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The Truth About Wicca Black Magick

Black Magick is any magickal ritual that hurts another living thing. The Wiccan Rede specifically prohibits practitioners from any action that may hurt another. So a true Wiccan will not practice Black Magick knowingly.

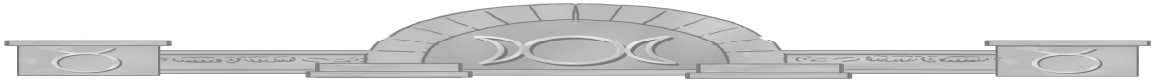
There are many ways in which a Wicca practitioner can unknowingly cause harm to someone or get in their way. One type of spell that can be hurtful are love spells. Trying to get a lover back when she or he has left the relationship is a black magick spell. Why? Because we are working against the lover's will. In one way or another, the Wicca practitioner will hear from the Universe in a negative way, for sure. Wiccans live by the Rede and rarely hurt another on purpose. But we do need to think twice before casting any spell.

Let us think of another scenario where we could inadvertently hurt another. Consider a person who likes a neighborhood house which is on sale. He puts in a bid to get the house and later goes home and casts a spell so that he would certainly get the house for his family. However, in that neighborhood lived a poor family with a large number of kids who had saved up for this house and lost the house to the original bidder. As the first bidder moves into the house, everyone in the poor family looks longingly at the house that could've been theirs. Their sorrow will certainly affect our Wiccan friend who is happily living in the house that he "deserves".

This is a case where the original bidder did not know that he was hurting another family. So how could he have avoided the three-fold negative return that is surely coming his way? By adding the term "And it harm none" to his spell, he would've avoided deliberate harmful intent on others who wanted the same thing he desired.

How about protection spells? If you think someone has put a spell on you, is it okay to put a black magick spell on them? No. Regardless of what they will receive for the spell they put on you, you will receive three times the hurt for what you did! Also, what if the





original person did not put a curse on you, but someone else did? How can we be sure who put a curse on us? Black magick spells cannot cancel each other. They do hurt eventually!

There are other grey areas in spell casting. How about eating animals or plants? They are living things too. Cutting down a fully grown, healthy tree simply because we are afraid it will fall over our house or fence is a normal occurrence in many homes. A healthy tree is a haven for birds, insects and other animals. Its fruit is packed with life energy that can create millions of trees over its lifetime. If we destroy this tree, how does it affect us? Our action did hurt a lot of people, didn't it?

As a Wiccan practitioner, we always have to think twice; maybe take a few more moments to think through our plans to determine if it hurts anyone. If we are not certain that our spell is completely safe (for ourselves and for every other living thing in this Universe), simply add the line "and it hurts none" to the spell. This spell will not be a success if any of the lines cause another living being to get hurt. The Universe will take care of that! Trust the Universe to take care of every living thing that comprises it.

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