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* Be cautious about posting and sharing personal information, especially information that could be used to identify you or locate you online, such as your address or telephone number.

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* Block anyone who sends you unwanted or inappropriate communications and report it to the Network Creator or directly to us.

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The Enchanted Radio is pleased to announce that we now have a request line that will be up and running.

This will be only for the times that there are no Live DJ's scheduled. All DJ's will make sure that Celtic or Gothic is given a updated schedule as now any blank slots will be filled by a Auto Dj. Due to a limit of songs available to be posted to the data base needed to run this request line for Auto DJ, the list will be limited to 3 songs per artist and will be changed out weekly. If you do not see something that you would like to hear in the data base, please let Enchanted Radio, Gothic Misstress, or Celtic know. We will add it into the next weekly rotation of songs.

The request line will work as follows:

- 1.) Go to this link <http://www.enchantedradio1.webs.com/> and click the tab that says requests.**
- 2.) Scan the posted Data base list.**
- 3.) Type the artist/song title into the slot. (If you wish to included an email, you may do so. We do not require it.)**

We hope to add additional songs into the data base. We evaluate this on a month to month basis and try to increase the data base to include a larger selection of music. If you have any question, please contact Enchanted Radio, Gothic Misstress or Celtic.

Thank you for your continued support

The Enchanted Radio Team.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Tarot class	2	3		4 5 craft class
6	7	8 Tarot class	9	10	11	 12 craft class
13	14  <u>Valentines</u> <i>Herb class</i>	15 Tarot class	16	17	18	 19 craft class
20	21	22 Tarot class	23	24		25 26 craft class
27	28	1 Tarot class	2	3	4	5 craft class
6	7	8 Tarot class	9	10	11	12 craft class

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CRAFT CLASS FOR BEGINNERS EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

TIMES

USA CENTRAL - 7 PM

EASTERN - 8 PM

WESTERN 5 PM

AUSTRALIA (MELBOURNE)
- NOON (SUNDAY)

UK -1 AM

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EVERY 3RD MONDAY

TIMES

CENTRAL - 6 PM

EASTERN - 7 PM

WESTERN - 4 PM

MOUNTAIN TIME - 5 PM

AUSTRALIA (MELBOURNE) -
11 AM

UK - MIDNIGHT

TAROT CLASS

WITH HERMOTIMUS

TUESDAYS

TIMES

USA CENTRAL - 8 PM

EASTERN - 9 PM

WESTERN 6 PM

AUSTRALIA (MELBOURNE)
- 1PM (WEDNESDAY)

UK -2 AM

WHAT'S NEW

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From Enchanted Forest Quotes that Inspire you

"Look Back But Don't
Stare"
By Breeze

"Do what you feel in
your heart to be right,
for you will be
criticized anyway."
Eleanor Roosevelt
By Dee

Life is an adventure to
be lived, not a mystery
to be solved.
By Jojo Jukes

Strive forward, never
say can't
By Fettered

Why do we fall?.....So
we can learn how to
pick ourselves up again.
By Fiachna

"The greatest journey a
man will ever make is
the 18 inches from his
head to his heart"
By Sharon Art

Strong wind does not
come to knock us
down. It comes to teach
us how to stand.
By Wind in Trees

"I true friend is
someone who knows
everything about
you....and loves you
anyway!"
by Violin Goddess

On the altar of
willingness lies passion
undreamed, as Angels
guard the doorway to
heaven.
Bonnie McGee
By Bonnie Bidatsch

FOUR WORLDS: THE DINE STORY OF CREATION – NAVAJO

BY MARTIN STOMPINGELK

Before this world existed, there was a first world far below the world where we are now.

In that world everything was black. There was darkness everywhere, and in the darkness there were six beings. Those beings were first man, the son of night and the blue sky over the sunset; first woman, the daughter of day break and the yellow sky of sunset; salt woman; fire god; coyote and Begochiddy. Begochiddy, who was the child of the sun, was both man and woman, and had blue eyes and golden hair.

There were no mountains or plants in that first world, so Begochiddy began to make them. Begochiddy made four mountains. To the east Begochiddy made a white mountain. To the south Begochiddy made a blue mountain. To the west Begochiddy made a yellow mountain. To the north Begochiddy made a black mountain.

To the north Begochiddy created the ants and other insects and made the first plants. But things were not right in the first world. One story is the fire god became jealous and started to burn everything up. According to another story, the first beings were not happy in that dark world. Whatever the reason was, they decided to leave the first world.

"Gather together the plants and other things I have made," said Begochiddy to first man.

First man did as Begochiddy said. Then he and the other beings came to the red mountain which Begochiddy created in the center of the first world. The Begochiddy planted the big reed. As the hollow Big Reed began to grow, the first beings climbed into it. Up and up it grew, leaving the first world behind. It grew up and up until it came to the second world.

In the second world Begochiddy created even more things. Begochiddy created the clouds. Begochiddy created more plants and mountains. The color of the second world was blue, and there was other beings in it- Sallow People and Cat People. The Cat People tried to fight Begochiddy and the others, but First Man used his magic and overcame them. For a time, everyone was happy. Then things began to go wrong. Once more Begochiddy planted Big Reed. Once more Begochiddy told First Man and others to put all the things created into big reed. Big reed began to grow. Up and up it went and carried them all to the third world.

The third world was yellow. Though there was no sun and moon, the mountains gave light. It was the most beautiful of the world they had seen. In this world Begochiddy created rivers and springs. Begochiddy created all kinds of human beings. In this beautiful third world everything spoke one language. All of the things and beings in creation understood each other. But everything was not perfect in the third world. Yellow and red streaks appeared across the eastern sky. They were placed there by first man and represented the diseases about to come to the people through evil magic. Before long, the men and women began to quarrel with each other. The men said that the women were causing trouble. The women said that it was the men. Coyote came to Begochiddy and told him that men and women were always quarreling. Begochiddy decided to put a stop to it.

"All of the men must stay on the right side of the bank of the river. All women must stay on the left side of the river. Neither may cross the river to be with the other."

So it was done. The men and women lived apart for some time, but they were not happy without each other. Finally they went to Begochiddy. Some say it was the women who came first, but others say it was the men.

"We are not happy by ourselves," they said. "We wish to be reunited."

So Begochiddy brought men and women back together.

"If there is more trouble," he warned them, "this third World will be destroyed by a flood."

All of this time, Coyote was roaming around. Wherever he went he was curious about everything, including things he should have left well enough alone. One day, Salt Women went walking by the two bog rivers Begochiddy had made in this Third World. When she came to the place in the water. It looked like a baby with long black hair. Coyote lifted it out of the water and hid it under his blanket. He told no one what he had done.

Four days passed and then a great noise was heard all around the Third World. Begochiddy knew what it was, knew what had happened. Someone had done wrong. Now this Third World was about to be destroyed by flood. From the East a black storm came. From the south a blue storm approached. From the west came the yellow storm. From the north a white storm swept. Once again Begochiddy gathered all the beings and things created. Once again Big Reed grew up and up. It lifted up all the beings and things as storm waters rose beneath them.

This time, though, was not as easy as before. Big Reed stopped growing before it entered the next world. The Spider People wove a web to bring them closer, but they could break through into the new world. The ant People tried to dig through, but they could not do it. Finally Begochiddy told the Locust to try. Using their hard head the locust broke through into the Fourth World. Now Brgochiddy climbed up through the hole the locust had made. He found himself on an island with only water to be seen in all directions. Begochiddy saw right away that there were others in this Fourth World who had great power. To the east was talking god. To the south was forest bringer of seeds. To the west was house god. To the north was a second bringer of seeds. Begochiddy waved to each of them. Then the four powerful beings made the waters recede, leaving a world covered with mud. Begochiddy went back down Big Reed to the others.

"Grandparent," said the others, "how is it in the new world?"

"The new world is good," Begochiddy said, "but it is not yet dried. Someone must try to walk up there. Who will try?"

"I will go," said Badger. Then he went up through the hole and tried to walk on the new Fourth World. His feet broke through the surface, through, and became covered with mud. To this day all badgers have black feet.

"This will not do," Begochiddy said. "How can we dry this new world?"

"We shall dry it," said the winds. Then the winds went up to the Forth World. The cyclones and the whirlwinds and small dust devils went up to the Fourth World. They swirled about and dried the surface well so the people went up and walked on the dried Fourth World, and all the other people and created things followed.

Begochiddy, though, looked back down through the hole to the Third World. The water was still rising.

"Who is the one who angered the water monster?" Begochiddy said.

No one answered, but coyote pulled his blanket tighter around himself.

"Open your blanket," Begochiddy said.

Then Coyote opened his blanket and Begochiddy saw the water baby.

"You must give the water monster back its child," Said Begochiddy.

Coyote did as Begochiddy said. He dropped the water baby back to the Third World, and the waters receded.

