the saints are said to respond to the petitioner's wish. Usually, the petitioner will promise something to the saint (such as a pilgrimage to a sacred spot, buying a particular type of flower, or saying a certain prayer), if the saint delivers what the petitioner has asked for.

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The Astral Trip,

Adina Walker

While in quiet meditation
A Shaft of light upon me shone
Illuminating emanation
Shown down on me along.

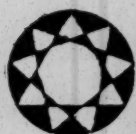
It pulled me slowly from my body
Like a silver cord above my eyes
And set my psyche free to wander
Through the vastness of the skies.



Out of body soaring....soaring
Nothing to restrain my flight
As galaxies like grains of sand
Stretched out across the night.

Light years passed and still I flew
...Still my spirit traveled
Upward through the realms of light
...AS mysteries unraveled.

I heard the music of the spheres
Round about my head...
Ringing...Ringing in my ears
(I thought I was dead).



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As I watched the Cosmos
Unfolding silently about...
A veil was lifted from my sight
And I perceived without a doubt...
That all of illimitable space
Evolved according to a plan
Beyond the power to comprehend
Of utterly insignificant man.

W "THE WITCH AND THE BAPTIST" or "How
To Keep a Court Case Out of Court
for Two Years".....

About six months ago, the Florida Aquarian Newsletter reported on the plight of Ms. Grace Efstathiou, of Pensacola, FL. Ms. Efstathiou, a furniture saleswoman for the Marston and Quina Furniture Store (Rhodes, Inc.) had been fired after friction between herself, an initiate of the Association of Cymry Wicca, and her employer, a devotee Baptist.

Grace has been out of work for over two years now, and her civil rights legal battle has been going on just as long. After her lawyer (who shall remain unnamed) began to attempt to get Grace to work something out out of court (even calling this Newsletter in an attempt to persuade Grace to settle out of court), Grace decided she could do without that kind of help and is proceeding to work on her own case.

All this Newsletter can do is continue supporting Grace, praying that truth will overcome bigotry, and hoping that Grace Efstathiou will have her (successful) day in court.

Send letters of encouragement to:

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Psyche Arts Studio
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PSYCHIC SOAP OPERA REVISITED.....

In the last issue of this newsletter, we spoke of the discord between the Professional Association of Psychics and Sensitives and the Roundtable of the Light Centers, in an article entitled "Psychic Soap Opera". We attempted to say how silly the rivalry between the two was, and how their low opinions of each other had no backing.

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The Florida Aquarian Newsletter is once again falling short of its monetary needs. In an attempt to build up some steam, the office will begin embarking on various fund raising events. If our readers can supply us with either ideas concerning these events or locations where we can hold them, it would be most deeply appreciated. Thankyou!

WHAT PUBLICATION?

What South Florida publication made a first in reporting about and giving validity to all forms of (positive) Aquarian philosophy and experiance, including Wicca and Ceremonial magick?

What was the first publication in the country to report on and challenge the anti-Astrology paper issued by 158 scientists last year?

what was the first publication in the country to publicize Ms. Sybil Leek's beliefs and opinions concern- in present difficulties encountered by Aquarian workers?

What South Florida publication pre- sents monthly information relative to all facets of the South Florida Aquarian Community?

The Florida Aquarian Newsletter.

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JULIE WATSON'S PSYCHIC CENTER meets on 4th Friday of month, at Mi-world Bookstore, 8 PM. See FA Distribu- tors for location and phone.

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