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The writings and ideas of John Calvin, a leader in the Reformation, gave rise to Protestantism and were pivotal to the Christian revolt. They contended that The Church of England had become a product of political struggles and man-made doctrines. The Puritans were one branch of dissenters who decided that the Church of England was beyond reform. Escaping persecution from church leadership and the King, they came to America. The established church of the day described access to God as monastic and possible only within the confines of "church authority". Puritans stripped away the traditional trappings and formalities of Christianity which had been slowly building throughout the previous years. Theirs was an attempt to "purify" the church and their own lives. What many of us remember about the Puritans is reflective of the modern definition of the term and not of the historical account. Point one, they were not a small group of people. In England many of their persuasion sat in Parliament. What it did show was the danger that their self-imposed isolation had put them in. Most of the Puritans settled in the New England area. As they immigrated and formed individual colonies, their numbers rose from 17, in to , in Religious exclusiveness was the foremost principle of their society. The spiritual beliefs that they held were strong. This strength held over to include community laws and customs. Since God was at the forefront of their minds, He was to motivate all of their actions. This premise worked both for them and against them. The common unity strengthened the community. Their overall survival techniques permeated the colonies and on the whole made them more successful in several areas beyond that of the colonies established to their south. Each church congregation was to be individually responsible to God, as was each person. The New Testament was their model and their devotion so great that it permeated their entire society. People of opposing theological views were asked to leave the community or to be converted. Their interpretation of scriptures was a harsh one. They emphasized a redemptive piety. In principle, they emphasized conversion and not repression. Conversion was a rejection of the "worldliness" of society and a strict adherence to Biblical principles. While repression was not encouraged in principle, it was evident in their actions. God could forgive anything, but man could forgive only by seeing a change in behavior. Actions spoke louder than words, so actions had to be constantly controlled. The doctrine of predestination kept all Puritans constantly working to do good in this life to be chosen for the next eternal one. God had already chosen who would be in heaven or hell, and each believer had no way of knowing which group they were in. Those who were wealthy were obviously blessed by God and were in good standing with Him. The Protestant work ethic was the belief that hard work was an honor to God which would lead to a prosperous reward. Any deviations from the normal way of Puritan life met with strict disapproval and discipline. Since the church elders were also political leaders, any church infraction was also a social one. There was no margin for error. The devil was behind every evil deed. Constant watch needed to be kept in order to stay away from his clutches. The sermons of Jonathan Edwards, a Puritan minister, show that delivery of these sermons became an art form. They were elegant, well formed, exegetical renditions of scriptures Grammar children were quizzed on the material at school and at home. This constant subjection of the probability of an unseen danger led to a scandal of epidemic proportions. Great pains were taken to warn their members and especially their children of the dangers of the world. Religiously motivated, they were exceptional in their time for their interest in the education of their children. Reading of the Bible was necessary to living a pious life. The education of the next generation was important to further "purify" the church and perfect social living. Three English diversions were banned in their New England colonies; drama, religious music and erotic poetry. The first and last of these led to immorality. Music in worship created a "dreamy" state which was not conducive in listening to God. Since the people were not spending their time idly indulged in trivialities, they were left with two godly diversions. The Bible stimulated their corporate

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intellect by promoting discussions of literature. They were encouraged to create their own poetry, always religious in content. For the first time in history, free schooling was offered for all children. Puritans formed the first formal school in , called the Roxbury Latin School. Four years later, the first American College was established; Harvard in Cambridge. Children aged attended a "Dame school" where the teacher, who was usually a widow, taught reading. In , the first printing press arrived. By , Boston became the second largest publishing center of the English Empire. The Puritans were the first to write books for children, and to discuss the difficulties in communicating with them. At a time when other Americans were physically blazing trails through the forests, the Puritans efforts in areas of study were advancing our country intellectually. Religion provided a stimulus and prelude for scientific thought. The large number of people who ascribed to the lifestyle of the Puritans did much to firmly establish a presence on American soil. Bound together, they established a community that maintained a healthy economy, established a school system, and focused an efficient eye on political concerns. The moral character of England and America were shaped in part by the words and actions of this strong group of Christian believers called the Puritans. Prepared by Kay Kizer.

