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Ginsing Information from Lloyd Herbals

Ginseng grows in damp, shady places around the world. Oriental people, especially the Chinese, value the root of the ginseng plant for its medicinal properties. At different times and in different places, ginseng has been claimed to be beneficial against almost every disease known to man. Ginseng's Latin scientific name, Panax, means panacea or cure-all, so named because it's medicinal qualities were believed to benefit the whole person. In modern times, much research (virtually all outside the USA) has been done to understand how ginseng works. This work has shed much light on the many traditional claims made about ginseng.

The ginseng root is rich in complicated organic compounds called saponins or ginsenosides. While much remains to be learned about these long molecules, we do know that they aid the endocrine system in maintaining proper hormone levels and they help regulate several other bodily functions and general metabolism. Studies show ginseng to be a powerful anti-stress herb. In stress studies, animals given ginseng tolerated extremes in hot and cold much better than control groups not given the ginseng. Ginseng working as a regulator in the endocrine system, reduces the effects of stress and stress-related diseases, like ulcers, hypertension, thyroid disorders, and hardening of the arteries.

Studies have shown ginseng can lower high blood sugar, high cholesterol levels, and high blood pressure. Please remember: ginseng helps the body function in a well-regulated fashion but ginseng shouldn't be used in an attempt to cure serious diseases like hypertension, diabetes, or other diseases of the endocrine system. Anyone having any such disease should consult their physician before taking ginseng. Ginseng has a very low level of toxicity and it is generally regarded as safe, but it shouldn't be used with prescription drugs without the prescribing doctor's knowledge.

Ginseng has long been reported to give stamina and quick energy. Extensive lab work has confirmed ginseng provides stamina for regular users and quick energy on a one-dose basis before or during heavy exertion. Ginseng is a stimulant without the undesirable side-effects of other stimulants. Ginseng has the seemingly contradictory qualities of providing quick energy, improving stamina, and causing general relaxation. The relaxation obtained by long-

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Ginseng (cont.) from Lloyd Herbals

term use is shown by lower blood pressure, decreased oxygen absorption rates, and lower blood cholesterol. The quick energy, stamina, and relaxation appear to be the result of the improved functioning of the endocrine system, due to the action of the saponins. Long-term use of ginseng appears to have a calming effect on the nervous system, yet reaction times improve and mental abilities seem enhanced. Reportedly, some cases of depression and mood swings have been resolved with ginseng use.

By now I hope you are beginning to get the overall picture of how the saponins present in ginseng aid in regulating almost all bodily functions. It's easy to see why the man-shaped ginseng root was traditionally regarded as a cure-all, increasing vitality and longevity. Ginseng is considered a 'blood purifier' by herbalists, which means it helps remove toxins from the body. Additionally, it is considered to be an anti-inflammatory. These qualities may account for the reports of ginseng helping arthritis sufferers.

When I first heard the long list of supposed benefits from ginseng I was skeptical. It seems impossiblee for a root to produce so many benefits, especially when Western medicine ignored it. It seemed to me a drug company would be interested in many aspects of ginseng, if the root contained such properties. This is not the case, since ginseng as an herb or herb extract cannot be patented, no exclusive rights could be claimed and no financial windfalls realized. This explains, in part, why most ginseng research is done in socialist nations.

It is quite ironic that, after the Asian and Eastern European ginseng researchers sort out which saponins cause which effects, the large drug companies will become interested. They will synthesize certain saponins to treat a certain condition. They will obtain a trade name and a patent, and spend millions to promote and market the 'new drug'. Of course, the 'new drug' won't be as safe as natural ginseng, and it won't have the other benefits of ginseng.

Fortunately, ginseng is available now. You may try it and see what effects it has on your body. Most Americans prefer taking a few drops of extract in tea to eating the raw root. With this in mind, Lloyd Herbals is offering an alcohol-based extract of ginseng using American and Siberian ginseng. The

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Ginseng (cont.) from Lloyd Herbals

extract comes in one-ounce bottles with droppers for $12. Water-based extracts, extracts using other kinds of ginseng, and the raw root are available through special orders. Since ginseng prices are high and vary greatly, the price of our product may vary, too. Lloyd Herbals' policy will be to provide the best extracts of the amazing root at affordable prices. Please feel free to contact Lloyd Herbals for additional information about ginseng. (POB 19727, Cincinnati, OH 45219).

