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2. A SASE sufficient to return your manuscript or check (see below);
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From Avalon Network

For many moons now, we Pagans and Aquarians have shared the dream of creating our own community. With the cooperation of many like-minded groups and individuals, we can create a common ground on which to meet, grow, and love. Avalon Network has been created for the purpose of accomplishing this and other goals.

Together, Avalon Network and Ice Phoenix shall form two branches of a non-profit umbrella "church," set up to act as a networking base, spiritual and educational foundation, and a promoter of the old beliefs in the modern world.

Before the year 2000, we plan to have obtained and be maintaining a land sanctuary for those sharing Pagan and/or Aquarian beliefs.

Avalon Network shall exist as an information exchange for those interested in non-profit/tax-exempt status, buying land and homesteading, starting a school, and living a Pagan and Aquarian lifestyle. The first issue of Avalon Oracle, to be co-published by Avalon Network and Ice Phoenix, shall be released this summer. We also hope to sponsor a local gathering this summer, to help promote this project.

News of our work also will be published in Elven Glen (\$10 per year, from Ice Phoenix).

Individuals and groups interested in sharing this dream, please contact Mace Sylvan and S. R. Willowbrook at the address below. Those who wish to financially contribute to Avalon Network or to the Avalon Land Fund, please make checks payable to Ice Phoenix. You will receive Avalon Oracle and other Avalon Network information.

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Sylvan & Willowbrook

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From Luinrandir

The Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the Bible Clubs' right to use school grounds to have their meetings. What this also means is that when your kids get off the bus or walk in the door to school, they could be assaulted with bible tracts and anti-pagan literature. I, for one, would like to see a coordinated effort on the behalf of Wiccan and other pagans to counter these lies with a little truth. Well, okay, a lot of truth. My plans are this: I will be contacting my old counselor at my high school and, with his help, contact all high schools in the Dayton area. I will make myself available to religion classes, history classes, and metaphysical clubs. At present, I speak to one high school once a year and am a part of the local university Metaphysics Club. What is important is that we get trained people, preferably 3⁰, moving on this. This is not a time for egos and pride. This September, we may see an onslaught as not seen since the burning times. If the Fundy literature I receive and the fundy TV and radio are to be believed, we are in for a renewed influx of lies and half-truths to our youth in our schools. If you have information on this or would like to network on this subject, please feel free to contact me. Luinrandir Hernsen, POB 646, Dayton, OH 45409.

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Ancient Temple Unearthed in Iraq (AP)

Archaeologists have unearthed a 4,000-year-old Babylonian temple in southern Iraq that might shed new light on their role in ancient civilization. The relatively untouched site in Nippur provides researchers an opportunity to examine in greater detail the role of temples in politics, economics, medicine, and social structure, said McQuire Gibson, a professor of archaeology. "We really still don't understand a lot about Mesopotamian culture," said Gibson, of the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute.

Mesopotamia, the area between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in what is now Iraq and Syria, was the site of several ancient civilizations beginning some 8,000 years ago. Much of what is know about those times come from clay tablets. Remnants of other temples found in Nippur and elsewhere have been examined (cont. next page)

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piecemeal; and have often been disturbed by non-archaeological diggers who have removed important artifacts, archaeologists said. "In previous decades, archaeologists would sort of mine in to retrieve 'treasures,'" whereas the significance of this research lies in its systematic excavation" and that of its neighborhood, said Harvey Weiss, an archaeology professor at Yale University. The research can supplement written information from clay tablets and show archaeologists "not what people say they did, but what they actually did," said Weiss, who was not involved in the dig.

Nippur was the religious heart of Mesopotamia and the site of many temples, but Gibson and his colleagues were surprised by the size of this temple, believed to honor Gula, the goddess of healing. Gibson said he first found a corner of the temple in 1973, but shifting sands prevented excavation. Serious digging began in January. Because of the temple's apparent importance in the city, Gibson and his colleagues hope to find new evidence about Babylonian medicine.

They have only uncovered about a sixth of the temple's foundation, estimated to be 100 yards long and 40 yards wide. But already they have discovered baked clay figurines in the shapes of humans and dogs inside the structure.

"One figurine shows a man clutching his throat; another shows a man holding his stomach," Gibson said. "They're obviously showing Gula where it hurts."

The dog figurines might have been left to honor the goddess, since dogs were associated with Gula, Gibson said.