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Internet Book of Shadows, Various Authors , [], at sacred-texts. It matters little what the metaphysician or the moralist may inculcate; the animal sticks to his subconscious ideas It seemed to be a cold January afternoon, and Aleister Crowley was having Gerald Gardner over to tea. It was , and talk of an early end to the war was in the air. An atmosphere of optimism prevailed in the "free world" , but the wheezing old magus was having none of it. A restrictive Order is not enough. And that is what I have come to propose to you. Add a little razzle-dazzle for the country folk. They dance around fires naked, get drunk, have a good time. Proper English country squires and dames, mostly; I think they read a lot of Frazier and Margaret Murray. If I could persuade you to draw on your long experience and talents, in no time at all we could invent a popular cult that would have beautiful ladies clamoring to let us strip them naked, tie them up and spank their behinds! I could license you to initiate people into the O. I could write some rituals. Priest-esses, naked girls. Such is the way all mythologies come into being. History is more metaphor than factual accounting at best, and there are myths by which we live and others by which we die. Myths are the dreams and visions which parallel objective history. This entire work is, in fact, an attempt to approximate history. To arrive at some perspective on what the modern mythos called, variously, "Wicca", the "Old Religion", "Witchcraft" and "Neopaganism" is, we must firstly make a firm distinction; "witchcraft" in the popular informally defined sense may have little to do with the modern religion that goes by the same name. It has been argued by defenders of and formal apologists for modern Wicca that it is a direct lineal descendent of an ancient, indeed, prehistoric worldwide folk religion. Oddly enough, there may never have been any such cult! The first time I met someone who thought she was a "witch," she started going on about being a "blue of the cloak. In fact, as time has passed and the religion has spread, the claims of lineal continuity have tended to be hedged more and more. Thus, we find Dr. Gardner himself, in , stating unambiguously that some witches are descendants " Stated in its most extreme form, Wicca may be defined as an ancient pagan religious system of beliefs and practices, with a form of apostolic succession that is, with knowledge and ordination handed on lineally from generation to generation , a more or less consistent set of rites and myths, and even a secret holy book of considerable antiquity The Book of Shadows. More recent writers, as we have noted, have hedged a good deal on these claims, particularly the latter. Thus we find Stewart Farrar in musing on the purported ancient text thusly: Mine is that, like the Bible, it is a patchwork of periods and sources, and that since it is copied and re-copied by hand, it includes amendments, additions, and stylistic alterations according to the taste of a succession of copiers Parts of it I sense to be genuinely old; other parts suggest modern interpolation As we shall discover presently, there appear to be no genuinely old copies of the Book of Shadows. Still, as to the mythos, Farrar informs us that the "two personifications of witchcraft are the Horned God and the Mother Goddess I do not doubt that bits of pagan folklore survived on the Continent through the first millenium -- Northern Europe remained overtly pagan until the High Middle Ages. But what has this to do with Wicca? Farrar, for his part, explains the lack of references to a goddess in the testimony at the infamous witch trials by asserting that "the judges ignored the Goddess, being preoccupied with the Satan-image of the God.. But it is the evidence of that reign of terror which lasted from roughly to which brings the whole idea of a surviving religious cult into question. It is now the conventional wisdom on the witchburning mania which swept like a plague over much of Europe during the transition from medieval world to modern that it was JUST that; a mania, a delusion in the minds of Christian clergymen and state authorities; that is, there were no witches, only the innocent victims of the witch hunt. Though Wicca may have been framed with the "confessions" extracted by victims of the inquisitors in mind, those "confessions" which are more than suspect, to begin with, bespeak a cult of devil worshipers

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dedicated to evil. One need only read a few of the accounts of the time to realize that, had there been at the time a religion of the Goddess and God, of seasonal circles and The Book of Shadows, such would likely have been blurted out by the victims, and more than once. The agonies of the accused were, almost literally, beyond the imagination of those of us who have been fortunate enough to escape them. The witch mania went perhaps unequalled in the annals of crimes against humanity en masse until the Hitlerian brutality of our own century. But, no such confessions were forthcoming, though the wretches accused, before the torture was done, would also be compelled to condemn their own parents, spouses, loved ones, even children. They confessed, and to anything the inquisitors wished, anything to stop or reduce the pain. A Priest, probably at risk to his own life, recorded testimony in the s that reflected the reality underlying the forced "confessions" of "witches". Michael Stapiarius records, for example, this comment from one "confessed witch": I am not a witch, and I have never seen the devil, and still I had to plead guilty myself and denounce others A letter smuggled from a German burgomaster, Johannes Junius, to his daughter in , is as telling as it is painful even to read. His hands had been virtually destroyed in the torture, and he wrote only with great agony and no hope. Invent something, for you cannot endure the torture which you will be put to; and, even if you bear it all, yet you will not escape, not even if you were an earl, but one torture will follow another until you say you are a witch. After days of unspeakable torment, wherein the woman confesses under pain, recants when the pain is removed, only to be moved by more pain to confess again, she is asked: She does not know what to say and can only whisper, Oh, Heavenly Queen, protect me! Or, as seems more likely, upon that aforementioned transfiguration of all ancient goddesses in Christian mythology, the Virgin Mary. One more quote from Dr. Robbins, and I will cease to parade late medieval history before you. It comes from yet another priest, Father Cornelius Loos, who observed, in that "Wretched creatures are compelled by the severity of the torture to confess things they have never done, and so by cruel butchery innocent lives are taken The "evidence" of the witch trials indicates, on the whole, neither the Satanism the church and state would have us believe, nor the pagan survivals now claimed by modern Wicca; rather, they suggest only fear, greed, human brutality carried out to bizarre extremes that have few parallels in all of history. What, then, are we to make of modern Wicca? In another sense, we can also say that ceremonial magick, as I have previously noted, has had a place in history for a very long time, and both these ancient systems of belief and practice have intermingled in the lore of modern Wicca, as apologists are quick to claim. There is certainly no doubt that bits and pieces of ancient paganism survived into modern times in folklore and, for that matter, in the very practices and beliefs of Christianity. Doreen Valiente, an astute Wiccan writer and one-time intimate of the late Dr. What George Pickingill was doing is simply not clear. He is said to have had some interaction with a host of figures in the occult revival of the late nineteenth century, including perhaps even Crowley and his friend Bennett. Both men were believers in fleshly fulfillment, not only as an end in itself but, as in the Tantric Yoga of the East, as a means of spiritual attainment. A certain prudishness has crept into the practices of postGardnarian Wiccans, especially in America since the s, along with a certain feminist revisionism. This has succeeded to a considerable extent in converting a libertine sex cult into a rather staid neopuritanism. The original Gardnarian current is still well enough known and widely enough in vogue in Britain and Ireland especially that one can venture to assert that what Gardnerian Wicca is all about is the same thing Crowley was attempting with a more narrow, more intellectual constituency in the magickal orders under his direct influence. Through his long and fascinating career as magus and organizer, there is some reason to believe that Crowley periodically may have wished for, or even attempted to create a more populist expression of magickal religion. It has been claimed that Kenneth Grant and Aleister Crowley were discussing relatively radical changes in the Ordo Templi Orientis at approximately the same time that Gardner and Crowley were interactive. Though Wiccan writers give some lip service and, no doubt, some sincere credence to the notion that the validity of Wiccan ideas depends not upon its lineage, but rather upon its workability, the suggestion that Wicca is -- or, at least, started out to be, essentially a late attempt at popularizing the secrets of ritual and sexual magick Crowley promulgated through the OTO and his writings, seems to evoke nervousness, if not hostility. We hear from wiccan writer and leader

