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Bakersfield--Don and Elizabeth did a lovely job conducting the Candlemas celebration. Don made some stuffed tomatoes for the feast that we're eagerly awaiting a receipe for. We were all guests of Selena on various nights to watch episodes of the Robin Hood series on Showtime. We are going to send a letter to Showtime to let them know how much we enjoyed the program and that we'd like to see more of the same! The mimeograph, in need of a general overhaul, went to the shop after we printed the December newsletter ("For a Week") and did not return until late in January. It broke again while Dean was printing the flyers for the pagan studies article contest, but this time the shop gave us a loaner while ours is being fixed. Dean has also been busy on the yard. The front yard now has a full complement of grass and the ground cover in the back yard is almost restored as well. Almost everyone has been working on their yards in preparation for the growing season. Lady Fauna and Don went to the Southern Council of Covenant of the Goddess quarterly meeting this month--a busy time for all!

Just a reminder to get to the library (if you haven't already) and start your article for the pagan studies article contest. The prize money, $100, has been donated for scholarship purposes and does not come from newsletter funds. The deadline for submission of articles is June 21, 1995

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Farm Use

These days the world is filled with things in "mini" size. But did you ever hear about a "minifarm"? That's an informal term describing farms with gross sales of $1,000 to $2,499 a year. You have to sell at least a $100 worth of farm products to be counted as a farm at all. Less than 1% of the value of all farm products sold in the U.S. come from these farms. Ninety-four percent of minifarms are owned and operated by one owner or family. The five major crops they produce are: hay, corn, orchard crops, tobacco and wheat. In livestock, minifarmers produce cattle and calves--primarily beef cows, hogs and pigs, sheep and lambs, and chickens. The south has 51% of the minifarms, North Central states, 25%, West, 14% and Northeast, 7%. Most minifarms are really just rural residences and their operators depend heavily on off-farm or retirement incomes to supplement or finance their farming activities.

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FROM ADRIENNE

Hope that you had a wonderful Yule and will be blessed by the Lady with a bountiful coming year. While sitting alone in my car in the park, I was reminiscing (as I often do) about a conversation I had with a new friend this weekend. Although he doesn't realize it yet, he is a very Pagan soul and I believe I recognize him from a previous lifetime. We talked about reincarnation and religion until the wee hours of the morning and laughed at how parallel our lives had been. Anyway, I began to miss my fellow witches and the gatherings we had in previous, less rushed lifetimes and this little poem demanded to be written. Hope you catch the intended pun. And I hope you will feel free to use it in the newsletter.

Robbie, my 10 year old, is coming along nicely. If anyone out there in newsletter land has information on Witchling reading material, I would appreciate hearing about it. We're starving for appropriate material. Also, wouldn't it be nice if we could get the "little guys" together occasionally? Any ideas, anyone?

Love and dogbones to the pups. Love and B.B.'s to the humans.

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Reminiscing from Adrienne

The day is done, the sun retreats,
a heavy, crimson ball.
The Sabbat has arrived, and I
await the mournful call
of Pan upon the mountainside,
as Moon comes into view.
The sound weighs heavy on my heart,
for followers are few.

Oh, where are those who used to tread
the woodland paths with me?
It seems that in another life
I had more company.
We laughed and loved! We frolicked long
among the ancient trees;
We listened to the riddles brought
by playful, tossing Breeze!

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Reminiscing (cont.) by Adrienne

We sang the moods of Mother Earth,
Oh, listen! Hear the tune?
We wildly rode across the sky
and played tag with the Moon!
Do you remember? Can you recall?
Or am I all alone
with these, my dreams of days gone by?
Oh shit! There goes the phone!

Oh well, I guess I'd better dress,
for Pan is calling still.
And though it isn't quite the same
this century, I will
attend the Sabbat gratefully,
and pray that someday I
will hear familiar "Blessed Be's!"
of "Good Old Days" gone by.

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FROM TILLER IN WA

Life is going well in sunny (HA) Seattle. Haragano and I had a good Yule, and are looking forward to a good year. We have been doing what many homeowners do: fixing up the house on the weekends. We insulated and panelled the parts of the basement that hadn't yet been, removed an old work bench, and are about to build a new, smaller work bench. I am moving my ham radio shack from one end of the basement to the other, which will give me more space, and Haragano will then have a workspace all of her own at last fro stained glass and projects.

I typed up one of my favorite recipes recently, and I will share it with you all. It is a spicy-hot dish. Go lightly on the peppers unless you're used to Szechuan cooking.

I made the mistake of crushing the peppers with my hands when I made this for an office Yule potluck. I realized this had been foolish when I had to take out my soft contacts that night. I also had a chance to reflect on the errors of my ways the next morning, when I discovered that the peppers hadn't worn off my hands overnight.

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Tiller's Tangy Tofu (Szechuan Bean Curd)

2 pounds firm tofu
1/8 tsp ginger
pinch garlic
2 cups strong chicken stock
3 tbs soya sauce
1 tsp sherry (cooking sherry will do)
1 to 5 hot Chinese peppers (to taste)
cornstarch

Rinse the tofu. Set on a plate to drain for 15 minutes. Mix the ginger, garlic, chicken stock, soya and sherry in a large saucepan. Crush the peppers and add them to the sauce, seeds and all.

Warning: Don't use your hands to crush the peppers. Use a mortar and pestle, or the flat of a cleaver and a chopping board.

Stir the ingredients in the saucepan and bring to a simmer. Let it simmer for five minutes. Add enough cornstarch to thicken sauce slightly. Remove from heat and let stand while you slice the drained tofu into bite-sized cubes with a sharp knife. A-d the tofu to the sauce and stir gently to thoroughly cover all the cubes with sauce without breaking them. Return the saucepan to heat and bring to a simmer. Do not boil. Serve as soon as tofu is hot.

p.s. The God and Goddess have been smiling on me lately, and I have many reasons to thank them for their kindness. Thank you! Thank you!

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FROM LADY DEMETER IN FL

Greetings! I've been meaning to write for weeks since the holiday season. The store was very busy for Yuletide Season and on January 5th we celebrated our 1st birthday. What a year in review! When I went through it I was amazed how quickly it passed--how much happened and it delights me.

Under the Stars started off in a little 8 x 10 booth in an indoor flea market in Hollywood. As a newcomer to FL, I had followed the advice of a Gardnerian HPs who said it would be Dynamite there. Wrong. Yet everything serves it's purpose and as it turned out the store I am in now wasn't available anyway at that time.

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FROM LADY DEMATAR (cont.)

I have to laugh at the panic I felt with the move from the Hollywood (FL) booth of 80 square feet to Plantation's 1,300 square feet. Now my booth was crammed full on all four sides but even so there was an extreme thinning out of the merchandise for the Grand Opening. In reality I knew everything would be fine as the location of the Plantation store came thru Circle meditation and channelling. That is fine with lots of hard work. The decor was just marvelous for an occult supply store. Brick wall for 3 feet up then cedar slat panelling--the ceiling painted black-rustic looking light fixtures.

We (my husband, myself and Craft friends) worked hard to clean up the debris which consisted of such interesting items as old stereo cabinets, a truck tire, some mattresses, etc. A Cleansing ritual was done too and needed repeating. What fun along with the move of hundreds of books, candles, oils, incense, Tarot, etc. We hung wall racks to stretch out the books because 500 books--a 1,300 ft. square store do not fill.

So a year has seen 2-13 week seminars on Metaphysics Thursday nights, one six week course on psychic healing, one four week course on Handwriting Analysis, one four week free course on basic Astrology, one four week free course on Tarot Reading, free Sunday lectures on Numerology, Astrology, Hypnotism, Acupuncture, Psychic Development, Psychic Healing, Holistic Message, Meditation and a couple of extra one-nighters--Sol Lewis, President of the Michigan Metaphysical Society, Sri Swami Prakasananda, an Eastern "Saint" and even a couple of Psychic Healing Tuesday night sessions and coverage of the Seth materials. What a full year and more ahead.

