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Witchcraft - A primer for New Wiccans

The most important piece of information that a beginner into Witchcraft needs to know is that they are simply PERFECT as they are. They do not have to change anything about themselves or their relationships. The Wiccan Goddess or God does not need anything from them; they are not sinners in the eyes of the Creator. From the first day onwards, all newcomers to Wicca need to understand that we have the power to connect to the One who created this world as we know it. We do not have to bow to anyone, beg (pray) for anyone's blessings, or fear anyone's wrath. We do not have to fear hell or the Satan because they do not exist.

We live lives of honesty, integrity and compassion not because we are afraid of an entity who will judge us one day; we do so because we live by the Wiccan Rede ("it harm none, do what you will.") and respect the laws of Karma. If we falter and hurt others, we get the results back in this life. We do not have to wait for an invisible entity to dole out punishment or purgatory.

People who join Wicca experience an exhilarating sense of freedom. The freedom to live their life as they choose, the freedom to stop giving away money as tithing tax to an organized monolithic entity they have never understood, the freedom to celebrate the joys of life such as loving another human being without being judged for it and enjoying everything in life so long as our behavior doesn't hurt another living being. By the way, we also believe that animals have souls! WOW, what a wonderful concept!

This newfound freedom hopefully comes with a new awareness with regards to our environment. Most Wiccans are nature loving and environmentally aware so that they are consciously working to make this world a better for humans, animals and plants!





For new Wiccans who join covens, there are rules and celebrations that may be customized to a particular branch of Wicca. For solitary practitioners, help is available in the form of hundreds of books on Witchcraft from many sources including the local bookstores, libraries and the internet stores.

These books largely cover the tools and supplies that witches need to carry out the rituals and spells that they need. However, witchcraft relies solely on our inner powers and the methods to make our minds stronger.

Tools may help beginners who have problems concentrating on the intentions or clearing their minds of negative energies that may certainly undermine their efforts to meditate. Due to similar reasons, it may help to collect and use some tools and supplies. Also, for most Wiccans, it will help to set up an Altar, a sacred space in which to work their rituals.

This sacred space may be visualized as an inner sacred space and an outer sacred space. To find the inner sacred space, we have to meditate deeply without any negative thoughts and focus only on our dreams and unbounded happiness. We should practice this visualization several times until we can get to this inner sacred space instantly.

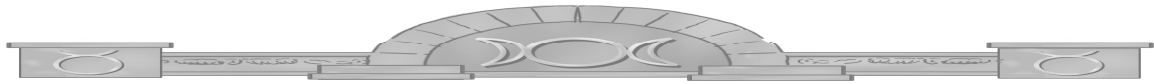
Our outer sacred space may be inside the house or outside, on Mother Nature's lap. It may be a good idea to mark our sacred space as a circle (or about 9 ft in diameter) with rocks, candles, twigs, rope, etc. For increasing our mental powers and to hone our intuitions, we may use ancient magickal tools such as the Athame, Besom, Chalice, Wand, etc. Also, to increase our concentration and to narrow our focus, we may use items such as incense, candles, oils, perfumes, bath products, gemstones,

When you have created this sacred space, you are ready to cast a circle and create wonders with your amazing powers that you are born with. Allow no one to tell you that you are powerless, that you are being judged by your Creator or that you will be judged after your death. Learn to remove all negative thoughts and energies before and after you perform your spells and rituals.

As good citizens of this amazing planet, we have the responsibility to take care of our Mother Earth. Wiccans may start the preservation and enhancement of the environment by taking care of animals, birds and other wildlife as well as by planting gardens, drying herbs, using only natural and local produce, household items, etc.

Above all, Wiccans need to learn to live in peace with one another and slowly remove the ignorance and hatred that is threatening the very existence of this planet.





Brightest Blessings!

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