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BAKERSFIELD - All goes well here, as usual. Very nice Sabbat and very nice Full Moon. What else, with Elizabeth conducting the rituals!

Wow! What crazy weather we've had! We had double our normal rainfall about 2 weeks ago...but it still keeps on raining...and yesterday, even a hailstorm! Who needs it???

Don't know why some of you just can't seem to understand about deadlines. We have often mentioned that our deadline is the 20th of each month for the next edition. That means it must be here by that date. But we still get mail that is postmarked the 20th or even later. It just has to wait for next edition. The entire newsletter except this first page is usually typed up by the night of the 20th or 21st....but mail arrives from the 25th on with things people want to get in the newsletter. If you want it to get in, mail be the 15th and even New York should get here in time.

Nice letter and articles from Rus & Ruthi...arived on the 25 th so all we can tell you this time is...time for the 1983 Witches' Annual. Price is $4.50, including postage. Also, still some 1982 editions available. ARCANE CRAFTS, Box 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951. A good buy!

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Also arrived late...an article from E.A.J. Mac Candleass in Wisconsin. He sez: I have to laugh at the crazy weather we've been having. One day it's beautiful, springlike & warm, the next snowing & blowing, & back again, ad nauseum! can't seem to make up its mind.

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We try to find room to list a few publications each month..but no way could we list them all. The Whole Again Resource Guide claims to have most. 315 pages, 8½ x 11 for $12.95 plus $1.50 postage. In Calif. , ad 78¢ tax. SOURCENET, POB 6767, Santa Barbara, Cal. 93111.

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Don't forget BLUE MOON for those nice Pagan T-shirts. Box 4413, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

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We had questions from readers about where to get robes, athames, and statues. In this issue you'll find one answer for each. Hope this helps.

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THE UNICORN by Anon E. Mouse

HOW MUCH FUN TO BE A UNICORN,
ALL THE PEOPLE ONE COULD GOOSE!

WHEN I AGAIN SHALL BE BORN,
I DON'T WANT TO BE A MOOSE!

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STUFF & THINGS

LUNNE in Australia sez: You've probably all heard about our terrible bush fires. The one in the Dandenongs was only 15 minutes drive from us. We could feel the heat; the smell of burning was right through the house even with the windows shut. It was the closest I've ever been to a fire. Boy, was I packing it. A few of my friends were wiped out. John was up there helping to get horses and livestock out. To hear John describe the horror would make your hair stand on end. After being burned out, Adelaide was evacuated because of floods. The latest one out of control in the north of Vic. has my brother somewhere in it. But we're not alone, I hear California has been hit by bad floods.
John and I have finally decided to part. He blamed it all on Witchcraft. It gives me the sh...the way so many people always blame Witchcraft or anything else rather than face the facts. I felt such a sense of failure, but thanks to Simon and Clair I'm okay now. Life is worth living.
Anyway, for now,

Merry Part,
Blessed Be
Lynne

ED. NOTE: Sorry about your problem, Lynne. Yes, I've often heard the Craft blamed for problems that existed long before either of the concerned parties even knew about the Craft.
I suppose it will take a long time for Australia to overcome the mess that has been done. Most of the storms damge in California was north and south of Bakersfield. One nearby town did get hit badly and that caused power and telephone lines to go out in Tehachapi in the nearby mountains. The station where I work carries the Dodgers baseball games. So does the station in Tehachapi...but they couldn't pick up the games due to all the lines being down. So they had to get our permission to pick us up on radio and re-broadcast the games that way.
Mother Nature can get rough at times.

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ALYCE in Berlin Center, Ohio sez: here is renewal for my subscription. I look forward to the beginning of every month, because I know it won't be long until my Georgian. Keep up the good work!
I would like to share a way to clean copper economically. Make a paste using salt and apple cider vinegar. Apply the paste to copper (it doesn't seem to work on other metals) and add a little elbow grease. It works great!

Love and Blessed Be
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DIDJA KNOW????

In 1923, "The Women's Weekly," a magazine in Paris, polled 20,000 French women and asked what nationality they would prefer for a husband. 14,000 said they'd prefer an American for a husband.

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From Ellen in North Hollywood

THE PEOPLE IN THE FOG

The world is in a horrible state. Everywhere you look, you find reasons for horror. Cruelty, savagery, murders, muggings, rapes, assissinations, religious wars. Popular songs talk about murder. The Earth could become uninhabitable. We seem to be going downhill and we are helpless to do anything about it.

Brothers and sisters, we are not! We can do something--we are doing something, each and every one of us, each and every day. We are reaching for perfection, striving for growth, struggling to be better. With each hard-won step we take forward (upward), we take humankind with us.

Imagine that all humanity is on a mountain. The bottom half of the mountain is shrouded in a fog so dense that those in it cannot see each other, cannot tell up from down, do not realize they are climbing. The slopes in this lower half are very gradual. The people in the fog are moving upward, dreamily, step by step with no purpose, no effort, no direction. Some even travel sideways, or downward.

Further up, the fog is only slightly thinner, but patchy. Passing through those patches, climber catch glimpses of the ground, of faintly-perceived figures, of the true nature of the mountain.... glimpses momentary and tenuous, yet these have far reaching effects. Those who receive them begin to wonder if there is more to the world than fog, and in that wondering, they begin to move upward, to climb with more purpose than the others .

Higher still, the fog thins, and the people in the fog become aware, ever so slowly, of each other. They begin to realize that they've been alone until now, and to recognize that they were lonely. A little higher they climb, and soon, they are helping each other, giving a hand up, catching one who stumbles.

Faintly, so faintly, the sun begins to light the fog, turns tall obstacles into trees, moving figures into friends, hints at brighter lights and warmer air.

Some continue to climb, regardless of the difficulty, and with each foot they move upward, the fog becomes thinner, the light brighter, the air warmer. Then, one day, they break out of the fog, and see the mountain before them, see that it has a peak, and double their efforts to climb.

We are out of the fog. We are aware of the mountain's peak. We know where we are going, and we struggle to go there, however arduous the way.

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Ellen (cont.)

Stretch your imagination a little farther, and imagine that all humankind, the people in the fog and the people in the sun are connected by invisible cords, unbreakable cords, binding each of us to the other. As we climb, everyone is joined to us, and with each plateau, each victory, the people in the fog are raised a little too. Soon, others come out of the fog, and realize the purpose before them, and they help.

Those in the fog can make our climb more difficult, bound as we are to them. They can even, if we let them, pull us back toward the fog....if we let them.

It will not happen today. It will not happen tomorrow...nor in our life-times, or the lives of our children, or their children, but if we will climb, we in the Craft, and the truly spiritual of the other faiths, more and more people will burst out of the fog, stand in the glory of the sun, and take up some of the burden we carry.

My sisters, my brothers, instead of letting the world's horrors bring you despair, let them only add to your determination. Use your despair to make you stronger, more determined to grow, and by growing, bring more people out of the fog. We are only helpless if we chose to be. If we are strong, if we are determined, if we concentrate on growth instead of despair or revenge or fear,

we <u>can</u> change the world.

by Ellen Cannon Reed

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STUFF & THINGS

Recieved an 8 page form letter from Jack Leavy in Toronto. Don't think it was intended that we print it but we don't have space anyway. It is all about forming The Arkades Researvh Institute, The Circle of the Arkades, The Journal of the A.R.I. Another newsletter has already attacked all this. We see no reason for this although we don't agree with all he says, and he does sound a bit pompous at times. It certainly sounds an ambitious undertaking, and we wish him luck.

Someone else attacked Jack for sometimes using the "Dr" prefix with his name. Reminds me of a few years back when someone wrote a tirade against Dr. Ray Buckland. Such nonsense! I could add a D.D. after my name <u>if</u> I wished (no, it wasn't on sale for $10.) but I don't think it important. For those who wish to use such, why not, whether its is earned or bought? Does it really matter ? Some people may be impressed by whether or not a person has a string of degrees, but those things don't change the person. It is the person and what he/she says that is the important thing. Either their deeds and comments have value or they don't.

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STUFF & THINGS

DEMETER in Florida sez: boy! time flies, and as always, between Craft correspondence, running a house, trips back & forth to the doctor, various visitors, and the general fatigue that comes with advanced pregnancy, plus working on the articles I promised, this letter is one I hoped would accompany the article.
However, writing can be time consuming, but I'm pleased so far with what I've covered in Practical Pagan Parenting. The ideas I've tried to communicate consist of using the arts of Craft and common sense application of them in daily life. Now that may seem so easy, but of course, it's not. Children aren't born with owner's manuals like cars to tell the parents what to expect - or are they? Yes, they are - in several different ways, but just as we learn the dewey decimal system in the library, and the services of the librarian, so too, we learn the system of parent/child relationships.
One of the first things I've generally covered is the karmic ties, as too often karma is considered as a reward-punishment system whereas it should be looked on as a course outline with topics to be covered until they are learned.
What I am saying in so many words is what we all know - raising kids is a complicated matter and breaking it down into practical application of Craft principles is hard for the major reason most of us had no Craft role models (I am not a hereditary Witch.)