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When

WHEN I DIE

DRILL A HOLE

IN THE GROUND

NEAR AN OAK

SLIDE MY BODY

DOWN THE SHAFT

THROW SOME HUMUS

BACK ON TOP

HAVE A DRINK

THROW A PARTY

TELL THE TREE

IT'S FED BY

ONE SIMPLE PAGAN

A TRAVELER FROM

THE WATER PLANET

ONE SIMPLE PAGAN

FERTILIZER AM I

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A Coven Cauldron Rite to Make a Magical Elixir by Tarostar

The method may be adapted to suit any purpose with the correct change of astrological tides and corresponding herbs. This one, however, is for amatory purposes.

On a night of Venus, as the Moon waxeth in a Water or Earth sign, settest thou a small cauldron of water over a fire to boil.

Thou shouldst have at hand Verbena, Rose Petals, yarrow and Licorice Root as thy charmed herbals. Thou shouldst also useth a Love Drawing Incense of Jasmine, Sandalwood or Gardenia.

(This may be done out of doors with the ritual tools for casting the Circle set on an Altar Cloth spread upon the Earth, south of a small fire pit in the center of the work area. It could also be done indoors using an alcohol burner to heat the cauldron to boiling. The Cauldron need only be large enough to boil a pint of water.)

The Officiant (High Priest, High Priestess, or Covener most experienced at spellcraft) casts the Circle as per the usual Coven format for the group and admits the Coven to take their places around the Circle.

With the Coven gathered in place, the Officiant wouldst set some incense to burn with these words:

Work our magic, work our spell, let this cense all negatives quell.

Taking up these herbs, the Officiant wouldst step widdershins around the boiling cauldron, casting them into the boiling water, reciting this Cauldron Chant:

Brew my pretty, boil and spit,
As I beside thee calmly sit.
Seeth with foam and gurgle with glee,
Boiling up this brew for me.

Herbs and roots and powders of art
Make the magic so dear to my heart.

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Cauldron Rite (cont.) by Tarostar

As I make the fire and steam,
Produce for thee a magic cream.
Work the wonder of ancient spells
From wise Witch wives and gypsy dells.

Herbs and roots and powders of art
Make the magic so dear to my heart.

Potions brewed by Moon's faint light,
Rolling and churning a fabulous sight!
Hiss and bubble all aflow
In the fire's red hot glow.

Herbs and roots and powders of art
Make the magic so dear to my heart.

I chant to charge this herbal brew,
To enhance the powers of this witchy stew.
Come, my pretty, heat and boil,
As I over thee deftly toil.

Herbs and roots and powders of art
Make the magic right quick and smart!

Passing around the cauldron seven times, casting a handful of the herbs into the water with each circumambulation, the Officiant wouldst vision intently the couple to be united in the bonds of love.

Then the Coven wouldst join hands and moveth widdershins around the cauldron seven times with a light or tripping gait.

The group wouldst then sit down in place around the cauldron with joined hands rocking sideways back and forth repeating the chant over and over, visioning the desired results upon the surface of the boiling water.

When the Officiant deemeth sufficient energy or power hath been conjured and charged into the water, he/she calleth the Coven to order and chanteth:

Herbs of love and water of will charge all hearts with love to fill. Those to whom thou shalt be given, will by power of Venus now be driven.

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Cauldron Rite (cont.) by Tarostar

The cauldron shouldst now be removed from the fire and allowed to cool. The Officiant wouldst then close the Circle in the traditional manner for the group.

The Magical Elixir must be put in a bottle and sealed. It is to be used within two days (herbal brews decompose if left for extended periods of time. Use them right away.) by being used as cooking water for the couple's meals, or sprinkled around where they will be, sit, walk or spend time.

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Jesus Must Be BLACK

During the course of my Whitman's Sampler of a spiritual education, I have come to the conclusion that if Jesus lives, then he is black. I spent a good while enlisted as a Christian. I even achieved some rank: liturgist, lay counselor, pastor. A bright, young career gone bad, some said. My digression serves as a cursory introduction only. Back to my point.