Coming up in the next month is an autograph party, a Sunday Free lecture on Self-Motivation and Goalsetting (a prosperity program similar to Napolean Hill's Think and Grow Rich), Bill Curry teaches Concept Therapy which deals with Self-Healing and Psychic Development, our Free Tarot Classes begin again along with a Feb. 9th Psychic Consultation Series. Busy Busy Busy. Our mail order catalogue business is starting to grow.

By the way dean, if you order again write a big CC (Craft Customer) and take a 10% discount on your order--that's true for any pagan craft person because the catalogue also goes out to the general public. If Groups get together and order from the catalogue we can give a craft discount of 20% if the order exceeds $100.00 and that's a $20 savings on a $100.00 order, but again note CC.

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FROM DEMATAR IN FL (cont.)

Isn't the Basque Tarot fascinating? You know I'm a Tarot nut and maybe what I can do is give a Tarot Deck review for the Georgian Newsletter!! Here--while taking a break on a Saturday morning I'll review a couple of Decks out of the over 50 that are currently available:

Tarot Deck Review

Native American Tarot. Here is a relatively new deck out on the market... only a couple of years old. It's a great deck for anyone who is studying Shamanism and is truly a real American Deck. Tradition says to honor the Gods of the Land we visit or inhabit and I for one offer a pinch of tobacco to the Spirits of the American God/desses here in outdoor circles. This deck depicts traditions of a variety of American Indian Tribes from North to South--East to West. The Creators of the Deck Magda Week Gonzalez and her artist husband J.A. Gonzalez did a FANTASTIC job converting the standard Tarot to Shamanistic tradition. The Corn Maiden is the High Priestess. The tribe Shaman--the Hierophant--the Council Chief--the Emperor. The Suits have been converted to Blades for Swords, Pipes for Wands, Vessels for Cups and Shields for Coins. The 108 page book is fantastic in its explanations and Wicca is mentioned in its true positive light. I have gotten some excellent reading from this deck myself especially for people who are on the move around the country and I can relate them to different tribe locations. I had to do some meditations on the cards and found the book descriptions excellent seed thoughts. The card colors are soft in one respect and dramatic in clear lines--the "Natives" seem to come alive out of the gentle backgrounds. I have no hesitation in recommending this deck. The $10.00 is well worth it.

Another Indian type tarot of a totally different nature is the Xultan Tarot also known as the Mayan Tarot. It is much more difficult deck to relate to the standard Tarot and has a corresponding book, "Flight of the Feathered Serpent," which really helps understand the mysteries of Southern American religious system (perhaps I should say Central American). The dramatic colors used by Peter Balin evoke strong feelings about the cards. These cards were printed several years ago--then went out of print for awhile. The revised deck of 78 cards now has the minor Arcana titled in five languages with the flyer which is in English. Those people enjoying studies of Mayan culture will enjoy the twenty major Arcana which are named after the days of the Mayan month and represent the twenty steps to

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Tarot Card Review (cont.) by Dematar

enlightenment. The Encyclopedia of the Tarot shows how this deck can be laid out in the Pyramid form and each card connecting as in a jigsaw puzzle making up the complete picture. I have the older deck in my own collection and will read with it for a person I feel has a strong past-life connection with South/Central American history--be it a Spanish soldier type personality or jungle explorer type personality. Deck cost is $15.00 but I'm home now and can't really be sure the cost of the book which I guess runs around $12.95.

The New (Hurley) Deck. Here is one of my little favorites. It is definitely Craft oriented--one card depicts a coven dancing skyclad under the Full Moon and combines our traditional humor with good clear "call-em as you see-em" psychological evaluation. The instruction sheet can make you roar with its tongue and cheek laughter while hitting the nail right on the head. It gives a little mythology mixed with astrology--you!! find Pan and Neptune there as well as Hecate, an initiate, wizard and the mystical Magick Circle. It's a simple deck in black and white and smaller than most standard tarot decks but I like to use it for Craft people readings as it might shock a few "soap opera Sallies" with the black and white nudes. Simply put I love this great little deck--there isn't any book that corresponds to this deck other than the big instruction sheet but its so clear and crafty its not hard to read at all. It's comparatively cheap too--$8.00.

Well, it's time to run to work. Keep up the good work you have my support and best wishes to the Georgian Newsletter--one of the Best craft publications available.

p.s. Yes, I did change the spelling of my name to DEMATAR... Goddess knows why!!

Ed. Note (Lady Fauna): I am enjoying the Basque deck... although I don't read Spanish (the instruction book is in Spanish.) I have sent for the North American and Hurley deck and I'm looking forward to their arrival in the mail. We also got some other fine goodies from Under the Stars... and we're anxiously awaiting Lady Dematar's next installment of Tarot card reviews!!!

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BEING A WITCH IS...

...feeling good when you get blamed for things going right at work...

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PEOPLE (from UPI)

California researchers say they are testing a hormone that could eventually be used for permanent male contraceptive implants. Dr. Shalender Bhasin of Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles says two volunteers are currently fitted with a device that pumps the hormone into their bodies. The hormone is injected into the body through a needle attached to a pump resembling a portable "Walkman" stereo that is worn by the volunteers. The hormone shows promise of suppressing sperm production for months at a time, without affecting sexual performance. The drug is a synthetic derivative of a natural hormone which blocks the signals that stimulate sperm production. The volunteers continued to receive the drug 24 hours a day over the 16 week test period. Though development of a permanent implant is still years away, Bhasin says it would consist of a small capsule that could be placed in any number of places under the skin. The drug would then be released slowly, over a period of months. The four year study is aprt of a National Insititue of Health-Spronsored search to find a male contraceptive. The drug also is being tested at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and by a West German research group.

Houston's only nude apartment complex is telling its residents to put their clothes back on. Management of the Fieldstone Apartments informed residents of the city's first residential private nudist club that it will cease operation. An officer of Metro-Dyne Financial Corporation, which owns the complex in southwest Houston, said in a letter to residents it's "no longer feasible to continue club Fieldstone as a clothing-optional community." Residents say only 100 of the 270 units have been leased since the complex converted to a nudist club April 1st. The low occupancy rates spell financial doom. The club is eliminating its requirement that only nudists can use the swimming pool area and that clothing is optional in other sections of the complex.

Fifty women who work at an Iranian controlled bank in London aren't about to let the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini tell them what to wear to work. They ignored a directive that they must cover their heads, arms and bare flesh and wear "minimal makeup." No one was reprimanded but if the bank tries to punish them, there could be a strike. Mike Purdie of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union of Britain says Khomeini is trying to impose his own ideas of decency on Western employees at the bank.

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BEING A NEW WITCH IS...
...suddenly discovering a new interest in crafts...and arts.
(contributed by Don)

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FROM LESTER IN OR

Sorry Bad news I didn't receive my January newsletter. The first time but I guess you have enough problems taking over editor job. I'm with you. I'm sorry and will miss Pat. I want to thank you for the picture of him in newsletter. I know what he went through. I had the same trouble but the Gods were with me and I'm O.K. but lost part of voice box but I learned to talk OK. Will write more later on a subject I hope.

Ed Note (dean): 'Nuther newsletter has been sent to you.

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FROM JIM IN NJ

Glad to see you are "holding up"--there is a real sense of new beginnings vibrating from your work--keep it rolling! Enclosed is our subscription renewal check--almost forgot about it cause we had a rough start to the year--things are looking up!

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FROM EARTH SHADOW

I am writing to express my support and love. I was sorry to hear of George's death. I know he will be missed greatly. Many thanks to Brother George and his good workings and may his work continue through you all.

Ed. Note (Lady Fauna): Thanks to you ALL for all your kind words.

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A MEMO FROM WORK

TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

FROM: MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: DISASTER DRILL

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the disaster drill set for January 1985 will be held in the month of February 1985.

Please review your assignments.

Ed Note (Lady Fauna): How could I forget?

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From Catherine, Kent and Kelly in Oz

We have just received the news of our dear friend Pat's departure to the Summerland. We did feel so very much comfort from Dean's letter in the Georgian, and as soon as all members of COTOR can be advised, a special Requiem ritual will be performed so we may all say our farewells for this incarnation, and with peace and certainty, look forward to meeting him again in some other time, if it be the will of The Old Ones.