Now Begochiddy went around the Forth World and placed things in order. The mountains were put in their places. The sun and moon and stars were put into the sky. Fire god tried to keep all the fire to himself, even though the people needed it to keep warm and cook their food. One night, through, a fire god slept, coyote stole fire from him and gave it to all the people. Then Begochiddy told the humans beings the right way to live, how to give thanks, how to care for the plants such as corn and squash and beans. Begochiddy gave them ,may different languages, then, and sent them to live throughout the world. It was now, in the Forth World, that changing Women came to be. She became the greatest friend of the human beings, helping them in ways. It was changing women who gave birth to the hero twins, who traveled throughout the world doing great deeds, destroying the monsters that threatened the people.

So the Fourth World came to be. However, just as the worlds before it were destroyed when wrong was done, so too this Fourth World was destined to be destroyed when the people do not live the right way. That is what the Dine say to this day.

(Dine [Navajo] Southwest)

Taken from the book Keepers of the Earth

living in the cosmic swirl,
going round and round,
singing my song,
Dancing my dance...
Stompingelk,



OJIBWA CREATION STORY—SHORT VERSION

BY MARTIN STOMPINGELK

"I know of many things that have puzzled you, the time you looked into the sky and wondered about the clouds, the time you felt rain drops on your face and looked into the distance to see rain falling in torrents, the time you felt warm and cold drafts of air sweep across your face, the time when you saw the heat dancing in waves over the plains.

"Here upon the lap of our Mother the Earth is a place and time that hangs between eight levels of elements. These elements are unseen but are as real and necessary for life as the water you drink. Of these eight elements, four are above the Earth and four are below the Earth. These elements are the things that must work together if life itself is to be. All these things working together lift the water into the clouds. Your oldest uncle Noo'-din (the wind) then blows this water to where it is needed. There it falls to the ground to nourish the grasses, flowers, and other beings who are dependant on it for life. Beyond this, there are elements that work together to change the seasons. The seasons are evidence of time.

"Someday, when the time comes according to the Creator's plan, the cup of life will be measured by time. But even though time will be a part of life, life cannot exist without the other things we have spoken of. Remember, the cup of life is water and the cup is measured by time.

"If you should climb to the highest place, you will feel the absence of the air which is necessary to draw into your body in order to live. Likewise, if you would go into the earth, soon it would get pitch black and there would be only poisons to breathe and draw into your body.

"As you walk on your journey, remember that there is a purpose to all things. There is a reason for the gentle rains and gentle winds as well as their opposites.

"Accept these things I give you. The evidence is all around you. See it, know it, accept it! Accept this knowledge as a "Way of Knowing". Accept it as you accept the knowledge of your own shadow. When your shadow is cast on the ground you are able to see it. But even though you do not see it at times, you know that your shadow is still there. Your shadow represents your relationship to Grandfather Sun and the Four Directions, and thus to the Universe.

"It is time for you to continue your journey. I will be with you Little Brother, wherever your steps may take you. There is one last thing I wish to leave you and then we shall never talk again.

"You have a twin brother whom you have wondered about and whom you would seek. This I tell you: He is your other side in all things and in all ways ... do not seek him. Do not wish to know him, but understand him.

"You will walk the path of peace .. he would not.

"You are kind ... he is not.

"You are humble ... he is not.

"You are generous ... he is not.

"You seek the good in things ...he does not.

"You shall respect others ... he will not.

"You will seek the goodness in others ... he will not.

"You are the light ... he is the darkness.

"Know that he is with you, understand him,

"But do not seek him!" With that, Bug-way'-ji-nini left Waynaboozhoo and vanished like a shadow into the woods.*

OJIBWA [[[ANISHINABE]]] CREATION STORY

BY MARTIN STOMPINGELK

This is an Anishinabe story of First Man, Waynaboozhoo, on a journey, (ba-ba'-ma-di-zi-win') in search of his Father. This is one of the things he learned along the way.

Waynaboozhoo dozed off but soon awoke a start as if someone or something had prodded him. He looked around slowly. Even though he did not see anything, he knew he was not alone. Suddenly, he noticed that just out of his direct eyesight was a being -- a huge, dark figure with red eyes that peered out of a shadowy face.

Again he felt fear rising to an uncontrollable level. He wanted to run. He thought fleetingly of defending himself...of fighting...but violence was unknown to the world at that time. He was able to control both his fear and terror but still he felt a new, strange sensation. What was this strange feeling that possessed him? For the first time in many years, violence was evident on the Earth. But with Waynaboozhoo it was only a thought. He was able to put it aside. Violence, which is the twin of peace must always be secondary and subservient to peace just as it was with Waynaboozhoo.

The shadowy being spoke "I am Bug-way'-ji-nini (wildman). Some of the people who follow you will know me as Sasquatch or Yeti, but they will seldom see me. It will be forbidden for them to look into my eyes. Some will not ever know of me. Many will not believe that I exist. I am your oldest brother!

I have been with you on your journey. I have been ahead of you at times and behind you at times. Sometimes I have watched you walk by. The Creator sent me here to guide and care for those who become lost. I am to watch over those who go into the forests, swamps, hills and mountains to gather medicines and other things. If those who seek the medicine roots, bark, and berries will ask me in a good way, if their thoughts are good, and their concern for others, I will help them to find the medicines they seek. I shall know their thoughts. Also I am to help those who choose to meditate, pray, and fast in the bug-way-ji' (wild and natural places).

I am the caretaker of all these places; the deep forests, swamps, mountains, and deep valleys. I am natural man. I am to be the different one, different in all ways. I shall not build a home or gather in o-day-nah-wing' (towns). Nor will I ever assemble with my own kind in tribes or nations. I will make no trails. Nor will I build ji- mon'nug (canoes). I am to be alone in the quiet solitude and majesty of the natural world of the Creator. I shall know of man's presence, and I will know his thoughts. But only the Anishinabe shall know me. I am not to desire the companionship of Anishinabe or others...but only the Anishinabe shall know and honor me.

"Little Brother, I have watched your journey and have known your thoughts. I will tell you of some but not all of the things you have wondered about. First, you must always treat the natural Creation with respect. When you must come through my territory, honor those places with Tobacco and good thoughts. Be not in fear. In that way you shall not become lost or confused and no harm will befall you. Be always in wonder and awe of all these natural works that you see, they are the hand and thought of the Creator, Gitchie Manito. These works, whether they be mountains, glaciers, waterfalls, the deepest swamps, or the wildest places, should never be changed, diverted, or disturbed. They are to remain as they are now just as I am to remain in my natural way".

Waynaboozhoo did not need to voice his thoughts as he visited with Bug-way'-ji-nini and they conversed through the night.

Bug-way'-ji-nini continued to tell him many things that he had previously wondered about.

"Here upon the Earth is a plane... a place marked by time. Nowhere else in the Universe is time necessary. Remember that time belongs to the Creator and to none other. It is the only thing that is beyond the reach of man. None shall ever see it. Very few shall ever get to know it. Do not concern yourself with it. If you do, it will become an obsession and in the end you will be a slave to it.

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going round and round,
singing my song,
Dancing my dance...
Stompingelk,



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We chose Paganopolis as our company name because today's world has moved into the internet communication age, giving the ability to instantly access our Pagan/Heathen friends and family. We are actually able to communicate with each other no matter what our geographical location is, enabling us to foster a community that can, and does, share ideas and trade with one another.

While there are other sites out there that offer similar products as we do, we focus our product line on items that enhance group or solitary ritual practices and we believe in offering dependable customer service throughout the Pagan/Heathen community no matter their geographical location. *Yes, we do ship all our products (with the exception of Athames) to any location that excepts U.S. Packages.*

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BY AZTECAS

Oh please, Father-Mother God, my very own beloved individualized "I AM Presence", my very own beloved "Holy Christ Self", by your supreme vibration of divine Love/Light/Life, "I AM THE FIRE WITHIN", my Angels of Light, Ascended Maters and Guides of Light –all of you- I AM asking for the help and assistance from the Higher Power working in my life, I AM -THAT- I AM ELOHIM, in harmony with the entire Universe, please help me with my intention of enjoying...

The Love, Peace, Compassion, Forgiveness and Gratitude of our Father-Mother God and also the Love, Support and Service of the Cosmic Council of Light towards my Mother Earth and everything that she enfolds, with the Faith and Hope in Mind that this support will help us all and guarantee our successful pass to the golden age and to overcome darkness, and I affirm that I will use this Gift for the Highest Good of All and my desire is to Be of Service and Align my Will with that of our Father God. I AM -THAT- I AM ELOHIM. I AM enfolding my Mother's past, present and future in my Open Heart's Desire –Power of Love Light-. I AM the Presence of Father-Mother God inside the Heart of the Sacred Fire and I speak and command with Authority. Ignis-Natura Renovatur Integram.