The Christians I have known fall 90 to 98% into a sect which should, I believe, by all rights, be called the Pauliticians; or some variation thereof, to reflect that the largest part of their religion has to do with the teachings of Paul the Apostle, not a carpenter from a place where the Sun really do shine. These cult members can be recognized by their predisposition toward emphasis on SIN! (that's how they say it), wretchedness, repentance, and suffering. If you throw a little apocalypse into the stew, they will come running from miles around.

From the way I read their book, that all comes from Paul, the guy who started under the alias of Saul and never really saw Jesus, but told lots of people what He (Jesus) meant. Paul also had nasty hang-ups about sex, which caused him to want to punish himself and others for the nastiness of sex accounting for his (Paul's) being, resulting in a stain he (Paul) could not wash off; which made him insecure.

I am convinced that the only believers who would follow Ol' Paul today would be the remnants of the Flageolets--the,"Beat me, hurt me, make me love you" variety. If you ever see a movie called The Name of the Rose, the pasty-complected,

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Jesus Must Be Black (cont.)

bald, morbidly fat, lecherous, librarian who liked little boys and whipped himself bloody every time he had any fun is the type I refer to.

But Ol' Paul got a lot of coverage and has inhibited generations ever since. Perhaps one of you might know someone out there interested in producing a movie or sit-com based on the premise of a Time Lord getting Paul "Guiltmaster" the Apostle and L. Ron "Dianetics" Hubbard together to see how long it would take Papa Ron to get Ol' Paul's engrams sorted out and clear up that sucker's head.

Now Jesus, on the other hand, spent a lot of time talking about pretty pictures, happy places, and throwing parties on a shoestring budget. He appears to have spent much more time in Funky Town than in the parlors of the pious.

While white Christians like to speak of joy in their religion, most leave me feeling they would never forgive themselves if they ever experienced ecstasy--unless it was the result of some frenzied, spiritual mortification. In a Christian gathering, the closest I ever came to experiencing "Joy"; pure, unadulterated, bustin'-a-gut-happy-to-be-alive-an'-thank-ye-Lord-for-it "Joy" was at a regular, Sunday, worship service in a tiny, wooden, whitewashed, backcountry, poor, black, Christian church. The how I came to be there is another story. But there I was, like a snowflake landed in a coal bin. It was the South. It was Summer. I breathed slowly so as not to drown in the steamy, perfumed, sweat-spiked air.

The Minister had fists like hams, palms like weathered leather, a voice like thunder, and a soul like simple poetry. The congregation, those people, oh! how they could sing! And when they sang, you heard what they felt. They sure could dance too; and did just that, whenever the moment moved them to do so. I guess that's when this uncoordinated white boy realized he would only ever be a guest in these good peoples' sanctuaries.

But I was certain that these people had a God, one who cared for them. And should I ever meet Him, I suspect there will be a strong family resemblance.

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Jesus Must Be Black (cont.)

The Wanderer
They call me
The Wanderer
I get around
around ....

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From Andrew

I have been a long time out of the pagan community, but have continued the practice of my religion and even have a few "students" too. I am also going to be married next May, and my bride to be has encouraged me to once again subscribe to the GNL, if it is still published.

A few comments on those eternal questions that seem to pop up in pagan newsletters. First off is the problem of charging coven/grove members to join or perform rituals. I am from a British/Celtic/Druid background, and was always told that if you use someone's services within the craft, you should pay them for it without them asking. This does not mean money per se, it could be cleaning, candles, artwork, fresh food or whatever. It is just common sense and polite. I also feel that everyone should contribute to the group's efforts and money is just a means of barter. I just have a list of things that we need to have or have done and let people do what they want. Those who are just in it to be different soon leave.

As for christians, we should keep in mind that an awful lot of them dislike the TV terrors as much as we do and do not consider them christians. I have never had any problems with any christian who knew his scriptures. As for the question of going public, if you walk up to someone and say, "Hi, I'm Joe Snuffy and I'm a witch", they will rightfully think you are crazy. On the other hand, I have never kept the fact that I am a druid secret. Be a good person and if someone is a little bit insecure about you being pagan, be supportive. There are a lot of bad things in this world, and everyone has a right to be cautious around things that are strange. In all my encounters, even those in the Army, I've only been truly hassled once. It helps if you don't look like you just walked out of a 1960's "be-in."

