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ENCHANTED RADIO



ENCHANTED LIVE RADIO -- MAKE YOUR REQUESTS

We are pleased to announce the addition of a New Live Radio Station for the Enchanted Forest. Currently there are Three DJ's,(Owners) DJ Celtic Warrior ,DJ Gothic Misstress and Radio DJ Fates Fury.

To Tune in please click or copy and paste the LINK
<http://enchantedforrest.ning.com/group/enchantedradio>



and select the BROWN BOX then select LISTEN - then click OPEN and select your winamp. (please note this is only supported by Winamp - if you have not got winamp on your pc this can be downloaded free - if you have any difficulties please message either of the DJs above or goto the The Enchanted Forests chat page - where someone can help you.

TO ASK FOR YOUR TUNES EITHER EMAIL THE DJS OR COME TO THE FOREST CHATROOM WHERE THE DJS WILL BE HAPPY TO PLAY YOUR REQUESTS !!!

THE FORESTS NEW ARRIVAL

Aidynnea Jean Erickson

Born Feb 23 2010

Weighing 2 lb 8.7 ounces, Length was 15 and 1/4 inches



*The Enchanted Team and Members send
Akytta and Ajone all our love and blessings
on the arrival of their daughter Aidynnea
Jean Erickson*

~~ What A Lovely Precious Gift She Is ~~

HOW TO CREATE YOUR MEDITATION GARDEN

With Springtime right around the corner, now is the time to make your garden plans on paper. Write down some ideas and desirable plants you'd like and then go to the garden centers when they open and get busy. I'm going to redo my herb garden and I thought I'd make me a small meditation garden at the far end of my L shaped herb garden. Here is some ideas that I have for mine and thought I'd share them with you.

If you're looking for a peaceful place to sit and ponder, why not create a peaceful garden? While it's always nice to have a garden entrance to physically go through to feel you are entering into a sanctuary, you can also just close your eyes for a moment and imagine yourself going through a vine-covered gate into a peaceful place as you enter your special garden. Any outdoor area large or small is suitable for creating a peaceful garden sanctuary. I plant in large containers of soil morning glory vines in different colors. These will quickly cover a arch and at night the blooms are open. Even during the day when the blooms are closed, the vines themselves are beautiful. You could also use a Moon Flower vine for the same effect.

Instructions

Things you'll need:

Spiritual meditative focal item

Water accent

Wind chimes

Flowers and/or herbs

Citronella candles

Garden bench

Step 1

Get spiritual. The first thing you'll need for peaceful moments is a spiritual focal point to prompt a meditative mood and a place for personal prayer and reflection. This can be any spiritual iconic item that helps you to relax into a peaceful reflective state of mind

Step 2

Use water. Another essential part of a peaceful garden is rejuvenating flowing or falling water. If you're not lucky enough to have a stream running through your garden space, you can still create a waterfall, pond or a fountain. There are many prefabricated water accents available now that allow you to add the relaxing sound of flowing or falling water to your garden. I have a large leakproof container that I use in my garden along with a small electric water pump and old fashioned hand pump. The water runs out of the old fashioned hand pump into the container for a relaxing sound. This cost me less than \$40 to make.

Step 3

Delight your sense of smell. Fragrant herbs in containers or in herb gardens add wonderful scents. Some of the most fragrant plants are lavender, rosemary, oregano, parsley, basil and pineapple mint as well as spearmint. When you water them, they fill the air with the fragrant aroma. Whether you harvest and prepare them for use or just enjoy them outdoors, herbs are a special addition to any garden area

Step 4

Use color everywhere. Envelop the garden with flowers. Try sunflowers and wildflowers in containers and flower beds, black-eyed Susans, sweet Williams, marigolds and delicate daisies fit in anywhere and everywhere. Who can resist the beauty and the accompanying peace from their pleasant appearance and scents?

Step 5

Include a fairy or two for a touch of magic. Or like me, a toad house which always makes me smile when I see it nestled among my plants.

Step 6

Find comfortable seating. Space permitting, a garden bench is a versatile seating option as you can sit on it side to side or forward; you can even lay down on it you choose to. If your space is limited and the garden is perhaps all on a balcony, you can use a mat to sit on the deck surface. You might even choose to use a yoga mat and work on your stress relief yoga movements. Another choice that lends itself to relaxation is a rocking chair. The rhythmic movement can be very soothing. This is the one item that I splurged some money on. I found a wonderful bench at my local farmers market that is simply beautiful. It has mosaic tiles arranged on it to make a unicorn on the seat. But any comfortable seating will do.

Step 7

Wind chimes add a wonderful ethereal music to the air. Music from the wind is a wonderful addition that can enhance peaceful experiences in your garden. I love to sit in my garden and listen to the wind in my chimes. I have one set of chimes that are 5 feet long! Takes a big breeze to move them but they have the most beautiful sound.

Step 8

Add extra details. Try adding a rose bush here and there; their scent is unmistakable and their beauty undeniable. You might also like to add a citronella candle to ward off distracting bugs. Add anything else you like to make the garden your own peaceful haven. Magic moments and magical places don't always just happen. Sometimes you can create them by having a wonderful peaceful garden to enjoy.

Hope you will consider a quiet place to make you a meditation garden. This can be done in any space or place. Balcony's, patio's and decks. Just be sure and use plants that will tolerate the climate they will live in. Shade plants for shady places or sun plants for sunny locations. This will prevent you from having a garden that will require more work than relaxation. Just enjoy it and have fun!



Namaste,

Deb



HOME

By Beth Yost



The road is lonely; the night is a cobalt blue with hazy mists.

No one to turn to, no place to rest.

But, wait! There are lights up ahead and a feeling of comfort comes to me.

The door opens at the knock of a hand this face of wisdom appears.

Enter into the light, my friend and warm thee, it says.

The room is aglow with a warm and cozy light. Many people appear to be here, but they seem to be one together. I am welcomed with open arms and much knowledge which is shared at every moment. HOME!



Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace deep peace

Deep peace of the sleeping stones to you

Deep peace of the wandering wind to you

Deep peace of the flock of stars to you

Deep peace deep peace

Deep peace of the eastern wind to you

Deep peace of the western wind to you

Deep peace of the northern wind to you

Blue wind of the south to you

Pure red of the whirling flame to you

Pure white of the silver moon to you

Pure green of the emerald grass to you

Deep peace deep peace

Coming out of the Broom Closet

By Rose Mistdancer

Many people have been asking just how to "come out of the broom closet". It is basically personal choice for everyone. There are many problems that come with making your faith known. Arming yourself with knowledge will help in protecting your rights. There are many ways of coming out for some it is by letting families and friends know about there spirituality. Many consider it a private matter and go by the rule if asked tell the truth, but don't be in your face about Paganism and Wicca. And yet other's feel they need to be more vocal and tell everyone and do so with Pride. In the United States there are an estimated 200,000 to two million Pagans and Wiccans. Thirty years ago coming out was unheard of except for Pagan authors such as Sybil Leek, Ray Buckland, Scott Cunningham, Isaac Bonewits and Starhawk among many others. These people became part of the Modern Pagan movement.

In the 1980's Earth based spirituality became open to the masses and more people realized it was okay to come out. There are several Pro's and Con's to coming out

Pro's

1. It allows for freedom of not hiding your true self
2. By coming out it allows you to find like minded people and vice versa
3. You don't have to worry about others finding out because you have done it on your own terms

Con's

1. For many coming out is terrifying for fear of losing there jobs, children or etc.
2. Some fear of the return of the Burning Times from long ago
3. Once you are out you can't take it back or go back into the closet

The most important thing about coming out of the "Broom Closet" is not to out anyone else who is not already out themselves. Before you decide to out yourself ask yourself this Who are you doing this for? Make sure you have some support in case things don't go your way at first Everyone needs time to adjust to things and they do it in there own time and way.

