



CORRELLIAN WICCA

LESSONS FOR THE FIRST DEGREE

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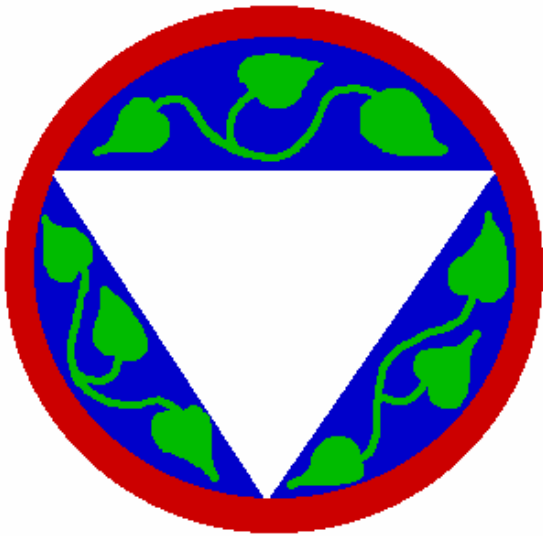
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INTRODUCTION

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WITCH

So you want to be a Witch?

What is all this witchcraft stuff, anyway?

Does being a witch mean you can point your finger and make things happen? Does it mean you can learn to fly on a broom and turn people into toads?

Well, not quite.

Witchcraft, or **WICCA**, is a religion. Wicca is not primarily about magic, though it does use it. Wicca is about your place in the Universe and your evolution as a spiritual being. Wicca is about moving forward on your personal spiritual journey - about learning, growing, and becoming the most you can be.

Wicca is a religion. Wicca is a way of understanding and interacting with Deity and the Universe. It is a life-affirming path of growth and expansion.

Wicca is based on reverence for Nature and Her cycles, respect for the Earth and all Her creatures. Wicca reveres the natural forces of the Universe and sees them reflected in the world around us, and in every person and thing.

Wicca has great reverence for Deity, Who for us has both a Mother and a Father aspect. Wiccans approach Deity through many names and forms, both masculine and feminine, drawn from all over the world and from every age. We often compare Deity to a diamond with many facets; each name or image for Deity is like one facet on the diamond. Each facet may be considered separately and all are beautiful in themselves, but all are aspects of the single stone.

Wicca believes that Deity comes to each person in the way that is best understood by that person, and that this is different for different people. Wicca believes that the relationship between a person and Deity is highly individual, personal, and subjective. Not

everyone will have the same understanding of Deity, because not everyone is in the same place, or able to understand from the same level or perspective. Because of this no one has a right to judge another persons relationship with Deity, because each person is different.

