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MERRY MEET! BLESSED BE! GREETINGS! AND ALL THAT GOOD STUFF!

Here in Bakersfield all goes well. The weather has been so unusual this year that Beltane was the first Sabbat we've celebrated in the outdoor circle.

We mentioned last month that Tanya & Greg (L.A.) had just been initiated. They conducted the Pagan Way ritual for Beltane, their first ritual, and it went very well.

Judith & Vulcan conducted the Craft ritual, so of course, that one went great as usual.

The following we mentioned a few months ago but, since it seems to be difficult to get through to some people, we'll say it again: Although we are rather open with Sabbats, they are by INVITATION ONLY. We just can't have strangers wandering in. If anyone wishes to bring a guest, it is necessary to get an okay from either Vulcan or Pat. Except for INVITED guests or new students attending their first Sabbat, anyone who does not plan to take part in the rituals is NOT WELCOME. This applies to EVERYONE. From now on there will be someone at the door to check people as they arrive. If anyone brings a guest without getting previous permission, that person will be turned away. I hope that is PERFECTLY CLEAR, and if not, it still applies anyway.

One more sad note and then we'll get on with things. For a short time, Luke was a first degree member of the Bakersfield Coven. About a year ago, due to his breaking of Craft laws, he was banned from any further contact with the Coven here. It was hoped that he might learn from his mistakes and perhaps find another place where he might fit in. However, due to his recent behavior, we feel a Banishment an absolute necessity. Any Crafter offering him knowledge or hospitality shall do so at their own risk. SO MOTE IT BE!

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Hi Pat! Didja hear the one about... (from Rus, Arcane Crafts)

The Catholic, the Protestant, the Wiccan and the satanist chartered a boat to go fishing. When they were well beyond the continental shelf, the boat suddenly started to sink. They threw everything overboard to lighten the vessel, but that didn't help. Finally, the captain declared that one of them would have to go overboard to save the others.

They drew straws, and the Catholic got the short one. "Greater love than this hath no man!" he shouted, and jumped overboard. But the boat went on sinking.

They drew straws again, and this time it was the Protestant's turn. With a cry of "Lord! I'm comin' home!" he jumped into the sea. It helped, but not for long.

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RUS continued

They drew straws a third time, and this time it was the Wiccan who got the short straw. "Blessed Be, and may the Gods preserve the Craft!" roared the Wiccan, and...he threw the satanist overboard.

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CLOUD in Kalamazoo sez: I'm disturbed by Shadowhawk & Blacksun's account of their Yule ritual, (Feb. issue) though it sounds like a lovely event.

I sympathize with the urge to lay a little magick on our friends; if they are our brothers in one respect, the temptation is strong to expect them to be able to turn on to all our ways. And I do understand the magickal content of a good event. But this was a little too intentional to be within the rules - protective rules.

Let's continue Circles at events, though away from the central activities. But let's think very carefully before we bring people into Circle unawares, even with the best of intentions. If we can't tolerate difference, allow people to pursue their own paths in peace, and cherish the diversity of creation that makes it all possible, then we are as one-true-way-ist as the Christians.

Pat, I know this letter may start a debate, and you may not want to print such. But I hope we can all begin to fight the urge we say we haven't got, to evangelize others into our path just because we find joy there; no more than Christianity is the Craft for everyone, and just because someone is a friend doesn't mean s/he should or can be Pagan. Everything in its own sphere, please, and may we trust our friends to grow in their own way, in their own time.

Blessed Be.

Cloud

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ED. NOTE: Cloud, I agree with the general idea of what you say but... I read the article again, and in this case, I think you made an incorrect interpretation of what was done. I really can't see that any proseletizing was done in the situation described. Clearly an entire Craft ritual was not performed in the presence of all. What they saw was some Pagan practice which was certainly not out of place in a medieval anachronist group. Nowhere is there a suggestion that anyone was told that this is the way they should believe. Note: "we took our Circle out into the woods and held a beautiful moonlit Full Moon ritual by the shore of a serene lake". Obviously, this was done only for the Craft people. No, we should not proseletize, but we do need to do things to help the public see that Crafters and Pagans are not what they believe them to be.

Cloud also recommended more books for Pagan parents.

Whole Child, Whole Parent - Berens

The Growth and Development of Mothers - Mc Bride

Magical Child - Pearce

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DEFINITIONS #1 cont.

- mundane-- of or relating to the everyday, material world; having no concern for the ideal or spiritual aspects of life
- Nature-- the system of things on this planet, of which we are a part of the whole
- necklace-- a special necklace is worn as a badge of initiation or rank; is a symbol of the circle, or the life cycle, of the life cycle, and the universe
- New Moon-- the time the moon is not visible, at the end of the lunar month
- occult-- that which is beyond the range of ordinary knowledge; pertaining to the supernatural, magical, or mysterious; secret knowledge
- pagan-- a term meaning 'one who dwells in the country', refers to one who follows a Nature religion
- parapsychology-- the study of the mind's abilities beyond that explained by mundane science
- pentacle-- (also called pentagram) a five-pointed star, formed by five interwoven lines; the most widely used symbol for the Craft; symbolizes mankind-the four elements of matter ruled by spirit; one of the basic magical tools, represents earth
- personality-- the part of the mind that deals with the physical world
- polarity-- two opposite forces which stimulate and bring out the best in the other Priest, Priestess -- the leaders of any ritual
- purify-- to ritually cleanse or be cleansed, in order to be fitting and suitable to partake in a magical working
- reincarnation-- the doctrine that each individual possess a 'soul' which is independent of the body and can be reborn into another body
- religion-- a system of faith and worship; often of a deity or deities, which is a focal point for ardor; a relinking of Man with deity
- Sabbat-- a major religious celebration of the Craft, at which all the covens in the area traditionally come together; there are eight of these, marking the transitions and high points of the sun's journey through the seasons
- Satanists-- not witches, they are anti-Christians, using inverted Christian rituals, particularly known for their flamboyant use of magick for evil purposes
- science-- a conscious process of discrimination, and interpretation using established, verifiable, general laws
- skry-- to divine or give a reading by any method
- skyclad-- naked; many traditions of witches work skyclad to show they are free, to appear before their gods as the gods made them
- soft self-- one's energy body
- spell-- the process by which the forces of Nature are utilized to produce a desired effect; an incantation or charm
- spirit guide-- instructor and guide from a higher level of being; aids in an individual's progress in learning the Arts of magick; has nothing to gain from

DEFINITIONS #1 cont.

- from staying in your shell; protects during out-of-body travels
- subconscious-- the lower self, made up of: glandular and body maintenance, senses, idio-motor group, environmental control
- subtle body-- a complex network of energies which surround and interpenetrate the physical body, and which contain power centers
- sunwise-- (deosil) clockwise, turning to the right; the most common direction of doing things within the Circle
- superconscious-- the higher self, made up of: emotion, memory, ESP, imagination and personality
- symbols-- the language of the mind and magick; brings the incomprehensible into one's realm
- Tenets-- the beliefs, doctrines, and principals of the Craft
- thirteen-- a sacred and magical number, due to its association with the moon
- tools-- the working implements of the Craft; must be properly acquired and charged; must fit its symbolic associations
- trance-- a sleep-like state with reduced physical awareness, suspension of voluntary activity, and some degree of dissociation and loss of consciousness; the barriers of the mind have been lowered; best state for reasonably easy exchange of psychic energies

TYPES OF WITCHES--

- Hereditary -- the ways of the Craft have been in family lineage
- Traditional -- the ways of the Craft have been maintained by coven lineage
- Gardnerian -- passed by Traditionalists to Gerald Gardner, who did much research and brought back many of the old ways which had been lost
- Alexandrian -- combines Gardnerian with High Magick
- Celtic -- Traditionalists tracing heritage to the Celt people
- Seax -- Traditionalists tracing heritage to the Saxon peoples
- Nordic -- Traditionalist tracing heritage to the Norse peoples
- waning moon-- the time the moon is on the decline, from Full Moon to New Moon; the time of turning inward, banishing, destruction
- warlock-- a term that in ancient times meant a traitor to the Wicca
- waxing moon-- the time the moon is on the increase, from New Moon to Full Moon; the time of turning outward, invoking, construction
- Wheel of the Year-- the eight Sabbats of the year; sometimes, the myth enacted by the rituals at these Sabbats during the course of the year
- witch -- a term stemming from the Anglo-Saxon term wicca,

continued next month

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STUFF & THINGS

From Shadowhawk & Blacksun, Elvenhearth, POB 4751, Federal Way,
Wa. 98003

If you haven't seen EXCALIBUR yet, take our recommendation and GO SEE IT! This has to be the best thing to come out in the movies since sound. It's more than a film, it's an experience. I have never seen anything that touched me so.

The people who made the flick paid a lot of attention to detail, in a moving, sensitive way. It doesn't dazzel you with special effects; if anything, it's understated, and therein lies its beauty. Merlyn is believable and, I think, accurate. The script follows Le Morte De Arthur, and sticks pretty close to the original.

Visuality is the main medium; you have to pay close attention to what's going on or you'll miss something. No one scene stands out from the film and "makes it", they're all good. There's a lot that's "THERE IF YOU HAVE EYES TO SEE IT", and will totally bypass the mundanes. Also, it was filmed in Ireland, and those stone circles and forest altars are the real thing. The outdoor scenery alone will take your breath away.