Rose Mistdancer



WEEKLY TAROT CLASSES



We at the Enchanted Forest are delighted to have Dominique every Saturday give her Tarot Lesson Group. This session is for all levels and offers a great insight into the skill of Tarot reading.

This group is held in the Tarot Group each week - the lessons are held in live time in a chat box - Dominique is available to answer any questions - we are truly blessed to have her input in the Forest. Should you wish any further information please contact Dominique, Shadow or Breeze.

Times of Lesson for each country

USA

Central - 6 pm - 10 pm

Eastern - 7 pm - 11 pm

Western 4 pm - 8 pm

Moutain Time 5 pm - 9 pm

Australia (Melbourne) - 11 am (Saturday) - 3 pm

UK - Midnight - 4 am

MoonDancers Curiosities

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(570) 447-0487 Please leave a message



This is a picture of the first candle carved for a customer.

Candles can be carved to your picture or can be painted.

All our pillar candles are poured and carved. This candle is 3" around and approximately 9" high. Candles can be poured to different sizes .

The basic pour cost is \$5.99 USD*

The cost of carving is additional, please ask for an estimate of what you would like to have carved on it. All artwork is subject to your approval before carving.

Votive candles can also be poured in single colours or multiple colours , also with scent for each layer of colour or single scent for the entire candle.

Votive candles are \$1.25 USD*



All candles are hand-dipped/ poured. Candles can be

dipped to be 4", 6" or 8" taper candles .

4" Tapers are \$.50 US D*

6" Tapers are \$1.00 USD*

8" Tapers are \$1.50 USD*

Larger candles will be priced according to size

Our current scents include (with new scents being created by our family as we create new candles):

Beltane
Mulberry

Cinnamon
Rose

Jasmine
Unscented

Lavender
Ocean

Coconut
Mint

*Shipping is additional based on weight of order.

Angels Song

By Rory 'Aurora

angels' song pours upon the oceans -
starlight sunlight moonlight glow

whales & dolphins hear this song
kindly singing it to us - slow
.... that's the way it was

some ears fell deaf with clanging metal
and turned their hearts from home

birds of the sea were first to hear
as they graced the waves' foam
.....angels & animals sang louder
and louder and

far wild the birds cried to all earth's sacred
the angels guiding love song

swanhorsetigergoatcowbearsheepwolf
understood love rhythm song for so long
.....they knew it was our life

FlyingRunningRoaringHowl
desperate delivery of Grace

our b'loved creatures spread
the way of love's eternal face
...and some of us put down our fury and lis-
tened

and the Angels' song grew stronger and so
did all of our light

bravely we face home with our bleeding
hearts in hand - outreaching

forgive us join our hearts in love heavens
& light - we are yours to teach
and Love spread everywhere

Angels whisper-sing in our ears all day
to help our creature brethren, ocean & soil

we do this with love in so many ways
+those still deaf from clanging metal will
hear
and it will be

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The Witch's Square

By Spellcaster

The Witch's Square, a little-known method of creating a personal symbol related to the four elements.

The Witch's Square has for its base an equal-armed cross. The equal-armed cross represents the earthly plane of existence, as well as the four magical elements of Fire, Water, Air, and Earth in equilibrium.

The Witch's Square has two purposes, which may sometimes be in conjunction. It can be likened to a family crest, as a depiction of what the four elements mean to you magically, to be used as a personal symbol. It may also be used for meditation. If you wish to understand more fully the relationship among a particular type of correspondence for the four elements, create a Witch's Square using those correspondences and then contemplate. A visual aid such as this will usually bring you deeper results than studying words alone.

Each line, point, and quadrant of the equal-armed cross corresponds to the four elements. In creating a Witch's Square, single words or phrases representing the elements are placed on the points or in the quadrants. The lines or the quadrants are colored to match the four element colors. Icons (such as the four elemental alchemical symbols, the Tetragrammaton, four runes corresponding to the elements, etc.) may also be placed in the quadrants.

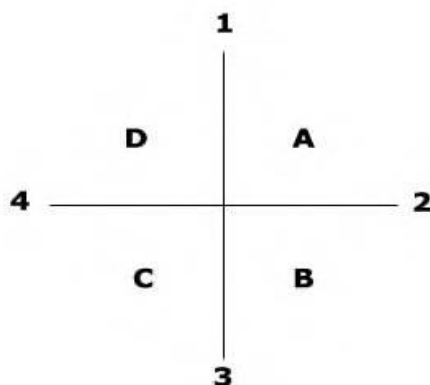
When designing your own Witch's Square, choose four concise phrases, single words, or symbols that represent each element. They should either have deep meaning for you, evoking a sense of mystery and magick in you, or be things of which you wish to gain a deeper knowledge. The four things together should also be of the same "type". For example, you wouldn't choose "eagle" for Air and "to dare" for Fire; you would want to choose animals or Powers of the Sphinx for every element.

Color either the lines or the quadrants with the four element colors. Choosing between lines or quadrants is a matter of personal preference. Place your four words or symbols in the center of the quadrants or at the points.

For ideas on some phrases, words, and icons you could use for your own Witch's Square

This is the template for the Witch's Square.

Point	Quadrant	Element	Color
1	A	Earth	Green
2	B	Air	Yellow
3	C	Fire	Red
4	D	Water	Blue



Here are three examples of words and symbols to use for the points.



Children Of Grace

By Rory 'Aurora

**I see stars sprinkle from your eyes
that some mistake as distance
home to me of farway love
uncertained by the harsh flattering
'I understand'
I could touch your wings as your
laughter helps unfurl mine
gentle child of grace
Angel touched by sunlight soil ocean flower and song
we love you
your angst is not yours but
the mirror of the worlds pain
which you so lovingly feel hold and suffer
birds do not come close to mankind as they
quiver and faint with the pain
and so do you beautiful child
hold steady and know we feel your soul
as we search for answers to ease
your earthly experience
you are loved**

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Trickle of Honey

By Rory 'Aurora

**like a trickle of honey along the sinews of a back
- tastes like patchouli in a rose bath
- warm sented soft wax finger tips
- a glowing ember of ancient amber
- igniting a heart -

Grasp Love
- a whisp
- fleeting beckoning -
to follow in an endless dance
- diving deep for gifts not spoken - breaths of knowing seeing - sparks the
fire

- feeding the pulse of the world**

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Safety Tips

By Lady Whisperia

The world is full of people, but not all these people are nice or kind. Any day anything bad can happen. As always it is better to be safe than to be sorry. We need to know safety tips in case we find ourselves in a bad situation. You can never know when having basic safety tips can help you out in a terrible situation. Anything can happen on any day at any time. One can only hope they won't be attacked, raped, murdered or even kidnapped just for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

First of all, do not walk down an empty street at night unless you absolutely have to. Streets with people driving cars is the safest place at night for if you need help, someone is there to assist you. Always carry a flashlight if you have to walk in a dark place. If someone tries to attack you in the dark, shine the flashlight into their eyes. This will cause them to be temporarily blind so you can run. Also if they are trying to rob you, do not hand your purse or wallet to them, throw it as far away as you can. The thief will most likely be more interested in money than you. After you throw your purse or wallet, run in the opposite direction. You can also do the same with car keys if it's your car they're after.

Now if you are in the car with someone who's planning to harm you after he or she forces you to drive them somewhere, drive the car as fast as you can into something. The air bag will protect you from harm but won't do the same for someone in the back seat. This will allow you to make an escape. If you have been shoved in a trunk for whatever reason, kick out the tail lights and shove your arm out of the hole. The driver of this car won't be able to see this but everyone behind can.

Your elbow is the hardest part on your body, if you can elbow a potential attacker in the stomach, groin or ribs, do it. Anything that causes them to hurt, lose their breath or stumble will enable you to have a chance at escaping. Never continue fighting if you can run away. Fights are unpredictable and can always turn back on you. It is always better to get to a place of safety than stay where you were assaulted. If you do have to go back go with a police officer.