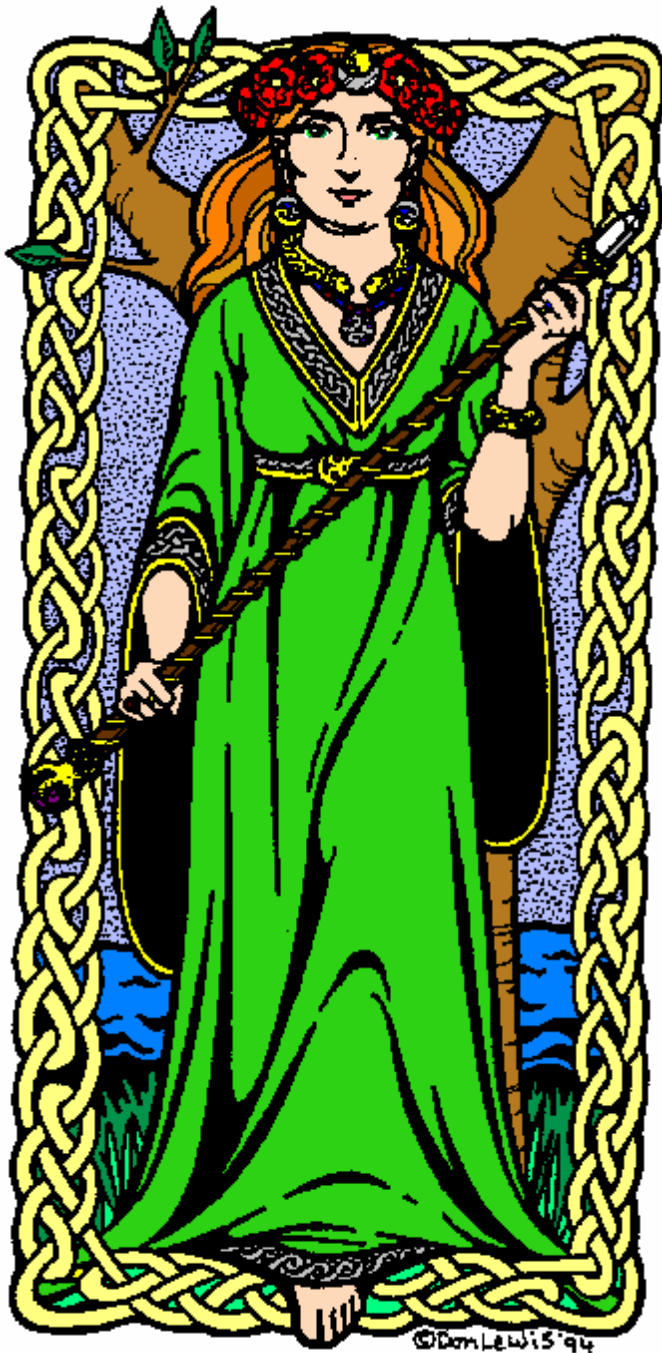
This is why we respect all the names and forms that have been used to honor Deity through the centuries -Deity needs them all in order to come to all people in the way they can best understand.

The most common way for Wiccans to approach Deity is in the form of the **TRIPLE GODDESS**, Whose three forms are Maiden, Mother, and Crone, and Whose symbol is the Moon. Her consort is **THE GOD**, Who rules the cycles of the solar year and is called among other things Lord of the Dance. His symbol is the Sun. They are viewed as **Polarities**, opposing but complimentary powers, like the Eastern concept of Yin and Yang.

Wicca has a very strong moral base. By "moral" we mean treating each other in an honorable and loving manner. Wicca has only one law which all traditions agree on; **DO AS YOU WILL, BUT HARM NONE**. In other words how you dress and who you sleep with is not our business -those issues are not what we mean by "morality." But a moral person doesn't hurt other people, and this is the criteria for all moral action; "Am I harming anyone?" If you are, you are acting wrongly.

Wicca is a Pagan, or Native, religion. The word Pagan means "from the countryside" and reflects the fact that Pagans follow indigenous, native religions rather than the Book religions. Pagan religions are built up over millennia as a result of peoples observations and experiences - they are living, growing religions which can and do change when change is needed. Pagan religions revere the natural forces and cycles of life, and it is from observation and interaction with these that their beliefs developed.

Wicca is wholly unrelated to the Book religions; Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Satanism. The Book religions are all descended from the supposedly historical bargain between Abraham and Jehovah, which is recorded in their Bible. The Book religions all share common elements; belief in a final Day of Judgment, in a jealous and vengeful God, in the basic sinfulness of humanity (called Original Sin), the superiority of the male sex, and the idea of Hell; a place of eternal torture. Most of all the Book religions believe in the infallibility of their Book, the Bible (and it's related books the Talmud, the Q'uran, the Satanic Bible). Though these books were written by humans, the Book religions claim they were written by God - this is the hallmark of the Book religions. Absolutely NONE of these ideas are shared by Wicca. The Book religions have a totally separate origin from the Pagan religions, and a very different history.



