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Bakersfield--If you don't see your article in this issue of the newsletter, don't panic! For the first time in six months, we had more material than we could use. For some features of our next issue, see the last page.

We enjoyed having Moondancer, Lady Raven, Albion, Bonnie and their families join us for our Beltane celebration. Elizabeth, Don, and Delana put on a delightful skit before the ritual and dean and Lady Fauna conducted the ritual.

We have added two more pets to the menagerie--Buck Bunny and Doe Bunny. We now have three furry people, two finches, a parakeet, two fish, and two rabbits.

Thank you for all the mailand articles. Keep them coming!!!

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Creep of the Month (UPI)

Officials say a Fresno farm chemical manufacturing company where a dog was killed and a teenager was injured last month apparently ignored an order 10 years ago to apply for a state waste discharge permit. Officials of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board say they apparently failed to follow up on the 1975 order that the Wingate Company apply for the permit. Last month's incident occurred when a dog chased a rabbit into a field next to the Wingate firm, crossed the property line and splashed into a shallow pond filled with a drying alkaline sludge that is used as a farm soil supplement. An autopsy showed the dog died of a lack of oxygen caused by the chemicals. The dog's owner, a 15 year old boy who lives near the plant, picked the animal up and carried it home. He later had to be treated at a hospital for a burning sensation on his face, arms, and chest. F. E. Wingate, the company's owner, says he does not know why the 1975 state order was ignored because that decision was made by a manager who no longer works for the company. However, he says he does not think the company needs a waste discharge permit because its alkaline sludge is a product that is sold, not a waste. The company has fenced its property since the incident with the dog.

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The Wyrd Sisters by Tarostar

Spin and weave, spin and weave, weave and snip, weave and snip.
They weave with care and steady grip.
In the dark and misty clouds, the Three Ancient Mistresses of Fate
Spin out the fabric our lives create.
They dispence the fruits of fortune, good and ill and are the Judges of Right and wrong,
These three Hags of fable and song.
They arbitrate both life and death as weavers of Destiny from time without end.
Their decrees are certain and do not bend.

The voice of Urd is of the past, as old as stone and griped with age.
She spins the fabric to set the stage.
"The past is writ and can not be changed." She reads our patterns and
Previous acts,
Which she spins out as accomplished facts.

The voice of Verdandi weaves the present, not so old and not so steady,
To change the pattern she is always ready.
"The past maketh the present, but I offer a choice,
When Thou percieveth Thy inner voice."
She can only take what Urd has spun to weave the pattern on the loom,
Be it filled with pleasure or racked with doom.

Skuld cuts the finished fabric as the future of our path and way.
However, the present can make her hand stay.
She never says a word aloud but offers hope of better things
When present choice a new pattern brings.

Even the Gods must stand and obey. Their magic can work if given room
Depending on how you stack up on the loom.
They cannot change the warp of the past, but if your present threads be
Not so tight,
The Gods can bless you with their Light.
When the pattern of the past and present cause the future to be the same,
The Gods abandon you in shame.

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The Wyrd Sisters (cont.) by Tarostar

And then you hear the voice of Skuld; the quick sharp scissors
that go "Snip!"
And leave you caught in Fate's tight grip.

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From Lady Mariah

In the April issue, I was like a monkey in a cage and I was playing and having a good time and along came some people that started to rattle my cage until they got me mad. People that know me personally know that I am an easy-going person. But some times we all get upset and have to speak up to clear the air.

I will apologize to you two, Dean and Lady Fauna, when I said that "Pat didn't do this." But don't take it personally; cause I used to drive up to Pat's home even though it took two and a half hours to get there, just so we could have a good debate. Of course, neither one would win, but it sure was fun he was good at a debate. My high priestess, Lady Bathea, has said "to argue is an exchange of ignorance, but to debate is an exchange of intelligence." So you see, no one may not win, but both people will grow and learn together. We all know that you both are doing a good job, so when we rattle your cage, just out-debate us and we all will grow and learn from each other; no one should win, just learn together.

You both should remember when you lived here in the LA area, you know how crazy the people can be, sometimes it is hard to take. I am not referring to others in wicca, but the "Hollywood witches," you know what I am trying to say.

So I will show the other side of me with "The Gentle Breeze of Mariah."

Note: Lady Mariah's article starts on the next page.

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Mother was admonishing Sonny for eating too much junk food. "Remember," she said, "you are what you eat." Later, at supper, the family was having leg of lamb. "How do you like your lamb, Sonny?" asked Mother. "Not b-a-a-a-d," replied the boy.

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah

I was asked to write about raising children in the Old Religion of Witchcraft. My son was and is raised as a Witchling cause as a Witch I will do it as a Witch mother. My husband of 20 years does not put a name to his belief system, but lives by strong morals and standards.

My son is now 14 years of age. I have told him about all the other religions that I know. We went to the library and read different books that are in the research department. Every book I showed him about what we believed was written by others, then showed him what Witches wrote. I have told him how they all got started and at what time in history they took their roots.

I have never brought him into my circle rites, but I have let him help me as I work on a circle rite putting things together. Setting a good example works better than telling him. I wanted my child to see what a Witch is in daily life, and how we see things differently than others, not what a Witch does in their circles.

I did not want to make him feel that he had to believe the ~~same~~ way as I do. I ~~want him~~ to feel free to pick his own way of seeing life. Maybe he sees life differently than I do, or maybe he sees life the same way as I do.

Raising a child when you're a Witch will be one of the greatest challenges of your life. The world, movies, TV, and fairy tales have said that Witches are evil. As a parent, we sure do have to be careful when we correct them. Other parents can say words like "damn you," but if a Witch parent says it, the child will think that they have just been "damned" with a curse!!

Your child may feel different cause you are a Witch, maybe the only one on the block. Your child will see you doing things that other parents do not do. My son sees me dancing with scarves alone to put myself in a happier frame of mind, then I ask him if he would like to join me. Sometimes he does and sometimes he will not. He sees me making incense out of flowers, I'll put a lot of make-up on and put flowers in my hair or put a crown on and dress up like a fairy princess and dance around the flowers in the yard. He sees the Witch sit at night and watch the stars and moon while thinking about life in general. In other words, leave yourself wide open for the child to think you are crazy.

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah (cont.)

I know that I have embarrassed my son cause I was different than other mothers, but as he got older, his friends say to him that they wish their mother was just like his mother. I have had some of his friends say they want to go play with me cause I look like I am going to have more fun than they are.

One day years ago he wanted to go to Sunday school with a friend of his. Of course I said if that is what he wanted to do, go with his friend and have fun. When he came home, I asked him did he have fun? He said, "Not really." Then I asked him what he learned. He said that the Sunday school teacher said that they could do this, this and this. But they could not do this, this and this cause it is a "sin." He said that I had never told him what a "sin" was. I told him that I did but maybe he forgot at the moment cause he is using the word "sin," and that is not the word I use, the word I use is "conscious." I told him did he remember what the Witch's star stands for? Then he opened his eyes wide and smiled and said, "Now I remember." Then he said, "See you later. I'm going out to play, be back in one hour."

I will in short ex plain what I have told my son about "sin," and what caused his eyes to get big and smile and then felt better to go play,cause the subject was explained so he could understand.