As most of you would know, we of Traditional/Hereditary Celtic Craft keep our Rites for our initiates only, but after Pat gave us charter for COTOR and our credentials, we devised a complete set of Outer Circle Rites to ensure that all Church members could participate, whether initiates or not, they are based on the Rites of The Inner Circle, and we would like to share with you all the Requiem which is to be performed here this week. We enclose a copy and please feel free to publish if you wish, perhaps Crafters in U.S.A. might also like to add it to their B.O.S. and also perform a sharing Rite with us.

We too, will miss Pat's advice and friendship, although we never managed to meet in person, we always felt his presence on our special occasions, and maybe, some Samhain he will join our Circle.

We feel that Pat could have no better farewell that to know that each of us will continue to serve our beloved Craft and our as sanely and sensibly as he himself did. It is up to each of us, no matter in which aprt of the world we may be, to show a united and caring Craft picture, and in so doing carry on the work he started, we will all miss Pat, and we will never forget him, and so we say, Vale Pat, and thanks for all the lovely memories you left with us.

Re., the query about the so called "Black Witch" the papers did sensationalise the whole thing, but the woman herself did claim to be a Witch with special powers, to obtain very large sums of money from the young girls of her own Greek race, and of course that came out in the evidence given in court and the papers seized upon it. The case is still not over, she has been released on bail, and will not be sentenced for some months, to see if she will repay the money she got, and her sentence will depend mainly on that factor, to date, she has repayed nothing! If we can help in any way with the continuation of the Georgian News, please let us know. Being "Down Under" does not allow for any practical help, but maybe there will

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From Catherine, Kent, and Kelly in Oz (cont.)

be some way we can assist, you have a hard act to follow, but we know you will do well. When you have a chance, please check on our subscription, it seems a long time since we sent anything and as you know we have an air mail sub.

May each and every one of you be safe in the light of The Old Ones.

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A WICCAN REQUIEM NO. 2 (from COTOR)

This farewell is designed for observance if a Crafter has gone to Summerland in some other country, or area, where it is not possible for Crafters to attend a Wiccan Service. It is also intended as an observance of KEEPING THE WATCH. Many times in our modern age, and for varied reasons, it is impossible to have the body within the home or Covenstead for the traditional 24 hours. It should be remembered however, that the spirit, although not passing, while at home, will return to familiar surroundings, especially in cases where death takes place by accident, or in hospital, etc. To ensure an easy passing into the care of The Old Ones, and over to the Summerland, the Rites given herein should be observed. They may be modified by participants if necessary for any reason, but essentially adhered to for the benefit of all.
TIME. Correctly the Rite should be observed between sunset and Moonrise.
REQUIREMENTS. Earth, water, incense, preferably cypress based, or candles anointed with cypress oil. Cypress oil screens out sadness and negativity, it encourages one to regard death as a doorway to a new life. Virgin candles, 2 of, in pure white. Flowers.

After a ritual bath or purifying shower, robe, prepare your Altar. Do not create a Circle, you are farewelling a friend, until you meet again, they must not be held by the Circle, but be freely able to travel on. Athames are not required. Remember to place your candle snuffer and matches upon the Altar.

If an H.P.S., H.P., or Coven Maiden is present, one of them should light the candles and incense, if none of rank be gathered, any Initiate may perform the duties outlined.

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A Wiccan Requiem (cont.) from COTOR

INVOCATION. We gather here now, to bid farewell to a friend who must travel far. The blessing of the Goddess- of the God, of all the Elements, and of your friends, are with you as you leave to travel beyond time and space.
There is a reason why you have been in this life and this world, there is a reason why you have been called to the Mother, as there is a season for all things, now is your season to travel on. Rest and peace be yours in the sight of The Old Ones.
If it is decreed by them, we will meet again, in this life, or in another. Your world will now be eternal, peaceful and joyous, for you, pain, doubt, unhappiness, worldy cares, are now gone. Your youth and beauty will be returned unto you.
REPLY BY ALL. So mote it be!
2ND PARTICIPANT. May the servants of The Old Ones, escort you with honour to their land of light, beauty and love.
REPLY. Blessed Be.
TO BE SPOKEN BY H.P. or PRIEST INITIATE. Let now the silver cord be loosed, the gold bowl of this incarnation is ended. The wheel has turned full circle, your spirit is now safe with the Goddess who gave you birth, and who will do so again, in her good time May She, in her wisdom and compassion, let us meet again, know each other again, and love again. Until that time, we say, Merry Part and Blessed Be.
ALL. MERRY PART..Name.....and Blessed Be.
ALL PRESENT NOW MAKE THE FINAL PRAYER.
"Death shall have no dominion, All naked, shall be as one,
They shall be with the wind and the Moon, and in the early sun,
They shall have stars at elbow and foot,
Though they have been mad, they will be sane,
Though they sink through the sea, beconsumed by flame, or warmed in earth,
They will rise and live again.
Though friends and lovers be parted, love shall not,
For in Her world, death has no dominion."
ALL HOLD HANDS, GIVE THEIR PERSONAL SILENT FAREWELL, the candles are then extinguished, incense left to burn away, and a kiss exchanged between those present. As usual, a loving feast should now be served and wine or mead taken by all. A toast may be given if desired, the person to speak and the words spoken should be of individual choice and feeling.
The candles used must be wrapped, tied with red cord or ribbon, and thrown into running water, e.g. river or sea.

A copy of the requiem should be placed with every initiates WRITTEN request for the disposition of their body. This is not

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A Wiccan Requiem (cont.) from COTOR

morbid, but permits the non-Craft members of their family to accede to their final wishes. The formal Requiem service which is conducted at the grave, crematorium etc, is kept by the Coven leaders, who will conduct the requiem, therefore an emergency contact point, say a phone number, should be included with every Crafters final instructions. Should a non-Craft family refuse a Wiccan service, all friends and initiates should gather and perform this Ritual, as soon as it is possible, but within three days of the passing.

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FROM USDA

An old preservation process is again gaining world-wide attention. This old process is irradiation of foods. What brought irradiation to the fore was the concern over the safety of chemical fumigants, such as EDB. Food irradiation is now legal in at least 18 other countries, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain and the USSR. Irradiation is already permitted on a few foods for domestic U.S. consumption. According to the USDA, it's been legal for use on wheat and wheat flour since 1963, on potatoes since 1964, and on spices since July 1983. Irradiation breaks down chemical bonds in the cells of pests, and can kill the pest or damage its genes necessary for reproduction. At low doses, radiation prevents the unwanted sprouting of root crops, such as potatoes. Irradiation can also be used to delay the ripening of fruit. The process does not make food radioactive. The process may cause minor changes in the chemical composition and texture of some foods... just like cooking causes chemical changes in foods. One big benefit for the developing countries is that irradiation kills or reduces the number of pests and microorganisms present in foods. Scientists estimate that as much as 30% of the world's harvested food supply is lost through insect infestation and spoilage. Irradiation could reduce these losses. At doses higher than the Food and Drug Administration has proposed, irradiation also rids food of disease-causing organisms such as salmonella and the bacteria that causes botulism. And irradiation could reduce the use of potential carcinogenic preservatives and the toxic chemical fumigants.

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Didja Know?

Blennophobia is defined as the fear of slime.

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DOG DAYS (from UPI)

You've heard of filthy lucre. Well, the rotting bag of bills that Russell Jones of Omaha, Nebraska, found last year really was filthy. His dog discovered the money in a plastic bag buried in the mud along the Missouri River under an Omaha bridge. Jones turned the money over to police. No one cliamed it in the 30 day waiting period, so now it's his. He'll take home more than $12,000 in clean money, having exchanged the old bills for new ones at a bank.