In the case of a sexual attack, there are tips to make sure the offender is properly punished. Go to a hospital for an examination. Any DNA is helpful so do not shower until you have been to a clinic. Counseling is available for free in most cases. Always report any sexual assault to the police. This can prevent the same offender repeating the crime.

If you have finished your shopping and usually sit in the car making sure you got everything or fixing your check book. Don't, but instead lock the doors and leave. There are rapist and murders who watch for people who do this. They know that people who are paying attention to other stuff while sitting in a parked car is an easy target. Also if you are parked next to a van with a sliding door, it is safer to get in threw the passenger side. There have been cases of serial killers getting victims by opening the door and snatching unaware people.

Never take stairs in a building; they are usually empty and a good spot for an attack to happen. Also murders like to trick people into going outside of their homes. They will turn on your water faucet outside or other stuff. One even used a recording of a baby crying. Police had advised people to call them if this happens and absolutely do not open the door or any windows but to lock doors immediately. You also have to be weary of people knocking on your front door. Some killers wait for some people who unlock the door to see who is there, to burst in and hurt them. There have been murder cases police had a hard time finding the culprit because with no sign of a break in, they assume a friend or relative did it.

We all usually help out people who are crippled blind or other way disabled. A serial killer named Ted Bundy took advantage of women's kindness to get victims. He usually walked with a cane and asked help for help getting into his car. Once he got the help, he would abduct the woman. It is most regrettable when people use one's kindness in such a terrible way and it totally desecrates the trusting of people who really need the help. I sincerely hope that no one needs to put these tips into use because that would mean someone is being hurt or worse. I wish all of you live safe lives. Be safe all of you.



Are you Living a Fulfilled Life?

By Sonia M Gallacher



Achieve Success through Work Life Balance

Do you wake up in the morning ready to face the world and thankful for being given another day? Can you say that you are completely happy with everything that you do in this life and that you are living life to the fullest? If you can, then you are living a fulfilled life.

Living a life of fulfillment is what all of us desire to do yet so few have been able to do. Why do you think this is? It certainly seems to be an easy enough thing to do right?

No, not at all.

For so many of us, living life with purpose and with fulfillment is the most difficult thing we can imagine doing. Because we see it as such a difficult thing to do, we instead choose to live mediocre, 9 to 5 lives that require us to function in a trance-like state. We wake up each morning just to do it all over again.

Where in the world is the fulfillment in that?

When you live a fulfilled life, you live out of passion. You do what you are good at and you excel at it both monetarily and personally with very little effort. This happens because you are doing things that come natural to you and that you enjoy. Because you enjoy it, you devote time to it and do not see it as a tedious job. Instead, you do it from the heart, you put your 100% into it, and you love every single minute of it.

Now, you might be asking yourself, what can I do to live a life of fulfillment? What is the first step?

Well, the very first step is getting to know yourself... your values, your beliefs, and your goals.

Once you've got that information, then it's easy. After you've determined and come to a realization of what your goals are and what your passions are in life, then it's just a matter of forming a plan of action to achieve those goals and to live that life that you have visualized for yourself.

Getting to know yourself, your values, and your goals can only be done through introspection. Our professional life coaches work with business owners, lawyers, doctors, and professionals to determine their values, beliefs, and goals, set individualized plans of action and overcome self-limiting patterns and obstacles.

If you are ready to truly be stretched and challenged to make quantum leaps in your life this year, go ahead and [contact us to request a free initial coaching session](http://www.timeforlifenow.com/) today.



All the best to you and yours,

Sonia Gallagher

<http://www.timeforlifenow.com/>



Glenn's story

I met my wife, Julie, through a mutual friend we both knew, yet we had never crossed paths with one another at the time. My wife was having a problem with a bad haunting in the house she was living in and had sought help from a number of people without success. This mutual friend asked me if I would be willing to try to help her resolve the issues and I agreed.

In October of 2006, Julie contacted me via Yahoo email and we went into Yahoo chat to talk about what was happening and what had been done to help her. I was able to astrally view her home and find where the trouble was. I was successful in banishing the thing to a corner of the basement and providing them relief from it.

From there we continued to chat as friends, and our feelings for each other grew, to both our surprises. Neither of us had any intentions of getting into a relationship, it just sort of happened. On New Years Eve 2006, at the stroke of midnight my time, I proposed to her. It was funny because she didn't take me seriously at first and thought I had had too much to drink! But after a while she realized that I was sober and very serious and she accepted.

Now we had the problem of logistics. She lives in Michigan in America, and I live in England. We decided that she would come visit me in April 2007, this would be our first meeting in person and we were both nervous. It went wonderfully and we both loved each other as much in person as we did on-line. Just before she left to go back home, I gave her an engagement ring and proposed again in person in the courtyard of a 900 year old cathedral. This made it official, so we began to make plans for our wedding.

In July of 2007 Julie came back to England again for our wedding. We had a Scottish wedding in August 2007, with me in kilt and her in a Scottish ren-type dress with black leather corset. It was the most beautiful and magical day of both our lives.

Being so far apart is very hard; but with love, determination and commitment, it is very possible. Julie came back again in June of 2008 and spent the summer with me. We celebrated our first wedding anniversary in Leeds, spending some time alone and going out on the town. We cherish every chance we get to spend together in person.

By April of 2009 we had saved enough money to begin the immigration process that will allow me to move to America to live with my wife. We're not quite to the end yet, and it's been a long, confusing and nerve-wracking process. But bit by bit, we are working through each step; knowing that it brings us one step closer to being together, forever. With no more long good-byes.

My wife and I haven't seen each other face-to-face in a year and a half now. But we are only a few months away from being together forever. And that will make the whole torturous process worth it in the long run! I think being apart makes you appreciate each other more, and not take the small things for granted that most couples do. Like hugging, touching, saying, "Honey, I'm home", or even spending time together on the couch watching TV or a movie. We miss each other like crazy, but our love is stronger than ever and we continue to keep our goal in sight. Everything we do is to achieve this goal and spend the rest of our lives together.

By Glen



Consecrating Your Tools

By Lil Wren

There are three basic reasons for taking your tools through the process of consecration and empowerment your tools. These are:

- It removes any left over negative residue or energies that have attached to the item from previous users or places.
- It melds your positive energy with that of the Universe to bring divinity
- It instills this energy into the object for positive purposes.

The act of ritually consecrating your tools also allows you to easily gain a strengthened and calmed attitude toward yourself and your work, allowing you to focus your energies without constraint.

There are many opinions as to which times are best to perform a tool consecration ritual. As is the case with many rituals, these times are generally related to moon phases. Two common times are:

- During the New Moon - This time represents new beginnings, new projects and new life paths.
- During the Full Moon - At this time the energies of the full moon may be incorporated into the ritual. The energies radiated a few days preceding the full moon can also be used to cleanse your tools.

Consecrating With the Elements

As it is quite apparent, the elements generally play such an important role in the life of a practicing witch. Cleansing and consecrating your tools using the elements of the four cardinal directions brings to your tools the attributes associated with each of them.

Before we can consecrate our tools we need to gather a few items to represent each of the four elements of earth, air, fire and water. The following item are commonly used:

- Salt or Soil - Earth
- Incense - Air
- Candle flame - Fire
- Dish of Water - Water

Below I have provided a brief explanation of the attributes associated with each of the elements, their direction, and the way in which I generally use the elements to cleans and consecrate my tools.

Note that in which direction you place the elements and which attributes you associate with them is entirely up to you. These are my own personal preferences.

Air – In the East – creativity, thought processes, inspiration, new beginnings, intellect.

Pass the tool three times through the smoke of the incense while saying:

"By the eternal power of Air, be purified. Be dedicated to purity, that all goals you help me to achieve may be for the harm of none and for the good of all beings."

Fire – In the North – purification, courage, creativity, higher self.