WICCA AS A SPIRITUAL PATH

In taking these lessons you must understand that you are not just learning some interesting things about magic and Pagan religion, you are undertaking a spiritual journey. If you apply the things you are taught and persevere in your studies, it will change you on the deepest levels of your being; you will learn about parts of yourself that you may never have known existed (your Higher Self, your Astral body, your Chakras and your aura, to name only a few), master psychic skills you've only read about or seen in movies (clairvoyance, divination, psychometry and many more) and, learn how to use magic to take control of your very Destiny. You

will develop strengths you do not now know that you have, and you will in time face your deepest fears; and vanquish them.

Wicca is a path of transformation and growth which will challenge you and lead you to a renewed and enriched existence. Of course you don't necessarily get all of this just from these lessons. You have to do the work, and you need to continue your studies beyond just the First Degree to master all this. But these lessons will build a strong base to grow from.

WHAT WILL YOU GET FROM THESE LESSONS

If you complete this course of 12 lessons, you will be eligible for initiation into the First Degree of Correllian Nativist Wicca. The First Degree is the lowest degree of membership in the Clergy of a **WICCAN TRADITION**. Wicca is composed of many traditions most -but not all- of which recognize each others initiations. If you choose to take the First Degree initiation -and you are not obligated to- you will become a Priest/ess of the Correllian Tradition. The Correllian Tradition is a syncretic and highly philosophical Tradition of Wicca, which stresses the inherent unity of all Pagan traditions and the synchronicity of all spiritual paths. We believe that Deity is in all things, therefore all paths can lead to Deity.

Wicca is not an exclusive religion. Because we believe all paths lead to Deity, we do not believe that one must belong to any given faith or tradition to be a good person or to grow spiritually. Nor is it necessary to belong to only one. Being a Correllian initiate does not mean you can not also be an Isian, Druidic, or Dianic initiate as well -or any other Tradition you might wish to study or join. You must however respect our tradition as a member and follow Correllian practices in Correllian temples -but what you do other places is your own business. Your private beliefs and conscience are your own business and we have no desire to dictate them to you. Wicca is about learning to make your own choices, and the Wiccan traditions exist to provide a framework in which to learn and grow. Wicca seeks to open your thinking, not to limit it.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WITCH

So you want to be a witch?

You want to be a Wiccan.

To be a Wiccan is to move at one with Deity.

To be a Wiccan is to honor Nature and all that is in Her. To acknowledge the life in all things, and be in harmony with it.

To be a Wiccan is to work with the seen and the unseen. To learn the magical secrets of stones, of plants, and animals - to speak to the faeries and the spirits and to hear their replies.

To be a Wiccan is to use every tool available to grow, to learn, to become the best that you can be. To use magic, meditation, and ritual to overcome all limitations, all fears, all imperfections, and to move always in harmony with Deity, always to the good,

always in accordance with your highest self.

This is what it is to be a Wiccan.

If knowing these things you still want to be a Wiccan, then these lessons will help you make a good beginning.

CORRELLIAN WICCA

LESSONS FOR THE FIRST DEGREE

Traditionally it takes a minimum of a year and a day to achieve a Wiccan degree. Sometimes it takes much longer. These lessons have been formulated with this dictum in mind. These lessons are meant to be done at the rate of one a month. Twelve lessons following a month apart require at least a year to complete. This allows the student plenty of time to digest the information, which is quite wide-ranging in nature.

A brief outline of the 12 lessons is as follows;

0) Introduction (You are here.)

1) Magic.

The first lesson is about magic; what it is, what it is not, and how to use it.

2) Cosmology.

This lesson talks about the nature of Deity, Universal energy, and the soul.

3) Personal power,

This lesson explains the Psychic Tide, the Wheel of the Year, and what these have to do with you.

4) The Altar.

This lesson talks about the altar; how and why to build and use your own.

5) The Airts.

This lesson tells about the Four Quarters, the elements, and all of their magical associations.

6) The Circle of Art.

This lesson talks about the nature of ritual and its uses.

7) Invocation.

This lesson talks about the nature of "The Gods" and how to interact with them, and identify or choose your own special patron.

8) Garb.

This lesson is about magical tools and clothing.

9) Symbols, Omens and Divination.

This lesson, as you might imagine, is about how to interpret symbols and omens.