Let's face it--some dogs just can't tell the difference between a bomb and a bottle of perfume. Take, for example, a bomb dog with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in Michigan. The police pooch was brought to the main terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport when officials became worried about a suitcase that had been left unattended. After seeing how the dog reacted to the suitcase, authorities were convinced it might contain a bomb. Airport officials immediately evacuated about 200 people from the terminal and police gingerly toted the suspicious bag to an open field nearby. The next step was to shoot at the suitcase to detonate any explosive contents. But after the shots were fired, authorities found the bag contained only a small bottle of men's cologne. Even though it was a false alarm, airport spokesman Lou Sugo has nothing but praise for the way the police handled the case. As he puts it, "The alternati of not believing the dog is a little chancy."

The first dog to give a news conference at city hall in New York refused to talk. Mayor Ed Koch called the news conference for Archie, a mongrel dog owned by the Mayor's cook, Mitchel London. The 100-pound canine had run away and Koch and the New York Animal Adoption Society between them offered a $300 reward. That did the trick. As cameras rolled, Koch ordered Archie to talk. Archie remained silent and the mayor explained, "He doesn't want to talk." Owner London denies the 18 month old dog bolted because of friction between Archie and the master of Gracie Mansion. He says the dog is very fond of the Mayor.

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DIDJA KNOW? (from UPI)

The U.S. National Park system is now in its 113th year. Do you know which was the first national park?

It was Yellowstone, the Wyoming park famous for geysers and boiling springs.

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A Witch looks at Christianity by Tarostar

The Christian Church created the medieval concept of the Devil and thereby spawned so much suffering, misery and death among humanity for hundreds of years thereafter, the mind boggles to relate it.

I know Christians view themselves as decent, loving people, but few of them have ever really studied in depth the tragic history of their own faith.

Perhaps in the beginning, they were a decent enough faith, but they sold out their spiritual heritage for the worldly glories of political power when they cast out their mystical aspects which included Karma and Reincarnation, and substituted the "Doctrine of Vicarious Atonement" (meaning that if you profess "Jesus," all your previous evil doings are wiped clean) in order to please the murderous Emperor Constantine and secure him a place in Paradise.

The Pagan Faiths said he had evil Karma to pay and could not be assured of spiritual elevation, having warred and murdered his way to the throne.

The Christian Church came up with Vicarious Atonement and assured the Emperor Jesus would accept him. In payment for Constantine's soul, the Christian Church was made Official Religion of the Roman Empire and took over all the lucrative revenues of the Pagan Priesthoods and Temples. As "Official Religion" it had Imperial favor and therefore, political power over the minds of all citizens of the Empire.

Constantine, however, did not even become a Christian until he lay on his death bed. Only then did he consent to allow the Pope to baptize him.

Later, Christians fought among themselves in theological squabbles over whose form of the Eucharist was valid. These "self-righteous" Christians villified each other and would refuse to allow those who held slightly different concepts of the divinity of the Man Jesus to even attend Church. (They profess the precepts of one who condemned no one, but the hypocrite, yet treat others of their own faith with contempt and calumny.)

Things ran rather smooth for Christianity in the "Dark Ages," because all human knowledge was kept under seal in Monastaries and only those educated by the Church were allowed access to it.

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A Witch Looks at Christianity (cont.) by Tarostar

(Whole nations were declared Christian just because some Missionary baptized the local King.)

Jews and Moslems were not allowed to seek university level education throughout Christendom, although Christians often studied at Arab centers.

Up through this time, the only enemy Christianity thought it had, was the Jew. Jews were denied any decent professions in christian lands and were forced to be "ghettoed" and wear specific uniforms so that all Christians could recognize them as "Christ Killers" (Shades of Adolf Hitler.)

It used to be a Good Friday tradition in many Christian communities to raid the local Ghetto, burn, rob, rape, beat, maim and kill Jews. (If they truly believed their Jesus to be an aspect of Deity, how could anyone have killed Him?)

Then some fool said the world was going to end Anno Domini 999. So that with the year 1,000 A.D. Jesus would come in glory and rule the world, to punish all the evil Saracens and Jews who would not believe in him.

December 31, Christians sat up all night expecting. The dawn came and nothing. They waited a few years just to see. Then by 1086 A.D. Christians came to the conclusion that Jesus could not come because the Saracen Moslem was at that time occupying the Holy Land.

Jesus' precious birth place and scene of passion were polluted by those who did not worship him.

Thereupon followed the most savage and wasteful episode of all time: The Crusades.

Christians should read of the barbaric cruelty that those of their faith inflicted upon the Moslems. How Arab blood ran ankle deep in the streets of "Holy Jerusalem." (Doesn't that name mean something about peace?)

Any religion that would launch a war against others is evil!

The Crusades failed miserably and threw all that barbarism back upon its origin. Up to that time, Christians had been content to harass the Jew. About 1485 A.D. they discovered the Witch. (The Monk's manual against Witches: The Malleus Malificarum.)

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A Witch Looks... (cont.) by Tarostar

Christians at first said Witches were only a delusion (Canon Episcopi 900 A.D.) By 1485, they had reversed their theology and said that if you didn't agree Witches were real and evil people, you yourself were guilty of heresy and perhaps a Witch.

Such theological gymnastics launched another sad, evil, violent and horror-filled episode of Christian History: The Witchcraft Mania.

At first Christianity held the scriptural idea of Satan, as being a necessary voice of conscience to tempt and dissuade one from good resolve, but sent by God. By the High Middle Ages, they had created the red, cloven-hoofed, horned, ugly and evil concept of the Devil, who existed to cause death and destruction to mankind in his own right, being an equal power in the universe to God.

More time was spent describing the Devil and his Demons to the smallest minutiae, than any other philosophical aspect of Christianity in those days.

Then Christians established the "Inquisitional Economy." Society, under the leadership of Christian Divines and Theologians, went insane to rip and tear at itself.

At first the Inquisition was set up to test the christian orthodoxy of Jews forced to convert to Christianity on pain of death in Christian Spain. They were called Maranos; Jews who publically professed Christ, but privately practiced Judaism. The Holy Fathers of the Church could not tolerate any gods before Jesus, not even God Himself.

So, these poor Maranos were burned at the stake, not directly by the Church, but by the government upon orders from the Church. (She wanted no blood to spill on her ecclesiastical vestments.)

Since Church and State were combined, an enemy of the Church was therefore also a public criminal to be executed by the secular authority. The Church could have one put to death simply by stating one was a heretic. (Heretic means free thinker. I thought Jesus only condemned hypocrites.) When they ran out of Jews, they turned on the Witches.

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A Witch Looks... (cont.) by Tarostar

The Inquisition spread like a new Mass Book through all Christendom. (Except Italy. The Italians were too busy killing themselves over politics to worry about religion.)

The Inquisitional Economy kept many people in lucrative, high paying positions. When one was called a Witch and arrested, all property was confiscated first to the Holy Fathers of the Church, then to the government to be sold off. Whole industries sprang up around the bon-fires of human bodies: assessors, accountants, caretakers, torturers, executioners and the garment industry. (On order of Holy Mother Church, a heretic had to wear a special uniform in which to burn.)

In other words, the climate of bigotry, hate and violence spawned by Christian theologians killed millions of human beings in Spain, France, England, Germany and even in Holy Russia. All Christendom hunted down anyone who appeared different, thought any thing slightly unchristian, or who acted any way displeasing to the upholders of Christian Virtue. (I thought the MORAL MAJORITY WAS A MODERN PHENOMENON.)

The insanity did not stop with killing Witches. About this time Martin Luther broke the monolithic structure of the Christian Church and began a shattering effect that reverberates even today, and launched a new sad episode in Christian History: The Protestant Reformation. Protestants hated Witches even worse than they hated Catholics. (And they would kill a Catholic at the drop of a hat.)

The Thirty Years War, 1618-1648 is glossed over in most history books. Protestants and Catholics do not wish to be reminded of how they use to gleefully slaughter each other. (I don't know why. They still villify each others doctrines.) They hated and killed each other while both continued to kill those they called Witches.

By this time Satanism happened upon the scene. People came to the conclusion that the real Power of Evil must be the one all warring factions of Christianity pray to.

Satan, or the concept of him, seemed gentle and loving compared to the Holy Fathers and Bigoted Divines. He offered healthy lust, fun, games, diversion, material well-being and security. Satan was an anchor in the stormy, bubbling and bloody Sea of Christianity.