The Witch's star has one point up, just like the stars we have seen on Sunset Blvd. and Hollywood Blvd. The star has five points and a moonstone in the center. The five points stand for the five senses of man and woman. The moonstone stands for intuition.

I told him that when it comes to knowing what is wrong for him, he will know. Listen to his intuition and let it be his guide. First use the five senses to make up his mind. His eyes will let him see what happened to other people. His ears will hear stories about what happened to others, etc. If he cannot get his answer of right or wrong from the five senses, then he must turn to his sixth sense.

But if he goes against what his five senses and his intuition (conscious) told him and does it, his conscious will eat him alive and it will even get into his dreams to tell him that he can't do that one thing. As the old saying goes, "the wicked has no rest." We share our dreams with each

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah (cont.)

other and talk about what we think they mean, and notice that sometimes the dreams tell us about the future in a coded way of talking.

He has been told after we go by the laws of the land and not go against them, the rest is left to each one of us to decide. To remember the star and go by that and life will go smoother for him. But if he goes against the laws of man and woman and the laws of his own intuition (conscious) his life will be nothing but unhappiness.

Yes, there are wicked witches, like the story of The Wizard of Oz. Also there are good witches. In every religion on earth it would be safe to say about 1/2 of the people will be bad and 1/2 will be good. If they want to be good, they will be good, also if they want to be bad, they will be bad, simple as that. Also, if a person does not follow any certain religion, they can be the kindest person you know.

When he was a child, I never let him watch scary movies about the occult or with Witches, cause I know that it would only confuse him as a child. But, as he got older and after he knew what a Witch is really like, then I would pick certain movies and watch them with him and talk about the movie with him. Then I took a deep breath and hoped for the best, the true test of all my talks with him will tell if I did a good job or bad job.

He has been told that others can remove everything from him but his word. Remember the story about the little boy that told a lie and his nose will grow. That means that the lie is right before his own eyes before anyone hears the lie. His word is a major part of who he is. He will always be believed until he tells one lie then he will never be believed again. And no matter what good he may do or how long time has passed; it will not help, cause the person you told the lie to will never forget.

Animals and plants have the same rights as we do. But there will always be a give and take from each one of them, as there is a give and take from people.

He sees that the earth will change and Witches will change as the earth does to keep in tune. As each season changes, I tell him why we are celebrating our sabbaths. Last winter, at the change of the seasons, he went with me to the mountains

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah (cont.)

to leave some fruits, nuts, and berries for the animals so they can go through the winter. At that time, I told him about the animals in nature and how some will go to warmer climates and some will hibernate. Other animals like us will try to make it through the winter, all the snow will make it hard for the animals to find food so we should help them, but not too much cause they will be just like humans, some humans when helped it makes them weak, they lose their survival instinct.

Also plants and animals come in different colors, the red flower is not better than the blue flower. The spotted dog or cat is not better than the brown dog or cat. So never think that any color of humans are better than any other color.

He has been told that male and female will make babies and that is to keep the race of man going. But some humans have a passion different from others. The snail needs only itself to keep the snails going. Plants need a third party to keep them going; a bee or the wind. We are young on this planet and we do not have all the answers but never say another is wrong. Worry about what his wrong and right for himself, he does not have the right to tell another what is wrong or right. Try not to take away another's free will of thinking.

When it comes to sex, I have told him that sex without love is the same as masturbating. He should put love with sex cause sex is showing the highest form of love; when you give your all. Lust is not love! Lust will come first and very easy. But try to control the new feelings of passions that he will feel when he starts thinking about girls (that time has arrived). Get to know the girl and at all times treat her like a lady cause she is part of the Goddess. If she is the one he will love he will know in time. Don't get lust and love mixed up. Lust is only an illusion of love, and it can deceive him cause it is a very powerful force in nature to keep the race of man and woman going. If he has sex with a girl in his youth he will get lust mixed up with love. Even adults have trouble with this force in nature. And when love comes along it may be too late cause lust might make a child, and he will miss out on the girl that he loves for the girl that he only lusted for. When it comes to lust, it comes easy but love you have to

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah (cont.)

work at it on a person-to-person basis to bring it screaming into being. Then you have to keep fighting for love, cause love comes with lightning and thunder and sometimes you might have to fight off the dragon to win the girl you love. As the story goes, the knight had to fight the dragon for the fair maiden he loves. The story did not say that the knight will fight for the fair maiden that he lusted for.

I had his astrology chart cast and put it into a special book for him to read and re-read to see what his best traits are and his bad traits. I told him to make his good traits better and make his bad traits go away. That will be his own battle of "Star Wars"--good over evil, within his own self.

I took him to a college class opened to teens to learn about the planets. Also, trips to the Griffith Observatory when they were looking at different planets, so he can see them with his own eyes. I told him the legend of the planets with the names of the gods and goddess, like the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars, etc.

When he was younger and learning numbers and addition, I taught him numerology, he saw what his name and birthday will bring his way. Then we did his school teacher's name as she liked it so much that she showed everyone she worked with, later when she became a grandmother she asked could we do her grandchild's name and birthdate. Now my son does excellent in math, maybe cause numbers started out fun and with a special knowledge.

On the subject of controlling his own thoughts, or maybe called mind control of oneself. This is in the area of different traditions putting people through tests, to teach them how they handle it. First, I dressed up in bright red to get people's eyes my way, waited for it to get dark, then asked my son would he like to go to the pier at the beach. Normally we would never walk on the pier at night unless we were with a male escort. But I had to draw on his male instinct to protect the female (white knight). And at the same time control his own thinking. As we walked out on the pier everyone was watching us cause of the way I was dressed but he did not know that. He was scared cause the people looked strange, and he worried for our safety. We looked at the ocean, stars, and moon. I told him that water is the element of human emotions and

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah (cont.)

our emotions can make us weak or strong. By the time we got to the end of the pier he was a nervous wreck. I told him to notice how weak he looked and how scared he was by the way he was thinking. I turned him around to face the seashore and looked back down the pier, then for him to think to himself, "I own the sky, ocean, stars, and the pier, and I am safe." Hold his head up high and look the people square in the eyes and walk down "his pier." I told him he has to walk down the pier and it is not going to change but the way he can see it and think about it can change by the way he thinks. As we walked down "his pier" we laughed about how neat it felt to own a pier, and the people looked different cause they were on "his" pier. When we got to the seashore at the end of the pier, he saw how his own thinking made him weak or strong in the same situation.

I feel that we should teach our children morals and the best way to handle their lives. As they grow older, they will pick the way they will worship. Tell them to respect other people for the way they worship cause they picked the way they worship cause they feel that that is the right way for them. I tease him and say if he picks Christianity all I ask is don't burn me at the stake!

I have tried to make him a free thinker. I have told him that I do not expect him to think the same way as I do or his father. I pointed out to him that I am very good at a debate on a lot of subjects so he better be well informed on the subject before he starts debating with me. So at 14 years of age he knows that knowledge is power. Right now we are in a debate on abortion, we are on different sides. But we have to keep emotions out of the debate of logic, cause emotions can weaken the logic in a debate.