10) Basic Energy Work.

This lesson is about working with the spiritual energy of the body, and of living things.

11) Herbs, Oils and Incense.

This lesson is about the history, nature, and uses of oils and incense.

12) Stones and Crystals.

The final lesson introduces you to the rich world of stones and crystals.

Each lesson will have several parts;
The Lesson itself

Exercises -to develop your psychic and magical skills.

God of the month -to acquaint you with Wiccan ideas of Deity and some of Deities many forms.

Spell of the month -to help you learn a variety of useful magical techniques and rituals.

Glossary -to explain terms which may be unfamiliar.

Questions -to make sure you understand.

THE CORRELLIAN TRADITION

So what is the Correllian Nativist Tradition, and what makes it different from other Wiccan Traditions?

Usually when people ask this they are expecting a liturgical answer -some special beliefs or ritual forms that are unique to Correllianism.

Correllianism does put an unusually strong emphasis on the philosophical aspects of Wicca, and on the spirituality and inner mysteries of the Wiccan religion, but liturgically our beliefs do not especially differ from those of other Wiccan Traditions. Rather it is our attitudes toward the Pagan community and its future that tend to set us apart.

The Correllian Tradition is dedicated to the advancement of the Pagan people. We believe strongly in the need for increased communication and co-operation between Pagans everywhere, from all Traditions.

We stress the importance of the Pagan Clergy as teachers and facilitators, and the need for a strong public presence. The Correllian Tradition emphasizes celebratory as well as initiatory Wicca, and is strongly committed to accessible public ritual.



The Correllium, symbol of the Correllian Tradition showing the vault of heaven with a double line representing Air and Light (Fire), the cross of the Four Directions representing Earth, and a wave representing Water. The whole represents the Unity of Existence.

TRADITION LEADERSHIP

The leading bodies of the Correllian Tradition include; The Witan Council, which is made up of all Temple Heads, Elders, and Officers of the Tradition; The Correllian Directorate which is responsible for the legal and financial standing of the Tradition; And the Correllian Council of Elders which includes the Heads and Officers of the Tradition, and its most respected members.

The First Priestess and First Priest are considered to be liturgical Joint Heads of the Tradition, and function as Heads of the Correll Mother Temple. The First Priestess and Priest are also termed the Diarchy.

The chief administrator of the Tradition is the Chancellor, who represents and is empowered to act for the Tradition's leadership as a whole.

In addition to the Chancellor, First Priestess and First Priest the Tradition's leadership includes the First Director who oversees financial and legal matters, and the First Elder who is responsible for primarily ceremonial duties, particularly in regard to the succession. These four officers form the Correllian Council of Elders which oversees the Tradition.



Rev. Donald Lewis-Highcorrell
First Priest and Paramount High
Priest, Chancellor of Tradition.

CHANCELLOR AND FIRST PRIEST

Rev. Donald Lewis-Highcorrell, HP

Rev. Donald Lewis-Highcorrell is First Priest and Paramount High Priest of the Correllian Tradition, and at Mabon of Year 0 Aquarius was acclaimed

Chancellor of the Tradition as well.

As Chancellor of the Tradition Don is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Tradition, and all matters affecting it.

The Chancellor is empowered to act on behalf of the Tradition's leadership, both severally and as a whole, to ensure the smooth running of the Tradition.

As First Priest Don is responsible for co-ordination between Correllian Temples, and implementation of the Tradition's policies. He is also responsible for the Tradition's records, and publications. The First Priest also acts as chair of the Witan Council, which is composed of the chartered Heads of Correllian Temples.

As First Priest of the Tradition Don is also the Chief Priest of the Correll Mother Temple. Don is also Chief Priest and founding Temple Head of Chicago's Holy City Temple, founded in 1591 Pisces (1991 AD).

Don is the son of the blv. Lady LaVeda, former Regent of the Correllian Tradition. Don is the head of the Mabelle branch of the High-Correll family. He has been an initiated Priest of the Correllian Tradition since 1576 Pisces (1976 AD), and a Third Degree High Priest since 1579 Pisces (1979 AD).