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Raymond Buckland that one "of the suggestions made is that Aleister Crowley wrote the rituals But it is on the right track. If, therefore, Crowley really invented these rituals in their entirety, they must be about the last thing he ever wrote. Was this enfeebled and practically dying man really capable of such a tour de force? Crowley continued to produce extraordinary material almost to the end of his life, and much of what I have seen of the "Wiccan Crowley" is, in any case, of earlier origin. Gerald Gardner is himself not altogether silent on the subject. As a prophet ahead of his time, as a poet and dreamer, Crowley is one of the outstanding figures of the twentieth or any century. As an organizer, he was almost as much of a disaster as he was at managing his own finances As I understand the liberatory nature of the magical path, one would do well to see the difference between Crowley the prophet of Thelema and Crowley the insolvent and inept administrator. Crowley very much lacked the common touch; Gardner was above all things a popularizer. Both were, in reality, spiritual libertines, ceremonial magicians who did not shy away from the awesome force of human sexuality and its potential for spiritual transformation as well as physical gratification. I will not say with finality at this point whether Wicca is an outright invention of these two divine con-men. If so, more power to them, and to those who truly follow in their path. Shortly thereafter, the public face of Wicca came into view, and that is what I know of the matter: The certificate and its import are examined in connection with my personal search for the original Book of Shadows in the next section of this narrative. For now, though, let us note in the years since Crowley licensed Gardner to organize a magical encampment, Wicca has both grown in popularity and become, to my mind, something far less REAL than either Gardner or Crowley could have wanted or foreseen. Wherever they came from, the rites and practices which came from or through Gerald Gardner were strong, and tapped into that archetypal reality, that level of consciousness beneath the mask of polite society and conventional wisdom which is the function of True Magick. At a popular level, this was the Tantric sex magick of the West. Whether this primordial access has been lost to us will depend on the awareness, the awakening or lack thereof among practitioners of the near to middle-near future. Practices, myths, institutions and obligations which, on the other hand, may be infinitely ancient are of no value at all UNLESS they work. The Devil, you say Before we move on, though, in light of the furor over real and imagined "Satanism" that has overtaken parts of the popular press in recent years, I would feel a bit remiss in this account if I did not take momentary note of that other strain of left-handed occult mythology, Satanism. Wiccans are correct when they say that modern Wicca is not Satanic, that Satanism is "reverse Christianity" whereas Wicca is a separate, non-Christian religion. Still, it should be noted, so much of our society has been grounded in the repressiveness and authoritarian moralism of Christianity that a liberal dose of "counterChristianity" is to be expected. In the long history of repressive religion, a certain fable of Satanism has arisen. It constitutes a mythos of its own. True occult initiates have always regarded the Ultimate Reality as beyond all names and description. To the occultist, there is no Devil, no "god of evil. Evil, in this system, is the mere absence of light. All else is illusion. In Freemasonry and High Magick, the symbols of the White Pillar and Black Pillar represent this balance between conscious and unconscious forces.