Pass the tool through the flame of the candle three times while saying:

"By the eternal power of Fire, be purified. Be dedicated to desire, that all goals you help me to achieve may be for the harm of none and for the good of all beings."

Water – In the West – intuition, emotions, inner self, cleansing of all things, reflection, tides of life.

With your fingers sprinkle water on the tool three times while saying:

"By the eternal power of Water, be purified. Be dedicated to emotion, that in complete harmony shall you be used for the harm of none and for the good of all beings."

Earth – In the South – fertility, strength, stability, growth, foundations, material abundance, healing.

Tap the tool on the salt or soil three times while saying:

"By the eternal power of Earth, be purified. Be dedicated to steadfastness, that through you, my will be achieved with harm to none and for the good of all beings."

Empowering Your Tools

There are as many ways to empower your ritual tools, as there are people on this earth. Empowering your tools makes them sacred. Any combination of the following can be used, or you may feel more comfortable with another method.

a. Empowering with Symbols

Etching and engraving symbols onto your tools and personalizing them using your own creativity is a form of empowering. Although it may not seem directly apparent you are melding your personal energies with the tool to create a personal bond between you and your tool. Your tools will obtain much more sentimental value when you have used your own creative energies to personalize your tools. This is my favorite way of empowering my tools.

b. Using Your Personal Power

This is a more direct method of empowering your tools. It is when you are working directly with the energies themselves and your intent is perfectly clear, to meld your energies with the tool.

Hold your Athame (or hand if the tool being consecrated is your Athame) above the tool and visualize an orb of silver light forming in your chest. Concentrate all of your energies into this ball as it increases in size. Once you feel you have built up enough energy begin to direct it up into your projective arm and down into your hand/Athame. Visualize the energy encasing the tool, forming a protective shield around it. See the energy sinking into the tool and becoming a part of it.

You have used your own personal energy empower the tool directly.

c. Calling on the Power of the Deities or Universal Energies

The next way of empowering tools that I wish to present is by drawing on the powers of the Lord and Lady to meld with the tool. We do this in much the same way as empowering with our own personal energies but this time we source those energies from the God and Goddess and/or the Universal energies surrounding us as opposed from within ourselves. We can draw the energy up from the earth or down from the cosmos and direct it in the same fashion as using our personal energies.

After empowering my tools I generally speak an affirmation to seal in the energies I have placed into the tool. These words can be ad lib or something like the following:

*"By the Free Will of All
And with harm to none
As I will
So shall it be done!"*

Dedication/Presentation to the Gods

Now that your tools have been effectively cleansed, consecrated and empowered it is only right that we present them to the Gods that we will be using them in service of, and dedicate them to the Lord and Lady. It also gives you the chance to add a few words that will help to ensure that no harm will come to another being through the use of the tool (should that be your intent).

It is your choice to who you present and dedicate your tools to first. Generally if the tool represents a certain gender then you would present the tool to the appropriate deity first. For example, a chalice or cauldron would first be presented to the Goddess because it often represents fertility and the womb. On the other hand an Athame or Besom would be first presented to the God as these are often seen as phallic symbols. Ultimately the choice is yours.

Here are a couple of examples of presenting and dedicating tools to the Goddess and God.

Presentation of the Chalice

"Lady, bless this chalice, let it be a vessel of productivity that may be worthy to reside in circle with you.

*Let it be so bound that no harm may come to any being through its use.
To thy service, I dedicate this vessel, that it and I may be long of service to thee.*

Lord, bless this chalice that it may bring forth joy and purity.

Guard the work which may come forth from it, that it be of harm to none and ever the in service of thee.

So Mote it Be!"

Presentation of the Athame

"Great Lord, bless this athame, let it be pure for thy service and bind it so that no harm may come to any being through its use.

Lord, bless this athame, that it be used always in the worship and honor of the One.

Lady, bless this athame, that it may bring forth joy and purity, and through its use may no harm come to any being.

I dedicate this athame to thy service, Great One.

So Mote it Be!"

As with any form of ritual it is important to practice. This concludes this workshop on Tool Consecration.

So many have been asking and learning what to do with their, new instruments in magical work. Hope it indeed assists them in this activity, under the full moon

hugs Wren



The Visit

By Deb

When my parents were both still alive, there was a pair of red tail hawks that would come visit them every morning. My Mom would put out meat scraps for the pair and she and my Dad received such pleasure from watching them every morning.

After my Dad died, Mom lived alone for almost 18 months before she moved in with me. Every morning I'd call and check on her and she would always tell me if the hawks had made their daily visit. Some mornings I would be at her home early and she would hurry to my old bedroom window and look out across the backyard to see if "her hawks" were there. If they missed a morning visit, she would worry about them.

After her death, I held onto the property for a year and then sold it. I only saw the hawks one more time after her death. When I went to the attorney's office to sign the closing papers on the property, I arrived a little early and so I sat out in my car. I was upset to see the property sold because I felt like a part of me was being sold since that was the home I had grown up in. I had such happy memories of my childhood there. Once I grew up I always knew that I could go there for comfort or help with a problem. It was my safety net. I sat there in the car with tears streaming down my face. I could not be consoled. Or so I thought.

I rolled the window part of the way down and instantly heard a familiar sound. It was the call of the hawk! I looked up into a tree that was behind the attorney's office and low and behold, there sat not one but both hawks. The sight of the birds instantly made me smile. The first thing that came to my mind was that I would be okay and that I was making the right decision. Mom and Dad had come to see me do the last thing that needed to be done after their death. I felt comforted.

After the papers were signed, I stepped outside and the hawks were gone. They had served their purpose by giving me a little comfort when I greatly needed it. Just like this morning sitting here in my home office working and missing my Mom a little. I again heard the familiar call of the hawk and smiled to myself. She had come to visit me.

Namaste,

Deb

"My little dog, a heartbeat at my feet".

THE CURE FOR POST AVATAR DEPRESSION

By Janus Blume

A number of people, it seems, are blue because they are not blue...and ten feet tall, able to fly on a dragon, fight for their indigenous rights (and win!), and physically connect with the tree of life that channels the consciousness of the goddess Eywa.

I understand.

I, too, walked out of the movie, *Avatar*, into the garish glare of a mall that looked cheap and gaudy after the lush and exquisite beauty of Pandora. My first thought?

“Thank the Goddess I’m Pagan!”

I don’t have a ponytail that plugs into my horse. I don’t even have a horse. What I do have is a relationship with the land, the trees (all of whom channel the consciousness of the planet Earth), and myself as a part of nature. That physical connection thing? Don’t need it. It was just a representation for clarity to support the story.

It seems that the blueness, the interactive glowing plants, and all the other coolness that is the Pandoran paradise only serves to mask the allegorical element of the film. Now folks are longing for the superficial but stunning visual aspects of Pandora, like blue skin. airborne “jellyfish,” and a glowing Mother Tree.

But this desire for the superficial rather than the core, isn’t that what led us away from life in harmony with nature in the first place?

I could not watch *Avatar* without thinking about how Western European civilization did exactly what the sky people were trying to do on Pandora, how they succeeded, and how the indigenous religions of the world, including the Old Religion of Europe have been nearly eradicated in the process.

There is a certain irony in the fact that it takes a movie, a feat of technological artifice, to bring us face to face with the grief in every human heart for what we’ve lost. (And don’t tell me that it is not in every heart. Those who seem disconnected are only and exactly that, disconnected from the reality and trapped in the dream.)

If the pain and longing were rooted in unobtainable fantasy, (real-life unobtainium?) then how would you get better? But what if that were an illusion, just like the projected images of the film? I believe that the depression that sets in after seeing *Avatar* is rooted in the reality of our world and our history.

You may not know where to find a glowing willow tree, but you may know where to find a normal one. It is alive and able to connect you with the heart of Mother Gaia. So is every blade of grass for that matter.

