

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

From personal experience, observation of some we know, and many letters received here (we don't print everything), it would appear that the major problem of many covens is of their own making. To avoid the problem, SLOW DOWN! It is especially true of new covens that they start playing the numbers game. They seem to think they can't have a good coven unless they have large numbers of people. This is a sad mistake.

Although this problem is more prevalent in newer groups, it also happens in some of the older ones. We heard of one HPs (?) in the New York area who is said to grab anyone off the street who happens to pass her house, and initiates them at once. Of course, this is an exaggeration, but it is almost that bad in some groups.

What value can such an initiation have? NONE! It hasn't been earned and the coven members certainly don't know the person. It is far better to have a small coven of three members than thirty members bickering, back-stabbing, playing power games, etc.

It is most unfortunate that the Craft attracts all the screwballs, crackpots, people looking for orgies, people looking for drugs and those looking for power over others. If you initiate just anyone who comes along, you are certain to take in some of these.

Some people can make a great first impression and some can keep up the good front for months before they let their hair down. Sometimes you feel that something is not quite right but you can't put your finger on it. In time, the answer will come. Hopefully, you'll find it before the person is initiated.

Sometimes people can change, but don't count on it happening after initiation. Be patient. If you have doubts about a person, so long as they don't seem to be disruptive, let them stay with the study group for as many months or years as it takes until you are certain the person fits in or they don't, or until they realize they don't fit in and just drop out.

Remember, "Perfect Love and Perfect Trust" WITHIN THE COVEN. You can't have it if you don't know the people. And also remember... the "Perfect Love and Perfect Trust" applies only within the coven.. not to everyone you meet. There are some who have been initiated into some groups that you shouldn't take the chance of turning your back to. You could get hurt.

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Midsummer Pagan Festival, June 19-22 at Big Trees Meadow, East Bay Regional Parks, Oakland, Calif. For info: Midsummer Pagan Festival, 4010 Granada Rd., El Sobrante, Ca. 94803. (415) 223-1384.

The Fferie Shaman, the music of Gwydion from Wheel of the Year songbook. Stereo LP \$7.95, Dolby cassette \$8.95. send to: Nemeton, POB 212, Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470.

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INVOCATION from Puck

NIGHT QUEEN,  
STAR QUEEN,  
EARTH QUEEN,  
SEA QUEEN...

EARTH-SPIRIT,  
AIR - SPIRIT  
WATER - SPIRIT,  
LIFE - SPIRIT...

HEAR US!!!

TOUCH US!!!

MOON QUEEN,  
FAERY MAIDEN,  
EARTH MOTHER,  
DAETH CRONE...

THRICE - CROWNED QUEEN,  
THRICE - BLESSED GODDESS,  
MANY - NAMED ONE,  
KEEPER OF THE CAULDRON...

GUIDE US!!!

BE WITH US!!!

WHITE GODDESS,  
EARTH GODDESS,  
SEA GODDESS,  
DARK GODDESS...

BLESSED BE!!!

PUCK

BLESS US!!!

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Don't know why people can't get things in here on time. The deadline for articles, poems, ads, etc. is the 20 th of the month. News of meetings, etc. no later than the 25 th. We recieved this one by the 25 th...but the wrong month. It will be history by the time you get this newsletter.

SABBATSMEEET BELTANE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. MAY 2, 3, and 4.  
Just in case any of you recieve this in time, you can phone for info: Sefana (816)531-4746 or Rhannon (816) 756-0719.

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BRING YOUNG IS....

...wondering why a \$100. per month phone bill should seem unreasonable to anyone.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The Moral Majority should really be called the Immoral Majority because they visit the porno shops and hookers by the back door. That's dishonest. Dishonesty is immoral. Hope you got to see the impersonation of Jerry Falwell on a recent "WKRP IN CINCINNATI". Really good.

STUFF AND THINGS

Forgot to mention that Bobbi's "Animal Protection Ritual" was included with our Full Moon in April. Went very well.

Also forgot to mention a visit from Walt (L.A. area) recently. About time.

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