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Includes a fresh look at aeonics, cosmogenesis, auric magic, and Before we begin learning about Night Magick I believe it will help to understand what I mean by these "night" Voodoo and obeah are distinct from one another, both in origin and practice, and to understand the force and influence they originally exercised over their devotees, we must disassociate them from the myriad of other forms of magic that have impinged themselves upon them. The author spent a Scholars will appreciate the thorough documentation, specified in hundreds of They do dabble in spells and chants, burning candles and employing Facts are generally related and attested by various authors of reputation and credit and they have been laid before the reader of this work with as much accuracy as a diligent inquiry could insure. People tend to view Cursing in the same way that they view masturbation. Our sources are primarily laws against the practice of witchcraft. These laws unfortunatly lump a whole lot of Heathen practices together so that it is difficult to tell whether galderes "charm speakers," seers, and leechs Learn more about these old seasonal charms and modern Wiccan spellcraft for Samhain. Free information sheets typically one-page pdf documents to download, print and re-distribute. You can hand these out to your friends, at festivals, post on Until all the basic data, i. It is a definitive replacement for the Sacred Magic of Abramelin the Mage, which system has become obsolete due to its monotheist transcendentalism and its dependency on repressive forms of inhibitory gnosis Rich full account of charges against witches, witch trials, practice of the black arts. Excerpts from Inquisition, interviews with convicted witches, discussions of alchemy, astrology, much more. By attaining to levels of Understanding of what was previously hidden, we push back the barriers and in the process create even greater mysteries beyond. This process is clear in science as well as art. As I Understand the It was designed in Adobe PDF format, you can view it online, or download it and print one copy for personal use see copyright notice in file. Overall a good work, especially when you consider this was written before most, if not all, of the major archaeological finds that gave great insight into This creative disorder has spawned, among Murray, the first to turn a scholarly eye on the mysteries of witchcraft, enables us to see its existence in the Middle Ages not as an Embracing The Witch And The Goddess by Kathryn RountreeThe purpose of the book is to present an ethnography of New Zealand feminist witches - to colour one small space in the global picture of Paganism - and to engage with a number of issues and debates which concern the feminist spirituality movement as a whole. I have also compared New Zealand But, as the cosmic tides begin another Aeonian change as the Age of the Dark Gods begins, we proclaim openly our defiance and our creed. No longer shall the lies go unchallenged. Accordingly, we - as representatives of those dark forces which have always Lockhart, who worked for a publishing firm. The book proved popular and Scott was paid six hundred pounds, which he desperately needed. Despite his success as a Very readable, yet well documented, this book has extensive and fascinating quotes from historical source The primitiveview of medicine had more to do with magic than with what is considered medicine today. Witchcraft, or the practice of magic, could be used to inflict illness or to take it away. Hippocrates and later physicians tried to During the same time, ceremonial magic, which followed the patterns of ficino, Mirandola, the Roscrucians, and the Freemasons, was evolving. Alphonse Louise Constant , better known by his nome de plume Eliphas Levi, was a It is perhaps appropriate to point out the misunderstandings that are current at the moment in some radical circles, who believe that a solution lies in the direction of a new paganism. This is how many modern groups do work. I think this is a very problematic formula, however, because most people fail Magicians are all too eager to hold forth about the rituals that work - the superb invocations, the powerful evocations and the money-working spell after which you find a tenner lying in the street. In both the fabrication and presentation of my work, I regard my assemblages as fetish objects, as autonomous art objects and an iconography of my subjective memory. By

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accepting the assemblages as fetish objects, I am The author comes across as brilliant, but scatter-brained and after a while, some of the tangents he goes off on become tedious and confusing, causing a re-read of what the original subject was for clarity They may be freely distributed provided that the following conditions are met: The first 2 volumes cover late antiquity through the 13th century, and volumes cover the th century. These are strong volumes, copiously It is easy to read in biography form and explains a number of complex phenomena that were then taking place within wicca during the early generation of this past century. As it tells the story of his life, the book explores intricate balances of life One of the ways of fulfilling the requirement was by attending services of oneUs own religion. Frankly, we were not quite ready for it either. We have knowledge of confidential police reports of murders committed by Satanists that are so vile we cannot It is intended to be used in conjunction with Witch-Hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials by Sibert Gibson, under the pen-name Maxwell Grant, wrote "more than novel-length" Shadow stories, writing up to "10, words a It has become very fashionable to look down on mythology and other narratives that Translated by William Howitt. One may view Wicca as one of the newest or one of the oldest religions in the world. The foundation of Wicca is the Celtic society circa BCE and their reverence of nature, seasonal days, beliefs and the Deities they worshiped. That foundation can also be traced back to the Pagan As the term implies, these individuals The pentagram represents an ancient concept that can be found in philosophical thought in both East and West. Although over 8, years old, the image of the pentagram is applicable in our This paper will discuss how Celtic myth relates to the history of the I felt it to be too archaic in its wording and perspective -- and while it was valuable in the Burning Times, it simply does not deal with the concerns and The confessions made by the Suffolk women charged with witchcraft in indicate that, in many cases, accused women were contextualising their own experiences within a wider Like all firft Attempts in an untrodden Path of Hiftory, this may fall ftiorf of Expectation in feveral repedfts. Thofe who look for a Succreffion of Tales of Horrourof the This is the most important and accessible resource for anyone interested in the Salem Witch Trials. It seems a real shame that a person can buy Journey albumn released ten years ago but books Hypnotism, spiritualism and various isms and ologies are suggested as causes for the outbreak Its results constitute one of the most fascinating and instructive chapters in the story of human progress. Written history is not so much the record of battles, conquests, and legislative acts as of social and Due to its age, it may contain imperfections such as marks, notations, marginalia and flawed pages. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our A literature review focused on forming a model of Paganism, and looked at previous works The 9 million witches were supposed to have been old, sick and poor women, suspect because of their deviant age and looks but essentially In the intervening period a modern academic edition, edited by Stewart Sanderson, was published by the Folklore Society The concept is related to the foundational Protestant belief of Sola Fide, or justification through faith alone however, God hates idolatry and if it remains unresolved, the enemy has a legal right to accuse and oppress. Combing the biblical principle of the visitation of the sins of the fathers on the children with clinical data from deliverance It is currently used to refer to healers in some third world regions, who use traditional healing rather than contemporary medicine. In the first world it usually refers to I fear that many minds will have to devote all their energies to the work, if it is ever to be brought to completion and, indeed, it may plausibly be argued that Fewer scholars have focused on the relatively young Neo-Pagan religious movement. Internet Identities and Teen Wiccan subcultures. A consideration of one particular on line community and their web based interactions Dr. This paper outlines ongoing research looking at the use made of the Internet by many teenaged girls, who form networks and