Well, I've raved on long enough; I won't tell you more about the film, it can't be described. Believe me, if you've even a touch of Pagan in your heart, you'll love it.

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JIM in New Jersey sez: This time I agree with Mariah's article in the Feb. Georgian and disagree with you, Pat. True, the phonies and waxkos do give a bad impression of the Craft and the Paganist Movement in general, but have you considered that this might be a good thing? The logic is a bit sideways, but as long as the freaks are out in force perhaps no one will take the Craft seriously enough to consider it a threat of sufficient magnitude to be worth destroying.

At the time of the persecutions, Holy Mother Church considered Witches and other heretics enough of a danger (both secular and religious) to mutilate and murder millions. The standard reply to this is: "This is America in the twentieth century, not the dark ages of ignorance and superstition. It can't happen here."

I'm sure the Jews of Nazi Germany said the same thing on their way to the death camps.

I'm also sure your intentions are good, Pat, but as one Christian once said of another's good works; "The road to Hell is paved with good intentions."

My vote for Mariah's survey is an unequivocal NO!

Now that I've gotten that out of my system, here are a couple of addresses you might wish to pass along, since garden time is here.
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STUFF & THINGS

JIM continued

Nichols Garden Nursery
 1190 North Pacific Hwy.
 Albany, Oregon 97321
 (catalog free)

Victoria Herb Garden
 Box 947
 Southampton, Pa. 18966
 (catalog \$1.)

Both of these outfits offer herb plants and seeds through the mail at reasonable prices and have an excellent selection, but the Nichols catalog verges on the incredible. Aside from herbs, they also carry all sorts of interesting vegetables, books, teas, tools, flowers, essential oils, stuff for making your own cheese, and more. (The price makes it an even more fantastic bargain, since it's free.)

My sextary says your typewriter needs cleaning, and that's the reason your P's, M's, D's and such are filling up. She also suggested you start a "buy a Selectric and keep your sanity" fund..

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ED. NOTE: I'm not familiar with the Selectric but I'm tired of spending money on typewriters. A few months ago I spent over \$50 to have my portable cleaned. It works great but it is a Silent and doesn't hit hard enough for stencils. Another portable I gave away. The standard Royal I had typed too small so I took that one to my office. I bought a portable electric and then found that it didn't hit hard enough for stencils. Manon uses that one for answering the mail. Then I bought the standard Royal I am now using. Filled letters or no...that's it for now...unless someone would like to donate a Selectric.

As to your other comments: your sideways logic seems to imply that we should all hide in the closet and let the wierdos take over as the Craft dies out. NO THANKS. Not for me.

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JIM in Winchester, Cal. sez: Have been getting together a Pagan Discussion group for the people in the area of Western Riverside County. Anyone interested can write Box 2109, Homeland, Cal. 92348 for info.

Got rid of the old blue Pinto. Traded it on a new Ford Escort. Will feel better about making long trips out of town and not worry about breaking down.

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NEXUS hosts the Second Annual Celebration of Summer in East Texas. This celebration is Camping only. Registration after June 1 is \$15 per person, \$7. per child under 11.

Workshops scheduled on Dance, Healing, Protective Magic, and other areas of interest. Solstice Rite, Rite of the Star Goddess, and NEXUS SALUTE TO THE GODDESS will be held.

Gathering in begins after 4 P.M. Friday, June 19, and the Celebration of Summer will close after the working ritual on Sunday, around noon.

Write David Holloman - 4415 # 214, Dallas, Texas 75245.

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DOG DAYS and other ANIMAL PEOPLE

You may be making your pet sick. Whether dog or cat or whatever, your pet should have a fresh bowl of water a couple of times a day. This is true whether or not your pet drinks it all. As water sits for awhile, it collects dirt and dust on the surface. If you notice your pet coughs after taking a drink, you will probably find dust floating on the water surface.

Even more important, water and food bowls should be thoroughly cleaned often. This is especially true of plastic bowls. There is a form of bacteria that seems to be especially attracted to plastic bowls. These bowls are quite safe IF they are kept clean. If you haven't been cleaning your pet's water bowl regularly, just run your fingers over the inside of the bowl. If you get a slippery, slimy feel, you'll know that bowl needs a thorough cleaning. Just filling it with fresh water won't do. CLEAN IT!

Food bowls should also be kept clean. Even though it appears that your pet has licked the bowl clean, there are still tiny particles of food that remain. These will also attract bacteria. This is especially true in warm weather or in a warm house.

If your pet gets sick for no apparent reason, check the food and water bowls.

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FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Is your cat bored...starved for intellectual stimulation? Do you find the two of you don't have much in common anymore? Well, inventor Doug Byrne has just the thing to put the spark back in your relationship...make your hours together more meaningful. It's called "Mr. Meow," the first board game for cats.

The game comes in a red, white and blue container resembling a cat food box. And two players -- one human, one cat -- can play. The rules -- conveniently written in both English and Meow -- go something like this: each of you has a plastic marker that advances around the game board after you roll the dice. Points are added and subtracted for landing on certain squares. If you land on each of two squares, you draw a Purr Card or Cat-Tastrophe Card. First player with thirty mouse points wins.

The inventor says most people have a hard time grasping the fact that the cat actually plays the game. And Dog People, he says, "Don't understand it at all."

Mr. Meow is Byrne's third game. He also designed an adult game called "Assassin" and a two-player adult strategy game called "Penumbra" which was shipped to the American hostages in Iran.

BEING A WITCH DOG AT A SABBAT IS... (from Pooka, Sirius and Lady)

..... watching expectantly for someone to drop a hamburger on the ground.

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TO CLARIFY THE JAN. ISSUE OF;
"PARANOID AND THE POWER-GAME"
From Mariah in Co California

I feel that every crafter should have basic psychology added to their craft lessons, to help understand human nature. Remember crafters were the first psychologist.

When new crafters say that they feel that someone is attacking them psychically, 99% of the time they are becoming more aware. Before they were in the craft they built walls around themselves. Going this the outer influences could not get thru, in other words they were not aware of the influences surrounding them.

In the craft we open up to nature, animals, winds, and people around us. We become more aware of other people's vibrations, it mixed with our own feelings, and we got confused until we began to understand what was happening. We are aware of other people's fears and sadness and if we don't separate our feelings from theirs we become sad, scared, etc. for no reason. This is why it is important to be with happier people.

Strange feelings we can't explain is one of the stages we all go thru enroute to being psychic. But, to many people get stopped by thinking about being attacked and spend their time protecting themselves from this outside influence.

I feel that H. P. S. and H. P. should explain this to new crafters it will help them understand a lot of funny feelings they will go thru.

That is why I said for them to take a long walk in the Jan. issue, to think about the new feelings they are getting, ask them who they have been spending their time with? (if their friend is not in the craft and the friend is afraid of the craft, you will pick up fear, and paranoid feelings). Also look in the mirror and ask yourself why you feel that someone is trying to harm you? and what was their general feelings before they started getting these strange feelings? This approach to the problem will make stronger thinking crafters.

In very rare cases and very far and few in between can a true psychic attack happen. Compare it to a meteor hitting you. It takes an adept to do this. And we all know that there are very few adepts.

Being that good they would not waste their time and energy on such foolishness. They know that the Law of Karma will do the work for them, if someone tries to harm anyone.

They do their daily meditation or relaxation (call it what you want) this places them into a peaceful state of mind. This will cause them to be gentle, calm and soft spoken. They would not turn their peaceful state of mind into hatred.

"PARANOID AND THE POWER-GAME" cont.

If the adept turns, bad, I can't say anything, I have been trained to never say I BELIEVE BUT I KNOW, that way I don't get fact's mixed up, and I like that way of thinking. I have never seen a true psychic attack but I have seen people running around thinking that someone is trying to harm them. So that area is for someone else to write about, but I would like to hear of personal stories not what they BELIEVE happened to someone, but something THEY KNOW, that way we would all be better informed.

The more time we spend with thoughts of psychic attacks and self protection against psychic attack, we will never get into the true craft of MAGIC. There is so much more to experience in the magical worlds. Being paranoid they will not be relaxed in their magical workings and they will not experience alot of natural magic.

So I still say help new crafters with their paranoid ideas. They will make better crafters, in the long run of time.

I know that I would be less likely criticized if I keep my mouth shut. Let's face it we can't have alot of future good crafters "RUNNING A MUCK", which is a very old English saying, which means; "LOSING CONTROL OF ONESELF".

Merry Part, Marriah

Taumi
Sharon, Pa.

The Warren light center is a Metaphysical Retreat of 282 acres, all wooda, situated on French Creek, in Franklin, Pa. It is mostly primitif although we do have a few wlvctric hook-ups for campers or trailers and such. There is also running water. There are a few small cabins and a couple of trailers that are there permanently all year. There are places for tents, trailers, campers etc. for people who want to come up during the Summer Solstice and Fall Equinox. In between those you have to be a guest or a member. I am a working member of this and was accepted after telling them I was a Wiccan.

I recently put a call out for some Pagans being as there were only four of us in our group. We found 10 of the most beautiful, creative and intelligent people that we could have hoped for. There they were only 18 miles away. Now we have someone to rap with and celebrate with. It was like a reunion of long lost brothers and sisters. First five minutes and ZAP! SHE sure knows how to answer calls.