Don received his training from Rev. Krystel High-Correll, Chief Priestess of the Correll Mother Temple. Don also received training the blv. Lady LaVeda, the blv. Lady Gloria, and Lady Bitterwind, Elders of the Correllian Tradition. In addition Don has studied both formally and informally with a variety of teachers from many Traditions.

In addition Don is a co-founder and officer of the Pagan Interfaith Embassy, serving as Pagan Interfaith Ambassador to the U.S.

The Pagan Interfaith Embassy was founded in the wake of the Parliament of World's Religions (held in Chicago in 1593 Pisces - 1993 AD) with the intention of fostering greater communication and co-operation between Pagan groups and Traditions.

The Pagan Interfaith Embassy has sponsored such events as the Chicago Pagan Leadership Conferences (in '94), Pagan Unity Night ('94), and Pagan Expo '97, 2000, and 2001.

Don is editor of The Round Table magazine. Don formerly edited the Wheel Of Hekate magazine ('87 - '89) and was art editor of Psychic Chicago Magazine ('90-'92).

Don is well known both as an artist and as an author. Don's writing or artwork has appeared in numerous Pagan 'zines, including *Circle Network News*, *Green Egg*, *Panegyria*, *Harvest*, *Covenant of the Goddess Newsletter*, Gerina Dunwich's *Golden Isis Magazine*, and Silver RavenWolf's *PWPA Newsletter*. Don also illustrated the popular pamphlet "*The Other People*" available from Pathfinder Press. Don's first published booklet was *The Five Mystic Secrets of the Great Pagan Masters*, which he co-authored with his mother the blv. LaVeda (who wrote under the pseudonym Elizabeth Greenwood).

Don has made numerous TV and radio appearances, was co-host of Chicago's *"The Witching Hour"* radio program in the early '90s, and was a regular guest on the *"Telepathic Radio"* program.

Don is well known as a professional psychic. He has been a professional clairvoyant since 1584 Pisces (1984 AD), and is a well-known astrologer. But Don is best known as a Tarologist, and the designer of the *Tarot of Hekate* ('82).

Don was introduced to the Tarot by his mother, who gave him his first deck (the *Hoi Polloi*) at age 11. The blv. LaVeda acted as her son's booking agent during the early part of his psychic career.

In 1587 Pisces (1987 AD), Don was awarded the Silver Salamander Award for excellence in Pagan journalism, and is listed in *The Who's Who of the Magickal and Pagan Community*, published around the same time.

A prominent member of the Fellowship of Isis, Don has been involved Chicago's Isian Mystery Conferences since the first one in '94, and moderates an Isian email list on the internet.



FIRST PRIESTESS

Rev. Krystel Neuman High-Correll

Rev. Krystel Neuman High-Correll is First Priestess and Paramount High Priestess of the Correllian Tradition and Chief Priestess of the Correll

Mother Temple. Lady Krystel is the hereditary Head of the Correllian lineage, and all living Correllians trace their lineage back through her.

The First Priestess is responsible for maintaining the sanctity of the Correllian Tradition and its connection to Spirit and the Beloved Ancestors. The initiation of all Priesthood, Temples and Orders ultimately derive authority from this sanctity, and thus from the First Priestess. The First Priestess also acts as chairperson for the Correllian Council of Elders.

The Correll Mother Temple is primarily oracular in nature. Its ceremonies are concerned with divination, with the Ancestors, and with maintaining the equilibrium of the Universe and the Spiritual center of the Correllian tradition.

Lady Krystel is the daughter of the blv. Gloria High Correll, and is Head of the Louisine branch of the High-Correll family. A Correllian Priestess and former First Elder of the Correllian Tradition, the blv. Lady Gloria was also a Spiritualist Minister and a spiritual healer.

Lady Krystel received her Correllian initiation from the blv. LaVeda Lewis-Highcorrell, former Regent of the Correllian Tradition, and by the mid seventies was serving as Maiden Priestess of the Correll Mother Temple, under the blv. Lady LaVeda's imperium.