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A Witch Looks... (cont.) by Tarostar

The only thing Protestants and Catholics could agree upon was their hatred for Satan and of all people who could not hate the same way they did. (I thought the "Prince of Peace" was a Christian God.)

The only saving grace to come out of those horrid times was the Humanistic Philosophy, which Christians still hate today. It began to influence the minds of those in government. It taught Rational Philosophy and laughed out bigotry and faith.

Fortunately it gained ground. Because only where the Governments refused to take sides in religious issues could Catholics and Protestants live in peace with each other. The Government had to unequivocably state that one person's religion was no better than another's.

Although, Anti-Semitism continued to exist in Christianity right up into the present century. In Holy Russia they launched Pograms against Jews as late as 1905.

The Communist authorities stopped that by saying there is no such thing as religion.

This age seems to condemn the Nazi regime for persecuting Jews as if that were something new. They were only offering their idea of a "Final Solution," because of the 2000 year tradition of hatred against Jews inherent within Christianity.

I have to laugh when I hear Christians professing to be "spiritually Israel," How blind do they think Jews are? Do Jews have short memories? And the "Jews For Jesus" don't bear comment.

Not to forget the Thirty Years War, it seems to be still going on in Belfast. They may hide behind politics, but the religious issue fans the flames of destruction with emotional impact.

Another bone to pick with Christians. Why do they condemn the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints? Are not Mormons also Christians? So what if they have a different idea of Holy Scripture? So do Protestants and Catholics.

It used to be the King James version of the Bible was tauted as the only true Book of Scripture.

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A Witch Looks... (cont.) by Tarostar

I guess they found out James had a hysterical fear of Witches and occult subjects in general and forced the Divines to translate "VENEFICA" (poisoner) to be "Witch," so that Protestants could scream from Exodus: "Thou shalt not suffer a Witch to live.", and excuse all their violent acts against helpless victims.

Now the King James is condemned by Christian authorities. (Gee, is nothing sacred?) I for one, always liked the sonorous style of Elizabethan English. It sounded so Shakespeare.

At times misguided Christian zealots wander into my parlor and ask if I am saved. Boy! Do they have a lot to learn!

One can not discuss religious history with them, because they do not know it. They also know very little of their own Bible, only the Catechism they have been told to parrot against Non-Believers. Try to make a point with them and they begin to talk very loud right in the middle of your words, contradicting you, before they even hear what you have to say.

They do not realize how ignorant they appear, and how ugly they make their religion.

When you still refuse to fall on your knees and accept their version of Jesus, they resort to cursing you in the Name of Jesus and tell you that you are going to hell. They feel if you do not believe in their Jesus, then automatically you must be a Satanist. (What about Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, Shintos, Zens and Tao? Are they Satanists too?)

Please, don't get them started on Catholicism!! They scream "Whore of Babylon" all over the place! (What did I say about the Thirty Years War?)

I can never understand a religion that mouths love, fellowship, peace, forgiveness, forbearance, tolerance, understanding and the concepts of a loving God, yet carps, condemns, hates, curses, and commits violent acts against those who will not submit to its form of intellectual bondage. One who shoots and kills fellow humans, both in ancient times and still today.

Then we have "Television-anity." I watch aghast as media preachers threaten and frighten little old ladies with Hell-Fire and Brimstone unless they send in their last $10.00.

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A Witch Looks...(cont.) by Tarostar

They preach that the "End Times" are upon us and they need all that money to spread the Word before it is too late. They picture all sorts of violent and hateful acts to come as plagues upon people in the "Tribulation." (I thought they stopped using King James English?)

When they tell you right over the air waves of all the millions of dollars they have for their satellite hook-ups and university buildings.

If Satan were ever the Ruler of the "Material Plane," he certainly must be the God of the TV Christian.

They said the "End Times" were 999 A.D. Christianity suffers from "Millenia Fever." Whenever a millenium rolls around, they get a St. Vitus Dance and think they are all going to be swept up into the air to meet their Jesus when he comes, supposedly with the millenium beginning 1,000 A.D. The dawn will come on that day, but it is doubtful Jesus will. Even if he does, I'm sure the sad commentary of Christian stewardship among their fellow humans will stand as accuser against them.

Very few Christians know, or are even taught these things relating to their own religious history. They do not realize that an outsider can honestly see them and their faith as evil. They do not understand in the light of their own faith's history, a goodly number of decent well-meaning people want nothing to do with them, and certainly could not bring themselves to accept Christianity as an inspiring faith. Its history is against it.

As all can see, I do not condemn Christianity, I only point to the sad facts of by-gone times and of today. Christianity's bloody acts speak for themselves.

I am not ignorant of Scripture, nor of how that Scripture has been applied down through the ages.

I only want Christians to know, there are those out here who would rather be left alone and not harassed by self-ordained Apostolic Proselyters. There are some of us who have a very deep abiding faith in our own concepts of the Supreme Being, and will never accept Christianity.

The Jew will exist for all time to bear witness to God. So also will the Witch.

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From the Mail (Lady Fauna)

Where I work, we often receive packets of 3 x 5 cards from various vendors soliciting response for products related to our services. However, I hadn't expected to get such a packet (mailed to the house) from Ministry: Values for Growing Chruches (5007 Carriage DR SW, Roanoke, VA 24018). Among their offerings:

* a free subscription to Psychotherapy and Social Science Review which also offers a choice of the following books: Coping With the Crises in Your Life, Pastoral Psychotherapy, The Listening Process, Homosexuality, Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective, Helping Families to Change (into what?), Children of Parting Parents, Marriage, Love, Sex & Divorce, Separating Parents and Adolescents, Techniques of Brief Psychotherapy, Helping Families with Special Problems, Couple Therapy, Technique of Family Therapy. Catch: Book club membership.
* 4 VHS or Beta videos (The Book of Genesis, The Gospel of Luke, The Book of Genesis Commentary, The Gospel of Luke Commentary, 16 cassettes, 24 hours of programming (!!), 33 Bible times magazines, 33 teachers guides, and 33 projectionist's scripts for the measly sum of $699.95.
* instant flyers for $13.95 a set, your choice of Attention Grabbers (I like "Coming Soon," "Progress Report," and "Sign Up"), Seasonal Headlines, and Church Activities ("Drama," "Emergency Offering," "Evangelism," "Special Offering," "Training Event"--is that like Georgian training films?)
* a no-risk offer from New Wine Magazine. 12 issues/$15. (T'ain't what you think... "dedicated first to your spiritual growth...")
* Bible Challenge. A game. (Looks like a cross between Risk, Monopoly, and Trivial Pursuit). $29.95 + shipping & handling.
* Overholtzer Church Furniture. Please specify if you are interested in remodelling, building, pews, chairs, chancel, or pulpit.
* Disposable Communion Cup. 1 1/4" high, 1 1/4" across the top. $13.95/1000 on sale.
* A free fund raising kit from Rodgers Organ Company. (I could have some fun with this by leaving out "fund," but I won't).
* A free trail issue of Ministries: The Magazine for Christian Leaders $20.00/ 5 issues
* A free catalog from Christian Book Distributors.
* More organs, this time from Allen Organ Company.
* This is an interesting, if confusing, 3 x 5: "The Pastor's Study: Landmark Book's most prestigious series. These books of important impact, covering topics of current and lasting themes, will be made available to our subscribers before regular publication. Distinctive binding as well as relevant

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From the Mail (cont.) Lady Fauna

subject matter will set these books apart. The pre-publication price of these books will be consistently $3.00, despite the much higher prices they will carry after publication. Because of the excellent style and careful research required of all the books in our Pastor's Study we must limit our publications to no more than 6 books per year. We ask you as a concerned pastor to join our Pastor's Study. It is from your ranks that we will have our manuscripts reviewed and our needs established. Please check your field of interest on the reverse of this card and send us your membership application." (and on the back) "Below are the areas of interest in which I would be willing to review forthcoming publications. Honorariums for these reviews qre restricted by company charter to $500.00: Apologetics, Philosophy/Theology, Single Christian, Bible Criticism, End Times, Death & Dying, Bible History, Christian Finance, Family Illness, Counseling/Psychology, Marriage, Homilies. List me as a consulting editor for the areas I have checked. I enclosed $3.00 to become a charter member of the Pastor's Study. I will receive all the books (limited to 6 per year) of this prestigious list at the special pre-publication price of $3.00. Books will be sent on approval and may be returned within 10 days."