My Lord ARCHANGEL CHAMUEL, Lord of the PINK FLAME, I INVOKE THEE!!!(3x)

We wish to remind to the Cosmic Council of Light that you are a divine idea materialized of our Father-Mother God, and that our Father-Mother God have done it all good so that the Cosmic Council of Light can proceed and function well; the Cosmic Council of Light has been made for our convenience and not for our disadvantage, not so that you can leave us alone in the moment in which we need you the most, not so that you can bite or criticize us, but so that you can make company to us, not so that you can cause us problems, but so that you can By the Love of God help us; we wish to tell to the Cosmic Council of Light that we love you and that we expect good service and love from you. We think that the truth is that the Holy Spirit is functioning in the Cosmic Council of Light at all perfection; We mentally surround the Cosmic Council of Light with the Pink Flame –the measure of love is to love without measure-. CHAMUEL!!! (3x)

I AM –THAT- I AM ELOHIM.

I ask for my greatest good, the greatest good for all humanity, the greatest good for all creation and the Earth. Thy will be done.

AUM, OM, AUH. (3x)

Thank you Father-Mother God, for this dream come true.

I AM consciously allowing a portion of my Adamantine particles

To flow forth from my Heart Center out into the World, after they

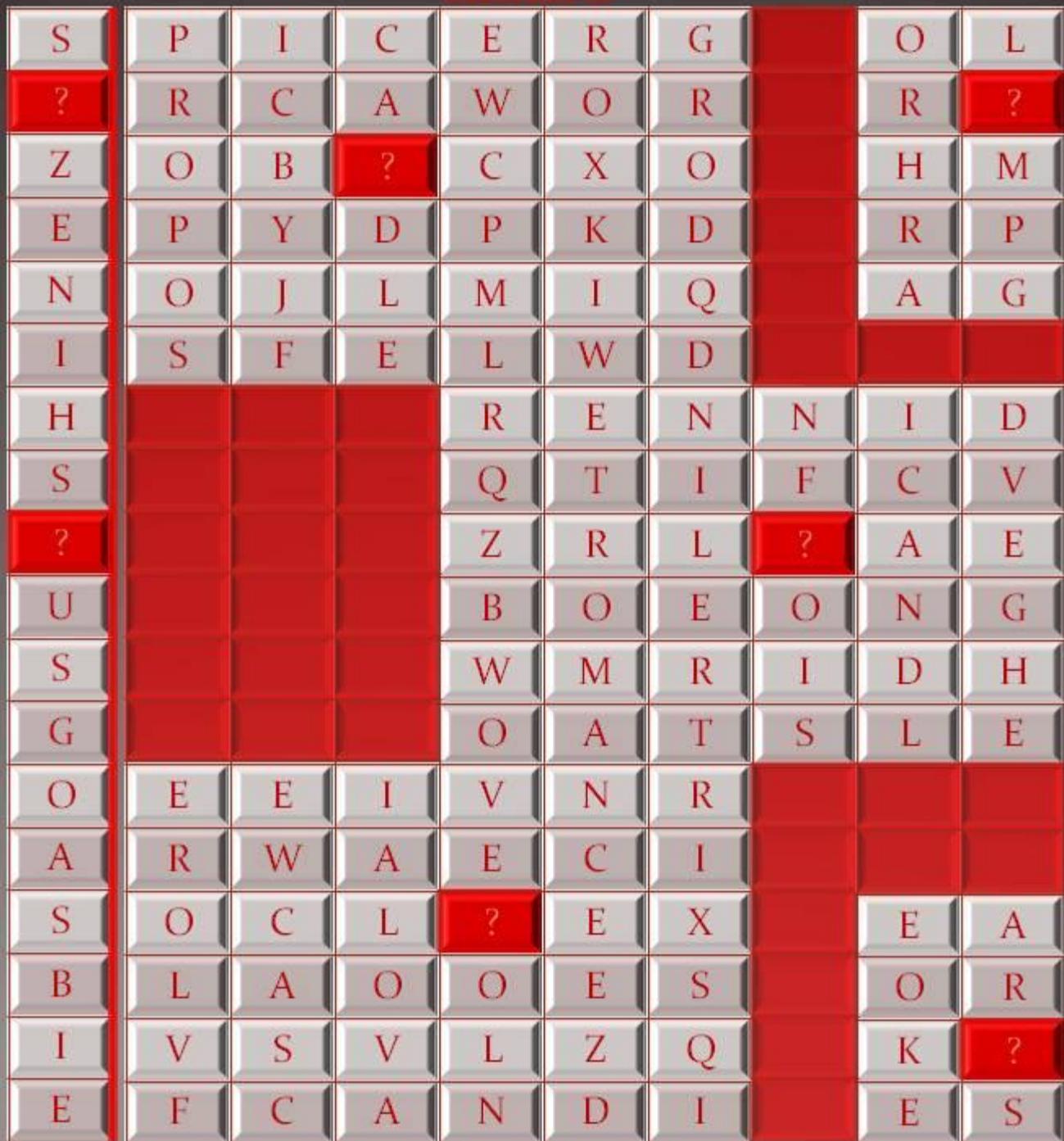
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Wild Word Search

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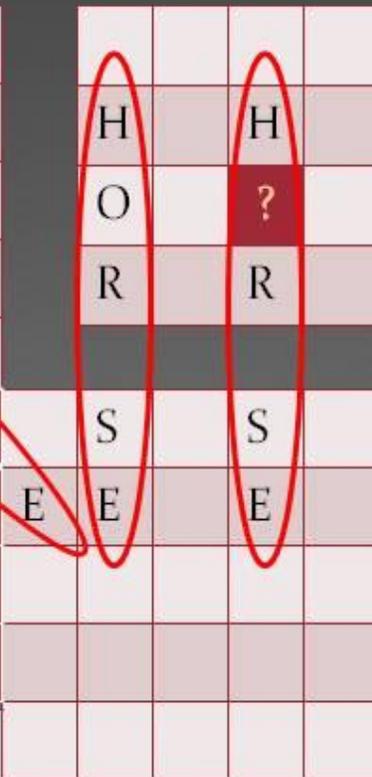
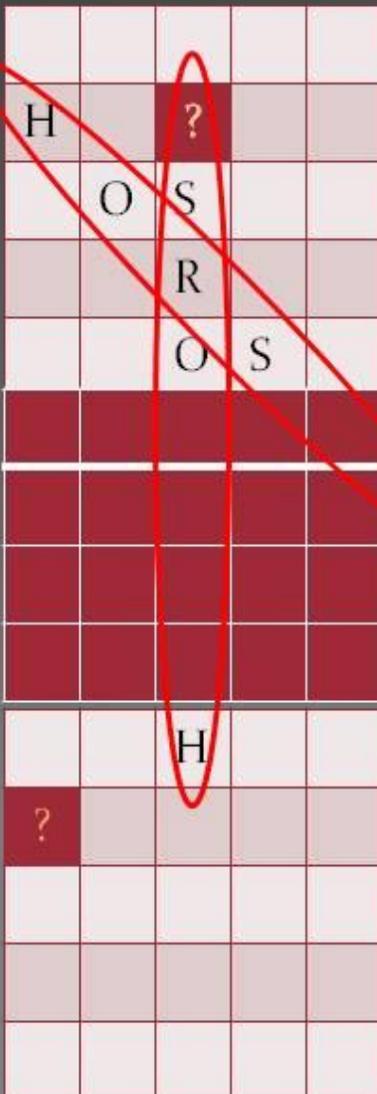
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Example-"Horse"

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I try to make
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CREATING GROUPS

At the Enchanted Forest we try and maintain an "open policy" with this in mind we ask that all Groups created by members are created and open for all - No groups should be set to private. Thank you all for your continued support and input in the Forest.

And to be sure is not another group of the same topic..many groups have been here long time and have gathered all sorts of information and we like to utilize them as much as possible..

So before putting one together check through to make sure is not another..

And when putting a group together ..please have info ready or discussions along with picks..have noticed some groups get started ..but without info or description or any discussions..we usually wait a week to give person time to do so..then if nothing is added ..will usually remove the group..

We try to keep them active and share the contents of these groups with members plus we always have new people coming in..also helps to make sure these groups are updated.

FINDING MY WAY

By
Nancy A Kaiser

While I came out of the womb with an innate love for all animals, especially horses, it took 42 years and a circuitous route before I uncovered my path as an animal communicator and healer; and another 12 years to discover my talent for writing. My roundabout journey began early. Our local park system had an age requirement of 8 years old to take riding lessons. From the age of 6, my mother would take me there, so I could longingly gaze at these beautiful animals.

On a Florida vacation, my folks took their young animal-lover to see “Patty, the Porpoise.” I instantly fell in love with the bottlenose dolphin. I don’t know what it was, but I felt such a connection to her. It was as though I was visiting with an old friend. We went every night. Eventually, the attraction owner took pity on my folks and waived the entrance fee.

At the age of 13, my wish of having a horse my own was granted. Our family has always had a dog or two as well. My love affair with horses and dogs has continued throughout my life. Thanks to supportive parents, I showed my horses, jumpers, until graduating from pharmacy school. I still ride and train my horse, Stormy, and live with my two Labrador brothers, Hana and Saba.