I told him he is special and unique in every way, one of a kind. He is a child of the universe, nothing more and nothing less. Try to be who he is and grow up to be himself. He is not here to live up to who I or his father thinks he should be.

Always use his mind and never do anything that would damage the growth of the mind.

I have told him that I will never live up to who he thinks I should be, cause I am trying to be who I am.

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Gentle Breeze of Mariah (cont.)

As a mother, I will do things differently than his father cause we are both different. Sometimes I will be right and sometimes his father will be right, and sometimes both of us will be wrong.

When everything is said and done, I tell him, all I ask of him is for him to be perfect (ha-ha).

I know that I cannot be right about everything, I have told my son, but I sure do hope that everything turns out for the best. I told him I have never been a mother before so I am learning as I go, so please go easy on me.

Good luck to all the mothers and fathers out there in the magical land.

For the record, my son thinks that I am childlike and I'm too tender hearted, he has said, so he has to take care of me when his father is at work. Oh, well, maybe he is being the white knight for a fair maiden and he is practicing with me first. So be it.

Ed. note (LF): It is rare when we run an article of this length without breaking it up into parts and running it in several issues... but this is a pretty rare article, don't you think???

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From Mahariam

To Mariah: Goodness, sounds as if someone has ruffled your feathers! Remember one thing--although everything has at least two sides, most are multi-faceted.... Yes, money and religion are on two different levels and so are our Religion and our "craft." (Note the lower case "c".) One can practice the Religion without ever practicing the craft. We don't worship our deities with tarot cards, astrology charts, runes, crystal balls, palms, or other such paraphenalia, do we? Such things are not our "Religion."

True, being in contact with our deities does aid in opening channels which strengthen our talents in these crafts, as it does in so many other areas. But all of us know many Wiccans who seldom, if ever, use these tools, and many of other faiths who are quite adept in their use.

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From Mahariam (cont.)

Yes, there are some things the Wiccan must NEVER ask or accept materials payment for: teaching the Religion, counselling those in need; healing; and ministerial works of any type.

Nor should one ask payment from another Wiccan for using our talents when they ask us to read the cards, cast the runes, or use whatever method we are most proficient in, for a good reason, and as long as they don't abuse the privilege.

But, when others (those you call "outsiders") begin to deluge us with requests for these services, remember: to them, that is what it is--a service. And most people value any service by the price they pay for it.

Read for someone once for free, and they'll be back time and time again, soon bringing a friend, who, in turn, will bring a friend... before long you find yourself expending vast amounts of valuable time and energy entertaining (and often, that's all it means to them) legions of the curious, psychotic and paranoid. I've been caught in this trap, and so have most others I know. If someone is truly in need of aid, counselling and/or guidance, we should use whatever talents/tools we possess to minister to them, with no thought of recompense. The determining factor is whether they are truly in need of help, or just seeking entertainment.

As for initiates who charge for the use of their talents (craft), I have no quarrel with them. Personally, I don't believe they should charge other Wiccans, but I do feel they should be repaid in some way. I would never risk offending another Wiccan by offering money for a reading (unless I knew it was needed), but I would feel it proper (good manners--common courtesy) to bake a cake/take over a bottle of wine, package of a favorite incense, some special candles/run an errand/babysit an hour or so. Something, anything, which says, "Thank you for sharing your time and energy with me." (And sometimes just saying these words, punctuated with a hug, is more than sufficient "payment.")

And what about those who have been brave enough to set up craft shops? I'm not speaking of the blatently commercial establishments which bombard us with offers of all sorts of

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From Mahariam (cont.)

garbage for the almighty dollar, rather, the initiate who sees a need we have and tries to fulfill it. They find, then keep in one handy spot, the books, herbs, cards, oils, candles, incense, and myriad other things we need, saving us the time, energy and expense of trying to gather them from many places. Is dispensing these items for a fee "selling their religion?" Surely you wouldn't have them give them away (they do have to pay a supplier for them), or sell them to us at cost? After all, witches have to eat, too! And wouldn't you rather obtain (BUY) your needs from one who knows their meaning?

These public Wiccans are constantly beseiged by those who want (and I said want--not need) the Wiccan to expend time and energy on their behalf--reading the cards, or palm, runes, or whatever. Can we really expect them to give of themselves day in and day out and receive nothing in return?

Find "craft" in your dictionary. The meaning is "skill or ability in something--a trade or the arts; an occupation or trade." A "craftsman" is "a skilled worker who practices a craft by occupation."

Hmmmmmmmm....

(Isn't a paid secretary "selling" his/her "craft" when typing a letter for the boss?)

Another factor which we must remember: many who charge for the use of their craft are not witches, although they may, openly or by insinuation, lead others to believe they are. They seem to believe it adds to their allure.... (Perhaps we should be flattered?)

Seems my response to your statements is the traditional witche's answer to everything: "Yes and No." Keep the Religion (worship, healing, counselling, ministry) untainted by the mundane, including money. And when one's talents (craft) are used in the practice or furtherment of the Religion, they should be given freely, with no expectation of return.

But when one uses their craft for mundane, earthly purposes, whether that craft be digging a ditch, frying a hamburger, typing a letter, programming a computer, OR doing a tarot reading for someone's entertainment, that person can ethically expect payment for their services.

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From Mahariam (cont.)

Before we judge others, we should look to ourselves. Be/Do what you will--and allow others the same right. What is right for one person can be wrong for another, and vice versa. If you feel it is wrong for you, personally, to accept something in return for your talents, then, please, never do so. But allow those who believe "the servant is worth his hire" to do as they feel is right.

Can the answer be the separation of "Religion" and "Ccraft?" And the separation of "Craft" and "craft?" Religion/Craft=worship, healing, counselling, ministry. "craft"=a skill or ability and the use of such skill and/or ability for pleasure or as an occupation.

Blessed Be!

p.s. And in case you are wondering... no, I don't "charge" for readings--but then I seldom do them, and usually only for group members or very close friends, who will not abuse the privilege.)

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Ed note (LF): The following article is retyped as it was sent to us without benefit of spelling, grammatical, punctuation, or editing changes of any type.)

.....FOR PRINT IN THE NEXT PUBLICATION.....MAKE ROOM

In reply to Lady (?) Mariah's letter conserning the Circle of Awareness and Commitment;

Firstly I have sent a copy of all the information on the Circle of Awareness and Commitment,application for member ship in our pagan network,not Circle's PSA(Pagan Spirit Alliance..The Lady(?) that wrote the letter had mixed a flyer that was sent out listing services we offer,such as spells and readings..Circle of Awareness and Commitment is a branch of Cosmic Awareness Center-not the same thing.

No one loves our religion more then us, no one gives more then we do..We work with the police and doctors on cases free of charge and publicity and that is the way we want it, but to say such stupid,childish things as this is beyond my thinking.

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From CAC (cont.)

You know that what you printed was terribly sladerous and we thought of sueing,but we feel that retribution will be your settlement.

Now to spells,I am a Witch and have been one all my life and too a ceremonial magickan well I do not use Witchcraft (my religion) in the use of spells,perhaps you do, but I do not. I thought even a fool knew the difference between a ceremonial magickan and a Witch???

And I believe that time is worth something,and my time is valuble,perhaps yours isnt? And that is fine,but that is your business.