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BEING A WITCH IS.... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

...trying to remember not to spell it with a "B".

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TAUMI cont.

Another reason I'm writing to you is - in need H-E-L-P! I got permission from Warren Light Center to have a Pagan Festival up there in August of '82. I'd like a call to all Pagans in our area who can come to committee meetings and help to plan and formulate. Also others out there who would like to come and offer workshops and lectures etc. We need help and suggestions. Anyone interested have them write to Taumi, c/o M.R.G., Box 2248, Sharon, Pa. 16146 or call 1-412981-2325. If the turnout is good, we could make it a yearly thing. The money that we might (?) make can be turned into next years 'Fest. we could sure use this in our area. How about it? Wanna help some Pa. Pagans?

Blessed Be Täumi

QUID ATHENAE HIEROSOLYMIST?

Taliesin Bushybeard
(L.A. Area)

Quid Athenae Hierosolymis? "What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?"
-- Tertullian c. 200 C.E.

Tertullian, a Christian author of the second century, is titled by theologians the "Father of Latin Theology." This because he was the first major Christian writer using that tongue, but also because he laid the foundation for later attitudes and views which would dominate theology.

In the above quote, Tertullian challenges his readers to put the question to themselves. How can Christianity, based as it is on Judaism and the later teachings of and about Jesus, have any truck with paganism? Tertullian longed for the destruction of heathenism and, though he died long ago, his arrogance and intolerance have survived him by 1800 years. He saw clearly that Paganism and Christianity are incompatible. Not because it would be impossible to place the myth of Jesus in a pantheon alongside Mithras (born December 25 amidst miraculous conditions and signs, in a manger with shepherds in attendance), Woden (who was crucified on a tree) or Adonis (who dies and is resurrected in the springtime), or to set the Virgin Mary alongside Demeter, Venus and Freya. It is not only possible, but at least one Roman emperor did so.

There may be those who would wish to do so today -- if so, I have no argument with them, provided they don't proselytize the rest of us. I would, though, like to give aid and comfort to those pagans who feel that we can get along very nicely without Jesus, thank you. Because there are some of us, I think, who would agree with Tertullian that the world-view of Paganism is truly worlds apart from Judaism, Christianity or the ideas Jesus espoused.

QUID ATHENAE HIEROSOLYMIS?

Cont.

Few words, perhaps (unless they be either "witch" or "sex") have roused more emotion in the last 2000 years, since the Bacchantes were silenced on the hillsides of Greece, than the name of Jesus. Countless millions have been slaughtered for either denying or confessing it. Empires have crumbled because of it. It's a hard word to ignore.

Jews, who deny Jesus' divinity, nowadays respect him as a teacher who was manipulated by his followers. Most non-Christians would number Jesus with the great spiritual leaders of mankind. The secular world, usually indifferent, guiltily concedes several days a year to honoring Jesus, the rest of the year uncomfortably ignoring the hold they acknowledge he has over them.

Everyone, though, will agree with this: Jesus was a Jew (what religion he is now I leave to those more speculative than myself). He was reared a Jew, educated a Jew, lived and died a Jew. Those that hold the theory of a "secret life" of Jesus, that he went sometime to study in Tibet or Afghanistan make an argument from silence the only texts referring to Jesus not only leave unmentioned such wanderings, they positively hint against it-- implying that Jesus may have spent his young years with a bunch of reclusive, sin-fearing monks, the (underivedly) mysterious Essenes. Every single word or idea Jesus is recorded as having spoken is thoroughly Jewish. As is evident from a reading of the gospels, Jesus had a completely provincial attitude, typical of Jews of his day.

As a teacher, Jesus is said to be unparalleled, especially as regards his moral doctrine, typified by the so-called Sermon On The Mount. But every major point he made is merely the traditional teaching of Judaism, as a quick summary of the Talmud would reveal. Jesus was not original with a single idea -- everything was gleaned from the teachings of earlier rabbis. Those, then, who admire the teaching of Jesus really do nothing more than to admire Judaism-- which is fine, if that's what you want to do.

What, then, is left about Jesus that's original? That he was born of a virgin in a manger while shepherds watched? That he was crucified? That he died and is said to have resurrected? Which of these things were not already part of the mythological background of Mediterranean peoples? None.

All these things come impressively together in the Bible. But the Bible is the product of Christianity -- and if you accept Jesus's moral maxims but reject the miraculous hubbub or accept the hubbub but reject Christianity, on what basis are you accepting any of it anyway? Because it says so in the Bible? How many Christians have eagerly sought admission to your circle when you mentioned the Lady and the Book of Shadows? No Christian would accept our Lady because she's mentioned in the Book of Shadows. Equally, no pagan need accept anything said about Jesus merely because it 's in the Bible.

Quid Athenae Hierosolymis?
Cont.

If you reject the biblical account of Jesus as so much hokum, it follows that you'r free to reject everything about him. I, personally, think Jesus was a good Jew. But I'm not a Jew, don't accept the permises of Judaism, nor am I interested in living my life in conformity with Jewish standards. I'm a Pagan and want to adore the of our Lady we see reflected in silver moonlight, dancing in the groves sacred to Her, enjoying the presence of my uninhibited fellows. I've no use for the sour god of Judaism or his meek and mild Christian counterpart. My joy is rather in the Three-Faced Lady and her piping Consort. If any Pagans want to mingle their religion with Jewish guilt and Christian shame, it's their priviledge to do so. But to those who want to be truly free, who thumb their noses at Jahweh or snicker at the approaching, doe-eyed Jesus, I say; save a space for me.

Does it make us intolerant, then, if we can't take Jesus seriously or if Pan continues his tune when Jehovah shows up, hoping to put an end to our revels? I think not. We don't torch Jehovah's Witnesses when they pound at our doors (though they hope to see us furning someday for finding life enjoyable), nor do we gibbet white-shirted, bespectacled Mormon youths who solicit us for our souls. We simple ignore them. Because many of us agree with Tertullian the Christian. Paganism and Judeo-Christianity don't mix.

Quid Athenae Hierosolymis?

Kargareths Keep, Revisitation

Down crumbling halls still echo songs
of histories long dusty gone.
Amidst these moulder'd archives sounding
Strands of Harp in time rebounding
carried on a windless waft
still stirring in a sunless shaft.

Where in these stones still faintly sigh
with laughter long ago demised
In shifting grey the shadows shape
a rustling swire of ghostly cape.
And faintly, faintly feel the tread
of passing foot steps eons dead.

Then the brushing sense of some perfume
still lingering in empty rooms.
Almost remembe'd fiery thoughts
of flashing swords in battles fought
that from the soul springs forth anew
a welling tide of Deja Vu.

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THE STARWOOD FESTIVAL, July 17-19, Copper's Lake Campground, Western Pa. Write the Chaméleon Club, Bbx 174, Perry, Oh. 44081

PACIFIC CIRCLE GATHERING, June 19-21, Chilao Campgrounds in Angeles National Forest. Write Pacific Circle, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609

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SUMMER SOLSTICE..workshop June 17-19, Solstice weekend. Write Warren Light Center, 1000 E. State St., Sharon, Pa. 16146.

Council of the Sacred Earth PAN-PAGAN FESTIVAL, June 11-14, Circle Pines, Delton, Mich. Write Christa, POB 25129, Chicago, Ill. 60625. (312) 334-7478 6-10 PM CST NO COLLECT.

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GEORGIAN MOUNTAIN MEET...we're still working on that. As you know, we're looking for a new location with more privacy. It was estimated that last year there were 200 and up outsiders gathered to observe. They caused no problem, but that's not what we want. Since we have never charged anyone, we need to find a place that won't cost us a lot. Anyway, location should be within 50 miles of Bakersfield, and we're aiming for the weekend of August 15. More details as we get them.

STUFF & THINGS

We will no longer be publishing Goodies from Armeeta. Anyone who dares to criticise what she has written is called an idiot, stupid, a pig or worse. I have been accused of changing what she writes. Only changes have been corrections of SOME of the bad spelling, punctuation and grammar. Manon has been accused of sending her letters to other people. Manon has rarely ever seen any letters that come in. I dictate replies to her. Anyway, it has just become more trouble than it's worth.

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There are just so many publications now that it is impossible to keep listing so many with each issue of the newsletter. But something you won't want to miss is CIRCLE GUIDE TO WICCA & PAGAN RESOURCES. This is a must for beginners and older Crafters alike. 133 pages packed with useful info. Listings of Books, Periodicals, Arts, Music, Supplies, Contacts. \$7.95 in U.S. & Canada..postpaid book rate. \$13. elsewhere air mail. Check or M.O. to CIRCLE, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

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From Rûs (Arcane Crafts)

LET OUR CHILDREN GO! (Ballantine Books) is by and about Ted Patrick. To put it ver-r-ry mildly, Ted Patrick, a.k.a. "Black Lightning," is a CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE!!! To S. M. Moon, to the Hare Krishnas, to the extreme J-freaks, and other such types, he is satan incarnate. To youngsters he rescued from the above mentioned cults he is the force that put them back to leading free lives--free to think in their own way. The yellow press makes him sound like a storm trooper. In photos he is a middle-aged short black man with glasses and an odd way of pronouncing his "f's." Reminds me of a very nice teacher I had in eight grade.