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From Robert

I just received word back from the Library of Congress regarding the GNL. They state that, "The Library of Congress does not retain this publication for its permanent collections." For myself, an original is not needed! A photocopy will do nicely. Any suggestions?

Ed note: We do not currently have the capacity to make photocopies of back issues. Perhaps some of our readers can help. Why don't you write back with a list of issues you are missing and perhaps some of our readers will be able to photocopy and mail them to you for costs or barter or ...? The folks who have the issues will have to let you know what the "costs" will be, I suppose.

Another alternative: it is our plan that, when we reprint in the Annual, priority will be given to highlights from issues no longer in print. While this is not the same, some of the issues, particularly the older ones, are "fading" so fast that they are barely readible now, much less when photocopied. We are hoping that printing on acid-free will resolve part of the preservation problem.

Our library "subscriptions" are on the increase but I have no idea which library has what issues or what their retention span is for this publication. Perhaps we'll hear from some of the libraries on this.

AND, if you would like the GNL to be available in your neighborhood library, all the library needs to do is request a subscription on their letterhead. The library will then receive all issues, including the Annual, until they tell us to stop or we quit, whichever comes first.

I guess this is as good a place as any for this announcement. AFTER DECEMBER 21ST, BACK ISSUES WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY YEAR PRIOR TO 1989. So, if you've been thinking about completing your collection, do it before the first of the year.

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Wish I could remember who said it first: If you can speak three languages, you are trilingual. If you can speak two languages, you are bilingual. If you speak one language, you're an American.

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From Reed

I really enjoy the GNL. I would like to point out something I'm sure is understood by most of your readers. Yes, there is a God and a Goddess of Wicca, but Goddess in totality is Nature, i.e., Nature is God/dess. Not just the trees, fields, oceans, and planets and stars, but there is a little bit of the God/dess in each of us. If I may quote from the Charge, she says, "I am the soul of nature."

Thanks and Best Witches!

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From Runaristi

Last year, the GNL carried quite a bit of controversial material about Lady Sabrina's "Our Lady of Enchantment". Dr. Martello, in a letter to you, said he was sure she would "not only be vindicated, but blessed by the Goddess". Really? One must earn one's blessings. Let's look at the record:

I personally have been present at gatherings where Lady Sabrina described Ann Forfreedom as "that dirty little swamp-rat", Lady Genevieve of Rosegate as "an overweight hog", and Dr. Martello himself as a "funky little fag". I heard her say that the only reason that the owners of White LIght Pentacles were able to travel wa because "they sell drugs". And my closest friend was personally present at a Rosegate festival when Lady Sabrina attended and was viciously mocking Lady Genevieve behind her back, stopping only when a guest threatened her with a physical beating. These personal attacks on others do not speak well for her nor for the "Craft truths" she sells through the mail. I didn't feel comfortable about her at all.

All of us entered the Craft to find something better and finer. Soemthing relevant to our needs. Do we find it when we hear these things coming from someone who speaks of "love and trust?" I don't think so.

When one's opinions are sincere, but negative, those feelings should not be bruited about in public. To do so makes others have second thoughts about the precepts they have come to accept as praiseworthy in their lives.

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From Runaristi (cont.)

Lady Sabrina was formerly with Frost's "School of Wicca." Considering that, these things aren't difficult to understand, but it doesn't make them right, and it certainly doesn't make them commendable.

No, thanks. No courses for me, no "death squad" for my children--nothing. "Vindicated", Dr. Martello? I'd really like to know whether you feelings about Lady Sabrina have changed over the past several months. If you're like so many of us in New England, I'm quite sure that you've changed your tune.

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Do you know what guerrillas often say? They claim that their rebellions are invulnerable to economic warfare because they have no economy, that they are parasitic on those they would overthrow. The fools merely fail to assess the coin in which they must inevitably pay. The pattern is inexorable in its degenerative failures. You see it repeated in the systems of slavery, of welfare states, of caste-ridden religions, of socializing bureaucracies--in any system which creates and maintains dependencies. Too long a parasite and you cannot exist without a host. --The Stolen Journals

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There is a difference between our strike and all those you've practiced for centuries: our strike consists, not of making demands, but of granting them. We are evil, according to your morality. We have chosen not to harm you any longer. We are useless, according to your economics. We have chosen not to exploit you any longer. We are dangerous and to be shackled, according to your politics. We have chosen not to endanger you, nor to wear the shackles any longer. We are only an illusion, according to your philosophy. We have chosen not to blind you any longer and have left you free to face reality--the reality you wanted, the world as you see it now, a world without mind.