So I am working on it, and hope that everyone will read the articles because, too, I have found that I have been wasting my time with Craft politics, which can be great to help affirm an individual's concepts and ideas, but we hear and repeat the phrase "Living The Craft", and thus I would like to get away from talking - expounding-defending one's position or tradition. For example: I got some letter from a group up in Canada which said - send away for a free several page list of another group's negative activities. Natural curiosity tempted me to do so, but I said "what the hell good will that do me except clutter my mind with more politics? Let me spend the time Living The Craft."

Now some of your readers may not be interested per se in Pagan parenting, but I have tried to write this article so that everyone can use it in some way, to either help a family member or friend who has children, and/or even shed some light on holdover problems from their own childhood. So I hope you won't put me in the doghouse for not writing, as I have been writing, re-reading, editing, etc.

Oh, there was a note about finding good, reasonably priced athames in the March issue. Although $20. - $25. may seem a little high, it isn't when you consider the length of time an athame will be in use; so I offer what I have discovered...might fit the bill for some people.
Now, I don't like to recommend stores, but in N.Y. and down here is a chain store, Consumer Distributors, and in the hunting section they sell a knife called "The Arkansas Toothpick"...what makes it

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DEMETER continued

good for an athame is: 1- it has a double edged blade 2- It comes in kit form, and the individual must put time & energy into assembling the blade and handle. The wood handle has to be sanded and painted or stained...and the same is true of the wood sheathe. One can hide engraved runes on the base of the blade before attaching to handle. Another inexpensive way is to buy the super-cheap double edged throwing knives that are all metal, and one must make a wood handle. These run about $2. -$4. and can be found in flea markets to army surplus stores to sporting goods stores. Usually the metal is blackened, so time may be spent sanding off the black.

If anyone is interested, but doesn't have one of those stores around but really wants one, I'll make a special trip to see if I can get the manufacturer's name & mailing address.

Birth of Rhiannon is right around the corner. We had a beautiful Candlemas ritual for her health and well-being, and easy labor for me. The M.D. doesn't expect any labor to last longer than 2 hours. hurray! And of course I love that.

As always, Pat, I love the Georgian Newsletter and I love your editorial policy. If you need to contemplate your navel, do it in the shower or tub, but don't deprive the readers of your humor and insight.

Blessed Be to all the Georgians
Love
Demeter

ED. NOTE: Okay, Demeter. About time you wrote. Guess we couldn't put you in the doghouse anyway in your condition. Wow! A New Yorker with a southern baby. Wonder what kind of accent that will make. Demeter sent a full-scale drawing of the athame. It looks similar to many I have seen.

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ELLEN of Pegasus Express sez: this last edition of G. was really good. They all are tho. Sending you 2 photos from the Samhain festival in Ft. Lauderdale.
Being a Witch is...Being told you are expected to attend Sabbat tonight even if you died last night.
About God statues: I have entrusted to me an old mold set (God and Goddess) that anyone in my area is welcome to use. All they need is the plaster and a visit here. The God statue is the Horned God in the God position. The Goddess is crowned and holding an athame. Contact via The Pegasus Express, 4701 Lyons Rd. Box 159, Pompano Beach, Florida 33067.
ED. NOTE: The photo of Lady Cre is nice...and the back of the head of a blonde. Other photo: the hostess (guess that's the redhead.. another back view) probably the student ...and Lady Isis (the back of her black hair & blue robe. Must be camera shy.
Thank you. Wish we could print but not even black & white now.

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FROM Ann Forfreedom in Sacramento

Dear Editor;

I enjoy reading your newsletter except when it contains anti-feminist prejudice, as did your March 1983 issue.

The note from "Pat and all the Georgians" was most upsetting. This note says:

"Sometimes it seems as though 'Women's Lib' and 'anti-sex' mean the same thing. Now they're complaining about a TV commercial because a man is looking at a woman's legs. I always look at women's legs. Didn't know that was such a terrible thing to do. Perhaps we should go back to ankle length skirts and 16 petticoats. Shades of Falwell and Reagan! Sex is only for making babies and we're not too sure that's okay either."

These comments are not accurate.

First, "Women's Lib" is a diminutive created by antagonistic males intending to insult women. "Women's liberation" and "feminist" are acceptable terms.

Surely witches can understand the importance of not using prejudicial language to put down another person or the beliefs of another person. Or are the Georgians the exception?

Second, you do not give specific details about the people (groups?) involved or the issues being raised. So, your comments appear overemotional and inappropriate. What groups are involved? What are the facts?

If a group of feminists is objecting to ads on the ground that the ads turn the women into objects, I can understand their complaints. No human should ever be treated as an object by another human -- even in an ad. For more information about feminist views on sex, media portrayals of women, and men's attempts to justify turning women into sex objects, I recommend Sisterhood is Powerful, ed. by Robin Morgan, and The Liberated Man, by Warren Farrell.

Finally, I object to your conclusion placing the blame on feminists for woman's past repression (in dress and sex). Men, not women, created oppressive dress and fashion codes that oppressed women. Whatever your personal feelings when you look at a woman -- and I assume you see more of her, in her, than just her legs or her anatomy -- there have been and are oppresive images of women presented in this patriarchal society. And it is the duty of anyone who respects human potential to speak out in protest of such oppression.

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Ann Forfreedom (cont.)

Those who honor the Goddess should also honor Her daughters -- including Her feminist daughters. Especially Her feminist daughters. Or are the Georgians the exception?

I hope you print this letter. I may print something about this in the next issue of my newsletter, The Wise Woman, but that won't be until June. This is too important a matter -- too many women have been attacked for their feminism over the years -- for this to wait.

Sincerely,
Ann Forfreedom

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ED. NOTE: I knew when I wrote that little thing that someone would find an excuse to pounce on it. Gays and libbers do seem anxious to mount their soap boxes at the slightest excuse.
Starting at the beginning...the note did NOT SAY from Pat and all the Georgians. Anyone who reads the newsletter knows that is the way every issue is signed. Just an excuse to attack the Georgians rather than me.
As to who created the term "women's lib"...or what you consider acceptable terms, I really don't care a damn.
I do not give specific details because it was not necessary. The story of the attack on the commercial was on national network TV more than once. I would expect the feminists to be the first to be aware of it.
I did not place the blame for women's past dress fashions on anyone. I'm sure men created the early codes but not misogynistic men, rather a bunch of old men with young wives who didn't want other guys getting ideas. Same applies to sex codes.

I notice that when women were no longer so "oppressed" by male sex and dress codes that they started taking it off and abreviating what was left...and having a hell of a lot more sex. Certainly women (except for gays) didn't start showing their bodies to attract other women. It may come as a shock to you but many women do really love men...and they think sex is great. They have no objection to being admired for their physical beauty. Personally, I think there is nothing more beautiful than a healthy female body. I also love to watch animals, admire their graceful movements and observe the movement of their beautiful muscles. Now, I'm certain that if you try, you can find some way to twist that around, too.

You say "those who honor the Goddess should also honor Her daughters --including Her feminist daughters. Especially Her feminist daughters." What a lot of crap! I'm sure you consider them better than everyone else but that's a minority opinion.
"Or are the Georgians an exception?" Again, you look for an excuse to attack the Georgians. I DO NOT poll the Georgians before I make a comment. I say what I think!
As to what you may write in your newsletter...BIG DEAL!!

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JIM in Winchester sez: two book reviews this time..
"The Illustrated Book of Herbs" (British) text by Gilda Daisley, illustrations by Ingrid Jacob.
Good general text on approximately 40 herbs, brief decriptions of each and excellent art wark and line drawings. Cost approx. $15. thru Publishers Central Bureau. 8½x11 format. 128 pages.
"The Gnostic Gospels" by Elaine Pagels. Interesting study of very early Xtian sect that maintained earlier belief in God & Goddess worship, and symbolic rather than literal translation of early Gospels on death & resurrection of Jesus. Ideas parallel many Pagan beliefs, and they applied a more eastern philosophy to Xtian teachings about the belief in the finding of our belief in one's self rather than thru the church hierarchy. Naturally, the established Catholic church did not take to this very well because of its popular appeal to the more serious thinkers of the time, not to the uneducated masses that the church could control, so the church proceeded to brand them heretics and put many of them to death to silence them as quickly as possible, and destroy their writings. The latest Gnostic writings were unearthed in excellent condition in 1945, and only recently has serious research been done on them. $10. cover price..$6. PCB catalog.

For those of you who do not get the Publishers Central Bureau catalog ...write One Champion Ave. , Avelal, N.J. 07001. Large variety of titles, many no longer currently printed...at way below prices.