* A free income tax guide for the clergy with a subscription to The Clergy Journal. $18/10 issues
* Another book club. The free offer: a three volume set, All the Apostles of the Bible, All the Miracles of the Bible, All the Prayers of the Bible, or a King James version of...
* stacking cribs from the Nursery Maid (they look like cages)...
* The Pastor's Story File, $24.95/13 issues.
* From Imperial--pews, cushions, chairs, pulpit furniture
* An 8 day holy land tour (optional Egypt extension) $1298. Recruit 3 paying passengers & go free.
* Sunday Sermons. $25/6 mos.
* Hand bells (Schulmerich Carillons, Inc., 5931 Carillon Hill, Sellersville, PA 18960)
* 72 of today's greatest contemporary Christian songs, spiral bound, $12.95
* more funiture, from Hamlin--pew cushions, patented kneelers, stacking chairs.
* The Good NEws Bible, $4.25
* 74 Bible Crosswords, $20 + shipping & handling
* Stained galss repair (Shenandoah Studios of Stained Glass, Inc., John Marshall Hwy, P. O. Box 1468, Front Royal, VA 22630)

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* choir gowns
* a free booklet, "How to photograph your church in color this Christmas"
* A free custom tailored Bible toter (I'm serious, a Bible toter)
* Leadership, $18/4 issues
* Art for Student Ministry, $30 per quarter, and Art for the Church, $20 per month.
* Fundamentalist Journal, $10.95/11 issues (Jerry Falwell, editor)
* Homemade, $2 per month for 50 copies (who says xians don't have a sense of humor...)
* Innovations, $15/5 issues
* Parables, Etc., $24.95/yr
* Pew reupholstering
* free New International Version New Testament with a bible catalog
* church artwork, $12.95 + shipping & handling
* more bells (I.T. Verdin Company, 2021 Eastern AV, Cincinnati, OH 45202)
* invitations to church
* stained galss repair, new windows, protective covering (Hauser Studios of Stained Glass, 177 Lafayette, Winona, MN 55987)
* Christian Herald Magazine, 11 issues/$12.95, with a free copy of Courage and Confidence from the Bible
* more choir robes
* Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, 2 vols, $19.95.
* The Newsletter Newsletter, $21.95/12 issues
* Solving the Ministry's Toughest Problems, 60 chapters, $24.95
* Tour programs: The holy land & Cairo, $1446; Australia & New Zealand, $2698; The Orient, $2895; Holy land, Rome Athens, the Greek islands, Ephesus, $2121; Sweden, Norway & Denmark, $2298; Europe, $2029; China, $1995-$2145; Britain & Ireland, $2398
* A computer usage research questionnaire from Religion Research Bureau
* Discipleship Journal, $12/6 issues
* A Christian School Survey (see computer usage research questionnaire)
* The Communicator's Commentary. Another interesting 3 x 5: "A new resource from the great communicators of the Christian Faith: The Communicator's Commentary, Lloyd J. Ogilvie, General Editor. A rich new study resource for pastors and lay people with historical and thological explamations

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in easy-to-understand language. It's written by some of the best known Bible teachers of today to communicate God's truth. Dr. Myron Augsburger, Stuart Briscoe, and Maxie Dunnam are the first three volumes to be released, and of course Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie is the general editor. To learn more about this exciting series and how you can become a Charter Member of the Communicator's Commentary Series, just return this card."

* 12 cassette tapes of Christian apologetics (not priced)
* God, Science, and the Universe: A Scientist Examines God's Handiwork (media and price not given)
* A Teacher Training Series on video (price not listed)
* Thirty Critical Problems Facing Today's Families (cassettes and manual, pictured, along with big insert of author--I assume--big picture of author on a three ring notebook in the shot, too)
* a flyer on the "church history collection of award winning films": John Hus, First Fruits, John WyCliffe and inside... "two new films on 'psychic' powers..."Be aware of the dangers which deceive millions of Americans! How do you respond to claims of psychic or supernatural powers? Psychic Confession and The Fakers. Use this powerful two part film to proclaim the following: Jesus Christ is the true source of needed power; not the neighborhood psychic. As exhorted in Ephesians 5, Christians can protect themselves and others from deceptive practices by exposing the 'tricks and powers' of the kingdom of darkness. Psychic Confession (documentary/44 minutes/color/$66) The real story of how world class magician Danny Korem unmasked a man heralded as the world's leading psychic, you'll see how some people, including cult leaders, seek to control with supposed psychic power. The Fakers (documentary/41 minutes/color/$66/audience: youth-adult) Use this riveting presentation to reach the unsaved with the liberating Good News of Jesus Christ and give Christians a sound biblical perspective on the enslaving world of the psychic and the occult." As Christians we have a responsibility to discern the patterns of deception popularly marketed today, and to know the difference between real and counterfeit powers." (but what happens when they come up on the real thing???)
* and..."Finally, the kind of help wives in ministry have been asking for: Partnership, $14.95/6 issues (Feminists, have a ball...) Sample articles pictured: "Inside the Stained-Glass Pressure Cooker" and "Prescription for Healthy Friendships")

Caveat emptor. If you can't keep the cards and letters (and articles) coming, folks, at least keep them going... LF

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Religion in the News (from UPI)

Two former Jehovah's Witnesses have filed a civil suit against the religious group accusing it of libel. The suit filed in Sacramento against the Orangevale Church and others by Joseph and Velta Maes seeks unspecified damages. The Maes' claim they were practicing Jehovah's Witnesses for almost 40 years before they decided to withdraw because of disagreements over doctrine. They say the elders then excluded them from the church, an action that in the past was taken only for immoral acts such as stealing and adultery. The suit alleges statements from the pulpit libeled them because fellow Witnesses were led to believe they had committed immoral acts. The Maes' say other members began to ignore them and even their son was afraid to visit them.

An organization of non-union builders and contractors says it wants to meet with top Roman Catholic officials to discuss the church's policy of hiring only unionized firms to do its construction work. In a letter to leaders of the U. S. Catholic Conference, the associated builders and contractors says the church's union-only policy "favors only a small percentage of all construction workers." The letter says many Catholics are frustrated "that on Sunday their church asks for their support, but on Monday turns around and prohibits them from having the opportunity to bid on work which they are completely qualified to perform." Although church policies on hiring union and non-union construction firms varies from diocese to diocese, most of the church's major jurisdictions use only unionized construction workers.

The lawyer for the plaintiff bills it as a "pitched battle between the forces of good and evil." The battle is evangelist Jerry Falwell's $45 million libel suit against sex magazine publisher, Larry Flynt. At issue is an ad in last year's November Hustler headlined "Jerry Falwell talks about the first time." The ad described what the magazine said was the moral majority leader's first encounter with liquor and sex. An asterisk directed the reader to a small print disclaimer that said the ad was a parody and not to be taken seriously. Flynt's lawyer says that absolves Flynt of any liability, but Falwell says it was an invasion of privacy, caused him emotional distress and was libelous because it implied he committed a crime involving moral turpitude.

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BEING A WITCH IS...

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Odin's Dream by Tarostar

Winged Death throughout the land
Gathers above Midgard's strand.
The Aesir and the Vanir powerless be
To defend the race of Man from Sea to Sea.
Valhalla not to be burned nor stormed,
But abandoned and quiet in a World re-
Formed.
Out of the Lands of the vanquished Celts
Into the strongholds of Northman's fury
Spreads a pestilence behind a Cross.

The Hammer of Thor broken lay
Upon an altar of the Roman Way.
Freyea's beads split and scattered,
Baldur's raiments torn and tattered.
The Norns and their Witches howl and
Scream,
As the Old Gods slip into fable and dream.
Out of the Lands of the vanquished Celts
Into the strongholds of Northman's fury
Spreads a pestilence behind a Cross.