It began ten years ago, when one of his sons was nearly snared by a J-freak group called "Children of God." Seeking to find out more about the group, Patrick went to their gathering, and had the hardest time escaping. The group worked like the Moonies: incessant preaching, no sleep, the leaders constantly bothering the neophyte, and... Here comes the best part! They talk one into signing over one's money, bank account, credit cards, car, home, stereo, and one's head...

His career started when he helped a mother get her daughter out of Children of God and into a normal life. Soon there were others. How he does it, he describes in the book:

"Whereas, in the cult indoctrination, everything possible is done to prevent the person from thinking, in deprogramming I do everything I know how to start him thinking."

And after the victim is restored to the sane world, what? I quote Ted Patrick:

"Once he is deprogrammed he is absolutely free to do whatever he wants to do. Go to school, go to work, lie on a beach and look at the clouds. Whatever. That's none of my business. All I want and all I do is to return them their ability to think for themselves, to exercise their free will, which the cults have put into cold storage."

The chapters describe the cults he crossed swords with. Children of God, New Testament Missionary Fellowship, Hare Krishna (now controlled by a neo-nazi group), Brother Julius (who says he is Jesus)--Julius is especially difficult an opponent! The Alamo Foundation, and, of course, Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church. All except Hare Krishna and Guru Maharaj Ji's Divine Light Mission are Christian (or perhaps pseudo-christian) cults. All have the same strategy: to enrich the leaders at the expense of the youngsters they trap. All use the same methods: constant indoctrination fed under a cover of half-truth and outright lies, exhausting work, repetition of nonsense which blocks out normal thinking, constant stress on the idea that everything contrary to the cult's thinking is of the devil. In short--brainwashing. Once the victim is too dazed to think, to criticize; too deep in their claws, too far from home, too broke and too much under their eye to run away, then they're ready to be put out to peddle flowers, beg for

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for money (for phony causes), and recruit new victims. And the leader, the "Father," the "God," rakes in a handsome profit.

Which is how the early christian church got so powerful and rick. The book is also an expose of these cults:

"The architect... (of the) children of God was a TV huckster by the name of Fred Jordan... Jordan was the head of a highly successful religious enterprise that produced "The Church in the Home," a series of weekly telecasts characterized by a sort of primitive fundamentalism combined with a used-car salesman's pitch for cash. (In 1971) he joined forces with David Berg, a one-time Baptist minister whose church had expelled him for unbecoming conduct."

The Charity Frauds Bureau of New York State put them out of business here. They set up shop in Europe.

"The Krishnas preach a life of severe saceticism. They practice a rigorous program of self-denial... They take cold showers several times a day "to ward off lust." They meditate for hours at a time, chanting prayers and fingering heads. "And they fund-raise. Their list of books on matters pertaining to Krishna Consciousness constitutes one of the world's most lucrative publishing empires. They own the largest... ..incense factory in the country. His Divine Grace (A.C. Bhaktivedanta, the founder) is a multi-millionaire."

Now the Hare Krishna cult is headquartered in Germany and controlled by a Neo-Nazi group. Some time ago the press reported of Krishnas being secretly trained in terrorist activities.

(Brother Julius) "...converted to Christianity when he was serving with the Navy on Guam in 1946. God appeared to him on that Pacific island, he later said, and informed him that it was his destiny to be a prophet."

The "prophecies" and "miracles" of Bro. Julius are... Well, how's this one, for example:

(an earthquake)...would devastate New York City. He had the Lord's word on this; it was supposed to strike in 1971. The day of doom has been updated several times since then."

And, of course, the one and only;

"To Patrick, Sun Myung Moon is public enemy number one as far as the cults are concerned.

Says Ted Patrick:

"Moon calls himself a Christian, but his movement has been denounced by Christian churches the world over. He used to be a

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Presbyterian in Korea, but they threw him out for heresy."

There is considerable suspicion in Washington that Moon is involved in the Korean intelligence organization. It is odd, they note, that his wealth and businesses are exempt from the hassles the Korean government imposes on its other business enterprises.

"I've deprogrammed a lot of kids from Moon's group and I know his operation inside out. Just like Hitler did, he tells you what he's after. He's said over and over again that he wants to rule the world. And he's got an entire foreign government backing him in the attempt."

And what of the remedy? The U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of religion. This has allowed a lot of hucksters to make tax-exempt fortunes under cover of a "church." It has also allowed many a minority religion (like wicca) to live and grow. It seems we cannot throw out the bathwater without the baby. Patrick would like to see "some laws" governing fraudulent business practices in the name of religion." One such suggestion he makes is for a small tax on churches, say, 1 per cent. (Two other prominent people who advocate a tax on churches are: Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the disestablishment crusader; the other is Leo Martello, an outspoken writer on the Craft.) Such a law would give the Internal Revenue Service the power to examine a church's records and determine whether its monies are being used for the "God's work" it claims, or for the enrichment of its leader (a la Messrs. Moon, Falwell, Graham, et. al.).

And there is the good ol' remedy known as "daylight." When a pseudo-religious cult is exposed, it is quick to fold up its tents and get out of town. It was the constant light of exposure in the press and other media that kept Moon's church from obtaining tax-exempt status for many years. A number of other pseudo-religious businesses (including "ordination mills" such as Universal Life Church) have lost their exemption when the light was turned upon them.

But back to the book. The question you've all been waiting to ask: What does it say about US? Nothing. Wicca is outside the scope of Patrick's book. Does wicca recruit? Does it demand that its initiates sing over their life savings? Does it put them to work in slave communes? Is it dedicated to the enrichment of a single leader? And does it screw up youngsters' heads, teach them to hate their parents and nonwiccan friends? Does it claim to be "the one true way"? (shaddan, cynics!) The answer to all of these questions is a calm, definite NO. Oh, there are occasional appearances of odd self-styled "witches" who try to make money off the credi;pis with "witchcraft courses" or "motel-room" initiations, but these don't last long. The Craft does its own housecleaning. On the other hand, I'm sure Mr. Patrick would be glad to know that

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the Craft encourages individual thinking, creativity, independence; that the Craft teaches that members should live as respected members of society; that the Craft does not recruit and charges no money; that the Craft recognizes no leader but the Goddess and God; that the Craft, when objectively exposed in daylight, only fares better. And the Craft is in agreement with him on one thing at least; We have a common set of enemies.

A Poem From Walt
In Long Beach

I walk upon the north wind
across the new fallen snow
and leave no footfall upon it.
I chase with the moon
across the sky after the milky way.
I race past the sun,
tread upon treetops
and they bend not,
only utter a soft whisper
of the breeze in the boughs
shaking loose the snow flakes
which fall upon the earth with silent thunder.
I walk with the north wind,
gathering clouds, sky sheep
herding them, moving them to my breast,
and scattering them back across the sky.

I walk with my soul brunished bright
by the south wind's fire
seared and purified by the Basilisk breath
brought cleanly into full sun
like gold chased by Vulcan's hammer.,
the dross cleaned away and my soul
now floats freely on the warm wind.

The west winds rain washes clean
the impurities of my soul
flowing back to the earth, reunited
once more with the source.

I walk with the east wind rising,
out of the sea with morning sun rise,
rising high and plummetting to my end,
Happy, for my journey is over.
My soul is free now of this body
which has so long limited it.

A Poem from Walt
Cont.

My bones nourish the trees of my mother
my flesh feeds my little brothers,
my soul like the hawk, soars
on the winds strength
lifting me higher than mountain tops.
the wind chills not
for my spirit cannot feel it now,
no pain in my bones,
no pain in my flesh,
no pain in my soul,
only peace and the wind.

I walk upon the wind and hear
the voices it makes with mother earth
singing to me as I walk upon it
with my brothers and sisters gone on before me.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WITCH, UGH?!

Thea in Florida

In the old days when everyone was pagan people were naturally oriented towards a life style of reverence for the Mother Earth. They worked, loved, and lived around the philosophy that they were within nature and that nature was within them. They depended upon the Priests and Priestess who were the "wise ones" for their medical knowledge, religious guidance, and often they were the law-makers. They trusted their very lives with these "wise ones" for they knew them to be well endowed with knowledge and power from the Old Ones.

But today there seems to be a lacking quality in training and dedication of a great many Priests and Priestesses. People are self appointing themselves as coven leaders when a lot of times they can't even cast a circle. Initiates forget the obligation that they made to their brothers and sisters of the Craft as well as to themselves. It is no wonder as to the question of our authenticity as a religion.

So where do we begin to bring back the quality, the strength, and the integrity of Wicca? We begin with ourselves. To begin with, check and make sure that the material you are studying is properly researched and not just thrown together from odds and ends. Always question what you don't understand, never take anything for granted. Don't rush towards initiation, make sure that you are ready, that the dedication that you make is from within, remember you must practice that which you have given oath to.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WITCH, UGH?!

Cont.

Most traditions have three degrees. First degree is a learning period, second degree is putting into practice that which you have learned, and third degree is teaching. Of course you are always worshipping, studying and practicing, it is a continual process.

Now that I've been initiated, now what? Study and practice, and more study and practice. Always remember that the worship comes first and the magic second. Wicca is not something that you can turn off and on like a switch, it must be a part of you and with you every day.. This is the time for putting together that which you wish to know. This period is the alchemy of the soul.