B.B.

Jim

ED. NOTE: Jim, It would help if you could borrow a typewriter. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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Easter should be here by the time you recieve this, Xtians seem to have a thing about giving children baby animals at this time. If any survive to adulthood (very rare) they are often turned loose to care for themselves in the wilds...but don't know how. If you have Xtian friends, we hope you have discouraged this practice. Parents can give animal pictures of adult and baby animals..rabbits, ducks, chickens, puppies and kittens. Don't be a part of helping children to practice cruelty.

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BONNIE & ALBIAON in Albuquerque sez: right now it's raining, snowing & hailing all at once. A final attempt at winter, I guess. Expecting our 2nd Witchling in a little over a month now. We're planning on a vacation this summer though not sure where...someplace with lots of green, hopefully. And possibly a move in the next couple of months, so it's going to be a busy spring! But a happy one.
Hope all is going well on your end.

Love & Blessings & a very bright spring.
Bonnie & Albion & Kerridwen & furries!

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DIDJA KNOW??????

Corn cobs are used in making face powder. One of many uses.

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DOG DAYS

LYNNE in Australia sez: I read a book about the psychic power of animals awhile back. I decided to try with my dogs. It was really a hot night. The dogs had passed out on the floor. I was sprawled on the bed. Mentally I started saying, "bark for mey darling." Not one flicker of an eyelid from the dogs. But Joe-Joe started to bark. Cockys are fast learners. About 10 minutes later, there was a howling and clawing at my front door. There was this great monster of a dog. It looked like a cross between a St. Bernard and a Great Dane. A few minutes later, the owner arrived in hot pursuit. It was from 2 blocks away. I tried mentally saying "stay home" to it, but it was no use. After about the third time, the wife was in pursuit as well. I'm afraid she didn't see the humar. Life may not be worth living at times, but one thing is for sure; it's never dull.

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FROM U.P.I. - Signal Hill, Calif. - An epileptic man has accepted $120,000, as settlement of a suit claiming he was repeatedly bitten by a police dog after being arrested for drunkenness. Mark Clark sued the city, a former police chief and officer Richard Hodges...who was convicted last August of felong assault for ordering the dog to attack Clark. Clark was bitten 15 times by the dog, and suffered two broken ribs in a fight with Hodges.
The case was one of several that drew public attention to allegations of brutality by members of the Signal Hill Police Department following the death of football player Ron Settles..who was found hanged in his cell.

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RHEA in Atlanta (speaking of her move) sez: Miss Boo (my dog) loves it. She hated the steps at the apartment, wouldn't go out by herself. Now she can run in and out when she wants to. Well, almost. She has already informed the entire neighborhood that she is there and has taken over. Challenged a doberman who had the audacity to trespass on her grass! (the psychology of it all is wonderful -- big dogs seem to be terrified of little dogs that 'attack' them!)

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DENNIS in North Carolina sez: had to go and pick up our dog from the pound yesterday. Was going to put on check "For Retrieval Of Familiar", and claim it on tax, but I don't think the I.R.S. would have gone for it.

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FROM U.P.I. - A Sacramento County hearing officer has ordered the death of two Pit Bull dogs accused of attacking three people, including two children, near Rancho Cordova.
Witnesses said the two Pit Bulls attacked two children at a school, then bit a custodian.
The dog's owners said they will appeal the decision in municipal court.

A former athlete has filed suit aginst Emil Villa's Hick'ry Pit because she says they refused her service because she had her dog. The dog retrieves things for Diedre Clayton so she won't have to bend over, an extremely painful act for her.

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WHAT IS A WITCH from Pan In No. Carolina

We call ourselves Witches, but what does that term really mean? It means that we belong to the craft of the wise, or does it? There are people that have never heard of us, or the craft of the wise, yet if we were to take a close look at them, we would call them wise. So what is wise?
To be wise is to examine a problem with intelligence and un-biased by dogma, superstition or political alliance and to leave one's mind open to all facts as they are presented.
Now we can start to define the word, 'WITCH'. First, we are concerned with life, Spiritual and Material; it is through the material that we see the spiritual made manifest. By the study of all life, we see the natural laws which rule the universe. From the study of these laws with an un-biased view, we learn to control our environment. So we can say a Witch is a person who with true wisdom makes a study of the laws of life, but do we?

In the study of anything, to get a true picture, all facts have to be studied, yet because of persecution of Witches through the ages, many of us have given the enemy the advantage, in that, we refuse to look at the knowledge they have to offer. In so doing, we cut our knowledge in half.
A Witch, to gain full knowledge, must see the universe as a giant jigsaw puzzle; each law, creed, belief or manifestation contains within it a part of the puzzle, a section of the truth. To deny any part, leaves the puzzle incomplete.

To be a true witch, we must first have unity in Wicca; we must see that other traditions contain many truths, and we are just as capable of being wrong as they are. We must then look at other religions and dig the truth out of them, forget prejudice and see what past masters have to offer.
Science is now looking at occult knowledge with some respect. Once they really get going, they will find some of the answers that we are still looking for. We are going to miss out, because some Christian may be the one to make the breakthrough, so we will ignore his/her findings.

What is in a name? Does it matter if Buddha or Jesus ever lived, or any of the prophets for that matter? There are many good points in both the Buddhist teachings and in the Bible. I treat the Bible like a sandwich; it has hatred and bigotry on both sides with a portion of truth in the middle. What is in the heart is the main thing, the name of the religion does not matter. Jesus said that when he elevated the Pagan Samaritan above the Jewish priest, becuse he was the only one to show compassion to the injured traveller. He called down the fact of original sin when he said...suffer little children to come unto me for they are of the kingdom of heaven...(unbaptised children were supposed to be unclean sinners). I believe he was just another Witch, on a cross instead of the fire or hanging from a scaffold.

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WHAT IS A WITCH continued

This does not mean that you should pick up the bible and start racing through it. First you must clear your mind of all the untruths even if it does mean expulsion of every prophet and deity to do it. Once you have done that, you can look at any religion and read the truth between the lines.
When this is done, and you can look at all creeds unbigoted, I would say you are a Witch.
To sum up, a Witch is a person, who through un-biased study of all aspects of life and religion, steps beyond the bounds of ignorance to arrive at Universal Consciousness, and uses the knowledge for the enrichment of self and all mankind.

Blessed Be
Pan

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LADY THEA in Florida sez: Chris is still working on developing his own business. It's slow but steady. Jennifer is fine, growing taller and slimmer. She's in the 5th grade and her grades are coming up.
Brandye is working at the school library, and a full-time student. She's averaging A's & B's.
I still have pain. The movement of my leg is easier but still can't bend it much yet. I'm working on it, though.
I'm putting together the aura lessons fast enough to stay ahead of the students, but I'm also spending time going through newsletters and doing art work for my B O.S.
A Craft friend from N.C. is coming for a 2 week visit. I'm really looking forward to that.

Lots of love & bright blessings

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MOON MIRROR in Denver sez: things are looking up in Denver with the coming of Spring. It's getting warmer every day and even the trees are budding. You can smell spring in the air.
I'm writing to inform your readers that I am not associated with Moon Magick or The Seven Arrows. I'm associated with Cosmic Awareness.
Well, this is a little short; just wanted to set the record straight. Take care all you dear people and Blessed Be.

Moon Mirror

and here are some
BEING A WITCH IS.....

...accepting diversity - knowing full well this is nature.
...loving every minute

...working on someone else without telling them.
...getting ver excited about the New Moon coming.

...study, Study, STUDY, and never tiring of it.
...seeing magickal results and having to keep quiet.

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FROM Moon Mirror)O(in Denver

THE NIGHT THE FAIRIES DANCED

This is a true tale as told to me by Running Deer, my Mother. It took place in 1947. It is true, Believe It Or Not.

It was a beautiful June afternoon when we packed our eight children and black cocker spanile Zeus into our van and headed down the highway. We were filled with excitement and anticipation at the thought of trading our small city house in New York for a rambling old farm house in Maine. Yes, it was quite a change, but my husband Don and I felt the children needed to be in touch with nature and experience the beauty of Mother Earth.

We arrived at our secluded home very late that evening, the movers were already there. They graciously helped us set up beds, arrange furniture and hang curtains.

Upon their leaving, it was well past midnight, and our first meal in our new home consisted of a meager meal of bread, cheese and fruit. After dinner, we all went straight to bed, leaving everything where it was.

As the sound of the crickets lulled us into a much deserved deep sleep, "What was that?" I said, shaking my husband. As we both set up listening, from out on the front lawn came the most dulcet music I had ever heard, violins, flutes, harps, cellos, a drum. Putting a finger to my lips to hush Don, I pushed aside the blanket and patted across the floor to the window; after moving the curtains aside, there in the silvery light of the full moon were the most beautiful people I had ever seen.