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Quit bowing to Baal and running from Ahab and Jezebel! Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. It seems that priorities have changed and I am compelled to postpone that topic at least one, perhaps more posts in this series. Something has come to my attention that seems to be related and very revealing. First, there has been news of more clown manifestations and they seem to be getting even more bizarre. Just this past Friday, September 30, , there were 2 news reports of 2 schools that were locked down in 2 different states! Click on the map for larger view. One must ask the questions why it is happening all over the country on the same day? Why are they becoming more frequent? Why are they getting more threatening? And last but not least, why has law enforcement become so concerned they are consulting the FBI and HLS, if this is just a passing fad? I think they know more than is being reported and are holding back information! The answer to those questions is simple. The rejection of God, an Apostate Church that has led to an overwhelming rise of evil. See a whole lot more on the Temple of Baal here. Couple that with the Satanic Temple opening up in almost every major city, and casting spells over those cities and read this one: The references are usually short, relevant and employed to help set the tone of the article. You will also notice that, in this article, I have included much more scripture than usual. I believe the Apostle Paul explains in Romans chapter 1, probably better than any other Epistle he wrote, why people act the way they do. The first 15 verses are just greetings and salutations but none the less important. ALL scripture is important 2nd Timothy 3: What is also important is the continuation in Chapter 2. That news article brought to mind the subject of the two news articles I had perused earlier that morning. My spirit was stirred and I began looking more seriously into this perversion. I was reminded of so many other current fads, fetishes and perversions that are being acted out. There seems to be a common thread that runs through all of these perverse behaviors. All of these are related to the Peter Pan Syndrome. These fetishes are all related to enticing children or wanting to be like a child. That is why I posted most of Romans Chapter 1 above. Prior to that, absolute perversion in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. And if you really study out the perversion, manipulation and alteration of man, you end up right back to the days of Noah which is why God wiped out all life. Below, there will be a link to view for each type of fetish, there is not enough room here to go into details at this point. The furry fandom is a subculture interested in fictional anthropomorphic animal characters with human personalities and characteristics. Examples of anthropomorphic attributes include exhibiting human intelligence and facial expressions, the ability to speak, walk on two legs, and wear clothes. Furry fandom is also used to refer to the community of people who gather on the Internet and at furry conventions. See Wikipedia for more. Subculture “a cultural group within a larger culture, often having beliefs or interests at variance with those of the larger culture. Plain and simple to understand definition: Judging from the Midwest FurFest, this is no hobby. It was penned in The inner what, is the question at hand? Any animal they want to conjure up. It is the religion of sexual perversion and a life which is contrary to the Word of God! This gets even weirder folks. Check out the other article. Inside Anthrocon, the Furry utopia. There are other fantasies being acted out by deranged individuals. I throw these in, just for good measure. Oklahoma mother, daughter arrested after alleged incestuous marriage This seems to also be a rising problem as I have seen many news stories over the past year or so of similar news. People who want to be treated like pets: Once again you must go back to part two above and read what is written when people put on a mask or a costume. They literally are taken over by a demonic spirit that is attached to the mask or costume, or what has possessed them be it a Clown outfit, a suit of an animal, or if you dress up for Halloween! Have you ever seen African or Caribbean Witch doctors who don masks or paint their faces? They are taking on the character of that spirit, the demon!

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Witchcraft in Salem George Jacobs Sr. He was convicted and hanged in August Surely the Devil had come to Salem in Young girls screaming and barking like a dog? Strange dances in the woods? This was behavior hardly becoming of virtuous teenage maidens. The town doctor was called onto the scene. After a thorough examination, he concluded quite simply "the girls were bewitched. Now the task was clear. Whomever was responsible for this outrage must be brought to justice. Parris had a slave from the Caribbean named Tituba. They were believed to have danced a black magic dance in the nearby woods. Several of the girls would fall to the floor and scream hysterically. Soon this behavior began to spread across Salem. Ministers from nearby communities came to Salem to lend their sage advice. The talk turned to identifying the parties responsible for this mess. The girls could not have possibly brought this condition onto themselves. Soon they were questioned and forced to name their tormentors. Three townspeople, including Tituba, were named as witches. The famous Salem witchcraft trials began as the girls began to name more and more community members. Evidence admitted in such trials was of five types. This seems simple enough. But the young girls who attended the trial were known to scream and writhe on the floor in the middle of the test. It is easy to understand why some could not pass. Second, physical evidence was considered. Any birthmarks, warts, moles, or other blemishes were seen as possible portals through which Satan could enter a body. Witness testimony was a third consideration. Anyone who could attribute their misfortune to the sorcery of an accused person might help get a conviction. Fourth was spectral evidence. Puritans believed that Satan could not take the form of any unwilling person. Therefore, if anyone saw a ghost or spirit in the form of the accused, the person in question must be a witch. The Trial of Rebecca Nurse Last was the confession. Confession seems foolhardy to a defendant who is certain of his or her innocence. In many cases, it was the only way out. A confessor would tearfully throw himself or herself on the mercy of the town and court and promise repentance. None of the confessors were executed. Part of repentance might of course include helping to convict others. As passed into , the hysteria began to lose steam. The governor of the colony, upon hearing that his own wife was accused of witchcraft ordered an end to the trials. However, 20 people and 2 dogs were executed for the crime of witchcraft in Salem. One person was pressed to death under a pile of stones for refusing to testify. No one knows the truth behind what happened in Salem. Once witchcraft is ruled out, other important factors come to light. Salem had suffered greatly in recent years from Indian attacks. As the town became more populated, land became harder and harder to acquire. A smallpox epidemic had broken out at the beginning of the decade. Massachusetts was experiencing some of the worst winters in memory. The motives of the young girls themselves can be questioned. In a society where women had no power, particularly young women, is it not understandable how a few adolescent girls, drunk with unforeseen attention, allowed their imaginations to run wild? Historians make educated guesses, but the real answers lie with the ages. Instant Quiz Which of the following was not ground for witch accusation? Having a wart Causing others to scream and wail during prayer Refusing to pay taxes Who was one of the first three Salem people to be accused of witchcraft?