I also feel that my business is beneficial to all concerned. I supply books,oils,incense,jewelry and the like and get payed for it,that is a business.The services we offer are just that,services that we do when people ask for it,we dont coherse anyone.

While on the subject of books.Our book on Incense (How-To; Make Incense and Other Occult Items) is a good seller and a very worth while book,it is $13.00 and Im told worth every penny,and not a word came from another book..I wrote that book after years of work experimenting and it is based on the best way to make these items and it is a heck of alot longer then 5 pages..Yes it is run off on a copy machine,we dont have the money for a printer and we are out to HELP not IMPRESS.

By reading the rest of the things this woman has written in the Georgian it shocks me you would print it,educated she is NOT.Some people will do anything to get in print.

Dean,why would you run such a slanderous letter? I have networked with the Georgian for a very long time,and I deserve respect.. If you needed to fill space why did you not print the poem I wrote honouring your late mate????? Or were you just intrested in hurting us?? You succeeded very well.

We hope that you two will set back and look at what you have done and relize your error, for we love the LADY and our RELIGION and have done nothing to hurt either.

Now to your statement'that you wont see any advertisements from these folks again' thats true,you wont..WE WILL NEVER ADVERTISE WITH YOU AGAIN,the only reason we did is because we figured you were in financial decline do to Georges death.

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From CAC (cont.)

If this letter is not printed we will gather that you have departed from the path of light and thus wish to remain in darkness....

Moon Mirror)0(and the Staff of C.A.C. Aurora and Denver Colorado

Ed. note (dean): Okay, Folks, let's get something straight at the very onset. Your letter was printed in this issue in order to allow you to defend your practices and present your case in the name of fairness. Should you feel compelled to communicate with us again, Be Advised: Anything that shows up in the future with an order to "...print in the next publication... make room...," goes in the trash unread. Is that simple enough?

On to brass tacks. Thank you for sending another copy of the flyer in question. It was not necessary though, I have already received a few--all in protest of what you offer. Look at your own flyer of services. It begins, "Specials from C.A.C. Really Out of the Ordinary." Did you stop and consider for even one moment why they are out of the ordinary? If spells for hire was an acceptable level of performance, every occult organization would offer them. Are you beginning to get the picture? For an expression of my feelings on the topic see comments elsewhere in this issue.

Sorry to burst your bubble, but no one has been a witch all of their life. Only on TV is one born a witch. Witches are initiated only after extensive training even in hereditary families.

Ceremonial Magick along with Wicca, Alchemy, Cabalistic Mysticism, and many other disciplines are paths toward spiritual development. That qualifies them as a part of Religion. If Ceremonial Magick is not a method you use in developing your higher self, then you are not a Ceremonial Magician and advertising falsely, therefore. If it is a part of your spiritual path--then you are offering to sell your Religion.

As to respect, it is earned, never awarded because the recipient believes it is deserved. Until I received your letter, I was convinced you were sincere pagan folks, and that this matter represented an error in judgment. I stand corrected.

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Ed. reply to CAC (cont.)

Please do not be overly concerned with our financial status. Last month represented our largest subscription mailing in our history and we still lost money. We operate from the bizarre (to some) perspective that the church exists for the good of the pagan community, not vice versa. If this little publication should ever begin to make money, we would be required by our convictions to see that any such profit was reinvested in some cause which would benefit our Mother Earth or our readers--not our pocket book.

I do not condemn you. However, I cannot in good conscience condone your services or assist you in marketing them. This is a personal stand. I am sure you can find others who will not share my hang-ups. If you wish to communicate openly with us and our readers with an eye towards a better understanding and free interchange of ideas and information, let us hear from you; but make it civil.

I do have one unanswered question regarding your services: a money order and signed "waver-contract" is required. In the case of, for instance, the $175 love spell, who is it that has to sign a waiver (waver in your ad) the requestor or the person who is the object of his/her desire?

We trust you have received the refund check for your ad.

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"We're Witches and we believe....."

I think I grit my teeth every time one of my co-religionists appears on TV, radio, or in print, and says "We're Witches and we believe...." (Maybe we will be lucky this time, and they won't say something stupid.) "...that we are the surviving priest class of Mu, Atlantis, and Lemuria." (Oh well, better luck next time.)

Since we don't have a central doctrinal authority like a Pope (Papess?), some Witches presume that their own personal views are indicative of what we all believe. I do not mean to say that such people are deliberately misrepresenting anyone, but they are failing to recognize that they do not really know what everyone thinks.

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Editorial from NWC (cont.)

First, realize that you and I routinely dismiss the views of people we disagree with. We simply don't bother to remember opposition viewpoints (particularly those arguments which are MOST persuasive against our position).

Second, recognize that we usually associate with people who are in general agreement with us, and deliberately avoid those who aren't.

Selective memory combined with repeated agreement from a limited, selected population results in the illusion that "Most of us think such-and-such." In fact, I doubt that anyone knows for certain what "most of us" think.

Most of us did not convert to Wicca, rather we joined a religion with which we already agreed. Let us keep in mind however that not all of the philosophical/psychological baggage we brought with us, has anything to do with Wicca. Liberal Wiccans view the Craft as liberal and conservative Wiccans view it as conservative, and they are BOTH correct. Here in California, politically liberal, college educated, bay area Witches define the Craft in terms that might outrage the politically conservative, blue-collar, central-valley Wicca, and vice versa. Certainly, anyone is entitled to an opinion, but honesty demands that such opinion not be presented as universally accepted dogma.

More than once I have kept my silence at a meeting, while a home-brew traditionalist asserted that a certain course of action was indicated because we Witches "are opposed to hierarchies." Since we English Traditionalists are hierarchical to the hilt, maybe they don't consider us to be Witches? I am not arguing the issue of hierarchy versus egalitarianism. It's sort of like the time someone asked Mark Twain if he believed in baptism: "Believe in it? Why I have seen it DONE!"

We have numerous cases where non-initiates have seized upon published English Traditional practices, distorted them into vehicles for feminist politics, and then loudly proclaimed that was what Wicca was about all along. I am not arguing for or against feminism, but I am stating that the "Book of Shadows" is hardly its strongest support (remember where it refers to the "men" and their "Girls?").

Then there was the time I attended a Pagan benefit for tree planting. It seemed safe enough; after all, WHO can be

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Editorial from NWC (cont.)

against trees? ("If you've seen one redwood...."). An attempt was made to recruit the audience to forcibly shut down the Diablo Canyon Reactor. Allowing for a moment that it should be shut down, who knows how to safely shut it down? I doubt it would do the anti-nuclear movement much good to have its own proponents send a reactor into melt-down and dump fallout all over California. Further there is the problem of Craft Law: "You shall not do anything which will put us in contact with the law of the land or any of our persecutors." There are those who feel that the enormity of a problem permits them to override the rights of the individual to choose for themselves (I think that they are usually called Evangelical Christians).