As wiccians we have set ourselves aside as knowledgeable people who care enough about our lives and the world, including those within it to work with the flow of nature and Universal Intelligence. This means putting into action the specialized fields we have studied.

When it comes time to teach to others we must be sure of teaching them correctly and properly preparing them for the discipline ahead of them. So many people think it must be great to be a High Priest or High Priestess. It takes a lot of work and discipline to hold a coven together. The High Priest or High Priestess is Karmaically responsible for those they initiate, so you see its not all fun and games.

There is a lot more to be said and that can be said but I wanted to give you some food for thought. And when you become a "wise one" let it be truly for the continuation of the Craft, a people dedicated to the better evolvement of mankind.

Blessed Be.

Poem, Who Am I?
Taliesin Bushybeard
(L. A. Area)

I am the one born of the Virgin
The Mother of all that is.

I am the one worshipped by shepherds
following stars at my birth.

I am the one born in a manger
the ox and the ass bowed low.

I am the one reknowned for virtue
who's sinless and pure and free

Poem, Who Am I?
Cont.

I am the one who speaks in riddles
now do you know who I am?

I am the one who was hung on a tree
the pain it was very great.

I am the one who suffers each springtime
by blood is spilled on the earth.

I am the one who went down the hell
to see what there was to see.

I am the one whom women mourned
they wailed loud at my death.

I am the one who dies in the spring
but is raised back up to life.

Surely now you know who I am.
For my name is Mithras, Tammuz and Balder
Woden, Attis and Set.

My name is Osiris, Pan and Janus
Bacchus, Adonis and Frey.

And if you know me, you know my dear Lady--
She Who is Queen of the Heavens.

And if my names are many, Her names
are more
That gracious Lady Whom we all adore.

Oh, one word more friends, then farewell
indeed.

If one comes along now, telling a story
That sounds very much like the one that I've
told,
Know where he got it and don't be impressed
For plagiarists also existed of old.

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BEING A WITCH IS.... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

...having friends look at you strangely when you say you
have to go dye some Orphic eggs.

...watching a family conflict in court, and wondering if
they'd ever heard of perfect Love.

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STUFF & THINGS

CATHERINE & KENT (THE AUSTRALIAN WICCAN) sez: warmest greetings, our beautiful plaque arrived, and has been given pride of place in our living room. It is not only beautiful, but so very tasteful. Again, our sincere thanks to all concerned with the awards.

We are preparing for winter, but the days are golden, about 70 deg., full of sunshine, and trees still green, with only a few autumn leaves to date, one of our favorite times of the year.

We have been busy with book reviews this weekend, Stewart & Janet Farrar's latest book, EIGHT SABBATS FOR WITCHES, has arrived, and it is just wonderful! We will be delighted to print a review of this fine book in our next issue. It is put out by Robert Hale P/L. London, and is six pounds, 95 p, UK currency. We will also be reviewing ROMANY MAGIC by Charles Bowness, not a new book, but full of interest.

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ED. NOTE: We'll look forward to those reviews. However, there is a money problem. I guess it is difficult with a fluctuating money market, but it would be helpful if we could have those pounds and p converted to dollars and cents. There have been books we would like to order but have a problem figuring out how much to send.

Katherine & Kent sent some news clippings; Dr. Richard St Barbe Baker, 91, has dedicated most of his life to saving trees and planting trees. He says, "You can gauge a country's wealth by its tree-cover and Australia has only 3½ percent tree cover. The minimum required for safety is 31 percent." Maybe this could be a project for The Australian Wiccan.

And a news clipping about Papua New Guinea: 5 young men started out from their remote province to take an old woman, believed to be a sorceress responsible for the deaths of as many as 20 people, to the nearest court five days walk away. The old woman tried to escape, but was caught by her eldest son who was with the other 4. She was held while the others shot her in chest and ribs with their arrows. They were tried for murder.

The judge wrote, "Among the social mores of these people, it is an act of honour to kill sorcerers who are responsible for so many deaths. It is not a bad thing."

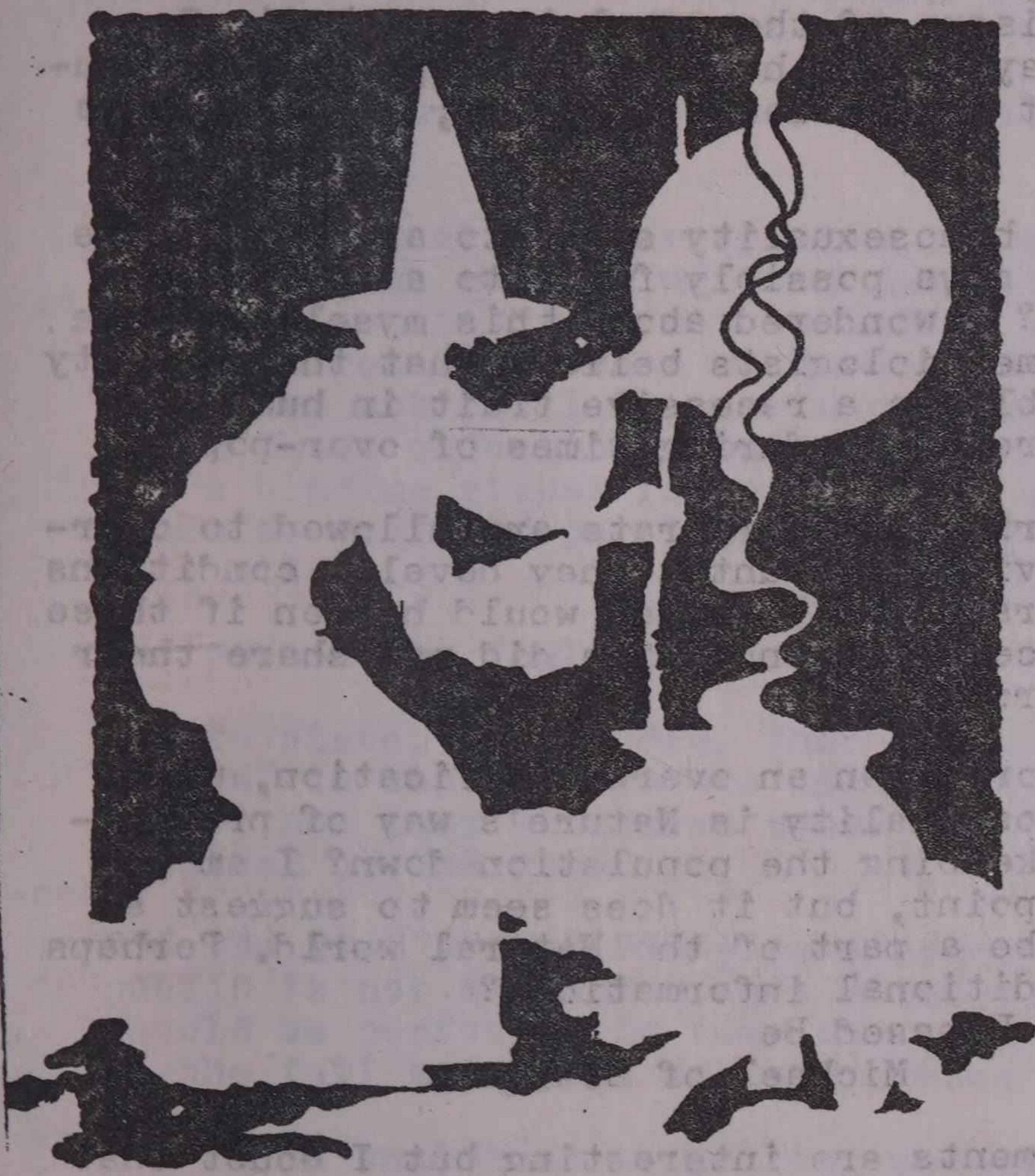
The judge imposed sentences of 3 months in jail with hard labor on four, the eldest son was later acquitted. The judge also ordered the four to pay compensation to the dead woman's younger son of 5 mature pigs each on their release.

An appeal to the Supreme Court brought a new sentence of 6 years at hrad labor and dropped the compensation.

No doubt this question of justice and law has arisen in any country where civilized (?) people share a country with primitive people. The primitives have their own laws and code of ethics which always conflict with the modern.