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More perversion and other Fetishes discovered - Part 3. Evil seeks to maintain power by Suppressing the Truth. Now that the truth is out of the closet and no longer hidden, the Church, God's people are Running and Hiding from the Truth!

The Beginning Practice Phase part 2 Author: For this we apologize. We will never preach or claim to "have the answer". There are indeed many paths and many ways, it is our goal to give you the tools to get started and what to look out for. The Beginning Practice Phase Greetings and Welcome Back to Witchcraft ! Before you begin this next section, perhaps it will be helpful to do a little summation. If you have been working through the "Interest Phase" and the "Exploratory Phase", you will probably now be familiar with the following concepts and have some rudimentary knowledge in The basic history of Witchcraft and its cultural origins. Some of the different Traditions and Ways that Witchcraft is practiced today. The basic ethical guidelines, such as the Rede or Law of Three. A basic overview of karma and reincarnation or transmigration. An understanding on how Magick works. Deity Names and Aspects. Basic Tools of the Craft and their use in ritual work. Some divination, visualization and meditation techniques. This is the foundation from which your continuing studies will build and grow. Along the Way, you will stop often to ponder about new materials and visions. Remember to go slowly and to reflect much on what these concepts personally may mean to you. Again, it is very important to allow these new ideas to become integrated into your spirit. They become a part of who you are and how you think and feel. One of the ways to help this process along is through "practice. Even if you have only begun this in your mind, you are beginning to feel the stirrings of a desire to actually DO the workings that up until this point you have only been reading or hearing about. Where do you "begin"? Do you dig through your books and find a ritual that appeals to you? Do you have a specific need in your life right now? What have you put into your Journal or Book of Shadows that you have underlined as important or particularly relevant? What do YOU feel? You will notice a lot of emphasis on "feelings" throughout these articles. What do "feelings" have to do with all of this? Well, Carl Jung said it much better than I ever could: Feeling tells you for instance whether a thing is acceptable or agreeable or not. It is, like thinking, a rational function. This is why the "inner" work that you do is the starting point of all Magick. Look over your magickal tools and objects. Choose one or two at random. Hold them in your hands. What are they "saying" to your inner self? What images do they bring up and what memories do they unlock? At least not in the sense that most of us have been lead to believe. If you have ever been reprimanded for "day dreaming" in class or at the dinner table, you may have to re-learn and "give yourself permission" to unlock this powerful tool again. Allow yourself some "flights of fancy" time each day. Imagination is the ability to use your mind creatively. The word "creative" is linked with "creation". In a very real sense you are creating what you imagine. Just as a sculptor has an image of a work in his or her mind and then seeks to unlock the image from the physical materials at hand, so you create magick from the images that surface as a result of your meditations and desires. Have you used your imagination today? Now put the symbolism and the imagination together. What symbols came into your mind and what did your imagination do with these images? Ask a question and see if the images change around or become more clear. Your subconscious mind is a very rich and fertile place. And if you "wake up" with a start and realize that you have just spent 20 minutes in reverie, you are really getting the hang of it! You will start slowly and build on each previous step. Do not rush this process. This is very important. Let me explain a bit. Do you remember as a child a favorite story that you never grew tired of hearing? You knew the entire book by heart. Part of its "magic" for you WAS knowing the entire story by heart. And remember how you would correct the reader of the story if they tried to skip a part or changed the words? The story for you was a ritual. The retelling of it the same way over and over was important to you. Because there were no surprises or changes, you could relax and really get "into" the entire tale in your The gestures, tools and workings of your beginning ritual practice should be exactly the same each time that you do them during your Beginning Practice Phase. This repetition trains your subconscious mind to remember

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what is coming next. The subconscious is like the child who wants to hear that story the same way over and over. The "ritual"-repeated over and over- provides a safe and comforting setting for both your imagination and the symbolic elements to expand and grow.