Dressed in glorious colonial costumes, the young men in white satin breeches and frock tail coats, the women in pastel dresses with lace necklines and long hoop skirts, their flowing hair touching the hems of their dresses. They all possessed such grace, dignity and overpowering beauty, it left me awe struck.

My husband was now at my side; he turned and stared at me in complete bewilderment.

The dancers were facing us now forming a line; in couples they danced up to the window smiling; they bowed and moved on. As the last couple joined the others, they all formed a semi-circle facing us; in unison, the ladies curtsied and the gentlemen bowed from the waist.

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Excitedly I turned to Don. "Lets invite them in."

But upon turning back, there were no dancers, no music, nothing, only the bright moonlight and the shadows of the trees on the bare lawn.

Quietly, without a word, we stood, walked back to the bed, pulled the covers around us and fell into a peaceful sleep.

Early the next morning, before the children got up, we sat in the bright kitchen sipping our coffee and spoke of the night before, alas it was no dream.

Even though better than thirty years have passed, the events of that magickal evening still haunt us, were these dancers fairies, nature spirits or ghosts? One thing is for sure, we were thankful for having been audience to such beautiful phantoms.....

Comments welcome on this experience or other psychic manifestations you may have had.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

We have just recieved a back issue of a newsletter just recieved by one of our people in Florida. It was published by something called Craeftigemot Witancoveyne. It contains an attack on the Georgians which is obviously a "gotta get even" thing because we published a letter from one of our people which said she thought they were a rip off.
We're not going to publish all their garbage, just excerpts and our comments.
"You see, every year at the beginning of Festival Time, a west coast church begins a series of scurrilous attacks on correspondence courses. Scurrilous because they have their members write them and a few naive publications print them unaware of their actual origins."

Damned lies! I do not pick a particular time, just whenever the subject is brought up by someone. I have never attacked correspondence courses as such. I have often attacked the <u>charging</u> for Craft lessons in any form.
I have certainly not written for other publications, although some have asked for permission to reprint certain things. I know of none of our people who have written such for other publications, though it is possible but not likely that they would do so and not tell me. They are too proud when they get something published not to let me know.

"It would be humorous if it would not be absurd, that this same group sells a series of 13 cassettes leading to initiation in their tradi-

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FROM YOUR EDITOR continued

tion. Adding to this absurdity, they reason it is not a correspondence course because nothing is written. It all passes by cassette."

What a liar! We have never charged anyone for lessons whether here or by cassette...and no one has any authority to sell such to anyone. We were once approached by a company in England to act as agent in selling our cassettes but they were told that they were not for sale.
Not all is on cassette. Some things are on typewritten pages.

"They also post instructions on how to initiate their students to any coven of any tradition that will do it for them. This is a proper initiation in their tradition."

More lies! Students are told that they must come here or to the nearest Georgians for initiations. There has been only one exception to this. One HPs (one of the few people I trust) has been given authority to initiate our people IF I request it. And this is a GEORGIAN initiation, not to another tradition

"All these attacks on correspondence courses are written solely to obtain FREE ADVERTISING; a representative will be attending your next festival to fish in some more people."

More lies! Most of our people just can't afford to running around to festivals, and if anyone gets to one, it's not to fish. As to advertising: we have offers of exchange ads from other publications. Though we often mention them, we have never asked for an ad. Anything anyone may have written that might be considered an ad was something they did on their own.

"I find it difficult to believe that someone who has 'studied' the Craft for several years would be enrolling in a correspondence course for beginneres."

The above directed to our Georgian who complained of a ripoff.
When our people reach third, they are told that this is only the beginning, not the end. They should learn all they can where they can; they should now have the knowledge to know the real thing from the phoney. Our Georgian believed that this correspondence course was something entirely different from Craft but worth adding to it. She felt she was mislead by the advertising.
It is true that we have made numerous enemies. This is not at all surprising considering the number of people we have rejected and ejected from here over the years. I have a few times been threatened with death by magick and even destruction by monsters from another planet; so it wouldn't be a surprise if someone would write nasty letters about your editor. BUT..the report of numerous phone calls and letters I consider a lot of B.S. from a liar!
Too bad this person can't find something constructive to do.

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WHAT IS A WITCH? from Vicki in Sulphur, Ok.

The word WITCH to most people, and especially to children, means an old hag with a long nose and warts, who only comes out on Halloween.
The definition for Witch in the Webster's New World Dictionary is:
1-A woman supposedly having supernatural power by a compact with evil spirits.
2- An ugly old shrew.
3- A fascinating woman.

But as we know ourselves as Witches, and also Pagans, we know that all these definitions are false...except maybe the last one. I, myself, as a Witch, think that I am somewhat of a fascinating woman, but it is the Goddess within me that makes me so.

The real meaning of the word WITCH is the name of the followers of the ancient religion of Wicca. Wicca is a religion; the oldest religion on Earth.
In the Wicca religion there were the Witches who did healing and made herbal cures, and did good forms of magic for the benefit of the community. And then there were the Pagans whose beliefs were the same as the Witches, but the Witches were something like the Elders in a X-tian church; they were trained in healing and positive forms of magic.

The Witch, like the Pagan, worships cosmic forces, which they see personified in the Gods of Pagan pre-Xtian Europe.
The main two deity personifications of the Wicca religion are the Horned God and the Mother Goddess.

During the burning times, any person having a mole, wen, scar or bunion was considered to possess a devil's mark, and they were to be executed as a Witch.
Even now, in the 20th Century, people look down on anyone different. I, myself, have been called a Witch even though no one here knows of my belief.
I believe ignorance breeds ignorance. If children were educated in the rights of others, and taught that people have aright to their own belief, this would be a beter world.

Blessed Be
Vicki

ED. NOTE: Vicki has been studying for such a long time and waiting so long, it will be a shame if we don't find some way to get her initiated soon.

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ED. NOTE: (again) This isn't aimed at Vicki. Just going t rough some of the mail and thinking it would be nice if all of you would put the date on any mail you send. Often I have 2 or 3 pieces of mail from the same perso. With no date on any of them, it does become a bit difficult trying to figure out which came first....
the chicken or the egg.

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PUSSY CAT CORNER

FROM U.P.I. A soon-to-be spoiled cat in San Jose, Cal., foiled a would-be rapist by leaping on the man's back.
Police said a San Jose woman told them she heard a voice at the front door of her eastside apartment calling out, "Honey, it's me." Thinking she recognized the voice, the woman opened the door. The stranger standing outside pushed his way into the room...tore off part of her gown and forced her to the floor.
Police say he was interrupted in his sexual attack by the woman's cat which leaped on to his back. The assailant then fled.

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Two co-stars were needed for roles opposite Jason Robards in a play to be presented in Washington, D.C. But there were very strict requirements for the parts. Those who auditioned must be small, quiet and able to learn their parts in just 3 days. They also must be furry and have 4 legs. The director of "You Can't Take It With You" was looking for 2 cats for the play...and he wanted them soon. Auditions were scheduled at the Kennedy Center...but not a single feline showed up. In the words of the Kennedy Center press agent..."Everyone was a scaredy cat."

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ELLEN in Fla. sez: About vet trips with cats...recently I had to take all 3 of my cats to the vet alone on the same day. They all hate travelling in cars. I have no carry cases, and I was very worried about them getting hurt. So...I put each cat in a pillow xase, tied them with a magic cord, and put the 3 cases in a large box with no top. The result is that my vet thinks I am wonderful. All 3 cats arrived calm, peaceful, and had plenty of air to breathe plus no chance of escaping. They did not have one complaint, scratch, bite, or yowl to give the vet, and they returned home happy and carefree, too. Of course, I didn't explain to the vet about magic cords.

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ED. NOTE: Sounds great. I think some people may be trying this with their kids. Pegasus Express, 4701 Lyons Rd. #159 Box, Pompano Beach, Florida 33067. 8 issues $5. Checks to Ellen Hansen or Richard Facchiano.

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ROBYN in Australia sez: I am covered with bruises from a rescue attempt when Ista became caught in a tree.
Lynn, the mothballs work! Ista now leaves my potted plants well alone.
Lynne offered me a female black cat but Ista has taken over my heart and home. Little Dog and Ista play and sleep together all the time.

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ELIZABETH showed up with a few scratches and/or claw marks recently. Her cat, Morgana Le Feye, a Himalayan (still think a female must be a Heralayan) got excited when a dog started sniffing her. Since there was no tree handy, Morgana decided to climb the nearest available object...Elizabeth. OUCH! Those claw holes do hurt. That kitten certainly has grown rapidly. Guess Elizabeth must be feeding her BIG vitamins.