If you wish Pandora were real, maybe you are not longing for some distant fictional moon after all. Maybe those feelings are really pointing home. Like Dorothy, perhaps you only need to click your heels together, you could have done it at any time.

Check out animism, paganism, shamanism, pantheism. Just get over any resistance you may have to those labels and see what’s there.

There are modern people whose spiritual and religious values mirror those of the Na’vi. I am one of them. For this I am very grateful.

From the groups

From the group “Quantum Realities”

By Rev. Carol A. Ingle (Raven)

THE QUANTUM AWAKENING A THOUGHT.... A WAY OF LIFE

Self-Fulfilling Prophecies

By Gillian MacBeth-Louthan

Words, like seeds have a great creative power. When we speak we are giving life to what we are saying, planting a seed. We are going to get exactly what we are speaking. We are who we are today because of the words we have spoken in the past. *All of our words will become a self-fulfilling prophecy.* Listen to what you say about yourself. Negative thoughts don't need to become negative words. The moment you speak something outright it takes on a whole new meaning and a whole new energy. If you don't like what you're experiencing start changing your words.

We prophesize the future by the words we speak in the now. Our words are always a self fulfilling prophecy. Don't plant negative seeds – only prophesize the good and the intention of good. You can cancel out the Universe's best laid plans by your own negative words and negative musings. Death and life are the power of your words. *You will have what you say.* Your words are going to give life to exactly what you're saying.

It's better to say nothing than to say something negative.

Negative words cancel out God's plan you're cursing your future

– you're cursing your life with your every thought and words. You can use your words to curse your life or you can use your words to bless your life. Speak words of faith; declare God's favour in your light and in your heart. Change the atmosphere of everywhere you go with your words – call in good, call in light, call in love and call in divine help.

Don't talk about problems, talk about solutions. We are not reporters of our life but we are forecasters of our life. We should call to the invisible as if it already were visible. Call in to that which you desire, call it with faith filled words, call it with light. Change your world by changing your words. Death and life is in the power of your tongue. Are you birthing or are you destroying?

Circumstances line up with every word you speak

– your words are a self-fulfilling prophecy.

You are the creator of your own circumstances. What you have created by your words you can change. When we act negatively to sudden changes and chaos in our life we are delaying the purpose of their creation. If we accept chaos as an opportunity for spiritual elevation then the pain will disappear. We alone determine the rate of which turmoil passes. There are countless futures which exist at the same time. Our own behaviour determines which universe we enter in to. Prophecy is seeing the future in our present actions.

‘LEMURIAN SEED’ Crystals from Quantum

All crystals are composed of a special type of matter. They are solid with an internal arrangement of atoms and molecules. Like all "living" things, crystals are "born" from a seed and undergo a deep growth process. Many believe that a crystal is alive only during its growth and formation period. When complete it leaves behind a solid body containing the essence of its inner expression. Although its "life" ends after the crystal stops growing, its spirit or over soul remains accessible within the geometric form it created, and this is available for our use.

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Lemurians can be used to open and cleanse all chakras and meridians. They open and expand the Heart chakra. Once open and cleared, the energy of the chakras and meridians can allow one to make timely transformational changes in their life. These Crystals are a blend of "down-to-earth" energy, mystical realms of the past, other presents, and other futures. The energy in Lemurian crystals multiplies and focuses the overall energy of Quartz many times.

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If you hold a Lemurian Quartz in your right hand while you walk around and encircle something (a person, an object, your house, etc) it will create a circle of light protection. These crystals will be attracted to people who will actively assist in bringing through the anchoring energies that will aid the planet in these times. to be posted on web page soon.

GOD GENE CRYSTALS from Quantum

These powerful chrystalline Masters come to show us a Great Light. They come to remind us about our 'Parent Light', that which all in the universe speeds toward. These Gorgeous crystals are navigational markers, allowing time passages to be opened and seen. They come to teach us about our DNA links to and from other universes and time domains.

All of history to come is built into the DNA of man. We of earth hold within us 144 star systems that gave of themselves for the original genetic seeding of earth. Mankind is programmed to remember for a God who never forgets. As certain time doors and dated events transpire (like 2012), an innate remembrance of futures to come is brought to the surface. A sense of déjà vu is included in a future that is unseen but felt on many levels. This gift allows one the divine choice of awareness. They activate a greater ability to integrate with the time paradox in order to receive messages from your past and future selves. These crystalline beings naturally enhance this ability. They direct you to be present, while at the same time accepting energy, and messages from your future and multidimensional selves.

Active participation is needed to shift the time domains into a place that is fearless. By energetically entering the human DNA helix, one is able to consciously change the previous profile creating an instinctive understanding of ones own destination and true nature. You are not bound to DNA contracts that have outgrown there usefulness as time and events have shifted and no longer include them. What once served your earthly ancestors no longer serves you. What once was a disease that changed the dynamics of the human race is no longer a necessary learning in your present world.

The God Gene hypothesis proposes that human beings inherit a set of genes that predisposes them to believe in a higher power. At a certain time in the history of the planet this sleeping gene will be activated and set into motion. We are not just some meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is a thought of God. Before we were birthed into form, we were held with the heart of God waiting for the perfect moment to issue forth from a divine wellspring.

Within the God Gene is an extensive biological indexed library, in this vast place ask for the Master Light within this God Gene Chrystal to assist you in getting to the heart of the matter. In this ancient and sacred place you can release any and all genetic blocks that have kept you less than.

These include; Blocks to perfect health, Pre-program diseases, Blocks to being healed, Emotional blocks & wounds, Addictive programs, Programs with any type of modern disease. Desire to suffer programs, Blocks to receiving and deserving miracles, self-punishment programs, hate of self programs, pain programs. to be posted on web page soon.

To be added to the Quantum Awakening Crystal List



From the Blogs

The little angel in the new world

By Chayenna

Since the moment that the little angel arrives back in the middle world, she had so many wounds that she didn't trust anyone anymore. She started again to hide herself more and more, and the only one how she let close to her was her Dragon. The most of the time she returns to her home world alone, so she could look back to the time in the underworld.

She talk a lot with her Dragon about her experience, and he told her about his experience in the Middle world. Together they started to fly a little bit around in the Forest, but the little angel had lost her joy and happiness in it. For so long she had travelled in the under and middle world, to find her brothers and sisters so she could bring them home across the rainbow bridge, for so long she had help them to remember who they really are, and it was enough for her.

One day when she was on her way back to her home world, she get lost again, and she arrives in a world that she didn't recognised. It was very dark inside, and the first thing she saw were fences that were placed before they can enter the world. This makes the little Angel angry, she had so enough of all the fences and walls that were placed in the worlds she enter, and she started to destroy them. Her Dragon arrives when she was busy with that, and he warned here for it. He told here that it will be very difficult to go into a world without walls and fences, but the little angel didn't told him: "we were in so many other worlds and every time it were the walls and fences that makes we become separated from each other, this time nothing will separated us again.

Her dragon know that he couldn't stop her, so he let her destroy all the fences. In the first days that the little angel arrives in the new world, it stay's dark, but everywhere she saw light flashes, and that signs reminds her that she was not alone in that world, that many of her brothers and sisters be there also. It makes that she becomes more curious of it, and she becomes excited what she will discover this time. She just walk around and around, and becomes impatient in the days that follow. It just looks if there was nothing new to discover, that this world was empty, and that the light flashes were the only thing that full fill this world. The little Angel feel disappointed, and even that she was together with her Dragon didn't changed this feeling. Was this the world she had waiting for so long?

One day when she was walking around she discovered a new bridge. It reminds her to the Rainbow and Flower Bridge, that she crossed over for years. But when she looked to the new bridge she missed the colours that she knows. The little Angel feels tired, and think back on the time that she was in the worlds she know so good, the worlds were she was connected with her father the sun, and her mother earth, and she started to cry. Why she couldn't find them here? . Why she didn't see her brothers and sisters in this world?.

