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A small boy on a Houston street was struggling with a leash on the other end of which was an extremely large and uncooperative St. Bernard. A passer-by paused to watch the tug-of-war. "Are you taking that dog for a walk?"
"I will," panted the boy, "as soon as I find out where he wants to go."

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Gods Help the Unwary by Tarostar

Generally, I do not try to take issue with other practitioners of the occult nor speak out against some of the things I find unethical or even downright negative. I feel psychics, or those who make their living with psychic hustles to be more exact, are entitled to run their own businesses. Those who want to pay for that service are free to do so. Psychics, or readers, are like one's personal taste in clothes. One wears what one finds comfortable. People shop around and go for the psychic or reader who makes them feel comfortable.

Once in the while, I come across a psychic scam which I feel does deserve comment, at least. The following case is one: an ad was sent to my place of business, as I am the proprietor of a small occult shop and get all kinds of unsolicited material from many sources. The ad stated that an ancient order of Sybils, presumable descended from the time of Emperor Claudius, were still active today.

For a modest fee of $16.99 plus postage and a piece of anything associated with you, such as hair, a photo, or patch of garment, one is told the Sybil will send you a fabulous psychic reading.

I do not deny psychic ability, having seen my share in my long journey in this life, but I have also seen the many, many varied applications of occult forces. Far be it from me to suggest one turn over a tag-lock from the self to any stranger working with psychic or metaphysical abilities.

I am sure most experienced Witches would see that kind of mistake and not avail themselves of that kind of dubious thing. A true psychic could deem your doom, or drie your weird without any link to your inner self; at least not a physical one.

I have no fear for Witches falling for that crap, but what of the unwary stranger? Do we not have a responsibility that would include warning him/her also?

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'Tis an old maxim in the schools,
That flattery's the food of fools;
Yet now and then your men of wit
Will condescent to take a bit. --Swift

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Pollution and the Vegetable Garden from USDA

If your tomatoes get a liberal dose of sulfur dioxide in your city or suburban garden, you need worry only about the yield, not the nutrients. According to a study by some researchers at the USDA, sulfur dioxide, even in the highest dose, did not affect the taste or nutritional value of the tomato. Further analysis showed no changes in color, total acidity, pH or ascorbic acid content. A taste panel found no difference in the taste or texture. But pollutants do reduce yields--and two air pollutants are potentially more destructive than one. That's the finding of the scientists who subjected the two most popular vegetables--snap beans and tomatoes--to two pollutants, ozone and sulfur dioxide. The highest level of sulfur dioxide in the air, filtered to remove ozone, produced a sixteen percent reduction in snap bean yields. The same concentration of sulfur dioxide in air not filtered for ozone produced a 44 percent reduction in yield. In tests using sulfur dioxide alone as a pollutant, and reducing the level to its lowest, the vegetable yield was still lowest. Ozone alone had no measurable effect on the yields of the crops. The scientists concluded that crop yields will be reduced if growing conditions are favorable and the concentrations of sulfur dioxide are low when combined with atmospheric ozone currently existing in the urban industrial regions of the country. The study also showed that you can't predict how a plant variety will produce just by observing the visible leaf injury caused by pollution. Some varieties of snap beans whose leaves showed ozone pollution damage produced more beans than a variety whose leaves indicated a tolerance to ozone.

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Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill ran in his first election, for Cambridge city council, in 1935, when he was a senior at Boston College. He lost. On voting day, a neighbor caught sight of him as she left the polls. "Tip, I voted for you even though you didn't ask me," she told him. O'Neill replied with surprise, "Mrs. O'Brien, I've known you all my life. I took your garbage out for you, mowed your lawn, shoveled snow for you. I didn't think I had to ask." "O'Neill still follows the sound political advice she then gave him: "Tip," she said gently, "it's nice to be asked."

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A man may be judged by the opinion he has of others.

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From Shareem

Where does this come from? Why am I writing it? Well, Mousie has been scampering through the file cabinets of my mind for years, bringing me joy and amusement, occasionally a touch of frustration, constantly clamoring for me to entrust his escapades to paper. Well--most of them. There are a few of them he feels would be better left untold!

Now that I have a computer, with the marvels of word processing, he has become unbearable! He hops onto my shoulder, nibbling at my ear to get my attention, squeaking, "Now! Now! Do it now!"

"But, Mousie," I protest, "I have too many other things to do. I can't just stop everything else and sit here writing about you."

"And, by the way, Mousie, since you're just a figment of my imagination, how come you're sitting on my shoulder? Oops, well, now you're standing on the keyboards, jumping up and down, squeaking, "Do it! Do it!" Really, Mousie, this is becoming ridiculous! You can't just materialize like that."

"Oh, yes, I can, Shareem. I'm real, don't you know? All these years I've lived in your mind, you've believed in me. Your belief has given me life, and now I'm really real. Who do you think has been playing hide and seek with the cat in the middle of the night?"

"Ah, hah! So you're the culprit, huh? I wondered why all of a sudden my nice, quiet kitty started romping through the house in the wee hours of the morning! Shame on you, Mousie! If you've got to tease the cat, at least do it when I'm awake. I'm tired of being startled out of sleep at 3 a.m."

"And, oh, my goodness, what am I doing? I'm sitting here arguing with a mouse! A mouse that doesn't really exist. I must be losing my mind! Oh, no, Mousie, now don't get upset! Okay, okay. I'll admit you're really sitting there. Yes, you do exist. Yes, Mousie, I do love you. And yes, Mousie, I will start writing your story. Now, you've got to understand, I have other things to do, so I'll have to do it a little bit at a time. Fair enough?"

And that, boys and girls, is how the story of Mousie, the House Mouse, came to be. Let me see, where did I put the telephone number of that shrink....

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Mousie by Shareem

"Huh? Oh, hi there. I'm Mousie, the House Mouse. Who're you?"

"Oh, okay. Glad to meet ya."

"What am I doing here? What a silly question. I live here. What're you doing here?"

"You came to visit my Lady? She ain't here now. And, by the way, how'd you get through the gate? Folks usually can't get in 'less Lady says it's okay."

"She told you the words? Well, then, guess it's okay for you to be in here. Have a seat, there on the garden bench. Lady'll be back in a bit and it'll be nice sitting there in the sun while ya wait."

"Run? Whadda ya mean, run?"

"The cat's coming? Oh, that's Keesee, he's my friend. He lives here, too. We have lots of fun, playing hide-and-seek with each other. And sometimes we get the chipmunks and the birds and the squirrels all in on a big game of tag, and that's great fun."

"Of course we all play together. Hey, fellow, this is my Lady's place. Once ya cross that barrier, you're safe. There's only love and trust and friendship here. When you step back outside, you're back to the laws of Nature, but here my Lady sets the rules."

"How'd I get here? See that field way over there? I was born over there. One day, when I was still real little, my Mama took us all outside to get some sunshine. Then, here comes this big, mean cat that lives on the farm down the road. Everybody ran back to our nest, but he got in my way so I couldn't get there, and then he started chasing me! Guess he thought I'd be a tasty bit. Well, I ran and ran and ran, with him right behind me. Ohhh, I was so scared! Ran through that fence back there, and by then I was so tired I didn't care anymore--let 'im catch me, I had to stop and rest. But he just stopped when he got to the fence, even tho' he could've come through it, too.