My choice to follow my father and grandfather into a career in pharmacy robbed me of spending every day at the barn. This was a metal decision based on my belief that as a pharmacist I’d always be able to support my horse. I thought I’d made a very mature decision that would chart the course for the rest of my life. Luckily, my heart knew I was meant to work with horses. It put me back on target when I fell in love and married an equine veterinarian. Soon after, I left my pharmacy career to manage our vet practice, equine hospital and horse farm in central New Jersey. I was back where I needed to be whether I knew it or not.

For the next 27 years, I worked alongside my husband to care for our practice, hospital and farm; our horses, dogs and cats; and our clients’ horses. Working with horses is an all-consuming occupation; a lifestyle. Even during the most stressful of times, I was happier than I’d ever been working as a pharmacist. My heart was so right about where I belonged.

In the early 90s, I was shown my true path by one of my husband’s patients; a Quarter Horse foal named *Because of Love*. Love helped me uncover my abilities in animal communication and healing. Apparently, I’d been unconsciously communicating with animals all my life. All those conversations I thought my imagination had created were actually telepathic communications. Who knew? I began working with many of my husband’s patients, who were instrumental to my development. Countless times over the years we’d said, “If we could only ask them what happened, where they hurt, etc.” Now, I could!

Various animals started appearing to teach me about each new healing modality I was learning. My learning curve was quite rapid, because it was in perfect timing for me. Not only would I know what the animals were saying, thinking and feeling, but I could offer solutions to my clients for the challenges they faced.

Seven years ago, my husband retired. We sold our farm and moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Six weeks after our arrival, my husband walked out, and I began the most painful, yet transformative, chapter of my life. My journey through the darkness is retold in my book, *Letting Go: An Ordinary Woman’s Extraordinary Journey of Healing & Transformation*, which was published in June 08. A year before *Letting Go* was completed, a small-animal vet friend persuaded me to communicate with her horse that’d died suddenly. My self-confidence had been shattered by my unexpected divorce making me reluctant to communicate. My empathy for my friend was the kick in

the butt I needed to get me communicating again. Several months later, I started my business, Just Ask Communications, from my mountain home in Todd.

Todd is just north of Boone in the High Country of North Carolina; an area of tremendous healing energy, which is probably why I was so attracted to it years ago. Little did I know then I would be the first patient needing its high vibrational energy. Its natural beauty is exceptional, and the people are kind and caring. Todd is tiny consisting of a general store, mercantile, post office and several churches. Boone is home to Appalachian State University, which offers numerous exhibits, concerts, etc. Our shopping is quite limited, but the Internet is only a click away.

The High Country is filled with gorgeous hiking and riding trails, the Blue Ridge Parkway (the most beautiful road in the US), Grandfather Mountain with its powerfully spiritual energy, numerous waterfalls, the winding New River and many creeks and streams. The phenomenal energy I felt atop Grandfather Mountain was what brought me to the area. My soul came home when I moved here, even though I am, and always will be, a Jersey Girl.

Having lived within an hour of where I was born for 53 years, I had countless friends. I didn't know the difficulty in making new ones; especially if your first three years are spent recovering from a painful divorce. During my first year, the Universe brought me my two dearest friends, who've played a huge role in my recovery. My collection of friends continues to grow thanks to my willingness to leave my "hut in the woods." I joined a local writer's group after *Letting Go* was published making friends there. I also have wonderful friends at the stable where I board my horse.

While my path was late in revealing itself, everything I experienced along the way was integral to it. Looking back, I can honestly say there isn't anything I'd change; not even the pain of my divorce, which resulted in amazing personal growth that has freed me to focus on my animal communication and healing work. My journey of healing also unearthed my gift for writing that I was totally unaware of. I am finally starting the book I have always intended to write. It is the first in a series of books about my animal experiences. I will be 60 years old in March and am only now fully on the path my soul has always intended for me. So, don't get discouraged; you're never too old to learn new tricks!



Hana, Saba and I



Stormy and I Oct 2010



My "hut in the woods"

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~ Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow them. ~

Louisa May Alcott

Posted by Breeze



IMBOLC



POSTED BY ONECROW

Imbolc is an ancient festival, Celtic in origin, and considered one of the greater Wiccan sabbats. It is celebrated on the night of February 1st in the northern hemisphere.

The primary purpose of Imbolc is to celebrate Spring's impending replacement of Winter. In this sense, Imbolc may be seen as a spiritual alternative to the secular celebration of New Year's Eve.

At New Year's Eve, we often see the image of old, bearded Father Time replaced with a young baby. Father Time represents the old, outgoing year, and the baby celebrates the year just born. At Imbolc, we have similar imagery; an old crone represents the outgoing year, and turns things over to a young maiden.

Fertility, of course, plays a part here. The frozen earth is incapable of growing things, just as the old crone has grown incapable of producing offspring. This barrenness is replaced by the warm return of Spring, making the earth once again fertile, symbolized by the fertile young maiden.

How to Celebrate Imbolc

An evening feast is in order, since Imbolc represents a return to liveliness and all the bounties of Nature. Americans might best grasp the concept of Imbolc by thinking of it as a Thanksgiving celebration for what is *about* to happen. Celebrants can be happy feasting, knowing that winter is passing and that food will once again be growing and plentiful. The feast begins with a short prayer, or toast:

Blessed be the earth, and all who dwell upon it.
We give thanks for the season now departing from us,
For the blessings it has bestowed upon us,
And upon those with whom we share this world.

Blessed be the new season.
We pray that it will be a time filled with peace,
With abundance, with prosperity,
With wisdom,
With love.

Blessed be all who share this feast.
Let us now prepare for the time ahead
By opening our hearts, and our minds, and our spirits.

Blessed be.

Imbolc Menu

The table should be set with white candles. Since ewes begin lactating at around the time of Imbolc in many locations in the northern hemisphere, the sabbat is connected with ewe's milk. For this reason, some sort of dairy product - cheese, for example - should be included in the feast. Other than that, there are no specific food requirements, except that food should be plentiful! Something green and fresh, such as a salad, would indicate the coming of spring, but since winter is yet with us, the main fare should be hearty, served with a nice, crusty bread. Mead, ale, spiced wine or non-alcoholic equivalents would all be appropriate beverages.

Deities of Imbolc:

All Virgin/Maiden Goddesses, Brighid, Aradia, Athena, Inanna, Gaia, and Februa, and Gods of Love and Fertility, Aengus Og, Eros, and Februus.

Symbolism of Imbolc:

Purity, Growth and Re-Newal, The Re-Union of the Goddess and the God, Fertility, and dispensing of the old and making way for the new.

Symbols of Imbolc:

Brideo'gas, Besoms, White Flowers, Candle Wheels, Brighid's Crosses, Priapic Wands (acorn-tipped), and Ploughs.

Herbs of Imbolc:

Angelica, Basil, Bay Laurel, Blackberry, Celandine, Coltsfoot, Heather, Iris, Myrrh, Tansy, Violets, and all white or yellow flowers.

Foods of Imbolc:

Pumpkin seeds, Sunflower seeds, Poppyseed Cakes, muffins, scones, and breads, all dairy products, Peppers, Onions, Garlic, Raisins, Spiced Wines and Herbal Teas.

Incense of Imbolc:

Basil, Bay, Wisteria, Cinnamon, Violet, Vanilla, Myrrh.

Colors of Imbolc:

White, Pink, Red, Yellow, lt. Green, Brown.

Stones of Imbolc:

Amethyst, Bloodstone, Garnet, Ruby, Onyx, Turquoise.

Activities of Imbolc:

Candle Lighting, Stone Gatherings, Snow Hiking and Searching for Signs of Spring, Making of Brideo'gas and Bride's Beds, Making Priapic Wands, Decorating Ploughs, Feasting, and Bon Fires maybe lit.

CELTIC YEAR

The First of February belongs to Brigid, (Brighid, Brigit, Bride,) the Celtic goddess who in later times became revered as a Christian saint. Originally, her festival on February 1 was known as Imbolc or Oimelc, two names which refer to the lactation of the ewes, the flow of milk that heralds the return of the life-giving forces of spring. Later, the Catholic Church replaced this festival with Candlemas Day on February 2, which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and features candlelight processions. The powerful figure of Brigid the Light-Bringer overlights both pagan and Christian celebrations.

In most parts of the British Isles, February is a harsh and bitter month. In old Scotland, the month fell in the middle of the period known as Faoilleach, the Wolf-month; it was also known as a' marbh mhiòs, the Dead-month. But although this season was so cold and drear, small but sturdy signs of new life began to appear: Lambs were born and soft rain brought new grass. Ravens begin to build their nests and larks were said to sing with a clearer voice.

In Ireland, the land was prepared to receive the new seed with spade and plough; calves were born, and fishermen looked eagerly for the end of winter storms and rough seas to launch their boats again. In Scotland, the Old Woman of winter, the Cailleach, is reborn as Bride, Young Maiden of Spring, fragile yet growing stronger each day as the sun rekindles its fire, turning scarcity into abundance. Of her, Alexander Carmichael wrote:

Bride with her white wand is said to breathe life into the mouth of the dead Winter and to bring him to open his eyes to the tears and the smiles, the sighs and the laughter of Spring. The venom of the cold is said to tremble for its safety on Bride's Day, and to flee for its life on Patrick's Day.