We have granted you everything you demanded of us, we who had always been the givers, but have only now understood it. We have no demands to present to you, no terms to bargain about, no compromise to reach. You have nothing to offer us. We do not need you.

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Are you now crying: No, this is not what you wanted? A mindless world of ruins was not your goal? You did not want us to leave you? You moral cannibals, I know that you've always known what it was that you wanted. But your game is up, because now we know it, too.

Through centuries of scourges and disasters, brought about by your code of morality, you have cried that your code had been broken, that the scourges were punishment for breaking it, that men were too weak and too selfish to spill all the blood it required. You damned man, you damned existence, you damned this earth, but never dared to question your code. Your victims took the blame and struggled on, with your curses as reward for their martyrdom--while you went on crying that your code was noble, but human nature was not good enough to practice it. And no one rose to ask the question: Good?--by what standard?

You wanted to know John Galt's identity. I am the man who has asked that question.

Yes, this is an age of moral crisis. Yes, you are bearing punishment for your evil. But it is not man who is now on trial and it is not human nature that will take the blame. It is your moral code that's through, this time. Your moral code has reached its climax, the blind alley at the end of its course. And if you wish to go on living, what you now need is not to return to morality--you who have never known any--but to discover it.

You have heard no concepts of morality but the mystical or the social. You have been taught that morality is a code of behavior imposed on you by whim, the whim of a supernatural power or the whim of society, to serve God's purpose or your neighbor's welfare, to please an authority beyond the grave or else next door--but not to serve your life or pleasure. Your pleasure, you have been taught, is to be found in immorality, your interests would best be served by evil, and any moral code must be designed not for you, but against you, not to further your life, but to drain it. --John Galt

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We are inclined to believe those we do not know because they have never deceived us. --Samuel Johnson

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October (E16) An Untitled Story; Some Basic Craft Etiquette; You Can Do Something About The Witches of Eastwick; Moon Lore: The Werewolf Legends and the Moon; Rite of Hagiel; A Therapist's View of the Skyclad Controversy; Confessions of a Yuppie Witch; The Memory Pattern; Maiden Love; Circle Casting Chant; Untitled poem; Visions of Cybele; Prayer for Rest; Untitled poem; Open Wounds; Sights Unseen by Most; Limericks; Untitled poem; Stone of the People; Sausage-Cheese Casserole; From Valerie Voigt; From Amber K.

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November (F9) Winds of Mariah; Moon Lore; Wierd but Wonderful; Why Witches, Why Pagans?; The Mill of the Gods; Storing Canned Food Safely; Alcoholism; Untitled poem; Dog-Eared Page; Avalon; Song; Sweeping Chant; Broccoli/Tuna Roll-ups; From Catherine and Kent; From Rowan; From Stan; From Albion; From Tarostar; From Lady Dematar; book reviews.

December (F2) (H19) A Winter Solstice That Was; Why Plant a Tree; What Goes Around; Wierd but Wonderful; The Witch and Mixed Marriages; Untitled poems; The Prey Gets You; Ancient Teaching; Steadily; From Barbas; From Ogaea and Canyondancer; From Thor; From Tarostar; From Rik; Dear Mr. & Mrs. Georgian; Dear Mr. & Mrs. Tewsberry; I'll Sing You Nine Oh; Platituding the Madman; book reviews.

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January (A18) Spooky Spooks; A Witch is the Poor Man's Psychiatrist; Tiny Tree Needs Great Outdoors; Letter to the Teacher; Prince Patrick and the Young Magician; Plants and Moon Lore; Index of '86 Issues.