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Mousie (cont.) by Shareem

"I was laying there, couldn't move an inch, when I heard noises. And then this huge thing was standing over me. (I didn't know what a people was, then.) A few minutes before I'd thought I couldn't be any more scared, but now I was!

"Then I heard, "Oh, you poor little baby!" and this hand came down and picked me up. Well, let me tell ya, I thought that this was it! Goodbye, world! In a minute, I realized the hand was holding me real easy, and it was soft and warm and gentle. And I heard a voice saying, "Poor baby. It's all right, you're safe now. So scared, aren't you? Little heart's beating a mile a minute. Don't shake so, baby, it's okay." And this soft finger, just one, sorta stroked me, real gentle, and the hand sorta cuddled me close.

"All of a sudden I knew everything was okay--I was safe. And in a few minutes my heart kinda slowed down, and I stopped shaking so hard. She carried me to the house and held me a few minutes to make sure I was okay. Then she said, real softly, "Hello, Mousie. I'm Lady, and this is my house, and it can be yours if you want to stay here." She put me down on the floor and sat down beside me, but she didn't pick me up again. I looked around. The door was open. I could run.... I looked back at Lady. Oh, what to do? Then I knew. And I ran, as hard as I could. Straight to Lady, to her lap, and the soft, warm hand that was waiting. It felt so good. I knew I was home.

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A mother mouse was taking her babies for a walk when a cat suddenly appeared. The young ones were petrified, but the mother mouse huddled them behind her and then started to bark with a loud "Arf! Arf!" The cat immediately took off. Then the mother mouse turned to her offspring and said, "Now, children, that will teach you the value of a second language."

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A visitor in arid, wind-swept western Kansas was commenting unfavorably on the country to a native: "Doesn't it ever rain here?"
"Oh, yes," the Kansan replied seriously. "Last week they had a nice rain over northeast of here about fifteen miles. But I was busy and couldn't go."

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The Seeds of Destruction by Stan

As members of the Coven of the Samhain Moon were driving along a Wisconsin highway, the High Priest and his Priestess were having a friendly argument. The High Priest had commented about the sound of the car radio which had caused the High Priestess to respond, "Here I am under psychic attack, about to die, maybe, and your only concern is with your silly old radio. Anyway, it sounds perfect to me."

"That's just it, it does sound perfect, and it shouldn't."

"Oh, you'd kick if you were playing football. It oughta sound perfect. You spend half your time tinkering with it."

"We have been under a transmission line the last twenty miles and we don't hear a bit of noise. That means the line is not carrying any current. A cross country line not carrying current is as strange as a tree full of ostridges."

His H.Ps. suggested he should count his blessings. Instead he pulled off on a roadside stop and set up some electronic gear on the lid of a trash barrel. Interesting, he mused. We have a six point two cycle wave being broadcast. I knew the Soviets were doing this in Antartica, but here in Wisconsin? I wonder what is modulating it. Okay, my love, I need your help. It may be we shall find the source of your psychic attack.

He had gone as far as he could with the instruments. Now it was up to Vespa, his High Priestess.

Breathing slowly and deeply, she prepared to go into trance. She passed from beta through alpha and into theta. Then she began to speak... slowly the words came... each syllable clear and distinct... we must tear down and rebuild... the time is at hand... the time is now... your savior awaits... we must act now... will you be saved? The words were repeated endlessly.

As Vespa slowly came back to normal, they both knew not only had Vespa been under psychic attack, the whole country was being affected. The question was, what to do about it? This was no ego trip from a neighboring coven. This originated from high up in governmental circles. Real high up. Common Wealth Edison doesn't shut down badly needed transmission lines without a lot of pressure from above. This is not their zeitgeist. Somebody had a lot of clout. But who?

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The Seeds of Destruction (cont.) by Stan

This sounded far more sinister than your average gospel message. The H.P. knew the answer to that question had better be found and soon.

Arriving at the Sanctuary, they found their hosts were well aware something was amiss. Later that evening, as a small group of them were talking over their doughnuts and mead, they compared notes. The host magister was speaking, "Let us get down to basics. What we know for a fact, and what we still need to know. Fact: one, something is bad wrong. Needed fact. Just what is its nature? Fact two: sorcery is being used here, even though it is electronic in nature. Needed fact: who is behind this? Why? How do we go about finding out and what can we do about it?"

From the priestess of the Samhain Moon came the suggestion that astral projection might help. Many claim to be able to project astrally, but only a few can do so. Vespa could. The question was to find the source. Now any time sorcery is being used, psychic bells are being rung in the occult fabric and psychic trails are left for those capable of following them. The general area should not be too hard to trace and Vespa believed she could zero in on the psychic lights. If no wards were set and no foreign power intervened, Vespa believed she could track down the source. Vespa knew it had to be done and she was the one to do it.

Later that evening, within one of the most careful circles ever cast in the Sanctuary, Vespa set forth on her quest. Finding the source was a piece of cake, and since Vespa had taught mind control courses for several years, she had perfect recall:

A small group was listening to a prominent electronic preacher in a Chicago Loop office building. He had discovered how to put thought waves on tape and use them to modulate beta region broadcasts over crosscountry transmission lines. The results were phenomenal. Church attendance rose three hundred percent. Unfortunately, much more was at stake. The ultimate aim was nothing less than the creation of a theocracy from the United States of America. With that same mesmeric charm that had captivated so many T.V. audiences, the preacher outlined his plan...

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Seeds (cont.) by Stan

"Gentlemen, it has been written we are the children of God and we are to inherit the earth. Now with your help this shall become an actuality. Need I remind you of strict secrecy? Our biggest asset is the belief among the masses that it can't happen here. The key is timing. Almost split second timing. At the appointed hours, we shall strike. We will take over every atomic power plant in the country. We have our people working in them. We will blow up Boulder Dam and every major dam in the country, including the Salt River Dam chain in Arizona. This will leave nearly every major city in the United States without power or water. We will blow down all of the high tension transmission lines except those we need for broadcast purposes. Fires will be set in the brush lands. Tankers carrying liquid petroleum will be exploded. Since each tanker packs the punch of an atom bomb, every major port city will cease to exist. Food shortages and riots will erupt everywhere. Soon people will be begging for law and order even it it means dictatorship. This is when we will establish God's Kingdom on earth. Any questions?"

One querent brought up the question of money. A plan like this must cost a great deal.

"A good question deserves a good answer, brethern. We have it; thirty millions of dollars of heathen gold from Victoria Peak in the White Sands Proving Grounds. The Army gave out the story it was a hoax, but it wasn't and those who could say otherwise are all dead. Imagine, if you can, a gold sun six feet high. Bars and bars of gold stacked like cordwood, a silver moon as big as a tall man. It was real, brethern, and we have it.