HERE ARE A FEW STEPS TO HELP YOU DOCUMENT A HAUNTING IN YOUR LOCATION.

POSTED BY NIGHT PRIESTESS

1. When you notice unexplainable events in your location you should start to journal the activity.

You need to include in the journal:

- When the activity happens
- Where it happens
- Who is in the location
- Where they are
- What is going on when the activity started
- How long did it last
- What type of activity it was

2. After journaling the events you can then see if there is a pattern to the occurrences. If there is you can look for a natural cause. If there is no natural cause and it is the same event then it could be a residual haunting.

3. If the activity is unpredictable and happens at different times and seems to interact with individuals in the location you can then step up to taking pictures randomly around the location. You will want to show these if anything odd appears in the photos to the investigative team.

4. If you don't feel that the activity or presence of the entity, spirit etc. is not malevolent then you can try an EVP session. If you catch anything on the recorder you will want to make copies of it and give it to the investigation team.

5. You can also run a video camera in the area or areas where the most activity occurs. This will help the investigation team to know what to be looking for.

These steps will assist in making your case stronger than just personal experiences.

By Night Priestess

FIND HER
WANDS IN
THE
CRAFTS
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WANDS

BY LILWREN

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MADE
WAND



The Enchanted Forest, has allowed me to sell my wands, in the safe keeping of the forest realm. To keep harmony of good will and honest terms, I myself will only be selling my wands on line,, and sending to those who wish to purchase from me.

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I have a small batch of special wands and talking sticks The wood is taken from the horrific storms we have had here, with most of the wood being taken down by tornadoes. so they should be fired up with energy and have been laid out in the light of the full moon and the eclipse. These are special wands !!!!

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SOMETHING MISSING FROM TODAY

BY NIGHT PRIESTESS

There is something missing from today.

I don't know what it is, but the feeling just won't go away.

I just know there is something missing from today.

The sun is shining high and bright.

I bet we'll be able to see the stars clear tonight.

Can't you feel it?

You know that something's missing from today.

I sit here wondering how things will go if it will go this way or that way...

There is a haunting feeling that something is missing from today...

Since I can't put my finger on it, I think I will call you and see if you feel the same thing.

I know it has been awhile since we last spoke.

I just have to figure out what is missing from today.

I pick up the phone, it begins to ring, ring, ring...

Oh now I remember what is missing from today...

Your voice so high and annoying...

Your smile so big and bright and your eyes so full of light like the twinkling stars at night...

Your laugh so twinkling and sweet gives me the mind take flight and are high as the clouds floating in the sky...

Your shoulders so solid and true... The plans for the future...

You remember the three of us taking on the world.

I have tears to shed and no one to share them with.

To bad you are what's missing from today.

Dedicated to Frances Niccole Mechley-Smith by Schaquistia Bolton

9/13/83-5/23/05 May I find you at peace on the other side waiting to laugh with me once again.

DARE TO LOVE

BY Robert McDougall

To see the world as it is is a great gift. This planet is our home. It is a gorgeous planet, one of the most beautiful in the galaxy, full of wonders and rich energies. No matter what human beings do to despoil the planet, it is not at risk from them. It is human beings who are at risk from going extinct. The seriously dysfunctional activities of the human race only create suffering for themselves for the future. The divine powers that protect this planet will in no way allow humanity to destroy or damage it beyond repair. This world has existed long before humanity and has experienced far worse civilizations. It will exist long after humanity has gone, everything that is damaged will be restored for another race to enjoy. It is only the inflated human ego that imagines in it's self importance that it can destroy this world.

There is nothing wrong with this planet. The problem lies in human civilization. All the rational thinking, logic, politics, military, industry, corporations, business, financial institutions, educational facilities, science, all the achievements and triumphs, the enterprises and endeavours within this civilization are worth exactly nothing and do nothing for humanity's happiness. Why? because at their heart they do not celebrate and serve the purposes and power of Love. As such human civilization is broken almost beyond repair and is scheduled for a long wait on death row to final extinction.

Not only that but even within the more positive aspects of the current civilization is no clue how to deal with the darker problems of hatred, war, poverty and injustice that exist all over the planet. The deep problems that affect our world are not the creation of a small elite who run the world and oppress the people. It is the collective failure of the human race to see what is in front of them. Essentially this is that we are all brothers and sisters bound by Love together as one. To seek profit at the expense and exploitation of another, is to cause untold damage to yourself. To harm another, is to harm yourself. To imagine yourself to be superior to another is to create within yourself a toxic pit of unhappiness and confusion. Thus the saying of Jesus. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Simple as this is, this has not sunk into to the hearts and minds in it's absolute profundity and significance.

All problems on Earth can be easily solved overnight. For this to happen a large percentage of humanity must develop real empathy, compassion and Love for each other. Through empathy and compassion we realize that what happens to another happens to ourselves. We directly feel this (most humans are currently brain dead with this regard) and we will not take the insane risks that threaten the survival of the human race.

With true Love for each other. In spite of the fact that the powers that be, financial institutions, corporations, governments etc. have divided and conquered the people. Through the power of Love we express our Love for each other in thought, emotion and deed. Free of ego and selfishness, we become the source overflowing with Love and compassion for our fellow brothers and sisters. Waiting for Ascension? Fail in this lesson and you ain't ascending anywhere.

If enough of humanity determines to serve the purposes of Love, to become love and express that love for friends and strangers alike, then we will be free to enjoy a future of Peace, Happiness and Joy beyond all measure. We will come into the inheritance of the treasures of the universe. The negative powers will have no more power over us, and we will be free to love and live in harmony with the planet and greater universe in happiness rather than suffering.

To see the world as it is, is to see what is in front of you without self deception. The realization of Love is self evident and it is there for everyone to see in some form or another. So are the lessons of selfishness, conceit and superiority. Yet we cannot wait for the rest of humanity to break out in Love and freedom. The change must come from within. We must become the Love, empathy and compassion that the world so sorely needs. Happily many millions have come to this realization. To love is to dare. To pass beyond our identity, our ego, and our bank accounts into the ocean of love that surrounds us all.

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New Tarot Teacher To The Site

HERMOTIMUS



We at the Enchanted Forest are delighted and honoured to welcome Hermotimus to the post of Tarot Teacher to the Enchanted Forest. Hermotimus has been doing Professional Readings since 1975 (35 years) and has taught 5 tarot card reading classes in person (IRL) and 12 classes on line in the last 15 years.

He will also be available to answer questions and offer guidance in the Tarot Group

<http://enchantedforrest.ning.com/group/thelearningtarotandsharinggroup>

CLASSES WILL BE ON A WEEKLY BASIS

A MYSTICAL, MAGICKAL NIGHT

BY FOREST FAIRY

A MYSTICAL, MAGICKAL NIGHT

'T WAS BRIGHT UPON A MOONLIT NIGHT
WHILE FAERIES DANCED AROUND A GROVE.
O' THE BEAUTY OF SUCH A SIGHT,
AS THE LADY SMILED ON HER BABES BELOW.

TREES A'SHIMMERING DANCED WITH GLEE
TO JOIN AMONG THE CHEERFUL RITE
FAERIES SWINGING FROM THEIR LEAVES,
WHILE SINGING WITH ABANDONED DELIGHT.

THE OWLS DID HOOT, THE RAVENS SCREAMED,
LAUGHING AT THE FEY BELOW.
THE STARS SHONE DOWN UPON THE SCENE
GIVING ALL A WONDROUS GLOW.

NEAR DAWN THE PARTY REACHED AN END,
HER CREATURES SCATTERED TO AND FRO
TO WAIT 'TIL NIGHTFALL CAME AGAIN
AND CELEBRATE JOY AND LOVE ONCE MORE.

IF E'ER YOU WISH TO SEE SUCH SIGHTS
BRING GIFTS AND WISH TO BE THOUGHT OF.
FOR FAERIES ONLY SHARE DELIGHTS
WITH THOSE WHO ASK IN TRUTH AND LOVE.

BY FOREST FAIRY

INDIGO CHILDREN, {EXCERPT FROM "ARE YOU AN INDIGO?" YOUR GUIDE TO SELF DISCOVERY "

BY DENNIS WALLER

Indigo Children- I want to briefly cover the subject of Indigo Children. Most of the questions I receive from parents of Indigo Children are what and how to deal with them. These parents seem to have lost control over their children and feel frustrated to say the least. The parents are at a complete lost on how to handle them and are at their wit's end. The problem here is that conventional methods of raising children do not work with Indigo Children. It requires working outside the box, thinking outside the box, being creative and innovative is the key. Throw out what worked in the past because it just doesn't apply to Indigo Children.

I know it can be tough dealing with Indigo Children. I have two! One of the first rules about raising Indigo Children is you cannot have too many rules. The more rules you have, the more they are going to break them. Keep it simple and practice common sense. Have trust and faith in yourself, it will be okay. Come from a position of love, understanding, patience, tolerance, and equanimity and it will be fine.