A quick survey of current Pagan periodicals gives the impression that Witches are: politically liberal, or libertarian; anti-nuclear; "feminist"; anti-hierarchical; "save-the-whales"; and tolerant of homosexuality. The truth is that right-wing, nuke-the-whales, bomb-the-ruskies-back-to-the-stone-age Witches don't subscribe to such commie-faggot, nouveau-witch, anarchist bird-cage-liner. The following are just a few of the things that Witches DON'T agree on:

Abortion and Birth Control; Animal Rights; Astrology; Environmentalism; Foreign Policy; Nuclear Armament; Nuclear Energy; Premarital Sex; Politics; President Reagan; Recreational Drug Use; and Vegetariansim. Believe it or not, some of the oldest branches of Wicca do not worship a Goddess! Of course you are free to argue that your fellow Witches SHOULD hold certain views, but it is ridiculous to assert that they DO hold such views. Witches are as diverse in their views as are Christians.

As the NWC Summoner for California my duty is to represent ALL of my constituency, not just those with whom I happen to agree. I have therefore deliberately withheld my views on the aforementioned issues.

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May the blessing of the Gods be upon us ALL.

Allyn Wolfe, 4/85

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From Tarostar

Now you got my dander up! I want to comment on the letter by Lady Mariah in the April newsletter.

Lady Mariah:

I do feel you are certainly entitled to your own "ideals" in the Craft and respect your views, but not how you present them.

Where in any Craft Teaching does it say Wicca, or Witches, must be and always remain poor as Church mice?????

If you cannot do good for yourself and keep body and soul together, you certainly can be no good to or for anyone in the Community at large.

It is fine to espouse high ideals of altruism and "Wiccanly Love" for one's fellow beings, but the God and Goddess did put the treasures and pleasures of this World here for us to enjoy.

Materialism is made into a dirty word by people who think the same as you.

However, the Materialist is much more on the tract of Spiritual Attainment than the Meditative Mystic, who abhors the World.

If you cannot organize and rule the Material plane within your own life and field of influence, how could you expect the Cosmic Powers of the God and Goddess to respond to your call?

There is nothing wrong with making one's living in the Craft as long as one deals with other Wiccans in a fair and considerate manner.

As for relatives being Xtians, that may well be your problem. You sound like a dedicated Xtian idealist yourself. Didn't Xtians say the same things when they lived in Ancient Rome under the Caesars?????

You praise the Ancient Gods and Goddesses, but in their day the Priests and Priestesses were entitled to be maintained by the Faithful of the community. The Pagan Temples were just as "material" as the modern day 700 Club. Get my picture?

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From Tarostar (cont.)

From your letter to the Georgian in the April issue and the follow-up comments about the group offering memberships in Awareness Groups for a fee, you are perfectly free to pass it by. Do not, however, decry it as wrong for everyone.

Some Witches may be in a financial position to enjoy it.

Nobody is turning your religion into a business. Only you can do that yourself.

I will grant you there are many Occult Shop Proprietors who are not of the Craft themselves, but just in business. They are soon found out by their lack of knowledge and lack of commitment to the Craft. All I will say is Caveat Emptor. Do you think all Xtians who work for the TV Evangelists really are committed to Jesus? Does that stop Xtians from donating money?????

Look around, you may find a world of Witches who are people of substance and materially well off and believe the Workman is worth his hire, to paraphrase the Xtians, and do not feel the mousey humility of a Mystic Asthete is the right way to go.

I do not remember you coming in my shop. It would seem one should identify oneself as a Wicca.

From that I can only assume you are the type of person who slinks around in an Occult Shop distainfully eyeing the merchandise, buys nothing, and slithers out the door. I cast salt afterwards in the footsteps of such persons.

There is too much prejudice from the Xtians, we do not need our own Brothers and Sisters in the Faith putting us down.

In my opinion, there are many in the Craft who try to be more Christian than Jesus Himself with phoney altruism and humble attitudes. We are not told to turn the other cheek.

Within the bounds of Karma, we choose to act and maneuver as we see fit, making or unmaking ourselves by our own choices.

Please do not try to put a pseudo-christian veneer on Wicca. Most of us have rejected that philosophy.

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From Tarostar (cont.)

We hold to Reincarnation, knowing we are in this World because we are not perfect, and in the Mysteries of the God and Goddess, we have eons to perfect ourselves in order to elevate to spiritual realms. That is more understandable than one life, falling short of perfection, and having Eternity to rue one's own human frailty in "Hell."

If you come to Las Vegas, and stop by my shop, please identify yourself, as I said I do not remember you. But you and all Members of the Craft, of whatever tradition and persuasion are welcome.

I sell merchandise, not opinions, and do not espouse any one form of the Craft over another.

Keep thinking, keep voicing your thoughts. Just because one may take issue with you, does not make you wrong. It does not make you right either.

(dean and staff) If you took an AD from some group, so what? Just because one "idealist" disparages it, does not mean you should bend over backwards to refuse fees for ads from them in the future.

You present what one group has to offer. That does not mean you endorse it. Those who want to shell out their money for the things offered will do so. Are you holding a gun to their heads?

Things do not have to remain as Pat left them. Your newsletter should grow and evolve. Strike out, progress, make things reflect your own ideas. Pat has passed the torch, and it is up to you to make something of it.

What does not evolve, cycles out. That is a Law of The God and Goddess which rules the entire Universe.

Do not bend with the wind because one"idealist" cannot see what side the bread is buttered on.

Ed. reply (dean): 'Tis a grand thing to have one's dander raised. The scalp bristles, the heart beats faster, the body temperature rises and for one fleeting moment one knows one is truely alive.

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Ed. reply to Tarostar (cont.)

Words are not my forte. Bear with me as I attempt, with feeble, flimsy words to make my position a bit clearer: in my humble but considered opinion, it is vile and indefensible to charge money to perform a rite or ritual of magick. As far as I am concerned, this was the whole of the issue-- not that membership was charged to belong to any group. The people in question are offering to conduct ceremonial magick spells. One need only sign a "waver-contract" and send in a money order for the appropriate amount along with clothing, hair, picture or nail clippings of the person you wish manipulated. Ready to order? The Menu runs like this: love spells $175, "Marrige, $300," Luck $150, Money $350, Job $150, Protection $325, House Bless $325, Customized spells are available, minimum price $1,500.

To be sure, there is historical precedent for such behavior. One need look no further than page 34, 2nd paragraph of the April newsletter for evidence. I, however, cannot endorse such action. Nor will I knowingly assist another in hawking such wares.

When I desire an item, be it toaster or incense, which I have not the time or expertise to produce myself, I prefer to purchase the same from a person of the Craft. A Wiccan will, I hope, have a better understanding of what I seek. Too, a pagan will hopefully have added propitious energies to whatever it is s/he offers for sale. I expect to pay whatever is reasonable. I will not dicker over the price. With a little mutual respect, we will both profit from the exchange.

None of this mediates the idea, though, that the Art Magickal is never sold. Yes, I do feel a tacit endorsement is incurred with distributing an advertisement.

When I tell folks that the books I have read which were composed by Tarostar seem legitimate and worthwhile, I do not want them thinking, "Yeah, but is this not the same fellow who introduced us to the people who sell the $1,500 spells?"

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BEING A WITCH IS... (from Delana)

...finding you've painted runes above your door instead of your address.

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From Albion and Bonnie

I would like to say how much we have enjoyed the last couple of newsletters--you guys are doing great, hang in there, and just keep on keepin' on!