February (H10) Visions of Valkyries; Synthetic Out and Tallow In?; Witch Lore and Those Old Turkeys; Reflections on Candlemas; From Blacksun; Witchcraft or Wishcrap?; The Wicca Path as a Descendant of the Ancient Hermetic Initiation; The Autarchic Creed; Modern Times and the Oral Tradition; The Conjuration; A Walk Through the Year; Untitled; Somewhere Inbetween; Maypole Song; Untitled poem; From Ogaea; From Puck; From The Doctor; From Steve; From Barbas; From Circle; More From Ogaea; Correction to December '86 Issue; book reviews.

March (H18) Gods Help the Unwary; Pollution and the Vegetable Garden; From Shareem; Mousie; The Seeds of Destruction; From Morganna; The Importance of Fiction; Proliferation of Pollution and the Promised Land; Moon Lore; Marriages and the Craft; Untitled poem; In the Dark; Fire Song; Notes from The Doctor; From Cerridwyn; Quiet Moment; For Your Information; book reviews.

April (H10) Spring Bulb Planting Time; The Witch and the Minor; Freddie; Definitions; Proliferation of Pollution and the Promised Land; From Llewellyn; Midgard Musings: Mead and Myth; Beltane; Beltane; Raising the Circle; From Shareem; From Blacksun; From Steve; From Gerina; From Merlin; book reviews.

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May (H7) Tarot and Spellcasting; Dissertation on the Letter "I"; Three Faces of Rice; The Applicant; From Ogaea; The Truth About Men and Dragons; The Witch and Mixed Marriages; From Llewellyn Publications; Retreat; Fresh Faith; Blackberry Leaves; From Tarostar; From Ogaea; From Rik; From Blacksun; From The Waxing Moon; From Ima Non.

June (H5) (C17) Consultations with the Tarot; Getting Ready for the Harvest; Untitled story; Picnics Hazardous to Your Health; From Llewellyn; Report from the Half Astral; Meditation for New Moon of Cancer; From Ogaea; From Catherine and Kent; From RCP; From Asherah Darkstorm; From Lady Mariah; From Tarostar; From Isis Moondhadow; From Scout; book reviews.

July (C14) From the Boob Tube; High Magick and Such; Wicca and the Library; The Tome; From USDA; A Witch on Handfasting; From A New Witch in California; In Defense of Concrete and Junk Food; From Ogaea and Canyondancer; From Lady Morganna and Aaron; From Stripes; From Rowan Moonstone; From Isis Moonshadow; Injured Trees; Structuring the Craft; Judas Priest; Tomatoes; book reviews.

August (C5) I like spiders and snakes and...; book reviews; Erratum; From Blacksun; Letter for Big Mountain; From Knighthawk; Adventures South of the Border, Part I; Survey; From Llewellyn; The Witch and the Moderrn World; Helpful Hint; The Dispute; Trees from Cuttings; Mireesa and the Troll; From Jaelle; From Kaber; Post-Lammas Thoughts on the Northwest Mystery Tradition.

September (C18) We're Witches and We Believe...; Land's End; From Ogaea; From Math; untitled poem; Moving the Covenstead; rev. Witches of Eastwick; Could Popeye Be Wrong?; Adventures South of the Border, Part II; Autumn; Heresy, You Say?; From Lizard; From the MER Activist; Pagan Studies: A Walk Through the College Catalog; Buying Spuds; Frog Poem; Closet Eaters; Annual Publications Listing; book reviews.

October (C20) Tarostar Utters Heresy Again; Adventures South of the Border, Part III; book reviews; From Ogaea; From Rik; Arousal; From Math; Whispers and Bellows; The Transformative Tradition in Wicca; Moon Lore; How to get yours designated; Crystal Gateway; From Taleisin; WLPA Alert; Rebuttal to Blacksun's letter regarding green buttons.

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November (C5) How Peace Came to the Barnyard; From Malcolm Brenner; Statement of Disownment; Adventures South of the Border, Part IV; Confusion in High Places; The Purification of Tigellinus; Report from the Half-Astral; Alarums; From Tarostar; The Varlocks Vocabulary: a lighthearted look at Witchcraft; book reviews.

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March (A27) Prince Patrick and the Dragon's Egg; Don't Born-Agains Wonder Why They're So Unlovable?; Things That Go Bump in the Closet; Curtain Call; The bees at this time of year; Beltane; The Personal Bookshelf; Making Contacts; From Pap; From Tarostar; From Ogaea; More from Ogaea; From Rhian and Havwk; book reviews.