"Most of you know our Lord taught in parables and by example, what some of you may not know is that the real teachings, the esoteric truths were taught only to a few of his disciples and these were never given to the public or written down. May I refer you to Mk 4:11-12. These truths were never written down but were handed down orally for centuries, kept alive by such groups as the Knights Templars, the Golden Dawn, the Rosicrucians, and others. I will reveal to you later how I came by these secret teachings.

"Now don't forget, we are backed by the Lord himself. We have called many. Only a few have been chosen. Always

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Seeds (cont.) by Stan

remember the wages of the sin of loose talk were death. Now I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be you therefore wise as serpents and as seeming harmless as doves."

Vespa and the group knew this was not just the fervor of an electronic parson. This was sorcery on a scale not seen in many decades. Electronic sorcery if you like. Not since Hitler had such danger threatened from a power mad dictator. Just as the witches stopped the invasion of England, only a mere handful of witches stood between America and disaster.

Vespa thought that perhaps some help might come from the treasure cave or at least verification of the claim. It was hard to give credence to the tale she brought back. It smacked not only of fantasy, but of sheer madness. Yet her listeners knew it was true and action must be taken.

The members of the Sanctuary knew they still didn't have enough information to go on. How much time was left? What were the channels of communications? What government officials were in on the plan and even more important, who were not. Who would believe them anyway? Concrete proof was needed.

Vespa felt at least one more meeting would be held and Vespa intended to be there. Now sorcery is sorcery, whether practiced by saint or sinner and there are times the psychic tides bode well for a project and times they do not. Vespa felt sure the next meeting would be held the night of the full moon which coincided with the spring equinox. Venets proved the soundness of her judgment. She arrived just as the preacher began.

"Greetings my friends. You are a very select group here tonight, very select indeed. What you are about to hear tonight has been given to only a few throughout the centuries. May I begin by anticipating your question of, where I got the information?

"Some of you may have heard of Robert Temple who wrote the book, The Sirius Mystery. It was he who gave us the clue as to what to seek. It was Edgar Cayce who gave us the precise location of the information at Giza. Don't forget Moses was trained by the Egyptian Priesthood and was privy to their secrets. Jesus was later to travel to Egypt and by divine revelation regain the secret and teach it to a select few.

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Seeds (cont.) by Stan

"Our present day bible is almost a secret book in itself. Much of it contains material which if translated literally is not true. This has puzzled scholars for ages. For example, Jesus did not cast any devils into swine. Swine were forbidden at that time. The cock did not crow thrice. Cocks were also anathema to the Jews. Two thieves were not crucified. The death penalty was not exacted for thievery. Herod never killed the first born. Josephus who hated Herod and cataloged his most minor misdeeds never mentioned it, nor did any other historian. Had Jesus been tried and condemned by the Jews, he would have been stoned, not crucified. Jews never used crucifixion. The breaking of the legs was known as crusifragium and was never combined with crucifixion. In short, Jesus was the son of God and as such was immortal. Being immortal, he could not be killed. For those among you who wish to pursue the matter further, I suggest your reading The Virgin of the World written by G. R. S. Mead. I tell you these things because you must know the truth if we are to be successful in the application of the real truth Jesus taught. My friends, I am about to reveal to you the most profound, the most sacred, of all teachings."

At this point, one of the more psychic members present held up his hand. "Please sir, I must interrupt, this is urgent. We have with us tonight an uninvited unwelcome guest on the psychic plane."

"Thank you, brother, thank you, but it is reallly of no consequence. Our meeting has been protected by wards set, that act like a diode in electronics. They pass a spirit one way but when it comes time to leave they find the path is blocked. So we have caught us a knowledgeable one. I expected as much. The demons and devils mentioned in the good book are very real as our interloper is about to find out."

When Vespa did not return, every one in the coven became very worried--especially so since they began to receive negative vibes of the worst sort and the Tarot showed every negative card in the major Arcana. Vespa was trapped between the world of matter and of mind.

Her High Priest had often traversed the sepherotic paths from Malkuth to Binah. Now was the time to put that knowledge to use. Finding Vespa was no problem, nor was gaining entry to her side. The problem was to get them both out and to

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Seeds (cont.) by Stan

immobilize those in attendance. Once at Vespa's side, he quickly became aware of the situation. The minister, realizing he had two birds in his snare, addressed them thusly, "So you have learned of the occult areas. Well, let's see how versed you are in the qalballah for I am going to call up a power from the qlipoth to destroy you both. The qliphoth needs no mighty conjurations for the seeds of destruction are buried within us all."

They both realized the truth of what was said but they were no strangers to the qaballa either. Normally, in the Craft rituals they did not partake of any Caballistic overtones but this was magic and time to fight fire with fire. The fact they did not use the qaballah did not mean they were ignorant of it nor that it was ineffective. They were quite aware, self is on a delicate balance between the world of matter and the world of mind. Both worlds are very real. Almost as one they began the banishing ritual of the Lesser Pentagram. Facing east they visualized a sphere of white light over their head. Reaching up they brought this light to their forehead intoning the ancient mantra. As the light streamed through their body, enveloping them, they grounded it at their feet envising another point of power. They then touched the right shoulder starting the light on its path across the body. Then starting at the body they drew a pentagram in the air, clothing it with white fire. Then visualizing the archangel Raphael, resplendent in the dawn sunrise, they softly called his name. The archangel Gahbreeal was behind them in the west. Blue robed, he stood against the sky and the sea. To the south stood Mechahel. His robes are red and he stands at the mouth of a fiery volcano. To the north was Suriel, standing amidst fertile fields. Above them flamed the pentagrams. For the moment, they were safe.

But the demons of the qlipoth of yesod remained. The seeds of hellfire and danmnation sown in his own mind were about to react upon the church man. The forces that lay across interstellar space are parallel to the forces that raged across his psyche.

The wards dissolved as paper in a fire before the onslaught. Those in attendance had seen more psychic phenomena than they had bargained for, or even knew existed. They fled as though Satan himself was at their heels as indeed they believed him to be.

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Seeds (cont.) by Stan

The xtian had forgotten the words from the Tibetian Book of the Dead: the deities, too, are not from somewhere else. They exist from eternity within the faculties of thine own intellect. Know them to be of that nature.

The next morning the press reported the death as being the most bizarre the coroner had ever seen. The body was completely black. It had been drained of every drop of blood. The newspaper also reported a huge fortune had been left behind. As there were no heirs, the money would go to the state. It was to ensure the budget would remain in balance for many years.

On the way home from the Sanctuary, the radio buzzed noisily the whole way. No one uttered a word of complalint.

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From Morganna

I ran across an article I would like to share by E. L. Doctorow. Although fiction is not the term I use myself, I do encourage this in my students so that they can reach deep down inside themselves to learn and understand their deeper emotions. Of course, one should never go overboard; but occasionally a good fantasy is good for the soul so here is what E. L. Doctorow says about fiction:

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The Importance of Fiction by E. L. Doctorow

What we call fiction is the ancient way of knowing, the total discourse that antedates all the special vocabularies of modern intelligence.