We have always enjoyed Catherine and Kent's and COTOR's letters (and everyone else from Australia's letters too, for that matter) but I think using the word "idiots" to describe the anti-nuclear protestors is a bit narrow-minded, to say the least! (see April's newsletter, p. 27).

This whole debate "down under," seems to have started when the Prime Minister of New Zealand refused docking privileges to U.S. Navy vessels carrying nuclear weapons, even though New Zealand is part of a defense treaty along with Australia and the U.S.--the so-called "A.N.Z.U.S. Treaty."

It seems to me that pagans should have a common bond with the anti-nuclear movement in wanting to preserve our Mother Planet from destruction by Nuclear War. Some pagans in the British Isles and Europe are very involved in the anti-nuclear movement and have been for several years.

Since a living Mother Earth is part of our most fundamental beliefs as Witches and pagans, does it not make sense to raise our voices in protest over those forces both in the East and and West that could, in a full scale nuclear war, destroy all life on our Earth?

While I'll agree that there are some crazies in the anti-nuclear movement (as in all mass movements), the majority of the protestors are simply people who love life and living, and they care for the survival of the human race, and our Mother Earth, how can anyone who is pagan call these kinds of people "idiots"?

I also might add, the Prime Minister of New Zealand felt that if U.S. Navy ships with nuclear arms didn't dock in New Zealand ports, in the event of a full scale nuclear war between "the Superpowers," New Zealand wouldn't become a target for Soviet nukes, and it might survive the atomic holocaust in which the Northern Hemisphere would become engulfed.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand was elected by a majority of the voters to carry out this mandate, which is quite popular in New Zealand. This was also one of the platforms that he ran for office on.

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From Albion and Bonnie (cont.)

As more American pagans (and this includes Native American "medicine" people, and Native American Holy men and women) wake up to the kind of threat that such an atomic nightmare poses, perhaps we can help our fellow pagans in Australia to reconsider their position, for it seems to me, if we who are pagans don't become the voice for the living ecosystem which is the Spirit of our Earth Mother, who will?

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More from Mariah

This is some last minute things for the newsletter that I forgot to put in. This came from a book my son was reading and he said it sounded like his father and mother:

> She--Honey, come look out the window! It's a regular "winter fairyland!" It's as if the little fairies spent the night blanking the trees, roofs and streets with soft, downy, pure-white snowflakes! And with their magic wands, made the icicles sparkle like precious jewels!
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> He--"About those little fairies of yours! You think you could get those little stinkers to shovel the sidewalk and driveway now?!?!

Moon wobble again!!! For the month of May until around June 20th:

1. Again, more planes will go down, ships will have troubles, trains will derail.
2. Elements of war will start up, with unexpected happenings quick and sudden. Mars is a fire element so we will have troubles involving fire.
3. Areas of love will go crazy, we will fight more. Just what we all need is stupid arguments.

My High Priestess Lady Bathea has said: "To argue is an exchange of ignorance. To debate is an exchange of intelligence." Maybe we better debate. We wouldn't want to show our ignorance.

4. We will have original thoughts, some will invent new ideas. Remember all new ideas others will not understand at first.

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More from Mariah (cont.)

5. Planets that are causing the crazies: Mars the planet of war. Venus the planet of love and Uranus planet of original thoughts and unexpected happenings.

Lunar eclipse May 14, 24° in Mars. Solar eclipse May 30, 9° in Gemini.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I don't like Mars and Uranus getting involved, as Mars the war planet and Uranus being unexpected happenings can cause a lot of trouble for us to go through.

Watch the news because you will see how crazy it will get all over the world, as if it is not already crazy enough!

Keep calm and remember everything changes for the better after the bad.

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Review of Alex Sanders Lectures by Tarostar

Recently I was sent a copy of the book, Alex Sanders Lectures, published by Magickal Childe. I would like to review it for the newsletter. A book entitled Alex Sanders Lectures would lead one, especially us older Witches, to think there would be some interesting information on Alexandrian Tradition in the Craft. Fortunately, I didn't have to lay out any money for it. It seems to be one of those books you kick yourself in the ... for once having bought it. Many books in the occult field seem to be just that. This is one of them. Most books are written to sell books. Very few are written to inform. That I find to be the case with this title. The most striking drawback seems that the one who wrote the Introduction did not read the text of the lectures themselves. The chapter headings imply information that is not in the chapters themselves. For instance, Part 2 says it "details and instructs" on how to form a Witch's Magic Circle. The section says nothing of the kind. It is a discussion of Tarot, Egyptian Gods, Inverted Triangles and Black Brotherhood. Nothing about detailed instruction on the Circle. Part 4 says it contains "precise details" about Initiation. In 2 1/4 pages, the section deals with Ancient Greece and Egypt and only skirts any mention of a form of initiation. Part 7 says it offers "detailed instruction" in developing Witch Powers. The section itself does no such thing. It vaguely mentions Tarot, Clairvoyance, and Psychic Healing with no details on how to develop anything.

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Book Review (cont.) by Tarostar

In my humble opinion, this is just hype put out by the publisher, and I would not recommend it for even those who know nothing of the Craft at all. Sorry, Magikal Childe, you lost me on this one.

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From Lord Tristan and Morrigen

Lord Tristan--who was Lord Aragorn--and I, Morrigen, wish to thank you for your prompt response to our requests for subscriptions. We have both read our initial offering and have enjoyed them greatly. Tristan asks that I convey for him the message that he is well and happy and working hard and that, if any of his friends should like to contact him, mail may be addressed to him at P. O. Box 1184, Tustin, CA 92680.

The Central Coast has a new newsletter named Berkana, which will attempt to keep subscribers informed of coming events and will offer an avenue for the publishing of short articles appropriate to our cause. Subscriptions are, at present, free. We are enclosing a copy for your perusal. Should any of your readers wish to let us know about coming events, submit articles, or subscribe, inquiries may be sent to Berkana, P. O. Box 2833, Orcutt, CA 93455.

We have written the following to offer to all of you:

We rest in the Moon
Who Mothers us.
We move in the Sun
Who Fathers us.
The Coven of Fire and of Water are we.
In the essence of Air
We blended be
To become one Perfect Harmony
Of Light,
And Love be the only Law we know,
And this dear Earth
The Kingdom is
For which we Shine,
Isis and Osiris reborn!
That in this Kingdom of Man
Might live again the Fire
Of the Unknown One--

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From Lord Tristan and Morrigen (cont.)

The Great One who is
Behind the Sun and Moon--
Brought back on Earth.
For the Great One
Has left the House of the Fishes
For the House of the Water-bearer.
In this new age shall humanity be Holy,
And in the perfection of the human
Shall we all become Divine!
Take up thy manhood
Into Godhead,
And bring down the Godhead
Into womanhood,
And this shall be the day of the God!
And herein lies the secret
Of the balance and the harmony:
For the God is made manifest in Nature,
And Nature is the self-expression of the God.