The age shall grow dark and ignorance reign.
The blood of the innocent this world
Shall stain.
Power vested in a Hierophant of Rome
Secluded under a cold stone dome.
A Dying God upon a tree of woe
Shall deal life and joy a fatal blow.
Out of the Lands of the vanquished Celts
Into the strongholds of Northman's fury
Spreads a pestilence behind a Cross.

Long years to suffer the Cross's yoke.
Yet a few still the Old Gods invoke.
From beyond the Heavens the day will dawn,
When the Cross shall fall with all of
Its spawn.
Odin shall wake from his slumber of time.
The walls of Asgard with battle cry shall
Chime.
The Runes of ancient Nordic Lore
Recast the world we have known before.

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TO THEA FROM KATHY IN NJ: How can I get a receipe for the Orange Mead???

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FROM UPI

Researchers say the discovery of a gene that controls body shape in fruit flies, mice and human beings could explain how physical characteristics are passed on between generations. According to scientists at Yale and Columbia Universities and in Switzerland, the finding establishes a genetic link between organisms separated by billions of years of evolution. Researchers at the two American universities and the University of Basel say the gene was nearly identical between the three species...indicating the same genetic pattern may control all inherited body forms. Frank Ruddle, Professor of Biology and Human Genetics at Yale, says, "Proof of a common development pattern could provide scientists with a shortcut in identifying and eventually treating the genes that cause many genetic diseases and birth defects."

Billions of Bacteria will be giving up their lives this winter so that skiers can swish down their favorite slopes. The dead bacteria will be mixed with water, added to compressed air and propelled out the nozzles of snow-making machines. As the bacteria fall to the earth through freezing air, their tiny bodies will be enshrined in ice crystals. This particular strain of bacteria (called Pseudomonas Syringae) allows snow to be made at warmer temperatures...as high as 29 degrees Farenheit...compared with 17 degrees for most snow-making operations. The bacteria also increase the volume of snow per volume of air and water.

For the first time, astronomers have photographed evidence indicating a previously unknown solar system exists around a star twice as big and 10 times as bright as the sun. Dr. Bradford Smith of the University of Arizona, said the photographs reveal a swarm of solid particles that form a disk 40 billion miles in diameter around a star about 50 light years from earth. Smith said the significance of the discovery is partly "philosophical." He said, "It shows our own solar system is not unique."

They call it Champ and people say it's 30 feet long with three to five fins on its back and colored greenish-brown. It's supposed to lurk beneath the waters of Lake Champlain in New York. Seventy people aboard a boat reported they saw the creature swimming alongside during a weekend excursion last summer. They said it stayed on course for 1,000 yeards...then disappeared and surfaced again 15 minutes later.

Police searching for drugs raided a house in Pittsburgh and found something they weren't looking for--a human brain, floating in liquid in a bottle. They also found a variety of drugs and some guns. One of the arresting officers says a resident of the house told him the brain was given him by a friend in medical school and was being used as a conversation piece.

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Why Ritual Part III by Maharian

In discussing ritual, we must consider who should be involved in them. The answer is simple--everyone. Whether the ritual is a lengthy, elaborate one, or a simple solitary rite, it fills a need that exists in all of us--the need to communicate with our higher self, and through our higher self the Infinite Source.

Even if you are a member of a group that observes rituals on a regular and frequent basis, you will probably find yourself doing more and more private, personal rites. In our constant search to discover the reason for our existence, to get in touch with ourselves, and to relink with the source from whence we came, ritual is our most useful tool.

"But," you say, "I was always told that meditation was the best way to accomplish all that." And you will find no argument--it is one of the best ways.

Meditation itself is a ritual. Think about the four basic aspects of ritual--they are present in any meaningful meditation. And discover for yourself how much more effective and meaningful your meditation becomes when you have properly prepared yourself and your surroundings before beginning your meditation. Oh, yes, the ultimate goal is to be able to enter the deep meditative state at any time, any place--in the middle of a crowded railway station, or during a bomb attack--but, let's face it, few of us have reached that level!

Even if you are not a student of the hidden or metaphysical mysteries, you will find that "ritual" is an integral part of your life. Every faith follows a proscribed pattern of worship--ritual. As an example, those who follow the Christian path rise on Sunday morning, shower and dress for church (preparation). The services begin with opening prayers (invocation). The sermon is preached and the Deity is asked to respond (petition). The collection basket is passed (sacrifice), and the closing prayers are offered (thanksgiving).

The younger one is when they begin to follow a ritual formulae, the more effective it becomes. As we discussed earlier, once a pattern has been decided on, each time it is executed the conscious and deeper/higher levels of consciousness respond to each step more quickly. When you first begin to follow a ritual formulae, allow plenty of time. As you become more familiar with the physical actions required, they will become "automatic" and your conscious levels will react more rapidly. The pitfall to avoid here is that of going through the steps mechanically. Concentrate on each step. Why are you doing it? What does it mean? How does

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Why Ritual Part III (cont.) by Maharian

it relate to the whole? Focus your complete attention on what you are doing, and why, while keeping in mind the ultimate goal. Link each step to the ones before it, so that when you are finished you have a complete whole, not a series of isolated parts.

In discussing who benefits from ritual, let us consider a few examples:

The child. Any ritual in which a child is involved should be simple. A child's levels of consciousness are close to the surface and any level can be reached with little effort, as is attested to by legions of "invisible playmates" from time immemorial. Who is the first to spy fairies or elves? Or to say, "Ms. Jones is coming over this afternoon" when we haven't heard from Ms. Jones in months, and she appears at the door this day. The child, not yet encased in the shell which humankind imposes, is in constant communication with other realms of consciousness.

By allowing the child to participate in and conduct his or her own simple rituals, the child can retain the ability to quickly reach other levels. By allowing the "child within" to remain near the surface, we free him or her from the burdensome task of searching later in life for that "child within."

The Teenager. The teenager will benefit from ritual, par[illegible] meditative rituals. During what is probably the most difficult phase of earthly life, these rituals help the teenager in the search to discover who and what he or she is, and why. If the "child within" has been allowed to remain near the surface, the task is easier, but even if it has been suppressed by the child's earlier training, the shell is still thin and can be easily shattered.

The teenager proficient in simple, personal rituals can be an asset in group rituals, particularly of a celebratory nature. The open lines of communication with other levels, and the over-abundance of energy which most teenagers possess can be a spark which touches off a chain reaction, bringing the ritual and its participants closer to the goal.

Care should be taken, however, to instill a deep sense of ethics and the responsibility for their actions in the teenager. The inate ability to contact other levels and the high level of energy to accomplish their purpose could get the teenager in some very unpleasant situations, unless he or she is properly trained in the ethical use of their abilities.

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Why Ritual? (Part III) by Maharian (cont.)

The adult. For the purposes of clarity, we shall use the definition of an adult as "someone past the teenage years." This is where the impact of the physical level is most deeply felt, for we must compete in the everyday, mundane world for our very existenc If you are a working man or woman, and most of us are, you are in constant contact with a number of people, with varied energies, many of them negative, for there is much negativity in the world today. The strength of these energies necessitates that we "close down" to avoid absorbing these energies and to avoid being influenced by them. Also, we must remain firmly on the physical level through most of our day to function properly at our tasks. Unless we participate in solitary or group rituals on a regular basis, it becomes more and more difficult to "open up" and to reach the deeper/higher levels of consciousness.

I strongly recommend that everyone establish the habit of daily ritual. It may be a solitary rite or a "family" rite, scheduled for morning, evening, or whatever time is best suited to you, as an individual, or the "family unit."

There are many of us who rise a few minutes early in the morning and spend these extra minutes at our altar, perhaps lighting a candle and/or incense, and communing with the deities. It is a lovely way to begin the day and makes each day seem a little better than it might have been otherwise. Others choose to time their rite for evening, helping to rid themselves of the cares of the day and prepare for meaningful sleep. Still others do both. The morning rite seems to be the easiest to observe on a regular basis, for most of us plan other activities in the evening which can interfere with our daily observance. Whatever time you choose, do try to make it a dialy observance--you will soon find that it becomes the most important and meaningful part of your day.