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FIRST MOON--BIRCH from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

Temple is prepared
Circle is cast
Opening rite
Charge: 1st stanzas of "Hertha"

(Altar candles are one white and one black. Barely leafing branches decorate the temple. In the center still stands the death figure from the elder moon. A cluster of shorter branches lies by the altar on the north side, a cluster of sturdy stems to the south. Near the altar are skeins of red, blue and white embroidery thread and cutting utensil. HPS turns following the invocation and drawing down of the moon...)

HPS: I am that which began, out of me the years roll...
Out of me, God and Man--they are equal and whole.
God changes, and Man, and the form of them bodily,
I am the Soul.
Before ever land was, before ever the sea,
Or the soft hair of the grass or fair limbs of the tree
Or the flesh-colored fruit of my branches, I was
And thy soul was in Me.
First life on my sources first drifted and swam.
Out of Me are the forces that save it--or damn.
Out of Me--Man and Woman, Wild Beast and Bird.
Before God was, I AM.

HP: This is a time of beginnings, yet we still feel sluggish from the season of death and winter. Not yet do we really feel the increasing warmth and light of the sun.

HPS: This past year has been fraught with hardships for each of us. Let us clear our hearts and minds of the spirits of that year to make way for a new year and new growth.
(HPS takes up a cluster of "birch" branches, striking the ground or the altar with each symbol of the year past, finally striking and toppling the death figure in the center with the word "Elder")

HP: The old year is measured by its Sabbats.

CIRCLE: (In unison) "Ailm, Onn, Ura, Eadha, Idho..."

HP: The old year is marked by its Festivals.

CIRCLE: Candlemas, Beltane, Lammas, Hallows...

HP: The old year is bounded by its moons:

CIRCLE: Birch, Rowan, Ash, Alder, Willow, Hawthorn, Oak, Holly, Hazel, Vine, Ivy, Reed, Elder.

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FIRST MOON--BIRCH continued

HP: Death is destroyed and rebirth takes form.

HPS: No more the season of death! It is the season of life and beginnings.

HP: The Goddess leaves with us a symbol of birth and beginnings in the Birch Tree.

HPS: To the Birch, She gives the first Moon of the year, Beginnings, nobility, the tip of the thumb, Sunday, the Driving out of evil spirits, the rod of office to one of thirteen, the sun, a place in the hats of dead sons, and the resting place of Elija at Mount Horeb...

HP: To us, Her children, She gives the Birch.

HPS: She places within us the knowledge of victory over death. Our words and actions give that knowledge form and expression to be known by others.
(HPS touches the tip of the left thumb and then forms the Ogham "B" in the palm of the right hand of each participant. HPS takes up Birch twigs, giving one to each covener as follows:)

I am the Maiden: I am victory over death, I am beginnings. (1 branch) I am the Mother: I am birth, I am continuation of beginnings. (1 branch) I am the Crone: I am the guide to Rebirth, I am completion of beginnings. (Give each one "birch" branch)

HP: (takes up remaing "Birch" branches) Sacred also to me.
As Horus, are birth and beginnings. (Give one branch)
As Osiris, are victory over death and the path to rebirth.
(1 branch. Each covener now has five "birch" branches.)
To the future hidden in beginnings, we add the protection of the ash. (Gives sticks to south of altar to coveners.)

HPS: And the magic of the Willow, to build this year shelter, clothing, food, and love. (Gives a long strand of the three threads to each participant.)

(HPS/HP take up "ash" stick and one "Birch" twig or branch. Circle follows. They begin binding a besom, one twig or branch at a time. The chant is: "FLAGS, FLAX, FODDER, FRIG..."...until besoms are complete.
NOTE: If one twig is bound with each chant, and once with the chant in each circling binding all twigs together, the bindings will equal nine.
Besoms are consecrated in a joined circle. Chant: "Ashima, Ninib, Anatha, Ha"....when consecration is completed, blend chant into the new chant:

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FIRST MOON--Birch continued

"We are the old People, we are the New People. We are the Same People, Better (Stronger, wiser, closer, etc.) than before..."
(With the besoms still in hand, this chant lends to a circle dance)

HPS: In moons and festivals just past, we have pledged our efforts and energies to removing deadwood, to balancing karma, but now, a particular action or series of actions for ourselves...as a gift to ourselves in this coming year.

This is not that which is "needful", nor is it that which "should be"...But rather that which is born with desire and not from a lack or need. In this pledge, we do something "nice for ourselves."

HP: The Birch Moon of beginnings is here. We worship in its light. We are the elements of which LIFE is made and share in the Feast of the Elements...always remembering that any meal is a sacrament for our brothers and sisters of the fields have sacrificed their lives that ours might continue.

(Maiden gives appropriate element symbol to the HPS as needed. HPS offers it to the HP, saying: "Share with us this symbol of the element of..... ". It is passed around the circle, ending with the HPS)

(Element symbols are returned to their quadrants)

WORKING: (This moon should be one to draw to each covener as much of the energies raised as they have need of through this first moon, rather than necessarily working for other's needs.)

DISMISSAL OF SPIRITS
CIRCLE IS CLOSED,...in usual manner.

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FROM U.P.I. Those battling Pandas have finally done it. Doctors at the National Zoo in Washington say Ling Ling and Hsing Hsing mated in March for the first time in a stormy eight-year courtship. But zoo spokeman, Mike Morgan, said officials didn't just rely on nature taking its course. Dr. John Knight, a London Zoo Veterinarian, flew to Washington. He brought frozen semen from Chia Chia - the Giant Panda at the London Zoo...to inseminate Ling Ling while she is fertile.
The two Washington-based Pandas, gifts from China to the Nixon administration in 1972, have failed in all previous mating attempts. When Ling Ling began showing signs that she was inheat, she was put with Hsing Hsing.
Said Morgan, "They got together a first time and he seemed very interested, but they just couldn't get themselves oriented properly. But the second time it was successful."
If Ling Ling does get pregnant, Morgan said Washington can expect the first U-S Panda cub birth within 4 months to six months.

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RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS - Calumet Pagan Temple

OUTLINES WITHIN THE COVEN

There are a lot of folks out there who are solitaries, and a lot more who started groups based on reading books, or their personal feelings, or whatever who don't have the guidelines of an established group, so this is for them. The following are the guidelines for anyone wishing to use them.
When a person doesn't give a damn about the Craft, (s)he is a mundane. When a person expresses interest about the Craft, and shows up at a class or a ritual, (s)he is a querent, or new fish.

After attending at least one New Moon, and one class, and one festival, the querent may ask for dedication. Dedication is to the God and Goddess, to ecology, to brotherhood, etc. It implies no proficiency, only desire.
Our New Moons and festivals are open to all. Full Moons are open to those who are dedicants or initiates only.
After dedication, a person may remain a dedicant for as long as they desire. There is no official pressure put on them to go further, but if they wish to become initiates, they must...

A. Be faithful to the vows they took as dedicants, i.e. attend moon rituals and the eight festivals. This is usually checked for a year. Perfect attendance is <u>not</u> required, just a good record.
B. Demonstrate proficiency in some form of divination - Tarot, Astrology, Crystal Ball, Palmistry, or whatever and the dedicant must be able to do a reasonable job by some method, and be right!

C. Perform, alone, a magickal or healing ritual that works to the satisfaction of all concerned. The idea is to make the dedicant aware that they <u>do</u> have the power to change their lives.
D. Act as Priest or Priestess at at least one New Moon. This shows proficiency in Ritual, and is a (semi) public acknowledgement that this is their way.

E. Convince their Priest and Priestess that they are ready. This means that the dedicant must be mature and proficient enough in the prescribed areas that (s)he is no longer anxious or impatient to be initiated.
F. An initiator is known by those he initiates. If you initiate a bunch of asses, you w ill be known as an ass initiator.
G. We all make mistakes.

The idea behind all this is that any initiate should be able to carry on as Priest or Priestess for a bunch of dedicants or for the public in general. This means to be proficient and willing to do divination, magickal workings, and worship services for the general public if necessary.

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RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS continued

Unlike dedication, which comes when the knowledgeable person requests it, initiation comes when the Priest or Priestess feel the person is ready. As I said, the teacher is known by his students.

Second degree comes when a person of first degree starts teaching classes, doing rituals, etc. for their own group. Calumet Pagan Temple has initiated many into first degree, but in ten years time we have only been present when nine people reached their second degree.

We believe that rank has its priveleges, we have only two degrees. Judging from some of the books I have read..."Joe got first and second degrees in the same night..." I would put one of our dedicants up against most of the 19 degree purple-robed exalted high mugwumps in the country.

I realize the above guidelines do not fit into our cultural framework of faster and better, but I am reminded of the two bulls who were walking over the hill. The young bull crested the hill, and seeing the valley full of heifers, said "Let's run down and get one!" His companion, the old bull, said "No, let's walk down and get them all!"

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ED. NOTE: Good article, Richard...but be careful about jokes like that. Those feminists are certain to find something chauvinistic about it. A bull must not look at a cow as a sex object.
And on the subject of jokes...how do you like these corny ones?