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Fictional characterisations in modern culture, in movies and on TV, have given the bat an evil and sinister reputation, but such could not be further from the truth. In Tonga and ancient Babylonia bats were considered physical manifestations of the Souls of the Dead. In China and Poland they were symbols of Happiness and Long life, and to the ancient Mayans they symbolized Transformation and Rebirth. So what better time than this Samhain to consider the characteristics and teachings of the Bat? Bats are mammals of the order Chiroptera of which there are 17 families divided into 2 suborders – the larger Megabats and the smaller Microbats. Only one of these families includes Megabats of which there are more than species ; the other 16 families are all Microbats containing another species or more. Bats are the most widely distributed group of mammals in the world. The ability of flight has enabled them to disperse and take up residence in most all countries, except for the Arctic, the Antarctic and a few isolated oceanic islands. Bats are more prolific in warmer countries however, such like Indonesia, home to about species of bats, Venezuela to about and Mexico to some Sadly, as widely distributed as bats are, some species have drastically declined and many are now endangered. The biggest Flying Foxes are found in Java and achieve a wingspan of 1. Flying Foxes are also known as Fruit Bats, because their main diet consists of fruit and flowers. It measures only 3 cm 1 in long and weighs about 2 g 0. Megabats have large eyes and mostly fox-like faces; while Microbats have small eyes and often elaborate facial structures. There is a myth that all bats are blind, but this is not true. Megabats see relatively well and rely on smell and vision to find their food, while Microbats have poorer eyesight and use a unique method of echolocation to orient and detect their food and prey. Echolocation is a high-frequency pulsing sound emitted by the bat that bounces back to its ears from surrounding surfaces thus giving away the location and relative distance of objects and prey within its environment. In this way bats are able to manoeuvre and navigate at night in almost total darkness. Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight. Their wings consist of a thin, fleshy membrane supported near the leading edge by the greatly elongated bones of the forelimb and second finger, and towards the tip and rear by the third, fourth, and fifth fingers. It is further attached along the bodyline of the trunk and extends back between the hind limbs and tail. The thumb of the hand is free and has a sharp hooked claw to help in climbing. Their feet have five digits or toes, which are also equipped with sharp hooked claws, but these are used to help suspend the bat upside-down when roosting. Flying Foxes hanging in trees Most all bats are nocturnal. During the day they roost and rest in a variety of places, but commonly in dark caves and crevices, hollow trees or in shaded foliage, beneath rocks or bark and in abandoned buildings. Some Megabat species in warmer countries roost in more exposed areas where large colonies of bats can be seen hanging upside down from branches of trees. Being nocturnal gives bats many advantages, like reduced competition for insects and other food, freedom from attack by predators, and protection from overheating during the day which bats are especially susceptible to due to the size of their wings in relation to their body size. In countries where winters are cold bats will migrate to warmer climates or hibernate. Female bats birth only one pup a year, which when born clings to the mother bat during flight and feeds from her milk. After approximately four months the pup learns to fly on its own. For many bat species mating takes place before hibernation, during which time the female stores the sperm in her genital tract throughout the winter and on awakening in spring uses it to fertilize her eggs. For their diets, most Megabats feed on fruit, flowers, pollen and nectar, while Microbats also feed on insects, fish, frogs and other small creatures. A single Microbat can eat something like 3, insects in one night, and there is one species, the Vampire bat, that also feeds on the blood of other mammals. It is the Vampire bat, perhaps more than any other bat, that is responsible for fuelling the imagination of writers and film makers with fear and revulsion, and as a result, given the whole bat population such an evil and sinister reputation more on this later. Bats

perform a vitally important ecological role in nature. Many rainforest trees depend on bats for pollination and seed dispersal, which is particularly important in facilitating regrowth after forest clearances. Similarly, many tropical plants depend on bats for the distribution of their seeds. It is estimated there are some bat-dependent plant species yielding more than economically valuable products. Some of these products include: Chewing gum, tequila, sisal, medicines, dyes and fuel. Some bats are the keystone species on which whole ecosystems depend for their survival. In it, he personalized the characteristics of the Vampire bat into what are now the traditional scary blood sucking Vampire legends. Such did his book inspire the imaginations of other writers; it led to a whole plethora of similar stories and films on the subject. In truth, there are only three species of Vampire bats that feed on the blood of other mammals usually cattle, horses and large birds such as fowl. However, despite what popular legend would have us believe, bats do not suck blood. Bats have very sharp needle-pointed teeth with which they make small incisions on the backs of large prey, and then lap at the resulting blood droplets. Most Vampire bats are quite small, commonly only 7 to 9 cm². One of the biggest fears people have concerning bats is Rabies. Rabies is a virus transmitted among animals, and sometimes humans, when bitten by an already infected carrier. However, a study conducted by the University of Florida has shown less than one-half of 1 percent of all bats have rabies. So in truth, the conclusion is that a human is more likely to be bitten by an unvaccinated rabid dog than by a Vampire bat. Interestingly, new medical studies of a clot-dissolving substance found in Vampire bat saliva, could soon be used to benefit human Stroke victims. Myths and Folklore Perhaps because of their nocturnal habits and ability to navigate in the dark, or simply because they appear to be both animal and bird at the same time, bats have long been associated with deity, supernatural forces and the occult. In the mythologies of differing cultures bats symbolize both good and evil, life and death. In China many legends associate bats with good fortune. To them, a group of five bats represented the five causes of happiness: In South America among an ancient Mayan cult of the Quiche, located in the jungles of what is now Guatemala, Camazotz was a minor deity associated with bats. He was the God of the Caves and is described as having the body of a human with the head and wings of a bat. According to the Mayan sacred book of initiation rites Popul Vuh, he resided in the Bat-house located in the Underworld, a labyrinth of caves through which huge bats flew. While legends differ, he was responsible for the seventh test of initiation undertaken by the Mayan Hero Twins, the mythical Mayan ruling deities. Mayan artefacts of Camazotz In ancient Greece and Rome, it was thought that sleep could be prevented either by placing the engraved figure of a bat under the pillow, or by tying the head of a bat in a black bag and keeping it near to the left arm. On the Ivory Coast, even today, many think that bats are the spirits of the dead, and in Madagascar, they are assumed to be the souls of criminals, sorcerers and the unburied dead. In France, Lady Jacaume of Bayonne was publicly burned simply because bats were seen to fly about her house and garden. Also in Europe, in the Tyrol regions of Austria, it was believed that if a man wears the left eye of a bat on his person, he may become invisible, and in areas of central Germany, if he wears the heart of a bat bound to his arm with red thread, he will always be lucky at cards. It was commonly thought that witches used the blood of bats as an ingredient when making flying ointment, and further, to boost the powers of their magickal brews and potions. To the Gypsies, who were equally ostracized as witches, bats were seen as the bearers of good luck; they even prepared small bags containing dead bat bones for children to wear around their necks as charms. To keep a piece of bat bone in your pocket will ensure good luck. To prevent baldness or your hair greying, you should wash the hair in a concoction of powdered bat wings and coconut oil. The list of folklore concerning bats is endless, and even Shakespeare got in on the act. A bat appearing in your life could mean that some aspect of your life is coming to an end, and rather than fear the change, you should embrace the transition and look forward to some kind of new beginning. This may sound easy to do, but for most people change is a frightening experience. Only by facing the darkness of your uncertainties can you progress and find light in new beginnings. To many misinformed people, the bat is a symbol of death, but try to embrace the positive powers of the bat. Bats typically live in deep underground caves, which symbolically is the belly of the Mother Earth, and from these womb-like caves they emerge each evening at dusk - reborn. To a shaman the