She decide to cross over the new bridge. When she arrive on the other side, it was still dark. Then she just hear a little voice that tells her: "why you don't used your own light to full fill this world, why you don't used your own colours to paint this world? ". The little Angel looks around to see were the voice was coming from, and she saw a little crystal. The little Angel asked on the crystal, How can I do that, I have never done that before? It was always my brothers and sisters that helps me with that. It were the sun and the stars that let the light shine in me, it were the crystals that colours the worlds were I was in, so how can I do that by myself. The crystal started to laugh, and answered the little angel. We have never done anything, it was you that gives us your light, it was you, that let the stars sparkle, and in all the worlds that you have discover, it was you that gives that worlds colours.

So it's time that you stop complain and started to paint again, but this time be aware of the colours you used. You have travelled so long and come from so far, now

you can use the knowledge from all the other worlds into this new world. The little Angel felt confused, was this true? Was she really arrived into a world were she can created all she really wanted? Can she really used her own colours without judgement. Then she started to laugh, and she called her Dragon, and told him what the little crystal had told her. The little Angel felt excited again. She started t make the connection with her own light, and looks how it shine in the new world. Then she talk with her Dragon about the colours they want to use in this new world, and started to paint. The little Angel felt how joy and happiness return inside of her, and it reminds her on the world she visit one times, the world of magic were she had learn so much of the warlocks and witches. Now she knows what colours she need to make new shapes into this new world



From the Forest Archives

BEING THE CHANGE AT YOUR WORKPLACE

- Posted by [Kate](#) on June 30, 2009 at 2:33am



Let It Begin With You

No matter where you work, chances are there's room for improvement. Let change begin with you. No matter what your position is, you can be the catalyst for positive change in your workplace.

Let your employer or supervisor know that you'd be interested in organizing teams to enhance the work environment. Most employers will be open to this because it doesn't cost them anything. Talk about what changes you feel would benefit the company. Have a plan of action to present how positive changes such as fund raising, neighborhood clean up, or group yoga, could easily be instituted.

Going "green" is easier than most people think. Advocate for the use of natural cleaning products and the use of recycled materials at your workplace. Many places already have recycling programs, but if yours doesn't, it's easy to start one. Volunteer to be in charge of arranging for the pick up of paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles. Then set out marked containers for each item. This is all that most people need to cooperate in a recycling program. Also, look into programs that recycle computers and printer cartridges.

Encourage community involvement by starting food, clothing, and toy drives. Get walk teams together to fund raise for the many charity walks that happen several times a year. Enjoy fresh air and get some exercise during lunch by gardening and picking up trash around the neighborhood. You might even get together a group of volunteers to tutor children or start a mentor program at your work. Not only will you and your co-workers be giving back to your community, but you'll be building team spirit for a better work environment.

Working conditions are enhanced by creating a family atmosphere. Organize monthly potluck lunches or if your work place has a kitchen, take turns cooking. Encourage "veggie" lunches once a week. Instead of coffee breaks, lead your co-workers in yoga breaks, group walks, or a ten minute meditation.

Even if you can't implement big changes, you can be the positive change in your work place with your attitude of peace and cooperation. Start with small improvements and watch the joy spread. Be the change.

Enchanted Forest “Site news”

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The Enchanted Team

Creating Groups

At the Enchanted Forest we try and maintain an "open policy" with this in mind we ask that all Groups created by members are created and open for all - No groups should be set to private. Thank you all for your continued support and input in the Forest.

And to be sure is not another group of the same topic..many groups have been here long time and have gathered all sorts of information and we like to utilize them as much as possible..

So before putting one together check through to make sure is not another..

And when putting a group together ..please have info ready or discussions along with picks..have noticed some groups get started ..but without info or description or any discussions..we usually wait a week to give person time to do so..then if nothing is added ..will usually remove the group..

We try to keep them active and share the contents of these groups with members plus we always have new people coming in..also helps to make sure these groups are updated.

Thanks .. Shadow



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Keeping the Magic Flowing

*She stand before the entrance shining her
light to guide those who wish to enter.
See her bright light shining through the
darkest of nights.*

*She calls to you come join in the fairy
circle and dance in moon. Within the
hidden glens hidden deep within a forest
of old n new trees.*

*The old trees reach up so high as if to
touch the sky while bending their
brouchs down to encourage the new
trees.*

*The new trees bend and sway to the
gentle breezes while trying to reach
upwards toward the old trees. Ever
wondering when the two will meet.*

*Come sit upon toadstool or curl upon a
moss glade and watch the magic within
the circle. The old teaching the new and
the new teaching the old.*

*Listen to the wind and babbling creek.
The will bring comfort, sit and enjoy the
magic.*



If you wish to email the radio directly with questions or comments, there are now two ways to do it. You can do that in the Enchanted Radio Group or on Enchanted Radio's member profile.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ENCHANTED RADIO TEAM AS A DJ ??

We are trying to establish two new DJ's and we are looking for DJ's that can fill the graveyard shift. That will be 10:00 pm - 9:00 am EST time Mon-Fri and fill on Weekends. We do not expect any new DJ's to actual play for that whole period of time. We would prefer at least a commitment of 4 hours, if you wish to do more that of course would be fine. All new DJ's will be asked to please be present in chat during their time on air and to be actively participating in chat. We will expect all DJ's to play the requests of the room within reason.

The Creation Story

By Moondancer4

Long, long, ago, there was only darkness - a deep, ebony ocean of empty infinity - the void that was no place. From this place of nothingness, Spirit drew in upon itself and, with a mighty burst of joyful vibration, our Lady of Light exploded into being, Her essence totality of perfect love and perfect trust. In Her heart She held the presence of Spirit, and then there was no part of Her that was not of the divine.

In delight, our Lady began the Great Work. She danced among the heavens, Her bare feet beating out the rhythm of all creation, giving birth to every pattern of energy as sparks of light catapulted from Her flying hair and extended fingertips. She created the stars and planets, and bid them to dance with Her. As they began to move, so the cycle of the year was born, and the divine symphony of the universe came into form. She gave them names of power, each their own. These things moved from the void, into the thought, given the breath of life, and then into the world.

Our Lady chanted the words of perfect love and perfect peace and as these sounds fell to the Earth, the trees, flowers, and grasses took root in the fertile soil of Gaia. From the pure, white light Of her bereath came the colors of the universe, turning all things to vibrant beauty. From the bubbling laughter in Her throat sprang the sounds of the clear, running water of the streams, the gentle lapping vibrations of the lake, and the roaring of the oceans. Her tears of happiness became the rains of our survival. Our Lady was the Presence, and the Presence our Lady.

And when Her dancing slowed, the Lady sought a companion to show the wonders of the many worlds. As Holy Spirit, She created the God as Her soul mate. Because our Lady so loved the Earth, the energy pattern of the God contained both the essence of the Presence and the Divine energy of the Earth and He was known by many names: Green Man; Lord of the Forest; King of the Fields; and Father, Son, and Sage.

Together, the Lord and the Lady created all the beginnings of Earth. The Lord's power moved through Her, and She showered the Earth with Her blessings. Together, they designed the birds, animals, fishes, insects, reptiles, and people of our world. To protect and guide the humans, the Lord and Lady fashioned the angels, guides, and spirits of power. These energies still walk with us, although we often cannot see them.

To each being our Lady gave a unique vibration in which to communicate, and the Lord bestowed to each the fire of passion and the burning instinct to survive. as a gift of His magnificent handiwork and caring for the creatures of Earth, the Lady gave our Lord a crown of stag antlers, which He wears upon His great head. The aspect of half man, and half animal would forever show His joy in both the human and animal creations of the Presence. The crown will always be a symbol that people can spiritually work with the duality of their own natures to reach into the core of the Spirit.