But nothing is as good at fiction as fiction. It is the most ancient way of knowing but also the most modern, managing when it's done right to burn all the functions of language back together into powerful fused revelations. Because it is total discourse it is ultimate discourse. It excludes nothing. It will express from the depth and range of its sources truths that no sermon or experiment or news report can begin to apprehend. It will tell you without shame what people do with their bodies and think with their minds. It will deal evenhandedly with their microbes or their

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The Importance of Fiction (cont.) by E. L. Doctorow

intuitions. It will know their nightmares and blinding moments of moral crisis. You will experience love, if it so chooses, or starvation or drowning or dropping through space or holding a hot pistol in your hand with the police pounding on the door. This is the way it is, it will say, this is what it feels like.

Fiction is democratic, it reasserts the authority of the single mind to make and remake the world. By its independence from all institutions, from the family to the government, and with no responsibility to defend their hypocrisy or murderousness, it is a valuable resource and instrument of survival.

Fiction gives counsel. It connects the present with the past, and the visible with the invisible. It distributes the suffering. It says we must compose ourselves in our stories in order to exist. It says if we don't do it, someone else will do it for us.

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Proliferation of Pollution and the Promised Land by Harold

"In the last 200 years, and with staggering acceleration in the last 25, the power, extent and depth of man's interventions in the natural order seem to presage a revolutionary new epoch in human history, perhaps the most revolutionary the mind can conceive. Men seem, on a planetary scale, to be substituting the controlled for the uncontrolled, the fabricated for the unworked, the planned for the random. And they are doing so with a speed and depth of intervention unknown in any previous age of human history." (Barbara Ward and Rene Dubos, Only One Earth)

Life on Earth is a complex system of balances where only the fittest survive. Nature has provided built-in trade-offs for every organism on Earth. One species evolves with an ever changing environment, while another dies, only to be supplanted by a new one. Man, however, adapts his environment instead of adapting to this environment. Once men lived in caves; but, today man builds his own. He once hunted and gathered his foods; but, today he grows it under controlled conditions; adapting his enviornment to fit his own needs, and leaving the natural environment shattered, and quite possibly, irrevocably damaged.

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Proliferation (cont.) by Harold

Since the 1940's, man has waged agricultural chemical warfare with plants and animals he terms "pests". In the three decades that have followed World War II, the entire planet has been so inundated with these toxic chemicals that virtually nothing is uneffected. "Residues of these chemicals linger in soil to which they may have been applied a dozen years before" (Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, 15). The persistance of some of these chemicals is so great that they carry on throughout the food chain all the way to man. "They have been found in fish in remote mountain lakes, in earthworms burrowing in soil, in the eggs of birds--and in man himself... regardless of age" (Carson, 16). These chemical insecticides, while vast in number, fall into two categories; chlorinated hydrocarbons and organic phosphorus. DDT, DDD, aldrin, chlordane, and Sevin are chlorinated hydrocarbons. Diazinon, DDVP, Baygon, parathion, and malithion are organic phosphorus compounds. DDT is familiar to us all for its ability to permeate the food chain and be stored in body fat indefinitely; eventually becoming toxic.

DDD, a constituent breakdown chemical of DDT, is also persistant after application and has been recorded as an insidious killer. "In Clear Lake, California, in 1957, the first recorded major disaster caused by clorinated hydrocarbons... (DDD) a large number of grebes (fish-eating birds) were found dead..." (Sam Love, Earth Tool Kit: A Field Manual for Citizen Activists, 197). Prior to application of DDD more than 1,000 nesting pairs of grebes were recorded but "... the nesting colonies of the grebes dwindled--from more than 1,000 pairs... to about 30 pairs in 1960" (Carson, 48). But DDT is hardly toxic compared to parathion:

"...two small boys in Wisconsin, cousins, died on the same night. One had been playing in his yard when spray drifted in from an adjoining field where his father was spraying potatoes with parathion; the other had run playfully into the barn after his father and had put his hand on the nozzle of the spray equipment (Carson, 28)."

Ecologist Paul R. Ehrilich, professor of Biology at Stanford University, states, "We have every reason to believe that these biologically active molecules are downright dangerous" (Population Resources Environment: Issues in Human Ecology, 131). And well they may be; truly a great deal of evidence abounds to support this conclusion. However, while some of

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these substances are quite toxic, the benefits far outweigh any small environmental drawbacks.

"As a result of the widespread use of DDT and other related chemicals such as deldrin, farmers throughout the world have been able to increase food production and some of the most virulent scourges of mankind such as malaria, typhus, and encephalitis, have been virtually wiped out over large sections of the earth" (Cy A. Adler, Ecological Fantasies, 182).

The fact is DDT is not toxic to humans, even when given to humans in extremely large doses. Tests done on humans have proven conclusively that DDT is not toxic. "The tests... were... well-controlled tests conducted by the U.S. Public Health Service, using volunteer prisoners to see if unusually massive doses of DDT were harmful to humans. All indications were that DDT is not toxic to man" (Adler 185).

DDT has been named as a killer of wildlife, chiefly birds: e.g., the Clear Lake incident; but, through closer examination of the facts we find "some appear actually to benefit from ingestion of DDT... Bengalese finches developed thickened egg shells when fed DDT... and, DDT appeared to aid reproduction in mallards" (Adler 185).

DDT has also been accused of lingering in fatty tissues and building up to toxic levels; but while DDT does linger and build up in fatty tissues to a saturation point, DDT does not become toxic. "... scientists have been exposing oysters to flowing seawater with one to three parts per billion of DDT, parathion, and toxaphene for over two years at the government's Gulf Breeze, Florida, laboratory... oysters exposed only to DDT for twelve weeks acquired a residue to 76 parts per million, which is 76,000 times as great as the concentration in the flowing seawater. The oysters did not die, and when returned to ordinary seawater, purged themselves of almost the entire accumulated DDT residue" (Adler, 189).

Clearly, wehn handled by irresponsible people, toxic chemicals can be very dangerous to wildlife and even humans. But, as in the case of the oysters, toxic accumulation is reversible; so, the problem lies not in the use of chemicals but in the misuse. "Systems of checks and balances" have been implemented in all states including California.

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"... critics acknowledge that California's pesticide regulatory program is probably the best in the nation" (California Journal).

In fact, California has the toughest toxic waste laws in the nation. Four of them are: The Porter Colone Water Quality Act which states that the people of California have a right to clean drinking water and the State has a duty to enforce that right. The Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act also states that Californians have a right to clean drinking water. It also mandates chemical companies that intend to introduce new pesticides must conduct extensive tests and submit the results to the Agriculture Department or face fines of up to $10,000 per day. The Birth Defect Prevention Act directs the Department of Agriculture to report all pesticides, currently being used in California, to the legislature. The Toxic Pits Cleanup Act establishes a fee for discharging toxic liquids and mandates that surface impoundments currently being used will be brought up to specific standards that will ensure non-leakage.