The farmer took "Old Booz", his dog, for a walk. Old Booz spotted a rabbit and gave chase. As they neared the railroad tracks, a train approached. The rabbit made it across, but Old Booz didn't quite clear, and his tail was cut off. The farmer picked up Old Booz and the tail and rushed home. As the farmer was sewing the tail back on to Old Booz, the sheriff arrested him...for re-tailing Old Booz without a license.

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What do you get when you kiss a canary?

Chirpies...a canary-al disease.
Okay, I'll stop.

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FROM U.P.I. The proprietors of a waterbed store in Portsmouth, Va. offered a reward of a free waterbed to anyone who could bring back their waterbed that flew away. The brothers thought it would be a great promotion for their new store if they filled a king-sized waterbed with helium, and floated it in front of their store. But a strong wind snapped the guylines holding the blue waterbed.
The last time anyone saw it, the waterbed was headed toward Newport News, 35 miles north, and gaining altitude.
The proprietors say they'll try the promotion again....but they vow to use stronger rope.

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FROM The Black Panther in Florida

Dear Pat and The Georgians:

The purpose of this letter is two fold. One, to say that I really do think your Newsletter is fantastic, and glad to see it is even of better quality than it was 2 years ago, when last it was seen in my abode. (I just didn't subscribe for a time.)

The second reason is rather a vast one. It is a matter of misunderstanding of the Wiccan Path. It is aimed at any Sister or Brother who would mind spending their time to answer. Whoever you may be, I am in your debt Good Friend.

What I am about to say, could be misunderstood. Please do not think I am asking permission, or seeking justification to embark upon the "Dark Path".

It has been my fortune, to come in contact with, and be a part of the Wiccan path. However, everywhere I have gone, something has disturbed me. It's the purpose of Magic. It has been said as you know, roughly, that Magic is the ability to bend one's consciousness to their will. What for? It is the greatest thing to be one with THE GODS, and be able to bless another in some way, but what benefit is it to the benefactor? My impression of the Wiccan people I have met, (and please, this is just personal--which accounts for all the "I's" and "My's"--impressions, and not judgemental or derogetory) that they are lost in some alter ego dream world with little power and on the brink of disaster in every way. Most are meagerly getting by, and on the verge of psycho-disaster! All Wiccans cannot be like that! But it seems to be a lack of balance or something. The things which are taboo, which are found in the "Dark Side" of magic, aside from the sicko sacrifices, like using your power to acquire money, seems to be what they are missing. If spirit controls matter, why the lacking? Like many a person, I am just damn tired of being penniless and worrying if my family will eat tomorrow. Magic used to aid someone in finding the right mate, will not increase the family's chances of survival. If the Gods have controlled our kind for eons of time, and we are becoming as they, surely can we not secure the destiny of our lot? I cannot stand to see another suffer anymore, especially a GOD/ESS in human form, or my family. Something must be done. The "MONEY SPELLS" I have seen on the "PATH OF LIGHT" have occasionally supplied someone with enough to get by. I do not want the most money for food supplies in the entire world, but enough to be comfortable for all Wiccans and my family would be fine.

What benefit is Magic, what is it's purpose, and why do we aid all of the human face with it, if we suffer and die physically for lack of material goods?

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Black Panther (cont.)

Does Black Magic have something over on us? Is a balanced life one that involves being "GREY"?

Again, to anyone who would care to answer, I will be in the utmost of your debt. I only want someone out there to tell me what the hell is going on with our Religion, and how to get ahead on things.

I LOVE ALL OF YOU,
YOUR NEWSLETTER IS GREAT!
A Wanderer, The Black Panther

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ED. NOTE: My first impression of your letter is that you have one very large problem of NEGATIVE THINKING. And that could account for a lot of lack in your life.
From your comments, it would seem that you have only had contact with the "fringies" of the Craft. Remember, everyone who claims to be Craft is not necessarily Craft. And there are those who really think they are because they read a book they picked up at the market or because they were initiated by someone. I have met some who have been given a third degree that I wouldn't even consider for a first.

Remember, the Craft attracts all the kooks and crazies as well as the worthwhile people. The Craft is a state of mind, a way of living, not something you turn on occasionally to do a spell for aunt Minnie's toothache or uncle's insomnia. Not everyone who claims to be Craft understands that.

Nothing wrong with using magick to get what you want, if you use it properly. Always spend time thinking about such magick before you do it. Will it harm anyone? If so, find another way to do it. If you need a car to get to work, you don't use magick to get your neighbors new Cadillac. You work on some magick to get a suitable car.
Often we find that magick works best if we get someone else to do it for us. Don't really know why. Perhaps it is a subconscious guilt about doing something for ourselves. Or perhaps we have less confidence when doing something for ourselves than when doing it for another.

You say that many are meagerly getting by. Perhaps they are happy that way. When one truly becomes Craft, one's values change. We learn that there is a big difference between what we <u>need</u> and what we <u>think</u> we <u>want</u>.
It would be nice to have a Rolls, but I have a 5 year old Honda station wagon. It does everything I require of a car. I have turned down job offers paying much more than I presently earn. I am happy with my work and where I work. I am not rich but I have everything I need and some things I just want. Why change? Just for more money? I might find I hated the job or couldn't get along with the people.
If you only meet the kooks who claim to be Craft, that is sad, but it need not affect <u>you</u> and your relationship to the <u>Craft</u>. You make the decisions. You will be what <u>you</u> want to be.

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STUFF & THINGS

MARION in San Jose sez: thank you so much for our conversation on Wednesday evening, and for referring me to Gail. She called that same evening and we had a nice chat. I am looking forward to meeting with her.
Also enclosed, please find the brochure I mentioned. I will sew any type of article or garment a person wants as per design. The brochure was set up so that a person has a foundation to design from. I do enjoy making "Crafty stuff".
Pat, the Craft has given me a glorious way to live with myself, my males and the outside world. Though we are solitary, I feel a commoness with Witches all over.
Hoping someday we will meet. If I can procure something for you in San Francisco, I will do so gladly and ship it down.
Thank you for your time and care.

Blessed Be.
Marion.

ED. NOTE: Marion sent along some forms she uses for robe orders. Designs are sketched, and you just check which neck style, body style and sleeve style you want...fabric, color, size, etc. Pockets, hood, embroidery and appliques are available. For order forms and info write: Marion, POB 2658, Saratoga, Calif. 95070.

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Tayu Grand Council Annual Gay Spiritual Conclave to be held in Northern California, June 17-19. Tayu Grand Council, POB 11554, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95406.

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We're still receiving lots of what I call 'kooky' mail. People who send brief notes like..please tell me all about your church... please tell me about your newsletter...please tell me all about witchcraft. They never send an SASE nor even a stamp. Just as well because we don't have time to answer such mail anyway. If someone wants a sample copy of the newsletter, they can send $1. If someone is sincere enough about the Craft to take time to write a long letter, we try to find time for a reply....but the others..yuk!
And for you regulars: I know some of you get impatient waiting for tapes and letters. If a letter can be answered in the newsletter, it will be. If it requires a personal reply, it just takes time to get to it. There is just a lot to be done here. We just have a small coven here now...which is great. I'd rather have a few good people than a lot of dingalings and dingbats hanging around. I've been thru that. Even when there were lots of people here, most were seldom of any help where work was concerened. It is amazing how quickly people get sick, have to work or are going to be out of town whenever work is to be done. I always felt most fortunate to have 5 or 6 show up for two hours at the end of the month to get the newsletter ready to mail. Elizabeth is one of those rare ones who not only wants to learn and to do rituals but is also willing to do lots of work for the church and the Craft...even without being asked.

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MURPHEY'S MAGICK from Rik in Tucson

There are some laws that should be taken into account before any ritual or magickal work. Many of them were found (in original form) in the two volume set of Murphey's Law by Arthur Bloch. All I did was to see their application to the Craft, and rewrite them as such.

1- No spell is as easy as it looks.

2- If you percieve that there are 4 possible ways in which a spell can go wrong, and circumvent these, then a 5th way will promptly develop.

3- Every spell breeds new problems.

4- Mother Nature is a bitch.

5- Anything that can go wrong will go wrong; and anything that cannot go wrong will also go wrong.

6- The Craft, as understood by Witches, will be judged otherwise by non-Witches.

a) If you explain so clearly that nobody can misunderstand, the news media will.

b) If during an interview, you tell 99 good things about the Craft and tell one bad joke, guess what will make the headlines!

7- No matter what the result of a spell, there will always be someone eager to (a) misinterpret it, (b) fake it, and (c) believe that it happened as a result of his own work.

8- Once a ritual is fouled up, anything done to improve it only makes it worse.

9- In case of doubt, attack another Witch.

10- The Coven is a mule, not a car...if pressed too hard, it will kick and turn on its High Priest.