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The Scarecrows' Field from Scarecrow

Mariah's recent discussion (April 1985) of the question of taking money for readings, the sale of spells, etc. brings up the larger issue of what Craft is, or should be. With the perspective of one who is an anthropologist, a student of Chinese-Tibetian Medicines, and the Aztec Sundance, I'd like to try and answer this question. Let's ignore the standard Craft histories, and instead look at, say, a village in Brazil or Nigeria that is agrarian and pagan--and modern. Individuals hold certain religious offices or duties within their community. Some heal, some bless, some divine or initiate people. All plants, all animals are seen as an expression of something sacred, as children of the Gods. Mankind too is kindred to gods, and one's initiation serves to emphasize a linkage to certain powers, identities, and aspects of reality.

Your lifestyle "mirrors" your religious orientation. What you eat, how you dress signify your own deity. If you were a woman priestess of Yemanja, sex goddess, you would feel the ocean waves pounding the shore, the ebb and flow of the tides. Point #1--You have that connection to reality, nature, etc. An identification with the spirit world is an ongoing thing--not just on full, or during festivals!

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The Scarecrows' Field (cont.)

You are a member of a community. Maybe you can't tell chamomile from poppy juice, but someone in your extended family can. Point being, people in village/tribal societies interact. They may hold family "secrets," but they share their skills. Societies where power and prestige are held by the same people are into "secrecy" generally speak of discretion or the need for wisdom in working magic. (More on that later.) Point #2--Cooperate! Network! Share your talents with those who need and can appreciate them. Festivals to mark changes in life and seasons are events with many levels of participation. There is the public ceremony with its many layers of meaning and private rituals for specific causes. The festivals are ways of circulating food, goods, and exchanging services amongst people. In this context, an initiation may cost $5,000.00 (U.S.) for a neophyte Santeria priest. This money hires musicians for the party, buys food, and pays for supplies needed for the initiation (like the necklace worn by all Santos). You cannot buy an initiation, but the money is fed back into the system/community. It benefits the spiritual brotherhood. This is money, but used in a non-capitalistic context.

How do you put a price tag on Craft training? It seems that lots of folks, many big names will teach you by mail or in seminar for $50, $100. There was a famous occult shop in the midwest that had free Witchcraft classes. (They were free, after you took their $45.00 course in Paganism. Four hours of lecture, no materials provided.)

Other famous groups offer what they euphemistically term vision quests, usually over a long weekend. Having seen their materials, these folks charge for material and training that any decent 2nd° would give a student in a few hours.

Why are Craft circles and techniques so weak compared to AmerInd, Tibetian, etc., equivalents? My answer would be that a) we require too little of ourselves and b) most students lack the desire to have Craft as a way. Most want it as a way to power, or a security blanket. I have seen many people leave Craft because they have never understood that it is not something to believe in, but is an approach. My solution is to demonstrate no magic, but to express love through action and ritual. This way, those who want to play head games, etc., will quickly leave from boredom, while people who do have that indefinable "spark" that separates Crafter from Cowan will stay, and learn by example.

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The Scarecrows' Field (cont.)

Point #3--Craft is not a free lunch! It requires honesty, truth, and, above all else, Love. I would define love as an attitude of harmony within yourself, and harmony with reality that includes a consciousness of the connections between all things. Our consciousness operates most efficiently when it is manipulating symbols that are compatible.

We Neo-Pagans are often so eclectic and "free" that we create trash! "A little ceremonial, some "Eko Eko" chanting, and some Navaho corn" = Midsummer is probably going to insult some deities and confuse your subconscious. My point is to understand what you are doing. If you want to found a Hopi coven because you've got an affinity to them, fine. Just be sure to acknowledge and work with all six directions. Be coherent, if only for the sake of your students. If your tradition uses a steel athame, find out why, and why you should magnetize it.

In reference to Rik's letter, p. 21, April 1985, the potential for us moderns to do really striking magic compared to our ancestors isn't that great. If you think your coven can generate lots of E.M. waves, you should see what my Waring blender can do, especially on "liquify." It also produces E.L.F. radiation in the "animal" range. Check out the March 1985 Omni for details. Even if we shut off the blenders, our wonderful athames would block and scramble the energy. Why do you think that it (iron) kills fairies, demons, and turns negative (also positive!) energy?

Psi is a grab-bag term that doesn't really say much. It includes too many diverse senses (i.e., detection of magnetic fields, polarized light, electrical currents, subsonic, vibrations, pressurechanges, etc.) to be of much use in defining/explaining magic. I would define magic as the manifestation of a truth, controlled by the will, fired by the imagination, and occurring on the physical and spiritual planes.

Any decent Martial Arts master can screw up your sixth sense in dozens of ways. (Many do, just to teach you that the true techniques occur in the mind, the mind of no mind.) Call it Godhead, Nirvana, etc, but this is where magic happens. This goes back to what I said earlier about teaching: it must begin and end with Love, with that perception of the connection of all things. This is often a scary thing, to see all of those responsibilities that one

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The Scarecrows' Field (cont.)

on a spiritual path must assume. But, once that perception exists, you cannot abuse power without destroying yourself.

This is why I feel that magic shouldn't be taught early on in one's training.

Well, it is late, and I need to soak my leg. (You think I'd know better than to argue with a van!)

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Lady of Light by Tom Long

Lady of Light
Lady of Love
Come to me tonight
On wings of a Dove

When she smiles,
a certain little smile
Morning's beauty must
wait for a while.

I took her my heart
so broken and blue
With a kiss and a smile
she made it brand new

Life without her
couldn't be so fine
I'm so glad
to know that she's mine

Lady of Light
Lady of Love
Come to me tonight
On wings of a Dove.

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Ever feel your job is too demanding? Just consider the plight of hockey goal tender Jacques Plante. He says, "How would you feel like a job where, if you make a mistake, a big red light goes on and 20,000 people boo?"

Even the best family tree has its sap.

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From Tiffany St. Moonstar

The Tetrahedron Project is going well. We are continuously cataloguing and making notations as charged crystals come in. The energy is powerful from these tools of the light workers of Earth--hope our humble abode doesn't levitate until we leave for Egypt on the 14th of October. Sincere thanks to you for helping us get out the word. All participants will get a report on the working in its entirety at conclusion--in case I hadn't made that clear previously. SASE's are very much appreciated for that effort.

Take good care--and wish I could be contributing more than late for the Georgian. Would you be interested in printing a copy of our final report on Tetrahedron project when the time comes?

p.s. Dragonsmoke III is available now.

Ed note (LF): We'll look forward to the results of the project.

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Mars (An Excerpt from The Songs of Ariane) by Tiffany St. Moonstar

He was my father and I loved him. But I also hated him. Yes, HATED. What is the twin of love but hate? And being Mars, I never did anything half-way. He should have realized that, being the leader of us all, the omnipotent Sun; he should have realized that especially because he was my father.

He was repelled by The People. But not I. I loved them all the more they made his skin crawl. Oh, that they were mine instead of his Earth's--I'd know what to do with them. How to train them and guide them and love them as my very own. I loved what they called their Iron Age of wars great and bloody--the best. Then they discovered fusion and fission and began their holy religion of thermonuclear power. Yes, I think I even like them better now than when they were tough and shaggy beasts with spike and spoar and brute force.

But alas, they would perish upon my place of fiery winds and perpetual destruction. So I must love The People from afar. To have a son and never hold him. To love him, and

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Mars (cont.) by Tiffany St. Moonstar

aid in his growth to manhood--to watch him wage glorious battles of destruction in your name, yet never have him see his father--these were tortures beyond my most horrible imaginings. Yet this was each of my days--FOR MY FATHER'S DAMNED MILLENIA.