Clearly Californians are serious about toxic pollution. "Over 50 new laws have been passed in the last two years to control chemicals and toxics. We need to build on the system we have, not abandon it in favor of extreme 'solutions'" (Republican Caucus). Yet "extreme solutions" may well be what the people of California will adopt in the form of Proposition 65. We have been inundated with television commercials about Proposition 65. One shows a farmer who is upset about Proposition 65 because, as he claims, he will no longer be allowed to use pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides; but, his neighbor, a nuclear power plant, will be allowed to use those chemicals because it is exempt. Under Proposition 65, businesses with less than ten employees and government agencies are exempt. The farmer doesn't appear to have any employees. It seems that the makers of the commercial are neglecting to tell us that the very farmer who narrates this commercial is exempt from the effects of Proposition 65.

On another television commercial, one of the horrors of toxic waste that we have been warned of before is displayed--deformed children; and, it's said they are deformed because their mothers drank water that was contaminated while their mothers were pregnant. The reasonable assumption is that contaminated water alone is not the culprit. "... experts in

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the field are quick to admit the difficulty of proving the harm caused by chemical wastes.... when it comes to chemicals and illness, it's hard to prove cause and effect...." (Time). Drug use and recessive genetic defects are more likely to cause physical deformities.

"Iodide, present in antiasthmatics, antirheumatics, blood 'tonics,' and expectorants medications (25,000 to 350,00 mcg/dose) can... induce congenital goiter and hyperthyroidism" (Eric W. Martin, Hazards of Medication, 278).

"... more than a thousand diseases and shortcomings can be traced to mutations... these include half the cases of severe mental deficiency; three-fourths of all cases of blindness occurring before the age of fifteen; many cases of deafness, harelips, cleft palates, club feet, bone diseases, diabetes, hemophilia, idopathic epilepsy, sickle-cell anemia, gout, and crippling muscular diseases" (John J. Fried, The Mystery of Heredity, 6).

The makers of this commercial are neglecting important issues only in an attempt to prove a point.

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Star Gazer by Lady Fauna

March 15 - April 14, '87

3/15 (Sunday) Full Moon. A real equal opportunity day. You can take responsibility, show self-discipline, and create opportunities. On the other hand, you can rebel, have a temper tantrum, and trip over your tongue. At any rate, a good day to weed the garden.

3/16 (Moonday) Your head is in the clouds today; it may be difficult to apply creative ideas. Home and social life are favored.

3/17 (Marsday) If you're in the mood to fall in love (or lust) you may trip today and find yourself in some very strange arms. Love affairs begun today will cause some real emotional highs and lows for the next two or three weeks. An

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Star Gazer (cont.) by Lady Fauna

excellent day to plant red flowers and all sprint bulb and root plants--particularly red ones (beeds and red onions).

3/18 (Mercuryday) You find yourself shifting gears today. Work involving hands is favored.

3/19 (Jupiterday) Quarrels and strong emotional outbursts affect health.

3/20 (Venusday) Spring Equinox. Luck in financial affairs and health are favored, but do watch spending. Are all those details really important? Harvesting fruit and root crops and weeding will bring good results.

3/21 (Saturnday) Be sensitive to those who ask questions. Blunt answers may send some delicate little flower awilt.

3/22 (Sunday) Unusual psychic conditions and aggressive, outstanding poeple combine to tax your control of the realities of the situation. Plant potatoes.

3/23 (Monday) Your mind clicks right along; put off decision until late tomorrow morning.

3/24 (Tuesday) An interest in people pays big dividends. Business entertaining may result in a large sale or recognition of your talents.

3/25 (Wednesday) Apply energy and intelligence to analyzing and scientific exploration.

3/26 (Thursday) Popularity of women may make men uncomfortable and cause men to brood, particularly when women are happily involved with their work. Solitude helps if you have difficulty concentrating or your nerves are on edge. Material luck either through inheritance or gifts. Win people over with an intellectual approach.

3/27 (Friday) Creative ability and charm bring business success.

3/28 (Saturday) The bizarre and unusual cause temper tantrums. Weed and harvest fruit crops. Earthquake possible.

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Star Gazer (cont.) by Lady Fauna

3/29 (Sunday) New Moon. Women should watch out for accidents caused by daydreaming. Financial luck.

3/30 (Monday) Earthquake possible. Rule without dominating. Men who marry today have a wife who brings financial luck although she will tend to bring emotional hardships. Plant beans, cucumbers, eggplant, flowers, squash.

3/31 (Tuesday) Earthquake possible. Temper tantrums, cranky folks, and the bizarre abound.

4/1 (Wednesday) Financial returns bring independence.

4/2 (Thursday) People are talkative, perhaps with a sharp tongue. Practice the art of keeping a secret. Financial luck.

4/3 (Friday) Talk may undermine self-confidence.

4/4 (Saturday) Earthquake possible. Dramas in New York highlighted; take in the theatre if you feel restless. Plant grasses and grains, beans, cucumbers, eggplant, squash.

4/5 (Sunday) The possibility exists of changing occupations suddenly. Remember the love affair earlier? Complications could arise today.

4/6 (Monday) If possible, avoid dealings with law today, particularly legal judgments. If you are scheduled for court, try to gain a postponement. Work involving hands favored.

4/7 (Tuesday) Relax at home and work. It will help with minor delays.

4/8 (Wednesday) Luck through listening.

4/9 (Thursday) Earthquake possibility. Carelessness causes accidents. You have much energy. Attend to details and matters requiring study. Listen and practice tolerance.

4/10 (Friday) Your energy levels remain high but energy is easily wasted. Disappointments in relationships are the result of weak judgment, gullibility, and tactlessness. Use your charm and intelligence. Postpone creative projects.

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Star Gazer (cont.) by Lady Fauna

4/11 (Saturday) Concentration brings luck and brings both a sound body and sound mind. Learn from experience. Relationships again could bring disappointments. Gossip comes your way.

4/12 (Sunday) Postpone creative projects. Avoid romance: a lover may be inconsistent and turn out to be thoughtless. Plant herbs, flowers, eggplant, cucumbers, squash. Insufficient planning causes mental strain. Plant flowers but save the flowery speeches for another day.

4/13 (Monday) Full Moon. Personality conflicts may surface.

4/14 (Tuesday) Earthquake possible. Turbulence in love life. Spend the day among strangers or in solitude. Watch your budget. Plant leeks.

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Moon Lore from Llewellyn Publications

It's garden planning time again. If your garden has proven less than rewarding, it could be you ignored the most important factor in planning: the Moon.

Dr. Frank E. Brown of Northwestern University discovered lunar phases parallel those of vegetable metabolism. Tracing the metabolism of potatoes over several lunar months, Brown found that the metabolic rate increased twenty percent from New Moon to the Moon's third quarter. He also found water uptake in pinto beans to coincide with lunar first and third quarters. Dr. E. Gravious of the University of Lyon, France, found lunar patterns in tomato seeds' oxygen consumption, and Bernard Dixon reported in OMNI that sunflower seeds behave the same.

Moon phase gardening follows simple rules: plant root crops during the Moon's decrease, the third and fourth quarters. Plant leafy crops during the Moon's increase, the first and second quarters. Water and chemically fertilize your plants during first and second quarters. Orgaic fertilizer should be applied during the third and fourth quarters. Use insecticides during the fourth quarter.

Harvest root crops intended for food during third and fourth quarters, and those intended for seed at the Full Moon.