11- 90% of anything is crap.

a) When dealing with the occult, make that 95%.

b) When dealing with religion, make that 98%.

12- Everyone has a favorite ritual or spell that will not work.

13- As soon as you mention something...
if it's good, it goes away.
if it's bad, it happens.

14- If a spell requires 'n' materials, then immediately before beginning, you will discover that you possess only 'n-1' materials.

15- In any formula, it will be discovered that the required amounts have been forgotten.

16- No books are lost by lending except those you particularly want to keep.

17- If you miss an issue of a newsletter, it will be the issue that

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MURPHEY'S MAGICK continued

concludes the article or ritual that you are most anxious to read.

18- No matter what goes wrong, it is always the High Priest's fault.

19- When your cat has fallen asleep on your lap and looks utterly content and adorable, you will suddenly have to go to the bathroom.

20- A toothache always starts the afternoon of an important ritual. Usually after your dentist closes, unless he overdoes the novacane.

21- If a ritual is useful, enjoyable, and works, it will have to be changed.

22- If you drop your athame during a rite, you will discover that you are no longer able to move your right foot.

23- In any outdoor Sabbat performed skyclad, the Circle will be drawn around a patch of poison ivy.

24- In any Sabbat performed robed, the person behind you will step upon your hem, thus leaving you skyclad during a dance.

25- When all else fails, consult your Book of Shadows.

26- If the facts do not support your pet theory, they must be changed or ignored.

27- In any coven, any member tends to rise to his level of incompetence.

28- The organization of any coven is very much like a septic tank, the really big chunks always rise to the top.

29- Expansion of the Coven means complexity, and complexity decays.

30- The inevitable result of improved and enlarged communications between different Covens is a vastly increased area of misunderstanding.

31- Any teaching that can be misunderstood has already been misunderstood. Often by your own teacher.

32- 20% of the Coveners account for 80% of the work.

33- Witches and Covens will act rationally only when all other possibilities have been exhausted.

34- A Witch in power always takes himself too seriously.

35- It's better to have a horrible ending than to have horrors without end.

36- A Witch will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

And we'll continue with part 2 of this next month.

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DOG DAYS

FROM UPI -- U-C Davis researchers says some generic dry dog foods may be causing severe skin diseases in dogs. Dr. Candace Sousa of the U-C-D veterinary school says 22 dogs have been diagnosed at the school as having dog food-related illness. U-C Davis veterinarians announced their findings in an article in this month's national veterinary journal. They say other vets should be on the lookout for problems related to dog food -- mostly skin scaling and sores.

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A Santee family thought they'd seen the last of their dog Sam when they left him with a Colorado family before moving to San Diego County last year.

But Sam decided he'd rather be with Ray and Debbie and apparently walked over 800 miles from Montrose, Colorado to Santee.

The Foltz's weren't sure the stranger at their door was Sam... and he spent a night outside before they were sure. The bedraggled one-year-old poodle and yorkshire terrier mix is reportedly recovering from the effects of the two-month journey.

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SAN JOSE- The attorney for a dog says he will appeal the animal's death sentence to the California Supreme Court. Freight Train, a Doberman Pinscher, was convicted by Santa Clara County's Animal Control Board of being vicious for biting a 13-month-old boy last September. Attorney Albin Danell says..."We're attacking the validity and constitutionality" of the county ordinance that defines the dog as vicious.

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JOHN in Wisconsin Rapids sez: had some trouble in the neighborhood lately with some dum cluck who owned a vicious dog, and never kept it tied up. Anyone that stupid shouldn't have an animal! But it's all been cleared up, luckily, without anyone being harmed by the dog, and without any harm being done to the dog, either.

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Authorities in Placer County, Cal. are searching for what they call a "sicko" who has killed at least 9 dogs with poison-laced breakfast cereals. Animal control officers are concerned, fearing small children might be attracted by the deadly boxes of "Trix" and "Cheerios" left along roadsides. Officials say 9 dogs have been found poisoned and 6 others reported missing since the incidents began March 20th in 2 small residential communities northeast of Auburn.
ED. NOTE: Let's hope the SOB eats some of his own cereal.

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A nosy dog named "Duster" has led U-S customs agents to over a ton of marijuana hidden in a semi-truck that was crossing the Mexican border at Tecate. Customs department spokesman Mike Fleming said that Duster sniffed out roughly 21-hundred pounds of pot hidden in a false bottom during a routine inspection of the truck.
The driver of the truck, Apolinar Maciel of Walnut, was arrested and turned over to the drug enforcement agency.

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STUFF & THINGS

RHEA in Atlanta sez: just a quick line to let you know I have moved, and give you the new address.
Moved to a duplex. Not completely what I want, but much more so than an apartment. At least I have a big yard, with lots of trees, and lots of open area. Can have a garden, and flowers. Won't be able to have an outdoor circle--darn it--too open and public. But, will be able to "get dirt under my fingernails and mud between my toes". And a few tasty goodies from my own efforts!
Weather is fantastic! Or, has been. Say we will cool off a bit for a week or so but can't really complain--it has been beautiful for several weeks. It frustrates me, though--I want to get out in the sunshine and warm breezes, and have to stay inside! Frustrations! Been too busy packing and moving to do any work on any of my "projects". Now I can't even find them! One nice thing, when I do find them again, will have a bit more room to spread them out to work on them. That helps.
Take care...more later.
Love and Blessed Be!
Rhea

ED. NOTE: happy that all goes well for you. Weather here for 2 days was like summer but raining again today. We've already had twice the normal rainfall here. Oh well, at least I got the grass cut yesterday. So high I had to use the weed-eater. When I'd throw the ball for the furry people, they had a problem finding it in the tall grass.

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DENNIS in North Carolina sez: everything goes well, Janice and baby are doing fine. We'll have to send you a tape letter sometime real soon. It's been a long time since we heard your replies or you ours. Had a nice long letter from Rhea. It was good to hear from her.

The Globe Tabloid have ommitted the words Witchcraft, Bewitch and Voodoo from advertising, yet it is okay to offer to curse or hex someone. It seems they are not concerned with the people who are practicing black magick, just with names that the Xtians don't like. I have complained and suggest others do the same, even though they may not read or advertise in the Gobe, Examiner or Medical Bulletin. It is the principle that counts. They don't mind using the words when they have a juicy story to defame us with.

Blessed Be
Dennis, Janice and all the Georgians

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DAVID in Fort Madison, Iowa sez: as you know, prison is an extremely harsh environment filled with negativity. The past 2 weeks I have been clearing about an acre of trees, weeds and bushes down by the Mississippi River & some railroad tracks. Needless to say, it was difficult to explain to all those trees what their gifts would be used for because I don't know.
Enclosed, please find a Key Fob I made. I hope you like it.
ED. NOTE: Thank you, David. It's very nice, and unusual.

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS

FROM U.P.I. - The Ford Foundation has awarded the National Council of Churches a $100,000. grant for the Council's child day care project to strengthen the care being provided to children in church-run day care centers.

The United Methodist Church reports a 3% drop in enrollments at its Methodist-related colleges and universities...the first decline since 1977. Officials say the decline, totaling about 5800 students, means a tuition loss of 20-million dollars.

Representatives of 5 major Protestant denominations have filed a formal complaint against C-B-S TV with the F.C.C.. They want air time to reply to charges made against their churches and the National and World Councils of Churches on the "60 Minutes" program.
In late January, "60 Minutes" presented a two part segment on the councils charging that church members' contributions were used to support communist movements...and indicating church money might be buying Soviet arms for revolutionary guerrillas.
C-B-S has denied requests from the church councils and member denominations to respond to the charges.
The request DID NOT ask the F.C.C. to rule on the merits of the charges made by "60 Minutes"...but instead said because of the attacks, the churches have a right to reply.

That old white magic was on the minds of about 150 practitioners of the occult from all over the western hemisphere as they gathered for a 4 day convention in southern Mexico early in March.
The organizer of the Sixth Annual International Witches Congress says the number of wizards, astrologers and Witches on hand this year was fewer than last year, when 500 attended. The reason, according to Antonio Vasquez Alba, was airfares...they're too high within economically battered Latin America for most Witches to conjure.
The congress commenced at midnight with a secret ritual initiation of 100 apprentice Witches on a mist-shrouded mountaintop near an area called Eden.
The meeting was held in Tuxtepec, 180 miles south of Mexico City, in the state of Oaxaca. The region is predominantly Indian and the center of Mexico's folklore and white magic.
Vasquez said the gathered "White" Witches discussed herb healing, the powers of the mind, and how to combat black magic.
The organizer said non-believers were allowed to attend some activities...but those "dedicated to doing evil" were not invited.