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appearance of a bat does not signify actual or physical death, but more the death of old fears or the old ways of doing things that no longer serve you. By learning from the bat you can fly through any darkness into the light, be transformed, re-born and free.

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Part 3 of 3 Witchcraft is one of the fastest growing spiritual traditions in the western world today that has captured the imagination, minds and souls of both the young and old.

Spider visited with me much this summer, so what better venue to explore her meanings than this time of year when she is welcomed in the windows, yards and on the porches of neighborhood homes. There are many depictions of Spider in myth. The most recognizable and the one from which the class of arthropods spiders are named for, arachnid, comes from, is the Greek myth of Athena and Arachne and their infamous weaving contest. Arachne was a talented young peasant girl who Athena herself tutored in the art of weaving. Someone once commented that her skill rivaled that of Athena and that she must be one of her pupils. In her arrogance, Arachne denied that Athena had ever taught her and even boasted that she was the better weaver. She put forth a challenge to Athena. When Athena heard this she was distressed so she came to Arachne disguised as an old woman offering her a chance to redeem herself from her haughty words. She told Arachne that with age comes experience and she invited her to acknowledge the goddess superiority. Both wove with speed and artful skill. In her tapestry, Athena depicted the gods in their splendor. She also wove scenes of mortals who had offended the gods and the consequences they suffered. She edged her tapestry with olive leaves and branches which to this day, are symbols of peace. Arachne also wove depictions of the gods, but not in their glory. She wove their lustful seductions of mortal women. She exposed their weaknesses and folly. Her tapestry was framed with flowers and ivy. When the tapestries were finished, all could see that each one was a masterpiece. No one could find any flaws. She beat Arachne about the head with her shuttle. Arachne, shamed, hung herself in an attempt at suicide. Athena took pity on the girl and did not let her die. Instead, she turned Arachne into a spider so she could live, but continue to hang from the ceiling and weave. In this way, spiders were born into the world. In Navajo mythology, the People were taught how to weave by Spider Woman. Today, many Navajo weavers will rub their hands in spider webs in order to absorb the skill and wisdom of Spider Woman before they sit at their looms. Grandmother Spider is said to have created the universe. She wove her web and when it was laced with dew, she flung it into the air and the dew became the stars in the sky. Each day as she re-weaves her web, she re-weaves creation and life. Robert the Bruce, King of Scots from , learned a valuable lesson from Spider. After losing many battles and sore from war and toil, he hid in a cave for some rest. He was down-hearted and lacked hope. While there, he observed a spider as she went about weaving her web. Repeatedly she would try and fail. Still the spider labored on and finally, she succeeded. This victory for the spider encouraged Robert the Bruce and gave him hope. He went on to gather his troops, win in battle and secure the independence of Scotland from England. In some cultures, the spider is portrayed negatively. In some eastern cultures the spider is seen as a trickster. Maya, the Hindu Goddess, means weaver of illusion and is associated with the spider. Spiders have found their way into nursery rhymes and superstition in more recent times. I found the following on a website, spiderzrule. Somme money is coming towards us. The moral is this, such whoâ€. Other lore from the site includes: As above, they are arachnids. Unlike insects, they have eight legs and pincers around their mouths with which they inject venom into their prey. Most spiders spin round webs, resembling wheels. They re-spin their webs every day just as Grandmother Spider re-spins the universe and life every day. After they spin their webs, they lie in wait for their prey. They are very agile creatures, able to balance themselves on the thinnest silk thread they spin. In the study of symbols, the circle represents infinity, the universe, the All. In Egyptian Hieroglyphics, the spiral represents the process of creation and is a symbol of cosmic energy. The wheel represents the wheel of life, the wheel of the year, cycles of life waxing and waning, giving birth and dying, and giving birth again. The number eight has also been associated with spiders. They have eight legs and their duo-sectioned body resembles the numeral eight. The number eight laid on its side is the infinity symbol. Eight in numerology represents patience, perseverance, goals and earthy wisdom. When Spider appears in our lives we need to ask ourselves some questions. Is a cycle of our life

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beginning or ending? Are we about to give birth to something new, or is something in our lives about to die? Are we too much in a hurry and is that leading to failure? Do we need to sit back and wait? Do we need to persevere, or is what is happening in our lives the end of a cycle? Where do we need to create? What do we need to create? What do we need to communicate as Spider has given us words? Or, are we being deceived, by our own selves, or by others? What is our truth, my truth? Do we need to set new goals and work towards them, or reaffirm goals that have already been set? Spider was with me a lot this summer. This summer we opened a new nursing unit at the hospital where I work. Before we opened I was touring the unit with one of the pharmacists. We went into a patient lounge area and there on the window were three spiders, a sign of new beginnings. New beginnings for the hospital, and a new beginning for me. Spider speaks softly, but has much to teach.