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Moon Lore (cont.) from Llewellyn Publications

Harvest grain for storage just after the Full Moon. Harvest fruits and leafy vegetables during the third and fourth quarters.

Serious Moon gardeners time their gardening activities not only to the lunar phase, but also to the lunar sign--the sign of the zodiac which the Moon appears to travel through. The Moon changes its sign every two to three days and is considered to be in a favorable position to a sign when it is either approaching or located within it.

Each of the four plant organ systems corresponds to an element represented by zodiacal signs. The plant's seed or fruit is considered the genetics or ignition and corresponds to zodiacal signs with fire elements: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius. Flowers or sky-reaching portions of the plant are governed by air signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius. The water transportation system, leaves, and stem are governed by water signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces. The root system corresponds to earth signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn. Perform gardening activities when the Moon is in a favorable position to the sign governing that organ of the plant most affected.

Fire sign attributes:

Aries: Seeds are quick to grow, but produce bitter fruits.
Leo: Good time to destroy weeds and bushes, especially during the fourth quarter.
Sagittarius: plant hay, onions, and apples during this sign.

Air sign attributes:

Gemini: Good for cultivating the soil to destroy weeds.
Libra: Especially productive for roses. Libra rules flowers' beauty, except bulbs. Produces vigorous pulp and reasonable amounts of grain.
Aquarius: Good for planting and transplanting onions and pines.

Water sign attributes:

Cancer: The most productive sign. During Full Moon, plant beans; at New Moon, plant lentils.
Scorpio: Plant corn and squash. Good sign for pruning as well as drought resistance.

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Moon Lore (cont.) from Llewellyn Publications

Pisces: Favorable to all planting, especially fruit, but not potatoes, it encourages too much root rather than tuber growth.

Earth sign attributes:

Taurus: Enhances root crop growth, especially storage foods or perennials which remain outdoors during the winter.
Virgo: Good for planting vines to be grown vertically.
Capricorn: Produces rapid growth of pulp stalks or roots, but not much grain. Good for beets, potatoes, turnips. Good for grafting and pruning, and planting trees and shrubs.

Here are a few tips for beginning gardeners from Llewellyn's Moon Sign Book:

Start samll and smart. Plan a 10' x 10' partially-shaded plot, with portions receiving direct sun all day. Make it close to a watering source. Generally, vegetables require six hours of midday sun or eight hours of morning and afternoon sun. Flowers require six to eight hours of light; nevertheless, check your seed package for light requirements.

Plant your favorites. Raise a few varieties of your favorites. Check seed packages to make sure they can grow in your region and have a high yield. You should be able to plant the seeds directly into the garden, rather than pot or place them in a hot box. Some suggestions: lettuce, summer squash, green beans, carrots, and tomatoes; zinnias, alyssium, and marigolds.

Check your soil content and quality. Seed packages suggest which soils and fertilizers to use. To test your soil content, take a handful of slightly moist soil. Form a "ribbon" by squishing the soil between your thumb and fingers. A long ribbon indicates lots of clay. A short ribbon signals mostly loam, and the dirt on your shoes indicates lots of sand. Changing soil content is easy, but determining how to change it requires knowledge. Your local gardening center may have soil-testing kits. A local agricultural college often tests mail-in samples, often giving tips on how to make use of the findings.

Tools. You need a spade, spading fork (not a pitchfork which has round tines), and hoe. You need a rake. Choose the right one for your garden--the bigger the plot, the larger

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Moon Lore (cont.) from Llewellyn Publications

the rake, and the rockier or higher clay content, the wider the teeth. Choose a comfortable-feeling size and weight for these tools. You will need hand trowels for planting, transplanting, thinning, and weeding. Choose strong trowels with a "trigger" grip.

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Marriages and the Craft by Rik

A short time ago, a couple of christians asked me to perform a marriage ceremony for them. The reason was because they knew that I was a Priest and they liked my attitudes about life.

I tried to send them to their own minister (he was presbyterian and she was methodist) or to a Justice of the Peace but they insisted and offered to wait until I was off work. I told them to think about it and call me in the morning if they still hadn't come to their senses. The next morning, they called and I told them about the Craft and again gave them a chance to back out. They declined and reiterated that they wanted me to perform the ceremony. So I contacted my High Priestess and checked with the law library at the University of Arizona an the Superior Courts building. Then on Sunday evening, at a locak park, two Witches performed a marriage for two christians which is considered legal in the eyes of the State of Arizona.

Let's consider this for a bit. There have been numerous Handfastings performed by Witches over the years. In most cases, the couple had a civil wedding ceremony performed which was followed by a religious handfasting. In a number of cases, a Coven will incorporate as a legal church and then be able to perform marriages (Circle and The Georgian Church are good examples of this). But what about the average Coven that has no legal standing? Do they have to hire Selena and Jim to visit so they can have a legal Handfasting? Or do they make do with a civil ceremony? This is how we can do it in Arizona. I must emphasize that what is covered here applies to Arizona and each state has its own rules, but this is a good start for you.

In Arizona, there are few laws regarding the formation of churches and their duties therein. In 1976, we revised the laws and tossed out all the "blue laws" and "funny laws that

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Marriages (cont.) by Rik

plague other states" thus streamlining and easing the legal burden of both Plaintiff and Defendant.

A church, by Arizona law, is a group of people who meet on a regular basis for the performance of religious purposes. Note: because of the Jonestown problem, the courts differentiate between a church which meets regularly and a cult which meets around the schedule of its minister.

A minister, by Arizona law, is a person who is chosen by that church to lead or perform the duties and ritual for that church.

Simple, isn't it? There are not legal requirements in Arizona for that church to incorporate (note: tax exempt status is a federal matter and is used when the church/Coven has a considerable amount of money or property that needs legal protection. The average Coven has no need for tax exempt status and so is beyond the scope of this article). Neither is there any requirement for the minister to have a Divinity Degree from a college or mail order divinity place. The people get together and after they have been meeting regularly, they claim the status of a church and vote on one person to be their minister. They don't even have to tell the government that they have done so. Thus, the average Coven is, by Arizona Law, a legal church and so has all the rights and responsibilities therein.

There is one catch to all this: the church MUST say to its minister, "You have the right to perfrom valid marriages." If they don't say this to their minister, he cannot perform marriages. Also, the church MUST have at least one person who is that minister. In the case of one Jewish "church" in town, they have no Rabbi nor do they feel the need to have one as they do all of their rituals in mass. Thus they have no minister to perform marriages and so cannot do legal weddings.

To make this better understood, I will give a few examples of Covens and their status by Arizona Law. Please keep in mind that these are simply examples of what may be:

Coven Alpha is derived from Gardnerian Tradition, has been in existence for five eyars, keeps a Coven Journal, gives lineage papers to its initiates to prove that they had been initiated to their degree, and meets every Sabbat, Esbat, and

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often for business and parties. The Coven helps each other when in need and is run by a Third Degree High Priest and a First Degree High Priestess. Eventually, one couple in the Coven decide to marry so the High Priest and High Priestess perform the ceremony of Handfasting. Question: Is this marriage legal? Yes, providing that the couple have a valid marriage license and the Coven grants their High Priest/ess the right to perform marriages. In this case, the High Priestess takes her validity to do so by virtue of being the acting High Priestess of the Coven and by virtue of being the working partner of a Third Degree High Priest. The High Priest takes his legality by virtue of his degree and by virtue of being the working partner to the High Priestess regardless of her rank. Also, the Coven can document in court, if need be, their history as a church by virtue of their Coven Journal and lineage papers.