Together, the Lord and the Lady blessed the first humans with free will "We are of the gods and the gods are us!" the people cried. And the Lord and Lady smiled. "We are all one" said our Lady, and through a web of silver light She connected each human to the other, and then linked the humans to all energy patterns on the planet. When this was done She wove Herself and Her Lord into the divine tapestry of life of pulsating energy "Love is the law,honor is the bond," said the Lord as He empowered the tapestry of life.

Our Lady has many names: Isis, Astarte, Bride, Diana, Araidia, Innana, Hecate, Mitzu, Gami, and thousands more. The Lady walks within and beside each woman and man of every race in every place. She is the Maiden, Mother, and Crone. She is the sacred trinity of all religions. Indeed,She is the Holy Ghost.

The Lord has many faces, from the strong Cernunnos to the delightful Pan, and Osiris, Tyr, Anubis, Ra, Apollo, Odin, and thousands more.He guards and guides us and resides in each man and woman of every race in every place. When thunder roars in the heavens and lightning cracks from the ground, the Lord and Lady dance the divine myth of creation so that we may remember Them and know that we are never alone, and that we are one. When the sun rises each morning, we bask in the joy of His love for us, and when the moon moves through Her phases, we understand the cycle of birth, growth, death, and rebirth, as is the nature of all things and we honor Her power.

But as the humans began to grow and prosper, they forgot about their divine parents. Although the Lord and Lady called to Their children, they did not listen. they were lost, fighting the demons they themselves had created. not wishing to abandon Their children, the Lord and the Lady decided to create healers and workers of harmony among the humans to remind them of the divine source and to show them the way home to the arms of the Mother. Within each special soul would be the remembrance of the Great Work: to love, create, and move in harmony. And so the Lord and the Lady drew forth energy from the realm of angels, the realm of power animals, the realm of the dead, and the realm of humans. instilling these special souls with the divine energy of the Presence through miracles of magick. These beings of power were called Witches.

Our Lady taught the Witches the wisdom of the universe. They were instructed how to cast the circle of art and how to communicate with spirit, because the humans of Earth had forgotten. She taught them to talk to the dead, how to honor their ancestors and succession of teachers, and how to focus the mind and cast a spell. In each brain she imprinted the patterns of all energies in the solar system, and how to work magick by the moon and the stars. The Lord taught the Witches how to meld with the elements and spirit of air, fire, earth, and water, and to commune with the animal and plant kingdoms. He taught them weather magick and the healing arts with energy and plants and most of all, like their ancestors before them, He taught them how to protect themselves and how to survive. Each witch was givin the rites of purification and the ability to tap into his or her lineage of creation.

Together, the Lord and the Lady gave the humans the Witches Pyramid: To Know:,To Will,To Dare,and To Be Silent,because they knew that not all humans on Earth would welcome these special beings of magick and love. The instruction complete, the Witches were sent to every culture and every tribe on the planet Earth, being born of the people but carrying the mission of the divine. In this way they have been known by many names and many races,yet, in soul, Witches they remain. Above all they were given the message that the Goddess lives.

Even with the Great Work of the magickal people, perfect love and perfect trust did not come easily. Many religions rose among the people to honor the Mother and Father, but each, in turn cast out our Mother, thinking that worshiping the God alone would bring them the riches and strength they needed. In His disappointment of their actions, the Lord abandoned each religion, allowing them to crumble and die in the dust of the earth. Rather than create beauty and joy, the humans sought to destroy one another, to spread the sickness of greed and despair among their own. They forgot that the power within is greater than the power over one another.

The people would not listen to the Witches. Instead they burned them.

Thus, over times of great trial and suffering, the Witches became the hidden children, conducting their rites in secret lest they risk capture and death at the hands of the fearful humans, and their terrible dogma. As the world grew dark with the ignorance and hate created by the humans, and evil arose like black steam from the cauldron of their minds, covering the planet with negative energy, the Lady whispered to the Witches that they should draw power from Her body of the moon, and the Lord enchanted the vibrant rays of the sun to instill them with strength. "The moon and the sun, "They said,"are beacons of the Great Work. As long as they shine, you may draw from them whatever energy you may need, and when you look to these symbols in the heavens you will know that We are within you. There is no part of you that is not of the gods."

And so it was once a month, when the moon grew full, the Witches celebrated in secret and remembered the blessings our Mother bestowed upon them, and worked majick to fulfill their devine mission of the Great Work. In these rites the Witches called forth the essence of the Lord and Lady to help them take care of themselves, their families, the planet, and their friends. Four times a year, as the cross-quarters (Samhain, Candlemas, Beltane, and Lammas) blossomed with bonfires across the land, the Witches celebrated the festivals of fire in honor of our Lord and His love and protection for all the children of the Earth as well as the birth of our Mother from the Void and the divine dance that bought all humans into creation. At the four quarters of the seasons (Yule, Ostara, summer solstice, and Mabon), the Witches honored the solar cycle of life and the gifts of the Earth through celebrations of thanksgiving. For 8,000 years we have done this, for our essence is in every shaman, every magi, every priest, and every priestess who carries the hidden truth of perfect love and perfect trust within their souls. We are the Craft of the Wise.

When it is our time to leave the Earth plane, our Lady sends a guide to escort us to the Summerland. from the Presence that moves and flows through the Lord and the Lady, we continue to learn the mysticism of the universe so that we may return life after life, to serve our brothers and sisters- to remind them that they are only visiting here, and that each action, not each piece of gold garnered, is the way, the truth, and the light. In each lifetime, the Spirit guides us through learning experiences, preparing us along the way for our individual missions. Sometimes we are born among our own kind, but more often than not, we are born among the unbelievers-we are born to show them the way home. It is by our actions, not our preaching, that the journey is made.

We are the Witches, the representatives of wisdom's growth on our planet. Because the religions of the world have failed to recognize the Great Work and to see our Mother in all things, the Lord and lady gave us our own religion. This is our greatest test.

We are the hidden children. We are the people, the power, and the change-and we have incarnated in every race and in every culture, and will continue to do so until the end of time, We are the weavers, and we are the web. We cannot be , stopped because we are the Presence and the Presence is us. We are the divine angels of Earth. We are the heavens and the stars. We are the earth, the air, the fire, and the water. We are the Spirit. we are one. and we have come to guide you home. For we are the Witches. back from the dead. So mote it be.....



A Short History of Tibet

By: Breeze

1949: Invasion

Tibet was once one of the world's most remote and peaceful civilizations. Then, in 1949, Chinese troops invaded and quickly defeated Tibet's small army. Most countries considered the invasion and occupation unjust. They voted in the United Nations for Tibet's right to self-determination. However, China's forces have never left.

1959: Destruction

In March of 1959, a mass Tibetan uprising against the Chinese was brutally crushed. The Dalai Lama—spiritual and political leader of Tibet—and 80,000 Tibetans fled to India and Nepal where they remain as refugees. In the following years and during the Cultural Revolution (1966 to 1976) thousands of monasteries and temples were plundered and destroyed. Tens of thousands of Tibetans were sent to labor camps and never seen again. After Mao's death, wholesale destruction came to an end, however, China still denies Tibetans their basic political, cultural and economic rights while continuing to exploit Tibet's fragile environmental resources.

1960-1990: Resistance and Reconstruction:

In 1987, following the Dalai Lama's presentation of a Five-Point Peace Plan to the U.S. Congress, Tibetans began to demonstrate openly against the Chinese occupation. These actions have brought numerous crackdowns and a period of brutal martial law which lasted 13 months. They also increased international awareness about the real situation in Tibet. In 1989, the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his unswerving commitment to non-violence. Meanwhile, the refugee community in India has attempted to reconstruct and preserve the many ways of Tibetan culture which had suffered immeasurably in Tibet. Since 1960, the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, initially led by the Dalai Lama and now a democratically elected body, has fostered the growth of an extensive number of cultural and economic institutions in an effort to sustain their unique traditions while Tibet remains occupied by Chinese forces.