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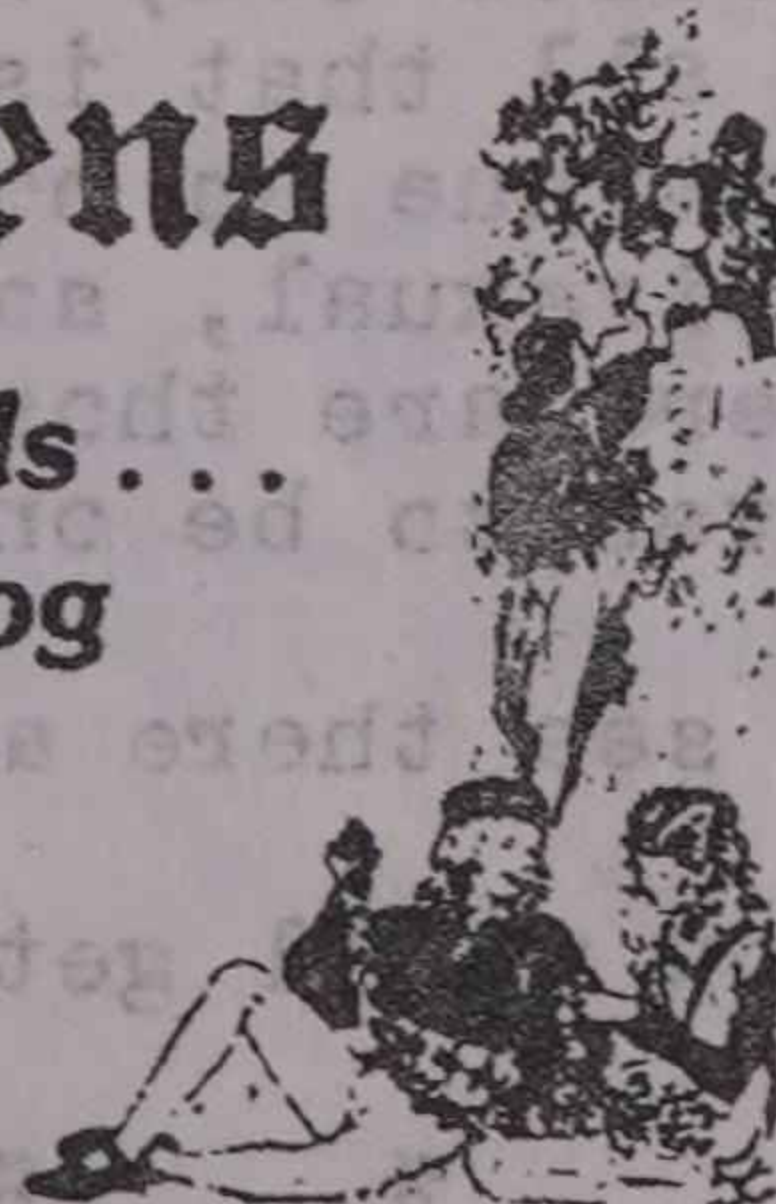
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MICHAEL OF STARGATE continued from last month. He left off with a recommended reading list.

In addition to the above, I would like to make one more related comment. Also in the April issue of the newsletter, Bob, in San Francisco, stated "I've always had a hard time accepting homosexuality. I'm not anti-gay, but I just leave it up to, 'To each, His or Her own!'"

Confusion on the subject of homosexuality seems to affect a large number of Pagans; how could gays possibly fit into a strongly male-female Nature religion? I wondered about this myself quite a bit, until learning that some biologists believe that the capacity for homosexuality may possibly be a recessive trait in humans, which slowly increases in frequency during times of over-population.

We've all heard of the experiments where rats are allowed to overbreed in a closed little environment until they develop conditions of disease and violent interaction; but what would happen if those rats were suddenly to produce offspring which did not share their parents urge to blindly reproduce?

While this may be nothing more than an oversimplification, might it not be possible that homosexuality is Nature's way of preventing war & disease, through keeping the population down? I am admittedly uncertain on this point, but it does seem to suggest a manner in which gays might be a part of the Natural world. Perhaps other readers might have additional information??

Blessed Be

Michael of Stargate

ED. NOTE: Michael, your comments are interesting but I doubt that is the reason for homosexuals. A study of history will show that homosexuals have always existed. As we go farther back in time, what may have once been considered crowded cities would now be considered a small town. So I doubt overcrowding was a reason. Often young boys & girls have their first sex experience with an older homosexual. Young boys and girls may themselves, feeling the first sexual urges, may confuse friendship for love and experiment on their own. Some may become homosexual out of fear of the opposite sex, or fear of sexual ability.

Men in prisons or in the military during war times cut off from the opposite sex, often experiment with homosexual behavior because that is all that is available. When returned to civilian life, some will continue as homosexuals, some will become (what is incorrectly called)bisexual, some will return to heterosexual.

Then there are those with an obvious hormone imbalance. They feel themselves to be one sex trapped in a body of the opposite sex.

So, you see there are many reasons for homosexuals.

Maybe now we'll get some more comments.

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Compost Coven, Inc.
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An open letter to Z. Budapest:

As two participants in the binding ritual of the Mt. Tam killer, which took place Jan. 19 at Sutro Park, San Francisco, we were angered to learn that the tapes made of this ritual (which were made under our protest) are being sold by the Susan B. Anthony Coven # 1.

It is unethical, in our opinion, to make profit from a recorded event without getting written permission from the participants. It was also unethical not to inform us beforehand that the event would be recorded. When we were informed that taping was going on, which was not until it was in progress, we objected. The reporter heard these objections, but decided not to leave. Although recording a binding ritual for commercial use is, we feel, demeaning, we chose to stay and participate because of the important purpose of this ritual.

The reasons we feel it is demeaning are threefold:

- 1 - To state, as you did, that "if it isn't recorded, it didn't happen" is contrary to the spirit of solitary magick. It does not matter how many witnesses there are to a spell; an effective Witch is aided by the gods.
- 2 - the kind of publicity generated by doing binding spells in public is not something that Witches need. This sort of magick should be performed in fear and trembling, silence and secrecy, in the full knowledge and acceptance of karmic responsibility.
- 3 - it is analogous to selling photographs of a public execution. It entirely lacks taste.

We request that you immediately stop sale of these tapes.

Sincerely,

Decius Rowland
Valerie Walker
Compost Coven, Inc.

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Received the following too late for the page of meetings:

TAYU GRAND COUNCIL, P.O.B. 11554, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95406... announces a Pagan Spiritual Conclave for lesbians and gay men. June 19-21. Mineral Hot Springs north of San Francisco. \$66. registartion includes meals & lodging. (707) 887-2490

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STUFF & THINGS

DEMETER sez: Our group has been busy. We've had 2 - 1st degree, 2 - 2nd degree, & 1 - 3rd degree initiations and another daughter coven will be branching off soon. Since Yule, we've had 4 handfastings and even moved the covenstead to larger & better quarters (especially since the boiler here finally gave its last breath of hot air.

There has been group effort at talisman making and the results have been great. As a group, we have been working reading Rune Stones, Tarot Cards and expanding general knowledge on astrology while enjoying the info the Georgian Newsletter. What a help it is! I personally can't thank you enough.

This has been a rough winter for me personally; as I said, the boiler gave up in January, and have been heating the Shoppe & apt. with electric, kerosene & the gas stove. My mother at 73 had been quite ill & required daily visits and care thru a month long bout with the flu & pneumonia. She is much improved but it was hairy there for a couple of weeks.

Even got a new dog, a little bitch, Lambchop, from the local animal shelter. She needed nursing back to health..all 8 lbs. of her, but she is doing so well now.

I knew for a long time the female Siamese kitten I bred was more my daughter's familiar than mine, and Erica, the little Witchlette, she is, has worked her magic to keep Tinkerbelle a kitten. At two years old now, there are so many people who go over Tinkerbelle as if she were only 6 months old. Tried to breed her at a year and a half - but she is just too tiny.

But Lambchop and I are working together and it won't be long before she becomes a full-fledged familiar.

Hope you like what I've enclosed. I chose the Hermit for you as the Georgian Newsletter is a beacon of light. Am carving them up at the Shoppe for \$3.99 each. Any of the 78 Tarot Cards from the Rider deck. Can be used as a key or book marker..and you can even paint them a bit for detail.

Well, dear Pat, may all be well & the Lord & Lady smile on all your endeavors.

Blessed Be.

Demeter

Ye Full Moon Wicca

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ED. NOTE: We wondered why you hadn't been writing. Sorry you've had so many problems, but sounds like the Craft is doing well. Thank you for what you sent. Of course I like it. It's beautiful. It is a carving of the Hermit on what appears to be Lucite (looks like glass) 5 1/4 in. long, 1 7/8 wide, and 1/8 thick. A hole has been drilled at one end for attaching to whatever..could even be made into a necklace. Would make a nice gift for anyone.

DOG DAYS & OTHER ANIMAL PEOPLE (from U.P.I.)

HAYWARD, CALIF. - A 3½ year old boy attacked by his grandmother's Doberman Pinscher has died from wounds he received in the mauling. Union City police said the child was visiting his grandmother when the attack took place.

The grandmother was watering her garden and had her back to the boy when she heard him "shriek in terror." She said she turned and saw the dog attacking Joshua but was unable to pull the 75 lb. animal off before the boy had been bitten several times. The 5 yr. old dog, Prince, was taken to Hayward Animal Shelter, where he will be held for 2 weeks to determine if he has rabies. Police said they expect the animal will be destroyed.

ED. NOTE: No doubt the dog will be killed. But was it really the fault of the dog? I haven't enough information in this case to say either yes or no. However, such attacks are often the fault of a foolish adult.

A very small child should never be given a puppy or kitten as a pet. Often parents will allow their kids to torture a small animal and do nothing about it. Children must be taught to understand the meaning of cruelty and pain. If left on their own, some kids will be the nastiest little monsters imaginable.

Some parents will watch their little brat twist the ears of a large dog, pull it around by the tail, and hit it with sticks and toys. If they make any comment, it will likely be, "oh, isn't that cute." Then, if the animal bites or scratches the brat, they'll want to beat the animal.

Small children should NEVER be left alone with animals. Any animal, including the human one, will try to protect itself when being attacked or given pain.