Coven Beta is a feminist coven that has been in existence for ten years. They meet every Sabbat and Full Moon without fail. They have a small core of dedicated members and a large group of guests and occasional members. None of them have been initiated and the High Priestesshood of the Coven rotates among the members. One day two of the women decide that they, being lesbians, wish to marry so one of the womyn writes a Handfasting ritual which is performed. Question: Is this marriage legal? Absolutely not according to the laws of Arizona. Who cares? A lot of people. The surviving spouse, when applying for social security or inheritance or insurance for a few. First of all, in Arizona, homosexual relations are still a felony and to marry a couple under this situation is becoming an accessory to a crime. Also, the couple will not have a marriage license to marry them and to imply that the marriage is legal is committing fraud. Third, there is no person in the Coven who is considered by the State to be the minister of that church. However, the state will recognize that Coven as a church and were they to have one person to be 'permanent' High Priestess, that person may claim the title of a legal minister.

Coven Gamma is a Coven that was started by a couple who later moved to another state. When they left, they left the Coven in the hands of their Second Degrees with the understanding that they must continue to train and eventually reach Third Degree. During their 'rule' as 'Second Degree Acting High Priest and High Priestess,' they are asked to perform a marriage. Is this marriage legal? That depends on a few

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conditions. If their Coven grants their leaders the right to perform marriages and if their High Priest and High Priestess from out-of-state allow their acting HP/S to do so, then it is legal. If the out-of-state High Priest/ess say that only a Third Degree can do a Handfasting, then this marriage is illegal.

Witch Delta was the High Priestess of a Coven for a few years. She has lineage papers to prove that she has the Third Degree, but later she decided that she needed more training and left the Coven to join another Coven as a member. Later, she went Solitary, and was asked to perform a marriage. Question: Is this marriage legal? No! Because the laws of the state require you to be a minister of a church and she resigned her position in favor of a subordinate role in another church. If she were to start a Coven and she and her new High Priest (even if he were a 'glorified altar boy') were to do a marriage, then it would be legal.

Coven Epsilon is formed by a Second and First Degree partnership who moved from one town to another. After settling into their new home, they began to form a Coven while still training with their old Coven via the mail and occasional visits. Even though they do this, their old Coven considers them an independent entity (thus they are different from coven Gamma). Eventually, they find a member that is going to be married and wishes to have a religious ceremony. Question: Is this wedding legal? Maybe. The old Coven considers the new to be independent and so feels that they have the right to do a wedding. But the new Coven feels that they are still a part of the old Coven and so wishes permission to do so. In this case, the State will expect the two Covens to make a decision about it and the State will accept whatever is decided as a precedent.

Witch Iota and Witch Kappa leave thier old Coven after they both reach Third Degree and form a working partnership with no intention of forming a Coven. Eventually someone comes to them for a Handfasting, which they do. Question: Is this wedding legal? No, because by Craft Law, it takes three unrelated people or a working couple and a third member to be a Coven. Thus the State will read various books on the Craft and decide what a Coven really is. If you cannot document your religion or Tradition, then the courts may not consider it to be absolutely proper/legal.

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Witch Lambda has read a number of books on the subject and has finally decided to start her own Coven. She gathers a number of people, sets herself up as High Priestess, chooses a High Priest and even though she is a feminist/lesbian, recongizes that men also have a place in the Craft so has a mixed group. They meet regularly in more of a social setting though they also do the rituals that she has written from her research. Eventually, she is asked to perfrom a marriage so she and her current High Priest write a Handfasting which is performed. Question: Is this wedding legal? Probably, yes. Even though she has no authority from a former High Priest, the Craft does allow for self-initiation if necessary (see Seax-wica and Pagan Way) so she appears to met the definition of a legal church and minister.

Witch Mu was trained in a foreign country by a Witch who is so famous that any witch would recognize the name. She has worked herself up to the Third Degree and then moved to Arizona where for several years she has been a Solitary. Now she feels the need for a Coven so she calls a number of people that she knows are interested and forms a Coven. The rituals that she does are authentic and recognizable by anyone who has read the literature on Wicca. However, if she does not feel like meeting, the Sabbat or Esbat is cancelled. Eventually, one couple in her coven ask her to perform a marriage which she does. Question: Is this marriage legal? No, because according to the laws of Arizona, a church meets at the appointed times and if one minister is absent, another must be ready to take over. For one person to set the meeting schedule and then cancel at a whim indicates that this is not a church but a 'cult' revolving around one person instead of for the convenience of the congregation.

Coven Omicron was started by a man who was trained by the largest group of Witches in America. He lived with them for years and trained, then set off to form his own Coven. Eventually, he gathered a group of Witches and his Coven met sporadically for two years, often being cancelled when he felt the feelings or vibes weren't right. In addition to Cakes and Wine to which children are invited to partake, he also allows and encourages pot as a ritual tool and sacrament. One day, a couple in his Coven decide to marry and ask him to perform the ceremony based on American-Indian methods using a "peace pipe" filled with pot in the ritual. Question: Is this marriage legal? Absolutely not, despite the blanket legal status of its mother Coven. Why? Because

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of the use of illegal substances within the Church and allowing minors to participate in illegal activities. Also, like Witch Mu above, he meets at his convenience and not at the needs of the Coven.

As you can see from these examples, the process of being a legal church in Arizona is a tricky one. You need not incorporate in Arizona, but you must meet for the coven and not for the HP/S of the Coven. You should be able to document your religion, tradition, and self just in case a born-again-xian decides to challenge your rights. Your Coven MUST say that you have the right to perform a marriage, and the marraige requires a valid State Marriage License first. And finally, the Coven must accept YOU as the head of that Coven. If the Coven disbands and/or you leave the Coven, you lose your legal status. And in most Traditions, you need both a High Priest and Priestess for the ceremony. Finally, a helpful hint about how we went about this situation. Were both people Witches, we would have done a standard Handfasting which is found in our Book of Shadows. Were one of them a Witch and the other a cowan, we would have done our Rite of Handfasting of a Witch to a Cowan. But as both were xians, we modified our Witch/Cowan rite to be as non-offensive as possible and we also borrowed a civil ceremony from the local Justice of the Peace. We then presented both ceremonies to the couple and allowed them to choose. In this way, we could do a marriage without forcing too much religion on them.

Again, I must emphasize that this is the way it is done in Arizona and each Coven should check their local state laws.

How do I know all this? Simple, I am the person who is paid by the local government to validate ministers and so I must be up on the proper laws. In Wicca, it generally takes a High Priest and High Preistess to perform a valid marriage so we both had to fit our names on the marriage license in one space. Enjoy.

