

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON WITCHCRAFT

What is Witchcraft?

Witchcraft (or Wicca) is an ancient religion which emphasizes the divinity of Nature and recognizes the duality, female/male, of all creation.

What is a Witche?

A Witche is an initiated person, female or male, who adheres to the code of ethics and philosophies inherent in the Ancient Mystery Religions.

What is initiation?

Initiation is a complicated inner process which aligns one's body/mind/emotions with a higher purpose. Ritual is utilized to aid the initiation process.

How does one become a Witche?

You must be initiated, in person, by an initiated Witche who possesses the sufficient degree/rank to initiate.

Do Witches worship the Devil?

NO! Witches do not even believe in the Devil. The Devil is a Christian concept. Witches worship the duality of Nature, female and male. The male aspect of Nature is sometimes represented as a Horned God. The horns symbolize life-giving, active, potent energy such as that which comes from the sun. The Christians represented our deity as an evil god in order to gain political power.

Are Witches Satanists?

NO! Satanism is a perversion of Christianity and depends on the Christian world view and a belief in a devil for its existence. Witchcraft is much older than Christianity and retains a separate world view. Since Witches do not believe in a devil, Witches can hardly be expected to worship one.

How much money should I expect to pay for lessons and initiation?

NONE! It is against our Law to charge money for our Craft. Anyone who asks for money, such as in a mail-order course, is breaking Wiccan Law. It seems unwise to suppose that an individual, incapable of keeping the Laws of their own religion, would be able to teach it to others. Anyone who asks for money should be avoided.

There are exceptions to this rule. Some covens ask that each member bring food, candles or incense to be shared by all for a particular ritual. There are also occasional requests for donation of time or money for projects, such as a newsletter. This practice is acceptable so long as no profit is being made. Financial records should always be made available to you upon request. We feel this is a good policy for any religious group.

Must I perform the sex act with a Witche in order to become initiated?

NO: Witches appreciate sexuality/the creative force as a gift which is both natural and divine. Like any other divine gift, sex should be used carefully and wisely. If you are looking for orgies, Witchcraft is not for you.

Do Witches cast spells to hurt other people?

NO: Our basic Law is: An it harm none, do what ye will. Also, Witches believe in the Law of Return and avoid negative workings. If you want a religion of malice, Witchcraft is not for you.

If I practice magic, doesn't that make me a Witche?

NO: Anyone can learn magic. The practice of magic makes you a magician. A magician is not necessarily a person who has been initiated, nor one who embraces the code of ethics inherent in Witchcraft.

If my grandmother/father/aunt was a Witche, doesn't that make me a Witche?

NO: Initiation is always necessary to confirm one's hereditary lineage.

Can I be initiated through the mail?

NO: There are mail order courses which claim to initiate through the mail, but these are rip-offs which take your money. No real Witche would accept such an initiation as valid.

Must I study to become a Witche?

YES: A period of one year and one day is required by any coven before initiation is considered. The student is taught the ethics, philosophies and the structure of Witchcraft before the student is initiated.