April (E26) Pagans to Blame for Widespread Success of Xtianity; Neophyte Ethics; Recovery; Summer Solstice; Bright Fire; MSG and Friends; Mike Warnke Ministries and The Witches; From Windsong; From Lady Morganna and Aaron; From Math; From ASA; Things That Go Bump in the Closet; From Mark; From Barbara; From Ceridwyn; From Hans Holzer; From Jim in Winchester; From Elizabeth E; From Sylvia; From Ogaea; From Joe L; From RCP; book reviews.

May (A27) Patness; Footfalls; Sound Familiar?; Who's Got Answers?; Get the Feminism Out of Astrology; Strange Bedfellows; A City Dying of Spiritual AIDS?; An Alpha Bet; Arcane Aid; An Update from Our Lady of the Perpetual Coffee Pot; Circle Sanctuary Wins a Victory; From Merlin the Enchanter; An Update from WLPA; Miscellaneous Notes on Come From the Shadows; From Math; From Ann Forfreedom; book reviews.

June (E20) Patness; Learning Tarot; Que Sera; Earth is the Holy Land; If Society' Standards are Low, Can the Craft be Otherwise?; From Lady Ivy; Editorial; Things That Go Bump in the Closet; Ambition; Reply to Neophyte Ethics; From Georgia; From Catherine and Kent; From Merlin the Enchanter; From Chrystalynne; book reviews.

July (A23) Patness; From Lady Ivy; Tarostar the Misognist?; Magickal RPG's; A Lammas Day Celebration; Telling the Tale; An Update from Our Lady of the Perpetual Coffee Pot; Pap's Rap; From Merlin the Enchanter; Scout Tells All; From

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Naunette and Nimrod; Open Letter from Dr. Leo Louis Martello; book reviews.

August (J11) Patness; The Smart Alec; Results of the Questionnaire on Coven Membership; Let's Get the BS Out of the Craft; book reviews; Revolution? Evolution?; Living in the Mystery Mist; From Charles Arnold; Autumn Equinox; Hymn #1; The Whispering Mist; From Merlin the Enchanter.

September (J3) Patness; The Plight of the Pagan Policeman, Part II; Change the Craft?; Evolution; book reviews; Relocation Again?; From Rowan; Fate; Annual Publications Listing.

November (J38) Patness; The Adventure of Draco the Dragon; The Extraterrestrials and Good Old Terra Firma; From Merlin the Enchanter; From Circle of Trianon; From Rik; The Queen of Heaven; Warming Bones; The Goddess Coin; A Quick Note from OLPCP; book reviews.

December (J32) Patness; Tarostar's Views on How the Craft is Organized; From Julie; From Joe; From Barbara; From Ogaea; Our Ancestors; Logical?; The Drought Cover-up; Pagan/Non-Pagan Families; Mushroom Extract May Help Block Spread of AIDS; From Tracy; book reviews.

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March (J27) From Knighthawk; From TAWN; From Alex G; From Lady Mariah; From Elizabeth; Author Complains of Death Threats; A Method for Teaching Tarot; The Politically Incorrect Behavior Opposition Resolution; book reviews.

April (J9) From Circle of Trianon; Beltaine; From Lizard; Amazon Indians Protest Brazil Dam Project; Endangered Species Decision Criticized; Earth Medicine Song; Spicing; Court Widens Scope of Religious Liberty; book reviews.

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Update on the Annual

Articles to be included are "To Charge the Witch's Showstone" by Tarostar, the entire "Patness" series printed to date plus more Patness, an "advertisement" from Stan, "Scout Has His

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Update on the Annual (cont.)

Say", poetry from Our Lady of the Wild Things, and other goodies you haven't sent us yet. Got something you want to live forever?

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Goods

Under the Stars, 1760 NW 38th AV, Lauderhill, FL 33311. Write for info, newsletter.

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Astrolabe, Box 28, Orleans, MA 02653. Computer programs for astrology, etc.