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Some researchers say there are too many fat cats in the U.S. They say it's the result of feline pets being overfed in the same manner their owners overeat. And, the experts say, it's also a result of modern traffic, which forces cats to be kept indoors and deprives them of needed exercise. Another factor is the fact that many cats are "neutered" and thus burn up fewer calories than a nursing Tabby or a roving Tom.

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If New Yorkers think they can get around the city's "Pooper Scooper" law by walking their dogs in parks instead of on the streets...they've got another think coming. Officials say more & more people are walking their dogs in parks to escape police sanitation teams who watch to make sure they clean up after their pets.

So, the mayor's ordered a crackdown. It includes \$100. fines for pet owners who think they can poop on the law.

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Chris Lee Smith was booked for drunk driving when he tried to ride his horse into a restaurant in downtown King City. Smith, of Gilroy, tried to ride his horse into King's Table Restaurant. Police were called and pursued the rider a couple blocks with cruiser flashers on before arresting Smith.

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GEORGIAN

H.P.S. By Shadowhawk

"RAmbling Victoria"

This col. was supposed to be pt. 3 of Victorian Flower Language-- it is obvious, by the preceeding sentence, it won't be about that at all-- Let me explain- (please?) Our heme boasts 3 desks- one, (in the Dedroom) is a real desk, belonging to Blacksun- It contains the typewriter, stationary, a jar of pens that don't write, bills receipts, messages, half of my writting projects, a dictionary, a phone book (large-pub-'d by Ma Bell) a clock radio some of my personal nicnaks and jewelery and most of his personal collection of junque that @ doesn't fit in his pockets B. he's not carrying today- c. can't bear to part with d. can't remember where it goes. and e. he has taken out of his poekets upon entering the room to change clothes. Needless to say it is unvsable as a desk. About half the clutter is mine, the other half is a combo of his and "ours".

The second "Desk" is the living room coffee table- that is properly "ours" but has become "mine" by Possesion. It is covered with empty coffee cups over laden ashtrays portfolios art work and the other half of my writing projects plus- everything I'm a. not carring today b. have emptied my coat pockets of c. can't bear to part with d. will need urgently as soon as I put it where it belongs and e. can't remember where it belongs.

This area frequently spills over on to the floor due to the intervention of kitty, and unto the couch due to looking for something at the bottom of the pile. Needless to say this is also unvsable as a desk. As is also the fflow due to intervention and attention demands by animals who assume that if your on the floor it is to play with them. They also think paper, pens ect. are great toys.

And the couch is for sitting, but its got so much junk on it that it too cannot be used as a desk or a seating area.

The Third Desk is the Kitchen Table. It contains--Paints, Brushes. 3 D art projects correspondance the sewing and Finished writing projects. Alas it too is unusable as a desk or an eating table.

Blackson was inspired by this to write a gentle (?) hint about my houldeeping-(which is rare and nearly extinct.) I enclose (The Hint Here)

Naturally I haughed and cleaned up the mess-Now- I cannot find the References I was using for the Victorian Flower Language Series. If you realize by this point that this whole article is but an elaborate excuse- your right, but I couldn't just say "sorry - nothing this time folks." hence the preceeding. Think I'll go craw (off to the dog house, except it is is cluttered with the stuff I couldn't remember where to put that It's a tight squeeze.

STUFF & THINGS

JEANNE of BLUE MOON sez: Mucho trouble in paradise with charming landlord deciding to evict whole building - other stuff, too - that's why I haven't written in awhile. We're looking for some new territory upon which to establish our vast silk screen empire. The West Coast, especially Pacific N.W., is looking good. Keep mail coming here until further notice.

Love to all our friends & readers of the Georgian Newsletter.

Love & Blessed Be

Jeanne of Blue Moon

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ED. NOTE: If you haven't written Blue Moon for info on those great Pagan T shirts, now is a good time.

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RIK in Tucson sez: When we moved here, I told Patti that she had a month to find a good place for my wall altar. It was hung on the south wall over the nic-nac shelves. One word of advice: those foam-backed hooks with glue that go on the wall to prevent nail holes don't stick to fresh (within 6 mo.) paint. The altar came down after a month and "damaged" the God statue. So I replaced the altar with nails, bought some plaster and repaired the statue. He now has antlers instead of horns.

When the Georgie appeared, I gave Patti a month to find a place (she insisted I show it off) then hung it on the north wall near a stained glass plaque on friendship.

We have a radio talk show here on KMGX that I listen to while working. One day I tuned in and heard a regular caller say something to the effect that x-ianity burned hundreds of people at Salem, and there were no such things as Witches. I couldn't resist. I called in, explained the truth about Salem, and said that there were Witches because I was one. "Hold it...you are a Witch? Would you spend a night and talk over the show on the subject?" Of course, so the show is scheduled for June. But I think I'll have to reschedule to the last week in May or June.

The Air Force is sending me to Minneapolis from May 31 to June 15. I should be staying at the Airman's Quarters, Air Force Reserve Base, near the Air National Guard Base at the St. Paul/Minneapolis International Airport. Contact Sgt. Richard Johnson, c/o Arizona Air National Guard, Prime Beef.

ED. NOTE: okay, Rik, we hope lots of nice Pagans contact you.

BEING A NEW FATHER IS..... from Rik

...forgetting everything you learned from your first kid.

...wishing you had remembered so you could prevent this one.

...wondering if birth control can be made retroactive.

STUFF & THINGS

LADY PHOENIX in Dallas sez: Definition of Perfect Love: Having the cat eat one of the lobster tails for a special dinner before you can cook them...and having your mate cut his in half and give it to you..."You know I love you, Honey, when I give you part of my last lobster tail!"

I want to ask for some help if it is possible. I have been trying for almost two years to locate an Egyptian priestess named Margo (Perkins, Dana, or Lawler). Her family is from the Georgia/Florida area, and her family tradition came to the U.S. from France. The last contact I had with her was here in Dallas. If anyone in the readership knows her or where she could be reached, I would deeply appreciate their either asking her to write me (Pattalee Ford, POB 45061, Dallas, Texas 75245) or let me know how to contact her. She is a very special person to whom I owe a great deal, and I'd like to be able to express that to her.

Response to part of Ellen Cannon's article..."Sometimes, when we deride the Judeo-Christian faiths, we forget how short a time ago many of us were there...distrusting those wicked folks who believed in astrology, or meditation. Not all of us were fortunate enough to have grown up in a Wiccan family...but had to search for the path we have found. And we did not begin that seeking until that earlier faith failed to meet our spiritual needs. We can look at where we were then, and shake our heads at the memories of the person we were, saying 'If I had only realized...'

With that thought in mind, is it not possible, that we are at times in contact with others who have been where we are now, and shake their heads at our present lack of ignorance and lack of understanding. That person could be so far advanced compared to us, as we feel we are to those "unenlightened" non-Pagans at this time. It is a sobering and humbling thought that where they were .. we may be now, and maybe only spiritual infants in spite of our "Progress".

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BOBBI in Pittsburgh sez: I finally had the baby! Would you believe, an April Fool's baby!! I had a few complications and my doctor admitted me to the hospital still pregnant. I was there for 4 days and they finally induced labor on March 31, but after 16½ hours of labor he just wouldn't enter the birth canal..so I had a Cesarean. It was a boy 6 lbs. 8½ ozs. We named him Eric Joseph.

ED. NOTE: I'm disappointed in you, happy little mama. You didn't once refer to that little gremlin as a WITCHLING!

BEING A WITCHLING IS....

...wondering why those people are jumping around in a circle.
...wondering why they drink that funny-colored milk.

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WITCHUALS by Ruthi (Lady Seanara)

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PART 2 ARCHETYPAL SYMBOLS

We have defined a symbol, as used in ritual, as any visualization, word, gesture, non-verbal vocalization, scent, color, object, movement expresses and reinforces the purpose of the ritual in order to accomplish that purpose effectively. Symbols arose from, and are based on, the world around us. To accomplish the purpose, it is necessary to link up with the natural force (which can also be considered a magical force or a divine force for our purposes), which is most appropriate to the accomplishment of the purpose.

The ancients grouped the various forces under four different categories: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. This is where we get the four guardians of the quarters of the Circle, and the ritual tools themselves, which represent the four elements. The family of the Goddesses and the Gods, the demigods, and the various spirits and elementals are a more specific breakdown of these four natural forces.

In order to create or work an effective ritual, it is necessary to find the correct element, and thence, the right deity, aspect of deity, elemental, or planetary force for the particular purpose of the ritual. Extensive research into mythology is recommended before you begin to create rituals, and it is advisable to limit yourself to one culture, be it Egyptian, Greek, Celtic, Native American, etc., that you identify with most closely. It's better to understand the symbols of one culture thoroughly than those of a dozen poorly. This will all be discussed later. For the time being, let us limit our discussion to the four elements, and the symbolism in nature.

Ancient people, and Pagans down through the centuries, and in our day, regarded the world around us as a manifestation of divine presence. Primeval works of Nature were the dwelling-places of the gods, and, in many cases, the gods themselves manifested. The sea was regarded as the domain of the Goddess, even before dry land, with its groves and caverns, was considered sacred to Her, as all life seemed to originate from the depths of the sea. The Moon, which governed the tides, came to be regarded as Her face. The God manifested Himself in the high places, the mountains and crags, where Earth met Sky, and the Sun was seen as His face.