Today and Tomorrow:

Hope for a free Tibet has been renewed by people from around the world who have spoken out for Tibetan freedom to their governments, fellow citizens and the Chinese. The Dalai Lama declared 1991 as the "International Year of Tibet" to celebrate the country's unique history and culture. As the world continues on it's current path of change, Tibetans believe that it will soon be there turn as well
[<http://www.bighappybuddha.com>]

What Can You Do ??

The Tibetan People Need Our Help - we need to keep their dream and hopes alive for a FREE TIBET.

- > Write to your countries Chinese Embassy**
- > Write to your government demanding they support the plight of the Tibetan People**
- > Learn more about the culture of this Nation - keep their culture alive**
- > Pray and support them - their voice is quiet we can help them be heard.**

**HELP GIVE THIS NATION THEIR VOICE BACK - WE
HAVE THAT POWER - LETS USE IT**



Magical Teas

By Lil Wren

Blend the teas for a recipe in a plastic baggy or a glass jar, then measure out one tablespoon per cup of tea. A small two cup teapot will take two tablespoons of tea. If you are like me, however, two cups of tea equates to three because I prefer my tea with lots of milk. because the tea base is black tea leaves, the addition of milk and a sweetener makes for a very flavourful beverage. Unless you are making tea for a crowd, you really donot need more than one or two tablespoons of tea at any one time. Store in a closed jar in a cabinet away from light.

TEA FOR DIVINATION:

- 1 tablespoon China black, English breakfast, or Irish breakfast tea**
- 2 teaspoons lemon balm**
- 1 teaspoon eyebright**
- 1 tablespoon mugwort**
- 1 tablespoon rose hips**

TEA FOR PSYCHIC HEALING:

- 1 tablespoon China black tea**
- 1 teaspoon elder flower**
- 1 teaspoon nettle**
- 2 teaspoon burdock root**
- 2 teaspoon mullein**
- 2 teaspoon rose hip**

TEA FOR LOVE (SPELL):

- 1 tablespoon China black tea**
- 1 teaspoon damiana**
- 1 teaspoon raspberry leaves**
- 2 teaspoon chamomile**
- 2 teaspoon mullein**
- 2 teaspoon rose hips**

TEA FOR MEDITATION:

- 1 tablespoon China black or English breakfast tea**
- 2 teaspoon chamomile**
- 1 teaspoon rose hips**
- 2 teaspoon elder flower**

TEA FOR PURIFICATION:

**1 tablespoon China black tea
2 teaspoon fennel
1 teaspoon valerian
1 teaspoon chamomile
2 teaspoon hyssop**

TEA FOR RELAXATION:

**1 tablespoon English breakfast tea
1 teaspoon elder flower
2 teaspoon rose hips
1 teaspoon chamomile
2 teaspoon hops
1 teaspoon valerian**

TEA FOR HEALTH (SPELLS):

**1 tablespoon China black tea
2 teaspoon fennel
1 teaspoon mint
2 teaspoon rose hips
1 teaspoon elder flower
2 teaspoon hops
1 teaspoon mullein
1 teaspoon white oak**

TEA FOR PROTECTION:

**1 tablespoon Irish or English breakfast tea
2 teaspoon elder flower
1 teaspoon linden flower
1 teaspoon valerian
2 teaspoon burdock root
1 teaspoon comfrey
1 teaspoon hyssop
2 teaspoon rose hips**

Besides magical teas, there are combinations that are simply a pleasant way to reconnect with the earth devas, the Goddess and the God. For this type of quiet closeness to nature, you might want to try these taste combinations of herbal teas:

*****English breakfast, rose hips, and hyssop**

*****Linden flower and chamomile**

*****China black, chamomile, and rose hips**

*****English breakfast, dandelion root, rose hips, and chamomile**

*****English breakfast, elder flower, hops, and rose hips**

Here are some favorable teas, to use for your next ritual, sabbat, or just with a few friends to enjoy time together,, this is a simple use of herbs and knowledge ,learn as you go,, From Wren

Sabbats

By Lil Wren

The word "Sabbat" comes from the Greek word "sabat" meaning "to rest". Since Sabbats are a day of rest, it is tradition that no magick is to be performed on these eight days.

The Pagan Sabbats have been observed for more than 12,000 years by various traditions. The eight Sabbats are a combination of many Pagan traditions and paths. Our Sabbats were derived from Norse, Celtic, Teutonic, Roman and Greek paths. The original festivals marked the seasons of the year for planting, tending and harvesting.

As we dedicated our lives less towards hunting and harvesting and more towards the heavens, these Sabbats became religious holidays. The Sabbats marked the planting and harvesting times, the seasons of the year, and the cycle of life lived by the God and Goddess. Samhain marks the beginning of the year for most Witches.

The eight Sabbats of Witches mark the turning of the Wheel of the Year, and each turn honors a stage in the eternal life cycle of the Goddess and the God, Diana and Pan. The God goes through the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth while the Goddess goes through the cycle of life from Maiden to Mother to Crone. Following is an explanation of the Wheel of the Year. The Wheel of the Year

Witches celebrate eight ceremonies a year. There are the four Greater Sabbats and the four Lesser Sabbats. The Greater Sabbats are:

- **Samhain**, October 31st
- **Imbolg**, February 2nd
- **Beltane**, April 30th
- **Lughnasadh**, July 31st

The four Lesser Sabbats (which mark the seasons) are:

- **Yule**, December 22nd
- **Ostara**, March 22nd
- **Litha**, June 22nd
- **Mabon**, September 22nd

Each Sabbat's opposite festival falls directly across from it on the wheel (six months apart). For example, Yule begins the waxing year and across from it, Litha begins the waning year. Both Ostara and Mabon are days of balance, but one moves toward darkness while the other moves toward light.

The Breath of the Universe

The Wind

By Dottie

We can entrust the wind to carry our voices out into the world, knowing it will be carried to its perfect destination.

We can connect ourselves with a basic force of nature by focusing on the essential element of air during a wind meditation. We begin by centering ourselves on our breath. We inhale the life-giving force, feeling it fill us, and then releasing it into the world to let our breath mingle with the breath of nature. If we cannot feel the wind right now, we can recall times when the wind has sent us gifts of caresses on bare skin, ruffling our clothes and playing with our hair. We can evoke sounds carried on the wind, maybe laughter or song, or perhaps just the wind's own whispers through the trees or across the landscape of our ears. We may summon up an image of falling flowers or leaves from above, vivid colors set free with the wind's encouragement. We may envision birds drifting on unseen currents with wings unbent, or flags and banners unfurled in the breeze. The scent of a sea breeze may come to mind, or the aromas of freshly baked treats or fragrant blooms that reach us from a distance.

As these memories enliven our senses, we are feeling the vital force that surrounds and animates us. We can look to the trees to sway in time with nature's rhythm. Just as we can be soothed by the wind, we know that nature has great power. In a rush it can block out all sound, leaving us with only the beating of our hearts.

Wind can even make the inanimate dance and whirl gracefully. With a gentle sigh, the wind has carried sailors to faraway lands and balloons to great heights above. We can entrust the wind to carry our voices and best wishes out into the world, knowing it will be carried to its perfect destination. Releasing these precious offerings to its care, we remember that nature's power is as close as our breath, and we breathe deeply once again before returning to the world around us.

The First Knowledge

(By Rosaleen Norton)

Submitted by Lil Wren

The Craft is only part of the way and must not be mistaken for the whole way. But in itself it is important, for it can be used to lighten burdens and help in the Great Work.

It is not for the weak, therefore know this: Some have the power but most have it not. If you have it, it springs from within you, from the will, the mind and the spirit; and it can be joined to external symbols. It must grow through practice, as you gain knowledge and skill.

he implements, words, symbols and spells are your working tools. You must be guided by the gods who dwell in your mind and body. Always remember that you must be stronger than the powers you evoke. Therefore to the work, which is joy and strength and light and life everlasting.

Wren's Altar For Ostara





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