The issues that seem to be the most common among Indigo Children are they are out of control, rude, selfish, lazy, defiant, rebellious, and head strong. The children on the other hand often view their parents as stupid, cruel, out of touch, and being tyrants. At first glance, this just isn't an issue with Indigo Children. This is an issue that has plagued parents of all children for generations. The real issue here with Indigo Children is the failure of the parents to understand what the children are trying to convey. While these problems are centuries old, they are magnified with Indigo Children.

When an Indigo Child acts out in a negative manner, they are rarely consciously aware of their behavior. These acts are more of an outward expression of the internal anguish and confusion within. One point to keep in mind with these children is for the most part they do not operate out of malice rather it is a form of communication and protection. The thoughts they are trying to convey in these acts are fears of being inadequate and insecure. The self protection mechanisms kick in through these negative acts out of defense of perceived threats due to their sense of unfair treatment, disconnection and indifference from parents, school teachers, and adults. Remember, these acts are not intended to irritate you but to inform you in a complex way of their internal conflicts and turmoil. So listen and digest the event before responding, look for the hidden messages instead of reacting in haste. At these times, an intelligent and constructive response is imperative over dishing out the standard punishment without prior thought.

One of the biggest issues with Indigo Children has to do with school. I see where a lot of Indigo Children are labeled as being ADD or ADHD. In most cases this is brought on due to the Child suffering from BOREDOM and not because of ADD or ADHD. In dealing with this issue it is important not to try to solve the problem by medicating an Indigo diagnose with ADD or ADHD, this isn't a question of a chemical imbalance, it is a merely a misunderstanding that can be resolved by taking the time to investigate the core issues at hand and addressing them. The bigger issue here with the diagnosis of ADD and ADHD isn't with the child as much as it is with Society trying to take these children and molds them into the image that Society deems that is expected of them. The issue with Indigo Children is that Society is trying to force a *Dodecahedron* into a square hole, it doesn't work, therefore the problems associated

with these children and ADD and ADHD. Find a way to challenge them and to find their interest. Once an Indigo Child has found their calling, they are off and running. It is like watching a Stallion run with the wind on the plains after being set free from the confines of an unyielding structured environment.

Here are a few of the common traits found in Indigo Children. They interact with unseen people, spirits, angels or animals. They often speak at a very early age or not at all because they could communicate telepathically. They seem at times to talk in a way that is years ahead of where they are. Have at times a wisdom that is beyond their years. They are very drawn to natural objects, like crystals and plants. Seem to get along with animals very well. Seem to be their happiest when connected to nature. At times, seem to have a connection to animals and nature that is stronger than the connection to people. They have paranormal abilities, a sixth sense, a knowing of events that cannot be explained like a change in the weather or the coming on an unexpected guest. Photographs showing them surrounded by unusual lights, mist or orbs. When playing, they tend to sit in geometric shapes, like in a triangle when there are three or in a pentagram when there are five of them playing. They have a fascination with Sacred Geometry and numbers. Having a mistrust or dislike for structured organizations such as religion and school. Some have symptoms of past lives bleeding through into their daily activities such as seeing a photo of a street scene of Paris and having a knowledge of it or seeing an item in a museum and telling you about it with such details as to defy logic. These symptoms of past lives usually start to disappear after their 6th birthday.

If some of these traits describe your child, then she or he might be an Indigo. In dealing with these children keep in mind what it is like for them. These children are at times scared to death. They don't know what to believe or how to interpret the world around them. They are trying very hard to make sense out of it all and at times feel lost and alone. They are having a difficult time in coming to terms with their gifts. Remember they are Old Souls trapped in the body of a child and they don't really quite understand the why or how.

It is not only your responsibility to be their parents but also be their guide in their transformation into adults and coming to terms with being an Indigo. This comes down to a mutual respect. In order to create an environment of respect parents will need to offer guidance, tolerance, patience, and love. Become more of a guide and consular over being a traditional parent. These children are here for a reason and a mission, help them achieve their goals.

One of the hardest issues parents have with Indigo Children is to allow them to make their own mistakes. Let them do what they can for themselves. Resist taking over their every move. They need to learn from their mistakes and the consequences of their actions, good or bad. Give them the freedom to figure it out problems on their own. Instead of giving an order, give them an option. For instance, instead of telling Matt that he is going to wear a certain outfit for school, let him pick out a couple of different outfits and work with him to select the best for both of you. Choices over Absolutes, Negotiation over Oppression, an open forum for discussion works best for Indigo Children.

Remember Parents your children chose you for a reason. They are here to help you as much as you are to help them. You have as much to teach them as they will teach you. You are their guides in this world.

Treat this as a gift and a blessing. Show them how to look at the world with wonderment and grace. Show them to respect all living creatures and beings. Teach them to be nonjudgmental. Practice with them the value of tolerance, patience, and acceptance. Teach them and practice the meaning of responsibility and accountability. Don't shield them from the truth. Honestly is the rule, trust in them, they will be able to handle the truth. If they ask a question, give them the answer. Embrace their talents and encourage their interest in whatever subjects that excites them.

Together you are on a spiritual journey. Practice harmony and tranquility, remember they are divine souls. Become a safe harbor for them in this chaotic world. Let them know that no matter what the world may bring, there will always be a safe place for them with someone there that loves and understands them. Teach them how to attain serenity. Give them the tools to discover being spiritual and let them find their way.

Indigo Wisdom of a Child

Sometimes the wisdom of an Indigo Child can take your breath away with a wonderment of where it came from and how. This is a story of such Indigo Wisdom that I want to share with you to illustrate the depth of this wisdom. Here is a story about Victor and how life was for him as an Indigo Child. In this story you will see how an Indigo can interact with a sense of understanding about life that is beyond their years. I hope this brings a smile to you as you see the wisdom in this 6 year old boy.

"I was brought into this form in a small suburb of Minneapolis Minnesota called New Hope. From a very young age my mother knew that there was something different about me. This never changed. By the age of three, I was picking out my own clothes and showing a creative artistic side of myself that would stay with me even until the present day. By the time I started kindergarten I had already learned to read and write. It seemed that symbols and patterns came very easily to me.

Oddly enough, in spite of this, I didn't find school engaging at all. I found very little interest in what the classroom environment had to offer. Needless to say I didn't do too well in school due mostly to my lack of conformity. I found little interest in most of the toys that were popular in that day, and in fact preferred to sit for hours in my sandbox in the backyard and carry on lengthy conversations with what appeared to be no one there.

It was around the age of six that I had my first confrontational run-in with organized religion. My brother, whom was two years older than me, had started catechism classes to prepare for his first communion, and the church my family attended hosted Sunday school classes at the same time as the catechism classes were in session, so my mother insisted I attend. After a few weeks of child Bible study we were given a simple quiz to see if we were absorbing any of the materials offered. On this particular quiz there was a question that asked: Jesus Christ was: A. Man B. God C. Spirit, to which I circled all three. While one of the Nuns was retrieving the quizzes from us she noticed my answer to that particular question, and brought it to the attention of the Priest leading the class. The Priest walked over to my seat and proudly stated something to the effect of, "Young man, you have answered this question

incorrectly, you must circle only one answer, you have circled all three." I replied, "But you taught us that he was all three."

I think that must have embarrassed him, because he then looked around the room at all of the giggling children, and then looked down at me and asked, "If you are so smart then can you solve this riddle, If God is all powerful, can he create a rock that he himself cannot lift?" Without any hesitation, I replied, "Yes, He created your heart, which is so heavy with sin that He cannot lift it to Heaven." There was far too much silence after this, and then he asked me to leave the classroom, that I was a disruptive influence, and that my sassy mouth would not be tolerated. It was at this time that my mother intervened and took me by the arm and marched me out of the room and to the car where I sat waiting for my brother's catechism class to be released. After that incident I simply refused to have anything to do with organized religion.

My relationship with public schools and most formal regimented left-brained learning institutions didn't change very much over the years, and this put me in a somewhat awkward position with regard to society. Although I was certainly smart enough to earn straight A's, I found no interest in rote memory and reciting back what passed for facts or useful information, but behind which was little or no expressed meaning. I loved to watch the grasses and trees swaying in the breeze. I loved to watch the flowers and the birds, oh, how I loved to watch the birds. Everything you need to know about this universe, you can learn from a flower or a bird. Nothing is hidden from us except for that which we choose not to see. "

I must admit, this is a profound example of the depth of Indigo Wisdom from an Indigo Child. Listen and ask questions to discover these insights and gifts from these Angels, be their guides on their journey, keep an open mind and heart, the rewards are beyond description. Remember this above all else during the trials and tribulations, that they chose You. You are the one they chose to guide them on their journey, treat it as an honor and embrace the perfection of the Divine. You have been blessed.