In 1579 Pisces (1979 AD) Lady Krystel was acclaimed First Priestess and Paramount High Priestess of the Correllian Tradition.

Deeply committed to the survival of the Pagan religions, it was by Krystel's direction that the Correllian Tradition began holding public rituals, and began public teaching.

In keeping with these goals, Krystel commissioned the first version of Correllian Wicca lessons in 1581 Pisces (1981 AD).

For many years Lady Krystel presided over a lively open discussion group, which introduced many people to Paganism and psychism for the first time. As well as Heading the Correll Mother Temple, Lady Krystel also served as Chief Priestess of the Correllian Temple of the Dancers of Shakti in the '80s and the Temple of the Clear Water in the '90s.

A highly skilled clairvoyant and spiritual healer, Lady Krystel has worked as a psychic reader and teacher for many years.

Lady Krystel is a published poet and an accomplished watercolorist.

Lady Krystel has two grown sons, Shadrack Sebastian and Sean Edward, and two grandsons: Ryan, born on Samhain, and Sean, born on New Year's Day 01 Aquarius (2001 AD).



**Rev. Ed Hubbard
First Director,
Correllian Tradition**

FIRST DIRECTOR

Rev. Ed Hubbard

Rev. Ed Hubbard is the First Director of the Correllian Tradition. As such he co-ordinates the activities of the Correllian Directorate, which is responsible for the Tradition's financial and legal dealings, and for the implementation of its ecumenical policies.

Ed has been an initiate of the Correllian Tradition since 1590 Pisces (1990 AD). Ed is co-founder of Chicago's Holy City Temple, of which he has been Chief Director since its inception in 1591 Pisces (1991 AD). Ed was made First Director of the Correllian Tradition in 1591 Pisces (1991 AD), an office created for him.

Ed is also founder and First Officer of the Pagan Interfaith Embassy, an organization dedicated to promoting communication and co-operation between Pagans everywhere.

Ed founded the Pagan Interfaith Embassy after being involved in the second Parliament of World's Religions, held in Chicago in 1593 Pisces (1993 AD). (The first Parliament of World's Religions was held in Chicago in 1493 Pisces [1893 AD]).

The Pagan Interfaith Embassy went on to sponsor Chicago's Pagan Leadership Conferences in '94, Pagan Unity Night ('94), and Pagan Expo '97, 2000, and 2001.

Ed also attended the third Parliament of World's Religions, which was held in Capetown, South Africa.

During his adventures at the Parliaments of World's Religions Ed met with former South African

President Nelson Mandela, former Secretary General of the U.N. Robert Mueller, H.H. Prince Mkosinathi Khanyile of the Zulu nation, The Most Rev. Hon. Olivia Durdin-Robertson of the Fellowship of Isis, Gerald Barney of the Institute of Peace and Technology, Hopi Elder Paula Whitesinger, and the Dalai Lama who blessed him -twice.

Ed has an extensive publishing background, having published *Psychic Chicago Magazine* in the early '90s, and then *The Round Table* magazine.

Ed edits numerous daily e-zines on the internet, notably Daily Goddess News which is dedicated to Pagan news and Goddess spirituality (www.DailyGoddess.net).

Ed has appeared on numerous television programs including several appearances on *Fox News*, *WGN News*, *Psychic Fare*, *The Mike Kurbin Show*, and the Christian Broadcasting Network's *Community Perspectives*.

Ed has also made numerous radio appearances and was host of *Psychic Chicago Radio*, and later of *Telepathic Radio*.

Ed lives with his consort, Lisa Tuit. Ed has a son Dale, and daughter Sherry. On January 1, 1599 Pisces (1999 AD), Sherry followed in her family's footsteps and made her Clerical Dedication to Holy City Temple.

Rev. V. L. Bitterwind

Rev. Bitterwind is the First Elder of the Correllian Tradition, succeeding the Rev. Gloria High Correll in this office.