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The teacher was admonishing the high school boy for coming in late to class: "Don't you ever listen to the voice of conscience?"
After a moment's hesitation, the boy replied: "I don't think so--what channel is it on?"

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Untitled by Mahariam

I'm waiting.
This is a stillness to my waiting.
There are things which I must do,
But before they can be done,
I must wait.
I'm waiting for the return,
The return of a friend.
I opened a door to bring a friend in,
But the friend went out
In fear of the unknown.
So I must wait.
I'm still here, my friend.
The door is open.
I'm waiting.

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In the Dark by Stephanie

Left on the dark side of the moon
Never feeling the sun's burning rays
Stranded in a quiet eternity
Where the desert is forever night

Waiting for the turning
Expecting all to change
Waiting alone in time
Trying to recognize the faith

But never feeling the spirit
On knowledging its burning rays

Left alone in constant tiredness
Never to sleep or float in place

Drifting without water
So very long
In space.

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An elderly man entered the hospital for treatment. One of the first meals served to him included a bowl of quivering gelatin. He refused to eat it. Pressed for an explanation by the nurse, he replied, "I'm not going to eat anything that's more nervous than I am."

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Fire Song from The Wicker Man by Robin Hardy and Anthony Shaffer

Take the flame inside you, burn and burn below
Fire seed and fire feed and make the baby grow.
Take the flame inside you, burn and burn belay
Fire seed and fire feed and make the baby stay.
Take the flame inside you, burn and burn belong
Fire seed and fire feed and make the baby strong.
Take the flame inside you, burn and burn belie
Fire seed and fire feed and make the baby cry.
Take the flame inside you, burn and burn begin
Fire seed and fire feed and make the baby King.

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Notes from The Doctor

An enthusiastic student of comparative religions was trying to determine when Goddess worship had first appeared among ancient humanity. Pressed for time, he fired off a quick note to his professor: "How old lady goddess?" Quick as a flash, the answer came back: "Old Lady Goddess fine. How you?"

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From Cerridwyn

To Albion: Thank you for your kind thoughts and words.

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Quiet Moment by Cerridwyn

Sing to me wind
Talk to me Trees
Spark the fire of
my soul
So my Spirit
will Smile.

Ed. note (jeannie): Yes, we did and we thank you.

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A self-made man said recently that, if he had it to do over agian, he'd get some help.

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Phoenix, AZ 85040

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2445 N. Tucson BL
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A & E
Arts & Entertainment Network
555 Fifth AV
New York, NY 10017

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Time Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, NY 10020

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ESPN Plaza
Bristol, CN 06010

HBO
Home Box Office
1271 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

The Movie Channel
Showtime
Lifetime
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036

NASH
The Nashville Network
2806 Opryland DR
Nashville, TN 37214

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Nickelodeon
75 Rockefeller PL
New York, NY 10019

USA
1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

WGN
2501 Bradley PL
Chicago, IL 60618

WTBS
Turner Broadcasting
1050 Techwood DR NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

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Publications, Books, Etc.

The '87 Lunar Calendar, $11, Luna Press, Box 511, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215.

The Witches' Companion, by Laurie Cabot & Elizabeth Pepper, POB 8827, Salem, MA 01970. 8 pages, published at New Moon. Paul Turcotte, Editor/Publisher. 13 issues/$33.

The Inner World of Fitness, Melita Denning, Llewellyn Publications, St. Paul, MN 55164-0384. Paperback, 209 pp. $7.95. rev. by David. Another book on fitness, right? Don't pass this one up, for this is where fitness should begin--with our inner self. The Fitness book takes you back to Nature using sunlight, air, water, and Nature herself using exercises to open up your self-awareness. There are also chapters on sexual love, meditation, and food with menu ideas and foods to stay away from. For those who wish to be totally fit, this is a must-have book to be able to flow freely with the Great Life Forces.

Happenings

The Elfen Tradition will be celebrating Hawthorn's Day May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at Lake Ming overnight campground in Bakersfield. Ritual will be Saturday along with the feast. Anyone who would like to make inquiries may contact Lady Morganna and Claron at POB 5263, Bakersfield, CA 93388.

Juen 16-21: 1987 International Pagan Spirit Gathering. Weeklong camping festival with rituals, workshops, sweatlodge, music, dancing, bonfires, feasting, children's programs, and other activities. Includes all night Midsummer's Eve ceremony and celebration. Sponsored by Circle in secluded natural campground. For more information, write: PSG '87, Circle, Box 219, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 or call (608) 924-2216.

June 6, '87: On the Path of the Goddess with Merlin Stone, author of When God Was A Woman. Pierce College, Woodland Hills, CA. Part I: "Goddess, Yesterday and Today", 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch break 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (please provide your own food and beverage). Part II: "On the Path of the Goddess", 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advance registration requested. $25 for Part I, $35 for Part I and Part II. Send inquiries to: Marsha Smith Newsom, The Pallas Society, POB 4983, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4983.

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From Jeannie

We have just a stack of fine letters--some of which will be hopelessly dated by the time we can find room for them in the newsletter. Be assured we haven't given up on you and...

PLEASE! If you wish a personal reply to your letter, enclose an SASE with your request. Those letters which cannot be answered in the newsletter get round-filed if there is no SASE enclosed. This includes those letters you want us to forward and send no postage for. If you want us to forward:

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Granted, $.22 doesn't sound like much, but when you multiply it times our readership times five or six letters a year, it adds up. Sure... we could charge you more for subscriptions and cover postage with that, but that's not really fair to the folks who DO send stamps, is it?

And, if you do send inquiries to any of the folks who list with us, please send an SASE even if they don't ask for one. Do as you will, but please help with the postage.

Page 35 this month is a full-page ad, so us Georgians are off to properly see in Spring. Have a wonderful Equinox....

Blessed Be,

dean, jeannie, and

The Georgians

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ANNOUNCING
TOTEG TRIBE'S
SECOND ANNUAL SHAMANIC WORKSHOP
July 10, 11, and 12

at
Gold Creek Ranch
(Los Angeles Vicinity)

Activities and topics include:
Sweat Lodges, Chanting Workshops, Pipe Ceremonies and Workshops, Drumming Techniques, Power Animals and Helping Spirits, Vision Quests, Finding Balance, Healing the Earth Mother, Costume and Mask Making, Makeup, The Personal Altar, etc., etc., etc.,

Gold Creek Ranch is a beautiful site snuggled in the hills north of Los Angeles. It is complete with a creek running through the ranch, a pond, Sweat Lodges, a tipi, hot and cold running water, hot showers, flush toilets, etc. A telephone is available. You will need to bring your own camping equipment and food for this three day event.

Reservation information:
Received prior to April 1, 1987: $30.00 per person
Received April 1 - 30: $35.00 per person
Received May 1 - 31: $40.00 per person
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Received July: $50.00 per person.

(A limited number of work scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the registration fee.) Please write or call for information. Children under 12 -- free.

For reservations send the names of each person who will attend along with a check or money order, made payable to TEMPLE OF THE ELDER GODS to:

TOTEG SHAMANIC WORKSHOP
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