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How To Practice Dianic Wicca

Dianic Wicca may have a tradition that dates back to the lineage of Zsuzsanna Emese Budapest and which may be woman-centered or (to the McFarland Dianics of Texas) a co-gender Wiccan tradition based on Celtic Mysteries. Dianic Wicca is centered on the powers of the Female and is sometimes called the Feminist Wicca.

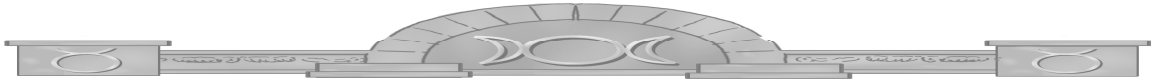
The foremother of Dianic tradition, Z. Budapest who was born in Hungary and who later moved to the USA inspired this line of Wicca. Most of the practices in this line of spiritual practice include celebrating and honoring the changes in the life of women. Patriarchy, as defined by Dianic Wicca followers, is the use of power over others to control, manipulate and suppress other lives, especially those of women.

This type of Wicca was inspired by the Roman Goddess Diana and her predecessor, Goddess Artemis who is believed to be a protector of women and nature. The goal of this religion is to find positive, inspiring solutions for global issues and to respect all living creature as a sacred creation of the Goddess Diana.

Dianics believe that the Goddess is the Source of Life and to whom everyone returns after death. Practitioners consider the entire cosmos (termed the Web of life in Dianic Wicca) as being the Goddess herself. Everything in life is part of the Web of life which is personified by the Goddess. When we invoked Her, we merge with the Eternal consciousness that she embodies. The male God is recognized only as part of nature which is a variation of the Goddess and sourced from Her.

Practitioners of the Dianic tradition of Wicca celebrate life's transitions by certain rites of passage ceremonies which are called "Women's Mysteries". The womb and its associated changes including birth, puberty, giving birth, lactation, menopause and death are considered most important among the Mysteries that are celebrated. These events and celebrations honor women's ability to create new life, take care of it and return to divinity





after death. All women have the mothering, sustaining and protecting abilities that bestow on them the term Maker or Mother of the Universe.

All Dianic practitioners adhere to the Wiccan Rede and celebrate the Solstices, Equinoxes and Cross quarter holidays in the name of the cyclic and eternal nature of the Goddess. Although the celebrations do not focus on the fertility cycle of the God and Goddess as in other variations of Wicca, these rituals may be altered to mainly celebrate the Goddess.

The main events celebrated in Dianic Wicca are:
Winter Solstice, Imbolc, Spring Equinox, May Eve, Summer Solstice, First Harvest, Fall Equinox and Hallowmas.

There are several levels to learning the Dianic tradition starting with the apprentice, then as initiate, priestess and later, the high priestess. Ordained priestesses earn the respect of the community by providing spiritual services.

Members of the Temple of Diana, which provides spiritual service to the congregation, have an equal vote on decisions that affect the whole community. This is to avoid the patriarchal forms of hierarchy that uses experience as power to control others.

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