Group rituals are also very important. Those belonging to a group understand the meaning and importantce of the "group oversoul," as it is known in metaphysical terms, which blends and melds together the diverse energies of the group. Those who practice their art as solitaries can find much joy and comfort through the linking together with otehrs of our path for the Sabbats or other special occasion rites.

Remember, whether your ritual is solitary or group, held in the daylight or dark, indoors or out, ritual is a powerful key to unlocking the doorways which lead to a deeper, more meaningful communion with those energies which we seek. Use your key!

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The Witch Candle White from Tales from a Witch's Hearthfire (Thoughts upon the Heart of Wicca) by Tarostar

On Luna's Day, after She is new
Cast off anything that may be blue.
To work this spell in Monday's power
Do this at the Midnight Hour:

Take a large and sharp tree thorn
And a short white candle with the Waxing Moon adorn,
By pricking and sticking its shaft so pale
The symbol that the Moon Goddess doth hail.
Then dress this lamp
With an occult oil damp
For love, for luck, for fortune and fame,
And bless it in the Goddess's Name.
Light the wick
With intention thick
And concentrate your wish most firm,
As the flame begins to sputter and squirm.
Chant this then thrice
That it may suffice:
MOON, MOON, MOTHER MOON, MOVER OF THE TIDE.
GRANT THIS BOON
AS I CHANT THE RUNE,
DELIVER ____ TO MY SIDE.
Let the candle burn down and out.
The path to your wish will open no doubt.

To alternate this spell and its theme,
Use these chants to the Goddess Supreme:

QUEEN OF HEAVEN, STAR OF THE SEA,
FILL MY CUP WITH PROSPERITY.

SILVERY GODDESS ENTHRONED ABOVE,
FILL MY LIFE WITH ABUNDANT LOVE.

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DIDJA KNOW?

The earth travels around the sun. What does the sun travel around?

The Milky Way at about 150 miles per second, taking 225 million years to make one orbit around the galaxy.

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Animals (from UPI)

Persistence has finally paid off for Michael Marchese. The Williamsport, Pennsylvania, fireman saw a dream come true with the issuance of a postage stamp honoring Smokey the Bear. Marchese led a seven-year campaign to convince the U.S. Postal Service to give Smokey a commemorative stamp. The 20 cent stamp, depicting Smokey, was dedicated at Capitan, New Mexico, near the charred forest where the original Smokey mascot--a seriously burned cub found clinging to a tree--was rescued after a fire. When he's not fighting fires, Marchese teaches fire prevention to school children in north-central Pennsylvania. He says seeing how youngsters related to Smokey the Bear during his classroom visits inspired him to launch his campaign for the stamp in March 1977. Marchese says the children he spoke to over the years sent more than 100,000 letters, cards and posters to the Postal Service, and he contributed about $2,100 of his own to the cause--most of it for postage. He said every new stamp featuring a subject less deserving than Smokey strengthened his resolve.

Officials say Florida is being terrorized by marauding bands of wild pigs. They say growing numbers of oinkers are making a general nuisance of themselves...rooting up gardens, unearthing buried cables and even making an occasional foray onto the Kennedy Space Center. Helen Ridsdale, supervisor of the animal control office in Port St. Lucie, says the pigs "are just like a plow--when they go through an area, they turn everything over." Ridsdale says the wild hogs live on the island and swim across to the mainland to forage. Officials say the animals are descendants of domestic pigs turned loose by farmers who sold their land to the government for the space center.

Lee Simmons, Director of the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska, accompanied a sea lion on its trip to the Soviet Union. The three-year-old male sea lion represents a partial repayment to the Moscow Zoo for the three tigers it sent to American zoos last August. The Doorly Zoo got one of them, a 370-pound male named Tulip, who is now on display in the cat quarters.

State fish and game director Jack Parnell plans to pay a visit to the north fork of the Kings River in the high Sierra soon to inspect the area's declining deer herd. Parnell said that he wants to see the herd for himself before deciding whether to allow a controversial mountain lion hunt. The herd has dropped from 17,000 animals to 2,500 since the state imposed a mountain lion hunting moratorium in 1970. Environmentalists have expressed concern about the proposed killoff of the lions. But state game officials say studies have shown the mountain lions are preying on fawns.

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CIRCLE NETWORK NEWS. Published quarterly by the good folks at Circle Sanctuary. Circle is a non-profit, international resource center of Nature Spirituality. Year subscription: $9. bulk mail in the U.S. $13 first class to U.S. & Canada. $17 foreigh air mail. CIRCLE, Box 219, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572.

PANEGYRIA. Newsletter of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church, Inc. 8 issues a year/$8. The two issues I have seen were nicely done (I=dean). Address: P.O. Box 73, Index, WA 98256.

COSMIC AWARNESS CRYSTAL. Published 12 times a year is $12/yr or $1.50/issue. COSMIC AWARENESS CAULDRON is published quarterly. $18/yr or $4.50/single issue. Both are available from the Cosmis Awareness Center, P.O. Box 1144, Aurora, CO 80040-1144.

Doin's and Carryin's On:

NEXUS, whose motto is,"We are not alone..." is holding their 6th annual Celebration of Summer. Dates are June 21, 22, 23, '85 at a private location to be announced. Reservations are $13 for members and $7/child or $20 for non-member adults and $10/child. Prices go up after 1 June '85. Contact Robert Harrison % NEXUS, International, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, TX 75245, for further details.

The ROWAN TREE is offering a copy of their new, lowered prices price list for the mail-order herbs they have available. Send an S.A.S.E. (business size) to: The Rowan Tree, PO Box 8814, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Paul Beyerl, author The Master Book of Herbalism and The Holy Books of the Devas will conduct two sessions of a fourty-hour journey through the magickal uses of herbs. Cost is $50. For more info send a S.A.S.E. to Beyerl's School of Healing - Summer Studies; % the Rowan Tree's mailing address. Or phone (612) 871-7287.

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A note from dean

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A note from dean (contd.)

subscription expiration. At least they reflect the information in our records. If you feel the date is in error, please let me hear from you.

If the date on your label is one earlier than 2/85, you will not continue to share these monthly visits with us UNLESS:

1. You send us money.

2. You drop me a line or two saying how empty existance would be without hearing from the Georgians and their friends each month and though you may be short on the coin of the realm, you see a brighter day ahead.

If your label is a sort of bright pink in color, you most likely have an informational copy which you or someone with good taste requested. That being the case, welcome to our world. I hope you can find something of value in it.

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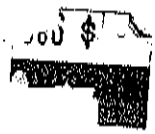
The last couple of months have been hectic, but a wealth of worthwhile moments... Elizabeth wandering into the house from the print shop, eyes wide in amazement, black ink from finger tips to elbows, saying softly, "The machine. A big blister came up and ... It Belched!" Then there was the late night of trying to finish the memeographing. Even the dogs had decided it was too late and had sought soft warm places to sleep. I turned on the radio. It babbled. The printer monotonously chugged and clunked. As the last page started to run the radio station began to sign off the air. I smiled at the coincidence. As the last print of the last page popped from the machine I recognised the voice saying it was time to end the day and Good Night until it is time to start again tomorrow - It was Pat! The synchronicity was electrifying. The radio had been tuned to KPMC; they were still using the sign-off message he had recorded years ago. I owe them a big thank-you for giving me a lift at a much needed moment. Too, there has been the opportunity to come to know better so many of you. Your kindnesses and energies are much appreciated.

Keep a positive spirit.

Help another find one too.

Lupercalia fun to everyone!

Love & Blessed Be,
dean, Lady Fauna & the Georgians



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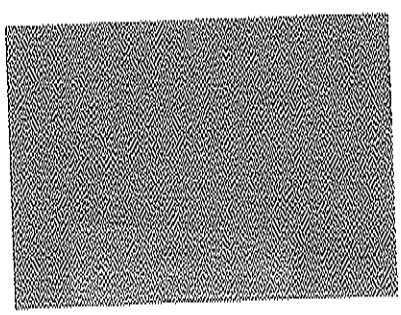

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