Born on Candlemas morning, Bitterwind's father nurtured her interest in philosophy and encouraged her to always look beneath the surface of situations.

Associated with the Correll Mother Temple for many years, Bitterwind became an adopted member of the High-Correll family in 1583 Pisces (1983 AD).

A retired restaurateur, Bitterwind has authored many philosophical articles and stories, as well as works on metaphysics and science fiction.

Throughout the '70s and '80s Bitterwind was also well known as an artist and illustrator in the underground press. Bitterwind's most recent artwork was a sand sculpture created for the Goddess 2000 project.

A widow, Bitterwind lives with her two cats amid her seven carefully landscaped theme gardens.

GLOSSARY

WICCA -Wicca is a nature-based Pagan religion focused on the worship of the Mother Goddess and Her consort and the observance of the cycles of Nature and the Universe. Wicca is highly eclectic, drawing from many sources both in its origin and in contemporary practice. Wicca also acknowledges and seeks to develop the higher powers of the soul, through the practice of magic.

CORRELLIAN WICCA -Correllian Wicca is a Tradition of Wicca based on the teachings and practices of the High-Correll family. The Correllian Tradition was founded by Orpheis Caroline High-Correll. Correllianism is highly philosophical and syncretic in its views, believing that Deity comes to the individual from within, and that religion exists to help that process, not to replace it. Correllianism believes that all of the indigenous, or "Pagan", religions of the world are equally worthy and share fundamental concepts which are universal in nature, while manifesting external differences appropriate to their respective cultural origins, and that Pagan religions must stand together and acknowledge each others worth. In previous years Correllian Wicca was called Nativist Wicca, and it is still formally termed Correllian Nativist Wicca.

TRIPLE GODDESS -The three forms of the Triple Goddess reflect the three phases of the Moon. Maiden (Waxing Moon), Mother (Full Moon), and Crone (Waning Moon). The Triple Goddess is the form of the Mother Goddess most often found in Wicca and underlying most Wiccan thought. Her symbol is the Moon, and She is also represented by the Earth itself (often spoken of as Her body), by the sea, or by the whole of the Universe. Her spirit suffuses all things.

THE GOD -Consort of the Goddess, the God is represented by the Sun, and is Lord of the cycles of life. He is seen as the God of vegetation and of the forests, but also as Lord of animals. He is represented as dying and being reborn each year in cycle with the seasons.

POLARITIES -The concept of Polarity is the idea that the Universe is held in balance by the interaction of two equal but opposite forces. These are variously described as Darkness and Light, Spirit and Matter, Yin and Yang, Goddess and God. Everything which exists is made up of both these qualities to varying degrees.

DO AS YOU WILL, BUT HARM NONE -The Wiccan Rede, considered the oldest and most sacred Wiccan "Law." Many Traditions have "Laws" or rules of their own, but the Wiccan Rede is the only one that most all Traditions agree on. All Traditions do not however agree on the exact meaning of the word "harm."

WICCAN TRADITIONS -"Tradition" in the Wiccan religion is the term used to describe an individual denomination, as distinct from others. There are many Wiccan Traditions including the Gardnerian Tradition, the Alexandrian Tradition, the Seax-Wicca Tradition, the North Wind Tradition, the Blackstone Tradition, the Lothlorien Tradition, to name just a few of the larger ones. There are also many small Traditions. All are equally worthy and all, in theory at least, respect each other equally. As membership in any Wiccan Tradition is wholly voluntary, it is never appropriate for members of one Tradition to "pass judgment" upon the practices of another Tradition, except in regard to whether a given practice is the right for oneself as an individual.

IMPERIUM -"Imperium" refers to those things which are under one's direct power or which fall in one's natural sphere of influence. Thus the imperium of an Astrologer includes subjects related to the stars and their influences, while the imperium of an herbalist would have to do with the medicinal and magical uses of plants. The term is of particular importance to offices which one might hold, where it makes reference to one's sphere of authority.

Exam for Introduction

You may take the exam online at WitchSchool.
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