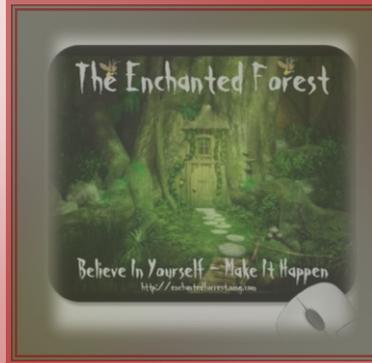
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STARTING YOUR OWN PARANORMAL GROUP

BY NIGHT PRIESTESS

Since I started my own paranormal group I am often asked many questions. Many people are interested in starting their own paranormal group. When I incorporated S.I.R.S. in 2009, it was fulfilling a dream of mine to be part of a group. I gathered the most common questions and answers based on research and personal experience for this FAQ.

I hope that this will offer you some of the answers that you and many others have been looking for in regards to starting your own group. Please understand that as you pursue creating your own team that this field is not as glamorous or as active starting out as the entertainment industry may portray. As with any other field it requires long hard work and challenges before a team even begins to get their name out.

Was it hard for you to start your group?

There were some things that were harder than others. I think the most challenging was coming up with the name of the group. Then the next was having the capital to start the group. It takes on average around two thousand dollars to start a group on your own.

What made it hard?

Finding the people to work with was the hardest part of all. You have to determine what your team needs. Once you have determined the needs, then you have to figure out what team members fill those niches the best. Sometimes it is better to have someone that specializes in those areas and can fill that particular niche. Other times it is a good idea to have someone that is more versatile.

Setting up how things were going to be done is the next hard part. You have to determine the structure you're going to take in all aspects of the group from research, assistance, experience, skills, and knowledge. Also very important is finding team members who have the time and a serious interest. Determining your groups goals is detrimental to its formation, founding and success. For example, do you want to focus on helping as many clients as possible? If so, less time can be devoted to each client and you may have to refer clients to other groups past the first investigation. Or would you rather handle fewer clients at a time, allowing you and your team the opportunity to fully research and investigate paranormal claims – including dealing with cases that can take years for resolution, if any.

Finding members to join your team who agree with the set goals is imperative before pursuing further involvement. Not all groups who are out to assist the client can resolve the issue. We've combined assistance, knowledge, research, and individual experience into S.I.R.S. and they've meshed well with our mission.

Another challenging part is that your team will eventually function as an entity or recognized service. When your team reaches this level, you will need to register with the [IRS](#) as a nonprofit organization. Statute 501(c) statute covers most nonprofit organizations. This status will assist you in determining how to treat donations, gifts and other monies that have to be considered as well.

I further had to consider standards of practice. Client intake forms had to be designed that both team and clients could easily access and use, so there would be a standard resource and presentation. I asked my members to offer up suggestions and practices that have worked for them and incorporated them into a structure that fit my group's needs. These are just a few of the major considerations that have had to be undertaken by myself and the group.

Did you find any one thing more difficult than the other?

Yes dealing with evidence. Evidence is viewed and seen differently by each person. Something one member may say is evidence another may throw out.

This is an objective field and we are trying to adapt a standard to our practices. However not every person is going to experience, interpret, or validate evidence in the same manner. So sometimes a collective effort is made to determine if evidence is viable. Though as team leader and founder, I maintain the ultimate decision if it goes to the client as evidence.

How do you deal with the varying differences in the team members?

You have to work out the pecking order so to speak. Consideration needs to be made towards the experience level and skills as to the level of "seniority" and their position in the hierarchy. If a person has a special ability or training, they will carry more weight in decision than someone who's just started in the field.

In consideration of solving differences, the best way is to hold a forum and take a vote. This allows the parties in the disagreement to explain their point of view, explain their opinion or interpretation, and generally clear any misunderstandings.

It's important that no one person controls the whole thing if you want your team to work. Ensuring that everyone is listened to and has a chance to explain or defend their point of view, evidence, or opinion is crucial to the group dynamic. You do need to have someone making the final decision and that usually is going to be the founder or lead investigator.

How do you deal with a client?

We have a form to have the client fill out that can be filled out online or printed. This packet has many purposes - collecting general information, collecting specific data on the client's health, location and event/occurrence. Often this form is sent out in attempt to gather data before the face to face with the client. This way there will be time to prepare additional questions if needed.

We also make it clear that we aren't always going to be able to assist in the first night. I also make it clear to any client that I will be with them through to the end. I clarify that we are seeking a resolution for them and that often means an investment of their time. I also indicate to the client it could mean years (I have been on a case for as long as 2 years before), and I will be with them that long if necessary.

What are the dangers of paranormal investigation?

There are actually many dangers with paranormal investigation, both physically and spiritually. On the physical level you have to worry about the location you are going to, especially when you begin to receive referrals and start investigating strangers homes. Always follow your gut instinct, if something doesn't feel right, trust it and do not agree to investigate.

You never know who resides at the location, or if they are on any medication or have any mental illnesses that can cause them to act out. When you go to a location that you are not familiar with, you expose yourself to other dangers. Some homes also have a lot of clutter, but even with the most pristine home you can accidentally trip and fall over an unseen cord or step.

Some locations may have rotting floorboards, open electrical sockets, and other hazards that you will want to look out for. Pets are something to be concerned about as well - do they keep exotic animals that are allowed to roam freely? What about creatures that are wild, such as snakes and spiders?

You also must be careful with the spiritual realm. If you do not take the precautions to protect yourself and empower your will and spirit, you could easily become the focus of any spirit activity. In some cases it has been reported that spirits have followed others home.

Can a ghost hurt you?

Yes, and if you think they can't cause you bodily harm you might want to re-think that. We often hear how people say a ghost cannot but they don't seem to consider that a ghost can harm you indirectly – though directly as well – and spiritually not just physically. This is not saying a ghost will hurt you but there is always a possibility. As with the living, you have to consider the nature of the ghost you are encountering. If a ghost that is strong enough to push or pull an object it is strong enough to harm you. Ghosts can influence you just like any other entity can.

Are there such things as demons? Do you come up against them often?

Roughly the answer is yes, demons exist. Demons are quite limited in definition to the Abrahamic faith systems, but in many belief systems they are called by different names or have different characteristics and traits than we are accustomed to hearing about. For more information, please see our sister site [S.I.R.S. Network](#) for those interested in investigating the paranormal and for further information.

Use of the term 'demons' by a client tells me they are most likely of Christian faith and that is the name that has been given to a form of evil that lurks in the world today. Demon is a term that should not be tossed about lightly in front of clients. All efforts should be made to verify demonic involvement, including contacting a Demonologist for consultation.

Demons are not reported as often as ghosts. They are out there and you could find yourself dealing with one. For your sake, I hope you never do. They aren't that often unless you are in its traveling area or the situation involved an invitation or invoking. It is widely believed by many through research and experience that you will not come across one knowingly unless you gain its interest, so do not allow this to promote fear in pursuing investigating. Demons don't always stay in one place - they will use a water way or other means to take them from town to town causing a break down and wrecking havoc where ever they go.

If I suspect my home is haunted what should I do first?

Its always beneficial to you and any potential team you contact that you first try to investigate yourself. This will allow you to rule out things that may not be paranormal and ease your mind, while providing material of things that are for the team you call in.

- Start a journal. In this journal you'll want to write down the day and time, who is home or at the location, what was taking place and what type of activity. Using a journal can help you and any team you bring in see if there is a pattern to the activity. Be as detailed as possible, and make sure you write it down as immediately after the event as possible to avoid contamination. As time passes we begin to remember different things based on how we felt rather than what really happened, and in this case exaggerations can occur making us more frightened of the event than the event needed to be.
- If you feel up to it run a Digital Recorder. You don't have to listen to it if you don't feel comfortable as some believe playing the recorder without head phones can cause the activity to start up again or even happen in another location where the recording is being played. However this is not a proven theory, and it does not mean it will happen every time.
- If it is occurring at night run a camcorder in the area that it seems to be most common. Take still pictures of the active areas. Again you do not have to review the data, but you can send it to a team like S.I.R.S. and they will analyze it for you and let you know what they think.

Do you believe in God?

Yes, but I personally also believe in The Goddess as well. You may pray our father or dear God. I pray Dear God and Goddess or Dear Father and Mother.

S.I.R.S. is comprised of many different spiritual backgrounds and faith systems. We make every effort to work within the confines of the client's faith and spiritual background and are firmly against imposing our beliefs on a client. Their beliefs and belief system will be handled accordingly with the investigation (e.g. a priest may be called for a Catholic, while a rabbi for the Jewish or a priestess for a Wiccan). We make no effort to force our beliefs upon them or utilize any practices or rituals that would conflict with the client's beliefs.

What type of equipment do you use?

I personally carry a flash light, a digital recorder and a digital still camera. I have other members who carry EMF detectors, EMF pumps, digital thermometers, thermal imagers, DVR, DVD and IR cameras.

What do you advise someone to do when they want to get into this field?