The Synogogue Council of America, representing 6 major reform, conservative and orthodox Jewish groups, has endorsed a nuclear freeze resolution.
The resolution says the U.S. is "morally bound" to work toward eliminating the threat of nuclear war, and urges both President Reagan and Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to end "production and deployment of nuclear weapons."

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STUFF & THINGS

TERESA In Tulsa sez: greetings to all the people at the Georgian Newsletter! You cannot imagine how much I enjoyed your newsletter (my 1st one March). You see, I live in Tulsa (now referred to as the "Buckle of the Bible Belt"). And, as you can imagine, it is lonely here! There is only one occult bookstore here. For years I have read everything on Witchcraft I could get my hands on..some good, some ridiculous.
I subscribe to ? other newsletters, but yours was so uplifting...the different contributions, the humor, the obvious concern for animals. I could go on & on. I am really looking forward to your next issue. I felt less lonely reading things from people with the same beliefs as mine....but it's still lonely down here, and sometimes depressing, like hitting your head against a stone wall. So if you know anyone down Tulsa way, let them know about me.
Once again, I'd like to say how much I enjoyed your newsletter! I hope you'll like having an "okie" supporter!

Blessed Be
Teresa

ED. NOTE: Glad you enjoy the newsletter, Teresa. In Oklahoma, we have subscribers in Sulphur, Tulsa, Noble, and Oklahoma City. If any of them wish to contact you, they can write to you here and we'll forward to you.
Teresa wrote on a card with a beautiful Unicorn on the cover. Reminds me, Miller, one of the people I work with, just brought me a beautiful brass Unicorn.

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DANA in Kalamazoo, Mich. sez: Pat - the work you do is important, to you and to me and to LOTS of other folks. If you're just bummed out, be aware that you're appreciated; if you're burned out, I'm sad, but you gotta do what you gotta do. Meaning: if you can keep going, your work is relevant and important.
Shadowhawk & Blacksun - founding a church is also important AND necessary AND timely. Kalamazoo will be following in your footsteps soon...that is, if my idea-seed planting has anything to do with it! Want you to know that there's lots of support from this end of the world!

All and sundry: Announcing the 1983 Goddess Gathering! We'll be meeting June 23-26, 1983, at Circleville, Ohio (about 25 miles south of Columbus). Registration is $15 adaults, $10 teenagers for the weekend; $5 adult or $3 teen perday; children under 13 are free. Registrations to: Temple of Wicca, Box 1302, Findlay, Ohio 45840. Program proposals to Richard Morgan, Box 3394, Kalamazoo, Mi. 49003.
Am impressed with your perception of a need to differentiate between Pagan and Witch. As soon as I collect enough of my wits back, I'll get to work on an article for you. (Am recuperating from pneumonia, 104 degree fever & delirium.)
Hoping spring will stay with us - all be well!

Blessed be,
Dana

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National Pagan Spirit Gathering June 18-26 in Wisconsin. Contact Circle for participation by April 20. Box 9013, Madison WI 53715 or phone: (608) 437-8964 (10-5) or (608) 767-2345 and leave message.

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The Pegasus Express, 4701 Lyons Rd. Box 159, Pompano Beach, Fla 33067, $5.00 a year 8 issues (Payable to) Richard Facchiano

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STUFF & THINGS

ROBYN in Australia sez: as you will all know, we've had terrible fires throughout Victoria & South Australia. The more we hear, the more we learn about someone's loss whom you know. People are all uniting and donating food, clothing, & bedding, but many of the victims have no home or car left, so also need a place to live. The whole of Wednesday & Thursday was nothing but news of fire damage. 12 firemen died in one town, and the death toll kept rising. The horrid part is that some of the fires were deliberately set.

The R.S.P.C.A. is feeding any animals left. A lady near mama's is collecting apples to be dried for some horses, which although burned, are still alive.
The way everyone is doing something to help is really heartwarming. My uncle lost his tea shop/crafts gallery and house were in the mountains. All the beautiful gardens were destroyed, and small animals burned.

We all knew of the impending disaster as the whole of the city was covered in a dust storm which blinded drivers and caused accidents. The cleanup is only just beginning; many must start from scratch... after 30 or more years in their fire-torn homes.

Robyn & the Furries

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HOLY WATER from Lynne in Australia

A priest at his first mass was so scared he could hardly speak. After the service, he asked the Monsignor how it was. "Fine, but next week, it might help if you put a little vodka or gin in your wine to relax you.
Next week, the new priest put vodka in his wine, and really stunned the congregation.
After mass, he asked the Monsignor how he had done this time.
"Fine", he said, "but there are a few things you should get straight."
1-There are 10 commandments, not 12.
2-There are 12 disciples, not 10.
3-David slew Goliath. He didn't kick the crap out of him.
4-We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C.
5-Next Saturday there will be a taffy-pulling contest at St. Peter's, not a Peter-pulling contest at St. Taffy's.
6-The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not Big Daddy, Junior and the spook.
7-Moses parted the water at the Red Sea, he didn't pass water.
8-We do not refer to Judas as "El Pinko."
9-The pope is consecarted, not castrated, and we do not refer to him as the Godfather.

A Witches' tip from Brett:
It's better to have a variety of nothing than the monotony of something.
ED. NOTE: Thank you, Lynne. No matter how often you hear it, it still brings a laugh.

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STUFF & THINGS

The forest is quiet, devoid of life...at least, for those who don't see. When you open your mind and your heart, you can see. Beauty in the canopy of trees framing the sky. You'll hear crickets, the rustle of leaves, as a mouse or a rabbit disturbs them. A bird trills out its greeting, another, hearing it, replys.
On the breeze, you'll catch the smell of the trees, and the sod as it's trod underfoot. Soon, you'll hear a sound, a splashing burble as water quickens across rock. The moss is thick and plush near the water; stepping, you feel smooth rock beneath.
Stoop now, look deep into the clear, crystal waters. Take deep drafts of air, so sweet, so fresh that it even tastes good.
Reach out, dip your hands into the crystal waters, so cold like liquid ice. Bringing hands up, you taste, so sweet, so pure, so cold. Nowhere else can water like this be found.
Look around you, all has changed; you have changed...for the Huntress has blessed these waters with insight. As you look with your new insight, you'll spot Her stag standing proudly near the trees.
Watch the ripples across the stream that the breezes bring. Feel the life that abounds here.
For this is Her forest...for those who can see.

Roweena in Oregon

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Some sad news to report. Lady Phoenix called from Texas to report that Loy Stone passed to the Summerland on Saturday, March 26, of a heart attack. Services were scheduled for March 29. There are plans to plant some trees. If you'd like to contribute to this, send to Loy's Grove, c/o Louise Stone, Box 69, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Loy also was fond of dragons. At least a card to Louise would be nice.

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Judy in Anaheim, Cal. sez: the rain here did a lot of damage to piers. I've lived here 35 years but don't remember such destruction before. It will be two summers before Seal Beach pier can be re-done. Huntington didn't get quite the damage and can be repaired more quickly. I think we can forget San Clemente pier; it's very sad. I've spent many hours on those piers watching the beautiful ocean and all her sea creatures and birds.

Many special Blessings,
Judy

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We have mentioned Fact (Facility For Animal Care And Treatment) at California State College Bakersfield in earlier newsletters. They have just recieved a funding request for $7,000 from the Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission. The grant will be used to purchase materials for construction of a new LARGE ANIMAL/INTENSIVE CARE building at FACT.
They have some animal care publications available. Write to FACT, CSB, 9001 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield, Cal. 93309.
Don't forget to send a donation. It helps the animals....sick and injured wild birds and animals.

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STUFF & THINGS

Sorry about those 2 pages at the end of the last newsletter... thin paper. I order paper from Fresno (100 miles north) because we get a better price there. Usually, it is delivered within 2 days... but not last time. Discovered they had shut down for inventory. Ran out of white paper, and since it was at night, nothing to do but run to Thrifty Drug and get some typewriter paper. Fortunately, we had enough of everything else. Paper arrived a couple days after newsletter was in the mail.

Newsletter cost is still $6. yr. for 12 issues, $12. foreign surface mail or $24. air mail. I haven't had any problems cashing checks no matter how they were made out (recently got one made out to "Pat"), but best if made to Georgian Church or Georgian Newsletter.

Don't panic if your newsletter is stamped "expired" and you know it has another month to go. We do that to make certain you know it's coming due.

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BLESSED BE MY FEET

It is not my sense of direction that gets me to the
bottom of that mountain....
It is looking at the path I follow.

Getting back to the top
tests my judgement.

Certainty promised from our Lady
gives direction.

I am a student:
Just learning of the lesson to look at myself;
Learning Love & Trust;
Accepting the things already within me;
Aging and Youthening.

Sometimes these thoughts come to me.

E-Seeker

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We'll hold the next in Lady Allusha's series for next issue so you'll get it nearer to the Sabbat.

That's all, folks,

Love and Blessed Be,

Pat and all the Georgians

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