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Events

Oak Dragon camps are a diverse and dynamic educational experience, a combination of alternative learning and spiritual insight, a chance to meet new friends, learn new skills and have an interesting and unusual holiday! At each camp, we offer specialist teachers, open workshops and meditations, music round campfires and the friendly, social atmosphere of the Oak Dragon cafe. For more info, write Oak Dragon, Box 5, Castle Cary, Somerset England. 1 - 9 July: Ancient Britain. 14 - 23 July: Astrology and Human Relationships. 1 - 9 August: Arts and Crafts. 12 - 22 August: Music and Dance. 25 - 28 August: Oak Dragon Clan Weekend.

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July 14 - 18 1989 School for Priestess at Circle Santuary. Send SASE to PSG 1989, Circle Sanctuary, Box 219, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 for more info.

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Herbal Gathering, Wildcrafting, and Plant Identification, 10 am to 4 pm. Contact: Earth Emporium, 2335 Alpine BL, Alpine, CA 92001. Also, Women's Herbal Workshop, $30 (includes samples, etc.).

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Events (cont.)

Merrymeet '89. Sept. 1 - 4, 1989 at Circle Pines near Delton, MI. For more info, write Merrymeet '89, POB 25, Kent, OH 44240.

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United Astrology Congress. July 13 - 18, 1989, Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans. For more info, write UAC '89, 84 Madrone AV #13, San Anselmo, CA 94960.

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Womyn and Witchcraft: Developing Dianic Wicca. Aug. 31 - Sep. 3, 1989. Central Wisconsin. For more info, write The re-formed Congregation of the Goddess, Inc., Box 6021, Madison, WI 53716.

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Announcements

Silber Acorn Circle is pleased to announce the Handfasting of Charla Rae and Carol on May 13, 1989. Friends and family attended to help us celebrate the joining.

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Contests

Fifth Annual Pagan Studies Contest

The Georgian Church is pleased to announce its fifth annual Pagan Studies Contest. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest and research in the area of the study of pagan peoples, their practices and belief systems. This year, the prize is $200 and will go to the author of the best research article, term paper, or essay submitted. Entries must be footnoted or endnoted and contain a bibliography. Formats can be located in the MLA Stylebook. All entries must be submitted with written permission of the author for one-time publication rights in the Georgian Annual. Entries will not be returned. Entries will be judged by the board of directors of the Georgian Church, with the winning entry published in the 1989 Annual. One free copy of the annual in which the article appears will be sent to each published

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author. The deadline for submission is September 30, 1989. The cash award is made possible by donations to the scholarship fund and will be awarded upon publication.

Ring of Truth

In addition to the Pagan Studies Scholarship/stipend contest, we sponsor a Ring of Truth award. The rules for the Ring of Truth award are as follows: When the 1989 Annual is published, send in your vote for the article of any classification which left you saying, yeah, or maybe even feeling misty-eyed. To cast your ballot, send your check or money order for $1 to the GNL along with your nomination for the Ring of Truth award winner on the form located in the back of the annual, or a separate piece of paper. If you like, you may designate $1 of your Annual subscription fee towards the contest prize. You may vote as often as you wish; however, only your first vote will be applicable to your Annual subscription. The winner will be the author of the piece with the greatest number of votes, and in some sense, all of us. Pick your nominees from the 1989 Annual or any issue of the monthly after October 1988. The winner will be announced in the July 1990 monthly, so votes must be cast no later than June 21, 1990.

(from p. 1): We try to mail the monthly GNL around the 15th of each month. Deadline for time-dated items (such as event announcements) is the last day of the month before the month before the month the event is to take place. For example, if your gathering is June 1st, we need the announcement by April 30th (or earlier) so it will appear in the May issue. Publication rights revert to the author on publication. Getting in touch. By far, the best way to ensure a hasty reply is to send a SASE. Phone calls normally don't get answered, so please write a letter and send a SASE so we can track your request better and save the phone for MESSAGES ONLY. Those letters which cannot be answered in the newsletter get round-filed if there is no SASE enclosed. If you want us to forward, be sure to include postage sufficient for the material. If you see something you like, let us know. It's the only "payment" our writers get! The opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Georgian Church. So there. THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH... BLESSED BE, dean: philosophy editor, jeannie: editor in chief, Marc: chief publication assistant ... the Georgians, and all the other fine folks that make this publication possible and worthwhile.

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