Earth and Water, the elements of the Goddess; Air and Fire, the elements of the God, acquired these significances: Earth, for stability, sustenance, practicality, material things; Water, for change, motion, emotion and intuition; Air, for swiftness, thought, communication; Fire, for creativity, will, and inspiration. As the Moon is linked with the Sea, it falls under water; as the Sun is a source of heat and light, it corresponds to Fire. Daytime was the God's time of power, nighttime the Goddess's. Storms, eclipses and other unusual or violent manifestations of Nature were regarded as omens, or as indications that the Goddess or the God was angry,

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WITCHUALS continued

whereas good weather, with adequate sun and rain at the right times, indicated that all was as it should be.

In time, as people began to alter Nature in order to survive, planting crops, hunting animals, building shelters from trees they cut down, they began to set aside the most beautiful places as sacred wells, caverns, and groves, which were to remain forever unchanged. These were regarded as the earthly homes of the gods, the holy places. Standing stones were erected in some of these places; they became the site of seasonal rituals in honor of the Goddess and the God.

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STUFF & THINGS

PAM-PAGAN FESTIVAL: the original of this got lost in the mail. August. 6-9, Buchanan, Mich.. Register by July 15. Adults \$18.50, children 5-12 \$9. each. Make check or M.O. payable to Midwest Pagan Council, c/O Parthenon West, POB 613, Richton Park, Ill. 60471.

From Ellen, N. Hollywood: Plans for the gathering are going well. There may be a ritual in addition to the Midsommer Rite and Moon Rite planned. It hasn't been decided yet, but there may be a handfasting. Yup, the God & Goddess must have decided I have been alone long enough, and they have blessed me with a very special gift, Chris. The handfasting will take place during the summer, we just haven't quite decided when. The Angeles National Forest would be a gorgeous site for it. . . the hard part is deciding when during the gathering to have it. We'll see. Just wanted to share the semi-official announcement with all your readers.--and hope they will share our joy in finding each other. Cost for the gathering is \$10. each, \$18 per couple, \$8. each for groups over 5. Pacific Circle, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609!

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RHEA IN Ky. sez: Found a job as Executive Secretary to the Executive Director & Office Manager of the (hold onto your hat) Y.W.C.A. The building itself is a "historic landmark" on the National Register of historic buildings. As most such places, it had been "remodeled, modernized, etc.", and then fallen into deterioration! They are currently restoring/renovating the building. It's exciting to watch the long-hidden beauty of the past emerge from layers of paint, asphalt tile and other modern inventions. Everyone gasped and "oh'd" and "ah'd" as layers of paint were removed from the walls, and the original walls shone forth. beautiful marble! Floors were covered with asphalt tiles, which when removed, revealed marble floors. inlaid black & white. . . not little squares. . . huge (like 12') blocks! And layers of paint were stripped from hand-carved walnut walls & carvings!

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From all I can find out, activity here is minimal. Anxious to get back to Atlanta & visit folks there. Jodi & John are waiting on me for the baby's Wiccaning. I lost my oldest dog..mother of Miss Boo. Do miss her. Let them all out one morning..she never came back. Someone opened the gate and they went out. Two came back, she didn't. I can only believe someone picked her up. Just hope she has a good home. Have you heard from Janice & Dennis?

Ed. Note: Hope your pup comes back. I know how much they can mean. Last I heard from Janice & Dennis, still in Texas..uncertain about future plans.

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DOG DAYS & OTHER ANIMAL PEOPLE from U.P.I.

A Los Angeles City Council Committee recommended that animal shelters no longer be required to make stray animals available for medical research.

Unclaimed animals in shelter, mostly dogs, must be released to qualified laboratories under a current ordinance.

ALSO FROM U.P.I.

DIDJA KNOW??? Three ministers have been arested in Kansas City on charges of arranging building fires so they could collect the insurance money. The 3 were arrested on the first day of "Arrest Arson Week" in Kansas City.

OAKLAND, CAL. - A lady in an automobile almost collided with an auto salesman--while the salesman was sitting at his desk. Charlie Parker had no rear-view mirror at his desk, but he said he heard the tires squealing and "took one look and leaped." The onrushing car shattered some 40 feet of show windows at the Olds agency in Oakland. The car wound up on top of Parker's desk, Driver, Georgia Julian, told police she was backing into a parking space, hit a parking meter, then stepped on the accelerator when she was aiming at the brake.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL. - Vance Weber denies his wife's claim that he kidnapped and assaulted her because she refused to accept the beliefs of the controversial River Of Life ministry. Weber said he felt the motive for her charges were "part of a conspiracy against The River Of Life."

The largest item in the family budget is taxes--federal, state, and local. According to a research group called TAX FOUNDATION, INC. , the typical U.S. worker labors 2 hours and 45 minutes during an 8 hr. day to pay the tax bill. By comparison, it takes a worker 88 min. a day to cover the next highest expense, which is housing.

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas
 ...invoking Demeter to help you weed the garden.

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STUFF & THINGS

GANDALF, Elder (Crescent City, Cal. sez: We enjoy your newsletter very much. We just recently made contact with the main Craft community. It is really neat to be in touch with so many other Wicca.

We have been wondering about what is the proper way to pronounce "WICCA". The N.W.C. in Sacramento say it WICHA, and most people here say it WIKKA. Does it matter? Here is a joke for the newsletter:

The Wiccan is dying of small pox. He says to his wife Witch, "Dear, I think I have had it. Could you go over to St. Michael's and fetch Father McColley?"

Wife says, "Why do you want a Catholic priest, you're a Wiccan?"
Man says, "Would you rather I gave small pox to the Queen of the Coven?"

Merry part.

Gandolph, Elder
Magus of the Coven of West Sea
Crescent City, California

ED. NOTE: The question of correct pronunciation can be very complicated. Sometimes a number of pronunciations can all be correct. Just observe the difference between American English and British English, but both are correct. In this country, note the difference between New England states and southern states.

If you are really interested in pronunciations, get a good dictionary. Just "WEBSTER" on a dictionary means little. It could be a reprint of one of 50 years ago. Get a MERRIAM WEBSTER. They update pronunciations about every five years because usage changes for both pronunciation and meaning.

Now about WICCAN: I know the New Wiccan Church pronounces it like WEE-CHAN. If you say it quickly, it sounds like The Norwegian Church almost. I think most people do pronounce it like WICK-AN. However, whatever is accepted by your tradition is the correct pronunciation for you.

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Another change of address for BLUE MOON, 235 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Secor, . . . Did you order a Pagan T-shirt yet?
Mahopac, N.Y. 10541.

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH (the newsletter for Pagan Families) has a new address: POB 584, Petersberg, W.V.

The Fäerie Shaman, the music of Gwydion from Wheel of the Year songbook. Stereo LP \$7.95, Dolby cassette \$8.95. Send to Nemeton, POB 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470. Gwydion says it should be ready about mid-June.

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It is very sad when we hear that hospitality offered to visiting Crafters is repaid with rudeness and extremely bad manners. Such behavior does not help to improve relations among various segments of the Craft. Remember, your behavior reflects on your coven and even on your tradition.

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STUFF & THINGS

Rus & Ruthi are getting ambitious. Now have an 8 page pamphlet describing basic Craft. Can be given away or sold. Minimum order \$6. per 100. \$27. per 500. \$50. per 1000. Also new catalog soon. Some new lower price pewter additions. Also working on new quarterly mag for later this year. For info: Arcane Crafts, POB 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

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March 26, 27, 28 in Sacramento, a conference on the Goddess & Witchcraft. For info: Goddess Rising, POB 19241, Sacramento, Ca. 95819.

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C.O.G. Festival, September 10-13 in Marin Headlands above San Francisco Bay. For info & reservation forms: C.O.G. Festival, c/o Alison Harlow, POB 3716, Stanford, Ca. 94305.

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So we see we're not alone in receiving junk mail for file 13 (trash basket). Katherine & Kent say they get the same garbage: people wanting free ads for books, supplies, etc...some even asking for free full-page ads. From publishers and authors, pages of book reviews they expect us to print, and not only no book sent to review, but they don't even have the courtesy to enclose a letter.

Then there are short notes or postcards from strangers everywhere: "My friends tell me I'm psychic. Please tell me all about Witchcraft"...or maybe.."I'll be in prison for the next 20 years. I used to be a satanist but that didn't work too good. Now tell me all about Witchcraft"...and they don't even enclose a stamp. As I said, junk mail & freeloaders into file 13. Maybe they're so stupid they don't realize it costs money to print all that stuff.

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PENNY in Florida sez she & Chris are now married. Jennifer had chicken pox.

Penny says they had a very nice Beltane with people joining them from several other cities.

Penny mentions that someone is going to make beet root wine. I never heard of that one.

She also says there is a flea epidemic in Florida. Something new called a double flea that gets inside the animal and causes it to die within a few days. Apparently no treatment for it yet.

Looks like we're just about set for the August meeting. Some details that may take a few more days. Nice place about 45 minutes from Bakersfield. We're still aiming for the weekend of Aug. 15. More details in next newsletter.

Guess that's all, folks.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

PAT AND ALL THE GEORGIANS