If you are new to the paranormal field, you may want to consider joining an existing group instead of trying to start one by yourself. You will want to find a team that you can work with. Remember, as much as a group is interviewing you, you are interviewing them. Take in consideration requirements of the group. Ask if you can go on an investigation before joining. Observing the group dynamics, interactions, and professionalism may clue you if you fit them as much as they fit you. If the group has bylaws, codes of conduct, and a mission statement make an effort to read them. This can be a quick insight into the groups motivations and if they match your own. If you are looking to help the client you don't want to work with a group that is only about collecting evidence.

Be suspicious of any group charging for their assistance. If money is the motivation, you need to be very wary of them. Most paranormal organizations operate and investigate using their own money. Groups that charge may well be scam artists and you might fall victim as well.

Look at available evidence from the group if you can. Even an untrained eye can spot the curious. Does it leave you wondering, "What am I suppose to see here?" That can be a bit of flag itself. If the evidence appears too "Hollywood" it is most likely fake and if not clearly specified then you have to question the groups use of that 'evidence'. If they staunchly defend to the point of attack when you question the evidence, consider that a flag as well.

When starting your own team, keep in mind that the equipment can be expensive, so be prepared if you're going to go all out and outfit with top of the line gear, however you can build up your gear over time. Most investigators start out with merely a flashlight, tape recorder and still camera.

How did you come to be in this field?

I have seen and experienced things since I was young and being a person of a scientific mind I wanted to know its origins.

Would you let your kids do this?

I already do. I believe that children are more apt to handle accepting the paranormal than most adults. However, children should not investigate on their own, they should always be accompanied by an adult. As with adults, children too should be screened when forming a group to see if they take the field seriously, and will handle the equipment seriously.



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Ten Top Tips for Avoiding the Flu

1. Wash your hands. (Rub briskly under hot running water for at least 30 seconds.)
2. Don't use antibacterial soaps. (They encourage the growth of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.)
3. Drink lots of fluids. (Especially hot herbal antibacterial teas such as sage, thyme, rosemary.)
4. Start your day with a cup of cool yogurt or hot miso soup. (Both encourage strong immunity.)
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6. Spray your nasal passages with a saline solution or a xylitol rinse. (Kills viral particles.)
7. Be wary of diets that radically alter what you eat. (They tend to depress the immune system.)
8. Eat well-cooked leafy greens like kale, collards, and mustard greens. (Strengthens immunity.)
9. Add lots of arugula and watercress to your salad. (They're antiviral.)
10. Eat garlic. (Even powdered, even cooked.) Eat ginger. (Or drink it.)

If you do get the flu, elder berry (*Sambucus nigra*) tincture or syrup may shorten its stay.

Green blessings Susun S. Weed

LETS GET CRAFTY.... WARDS ,SPELLS & POTIONS OH MY! BY HAROBRED



Well my Dears I normally choose a spell wreath or one of my crafts to teach you but the weather here is frightful,my garden is sleeping and craft supplies are low.So this time Im going to share three easy wards that every Witch should know how to make and use.The following are things most of you already know and use ,of this Im certain as they were some of the first things I learned as a young woman.So for my Masters of the craft I'll put my thinking cap on for the next blog,this is for beginners :)

Iron Water is a creation of iron rust suspended in water. Though it's traditional use for is hexing,I have found its great for powerful protection,"when you really need to call in the big guns". Use it to cast a strong circle or sprinkle it around your home.Am Iron Water circle will keep faries at bay and is awesom for Hex breaking. For My iron water , I used the oldest nails I could lay my hands on,on a full moon I tossed them into a rotten stump (i have one I wont let my boys remove because I use it) ,into the stump goes several pints of salted water,"it takes alot for me to get 1 pint because the bulk is absorbed into the wood".The next morning I dip what I can out and that goes into a jar, the nails stay and then I can collect the water as the rain makes more.Most dont have a stump this can also be done with a jar,nails,salt water and paitence.when the water turns rust red your mix is ready .

If I need to get rid of a malicious spirit I put the nails in a jar and set it in a graveyard overnight on a full moon.

Floor sweeps are an easy way to sweep in or out different vibrations in your home. Each of the sweep herbs should correspond with the intention you choose. I use a base powder of the following (depending on your choice of sweep): salt for my hardwood floors, baking soda for rugs or carpet.

Now for your hardwood floor sweep, you can use whatever herbs that correspond to your spell and since your sweeping the size of the bits doesn't really matter. I personally save all my leftovers from carving wands and they go into my spell mixtures and floor sweeps. I also add resins and/or essential oils.

For carpet or rugs it's best to use powdered herbs from your kitchen shelf. Why? Because it doesn't clog your vacuum cleaner :), I use baking soda for this because salt will corrode the innards of your vacuum and the soda doesn't. Also as you are all aware (unlike salt) it cleans the odors for your carpet as it cleanses the energies of your home. It's best not to include oils or resin when working with carpet or rugs because they might stain.

I mainly use this method for two things. The first being, I always do a floorsweep prior to divination so I can tune the whole area for it. The second is if someone has come into my house with a funky aura and left negative energy.

Ingredients for Divination Floor Sweep.....

To a base of salt I added

Sage... Everyone uses sage for cleansing and protection of their space, from American Natives to Eastern European Witches. It is the most basic herb in our witches cupboard.

Lavender is used here to enhance psychic awareness

Angelica Root to remove hexes. Angelica protects by creating a barrier against negative energy, and by filling it's user with positive energy. It removes curses, hexes, or spells that have been cast against you and imbues you with a joyful outlook.

Bay Leaves for visions, clairvoyance and wisdom. The priestesses at Delphi are said to have chewed bay leaves to induce their visions and prophecies. **these have to be crumbled**

Cedar Savings

It can also be used in love sachets or burned to induce psychic powers. Use to draw Earth energy and grounding. For you who don't have a cedar tree, this can be bought at pet stores.

Cinnamon

Burnt cinnamon as an incense is great for psychic powers, and protection.

Juniper Berries

This one I cheated on and soaked my cedar in gin (it takes a day or two to dry) as it's not the time to harvest Juniper berries

Juniper is useful for It can be burned or carried to enhance psychic powers.

It also attracts good, healthy energies and love.

"You Shall Not Pass" draft busters are among my fav. things to make because they're easily made and last me the winter. All of you I'm sure have made draft busters at least once even if it was a temporary fix. They are just material tubes stuffed with filler, sewn up and put across window and door sills. Mine are too, I just add a few things other than filler. You can put whatever you want in them to correspond with what your intent is. Mine have Bayberry, Sage and Salt for protection, a bit of Cinnamon for prosperity, a drop of iron water to keep the unfriendlys away and a pinch of pepper to invoke warmth. This year I lost my Mom so I added Sweet Marjoram to my mix because it eases grief and summons forth sweet memories of those who have passed. Now you can keep these for a long time, about 3 winters is a good limit. I make mine from scraps that cost nothing, old sweatshirt arms or the legs from worn out denim pants are great for this, then burn them during spring equinox rites. If you want you can embroider runes on them, or include a written spell in the contents. Whatever you decide these are easily made and quite useful on all levels.

Well there you are three really easy things that anyone can do, I hope you've found something you can use.

Bright Blessings All



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MY MISTAKE

BY ONECROW

As some of you may remember I started feeding a mother and baby Raccoon back in the summer time. It started by accident, they were coming to get the food that was left over for an orphaned wild kitten that I was taking care of. Anyway I continued to put the food out even after I tamed the kitten and she now lives like a little queen inside my home. I just couldn't bear the thought of the Raccoons coming up to eat and nothing being there for them. Now it is only the younger one left. What happened to the mother I do not know. But "I of all people" should have known better than this! Not only is it dangerous for the Raccoon, but it is going to break my heart as well! I will be leaving for Arizona in 6 days. My roommate will be seeing over my cats, but he will leave them outside most of the time. One of them "Bat Cat" climbs the balcony to get to the terrace in the main part of the house. That is exactly where I have been feeding the Raccoon, down by the pool. Now I am afraid that if I am not here to leave the food, and the cats are out and in the same area of the Raccoon they may get hurt badly! Especially the little "Ady Gil" that I tamed. She is tiny still. Not only that, but the Raccoon may go to other houses looking for food and be killed for it. It is certainly not shy because it walked right up to me once. I have to stop feeding tonight. I don't know if that will be long enough to deter it away thinking the free meals are over, or not. I think not. But I have to try. This is breaking my heart! There will not be a day that goes by from now til the end of time that I don't think of that Raccoon and wish that I had not done what I did. And wonder if it is hungry. The worst part is I tried to stop feeding last night but I walked to the balcony and peered over... and "Rocky" as I call it, was there and looked up at me longingly for food of course. So I went against my better judgement and left the food again. A whole will be in my heart starting tonight! While I sit in my home nice and cozy thinking about how Rocky will feel when he comes to eat and nothing is there. I am beating myself up for this, because I have done the same thing before. I had a family of around seven Raccoons that I raised from babies in North Alabama. And when I had to move and was no longer there to care for them "they remained wild" I went through the same thing! So please take my advise and learn from my mistake, it is never a good idea to feed wild animals! At least not on purpose as I have done.

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