My father. The beatific Sol. Propigator of light, of life--lord of regeneration--savior of love. What a fool. How could he not realize that light would be nothing without the presence of dark to prove its existence? That regeneration would murder the unborn of the future without death to keep it in check. Death that I brought with my wars and hatred. That love would not be so precious without hatred to train it and fence with it and polish it.

So I sat, and I brooded, and I plotted and I coveted my father's position in the universe. It was true and I'd be the first to admit it.

And I knew that my father knew and that it sickened him and made him want to exterminate me. But it didn't matter. It didn't matter that he couldn't love me because of what I am. It didn't matter because he NEEDED me. He needed me to keep balance in his world, why I even kept his precious Earth alive for him! And whether he admitted it or not, he knew it, too.

It was enough. I had The People, even though no one knew. They were my life. And of course, my mother, Venus, why she had to love me--she had no choice...

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Ritual Tea from the Kitchen Witch

Although some folks will probably "have my head" for revealing such a "secret"--sorry 'bout that folks! On some occasions I have given this tea and recipe to someone to share with their group, only to discover that they've shared the tea, but not the recipe: it's a "craft secret." HAH! Don't work that way! If it was such a deep, dark secret, I wouldn't have shared it in the first place! (NOTE to new students (and everybody else, for that matter): Anytime ANYONE of ANY level gives you something to eat or drink and won't tell you what's in it--DON'T partake!!!!!)

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Ritual Tea (cont.) by the Kitchen Witch

This "magical formulae" was given to me more moons ago than I care to admit to, and I find we need it more these days than we did way back then.....

The name is misleading--it does not have to be reserved for ritual purposes. It gets the name from the fact that in our group (and most groups who try it quickly adopt the habit) everyone has a cup or two of it ten minutes or so before ritual begins. It relaxes one, opens centers, and, in general, aids in reaching other levels more quickly. How? I dunno....

Well, I do, but would have to write a couple of books to explain it. So, you drag out your herb books (never rely on just one, always take info from several), look up each herb and its properties, find out how it acts, reacts with the others, and they all work together. Very interesting! And very educational... (Go do your homework students!)

The tea can be used for many purposes. Had a hard day at the office and all tied up in knots? Sit back, sip a cup, and feel those knots untie! Preparing for meditation? Great aid! Trouble concentrating? Helps that, too. Need a sleeping aid? It'll do it better than sominex! No, it ain't old fashioned "snake oil," it's better! Good for what ails ya!

So, what is this fantastic fantasy formulae? Well, if you insist------

MIX 1/2 cup each:	1 cup each:	1 cup of one of your choice:
Damiana	Red clover	Lemon balm (for flavoring)
Pennyroyal	Raspberry	Lemon grass
Mugwort	Chamomile	Strawberry
Valerian	Mint	Whatever

Mix well. Store in air-tight glass containers. (Do not use plastic for storage.) Rounded teaspoon for each cup (less when making large amount). Bring to boil, remove from heat, cover, steep five to ten minutes. Strain. (It seesm to brew better when loose, rather than in a tea ball or bag.)

Sweeten with honey, if desired. Also delicious as iced tea. Try it, you might like it!

Ed note (LF): Thanks for the sample. Yummy!

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From dean

Let's try a new column in the Georgian. Our readers are a diverse and talented lot. Many of you produce goods or render services which would be of intrest to the Craft community. If you are a subscriber to the GNL and offer a product or service you feel might be of intrest to our readership, take a moment and send us a note. Blow your own horn a little. Tell us what you have to offer, what makes it special, and how one goes about getting some. We will alot what space we can monthly to dissiminate this information. Try to be brief so that we can introduce as many of you as possible. Unless you are a very public pagan already, be cautious about announcing your residence address or phone number. It is often desirable to establish initial contact through a post office box or intermediary. there are some real kooks on this planet and occasionally one finds a copy of our monthly ramblings.

Who do we want to hear from? All of you who subscribe and offer something you think worthwhile. For instance, a few examples that come immediately to mind are:

ROBES SEWN TO ORDER. Lady Allusha sews robes to your specifications. Include a diagram or detailed description of the garment desired, measureemnts or standard size, what type of fabfic is to be used, mention if you wish to supply the material. Send the information to Lady Allusha; c/o the Georgian Church; 1906 Verde St.; Bakersfield, CA 93304. We will forward all requests to her. She will contact you to let you know the price range and options available for your custom robe.

DRAGONSMOKE III by Tiffany Yvonne St. Moonstar is newly available from Two Wolves Press; PO Box 65; Mt. View, CA 94042. Tiffany is the author of several other books. Additionally, if memory serves me correctly, Two Wolves press offers printing services.

Lady Dematar operates an occult supply house and mail order service under the name of UNDER THE STARS. This is a great place to get good advice on tarot deck selection. Under the Stars; 127 NW 40th Ave; Plantation, FL 33317.

THE WITCH's FORMULARY AND SPELLBOOK by Tarostar should be hot off the press about now. We are told it contains all the old formulae and tricks of the trade for making authentic occult supplies at the correct astrological times. It is available from Original Publications, but I will have to get the address for you later. In the mean time you can write us, we will forward. Tarostar is also author of The Sacred Pentagraph, a series of craft teachings in several volumes.

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From dean (contd)

If someone could come up with a name for the column, that would be nice too. "Subscriber's Services" sounds too...sanitary. I am kind of partial to "Witches Do What?" Perhaps one of you will have a brainstorm and come up with a title that is fitting.

STOP THE PRESSES!! That's what the lady's voice said and I listened. One of our favorite southern belles proceeded to report that yet a new voice has sprung up to tell the world where the root of all evil lies. He calls himself Ira Libowitz. His method is to hit town and blame everything that the local populace might fear on those awful ... you guessed it: Witches. He is vocal, he is financed, he was last seen beating feet out of Atlanta; may be on his way to your neighborhood next. Be aware, be informed, be not afraid. We will try to piece together more of this story for you next month.

And there will be more good things coming in the June 1985 issue of the Georgian Newsletter:

Part II of Rik's "Physics of Magick"

A letter for publication from Rhea

Musings from Ima

"Communion," a poem from Silverstag

"Lucifer's Lament," a poem and a commentary on Witches and $ by Tarostar

Finally! Don's receipe for Crossed Tunamatoes

Plus oodles and bunches more!

But, that is going to be about it for this month. Each of you take good care of yourself. If you can and have the inclination, help another to learn to care for him/herself. Keep a positive spirit.

Love and Blessed Be,

dean, Lady Fauna &
all the Georgians

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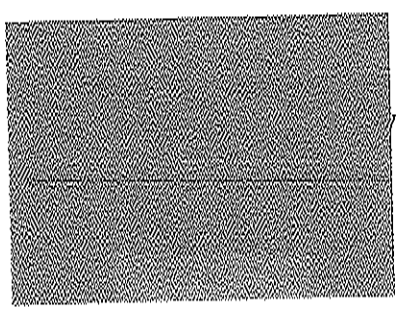

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