Several dozen burials of real dogs previously had been discovered at a temple to Gula in Isin, where a team of German archaeologists are conducting a dig.

There was a highly-developed system of health care during the period in which the temple existed. Doctors prescribed herbs, and when the herbs didn't work, there were magicians who performed exorcisms or other spiritual intercession, said William Biggs, a University of Chicago professor who studies

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ancient writing on clay tablets. But that information is based largely on written information from early clay tablets, the equivalent of modern-day letters, Biggs said.

The best possible discovery would be medical texts, which might have been stored in the temple, Biggs said. "I think if we found a medical archive, that would be tremendously important because most of the medical texts we have are from 800 years later," Biggs said.

Excavation of previous temples have unearthed "thousands" of texts related to the administration of the temple, including loans made to citizens, and the Gula temple's untouched status makes it a potential treasure chest of such finds, Biggs said.

Archaeologists also will explore the area around the temple to learn more about the daily lives of those who worked there. "We'll see a bigger picture... the whole organization of the temple and how it functions and how it relates to other temples in the city," Biggs said.

Digging is at a lull during the hot summer months, but Gibson said he will return to the site in January 1991 to continue the examination.

Archaeologists from the Oriental Institute have been digging in Nippur for forty years under an agreement with the Iraqi government, Gibson said.

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From the Association of Cymmry Wicca

With the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling opening up public schools to meetings by student Christian prayer groups, we of the Association of Cymmry Wicca believe that the time has come to become more open in our opposition to religious bigotry and double standards. The Supreme Court ruling says that if a public school allows clubs to meet for a non-curricular purpose (i.e., The Key Club, The Astronomy Club, etc.), then they have to open up the school to meetings by any club, including Christian prayer groups. This, of course, means

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that a group who wishes to meet to study Witchcraft may do so. That is unless the school excludes ALL groups from using its facilities.

Most public schools may try to exclude any questionable club by saying that the club must meet certain criteria. Or they may try various other ploys seeking to exclude some religious groups but not others by only allowing recognized religions. Guess what folks? We are federally recognized.

Churches may not be allowed to participate directly, but student members of a congregation, if they wish to form a club to meet and study for a religious purpose, are clearly allowed to do so. Since we offer all nature-oriented earth religion churches (groves, covens, etc.) a means by which they may legally become non-profit religious organizations, with federal, state and local tax-exempt status, without applying to the IRS or obtaining a court ruling, we have decided to offer membership to any pagan group whose student members wish to meet in a public school. Although the member organization itself will not be allowed to meet in the public school (separation of church and state), student members of its congregation should be allowed to meet, since its religion is legally recognized.

The ACW is an international religious organization which was established in 1967 by the Church of Y Tylwyth Teg, Inc., in Georgia to promote religious equality, organize earth religion leadership conferences nationwide, charter pagan/wicca churches, and ordain pagan/wicca ministers. ACW is the first pagan/wiccan organization in the United States to receive a Group Tax exemption from the federal government.

This means that all members of the ACW receive official tax exemption status without application to federal authorities. With the group tax exemption number, you may apply for an exempt mailing permit at the post office, open a non-profit organization bank account, and identify church property as tax-exempt to state and local governments.

If an organization is accepted as a member in the ACW, it will receive a copy of the IRS Tax Exemption Number (EIN), a

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newsletter with articles of interest, information on obtaining ordination for its Priest and Priestesses, an official charter for the organization from the ACW, plus information describing the procedure to legally establish the church as a local and state, as well as federally-recognized tax-exempt religious organization.

The organization's priests and priestesses may be ordained through a legally-recognized correspondence and residence training program. This program consists of a course that will teach the clergy the religious and magickal philosophy, rites, rituals, and magickal practices of Celtic Traditional Wicca, and certain working requirements that must be completed in a specified period of time. The program has gone through over sixteen years of revision and development. Today, it is the most comprehensive ordination program available to the Welsh and Celtic Wiccan Priesthood. Completion of the course of study not only helps priest-esses to qualify to become ordained ministers, but its completion can be credited toward a Doctor of Divinity Degree. Classes are also available here in Georgia through Bangor Institute for those who wish resident instruction.

The ACW places a great deal of emphasis on ecological and environmental concerns as well as demonstrating our love for Mother Earth. But the overall purpose of the ACW is to relink humanity with itself and Nature by promoting the religious ideals of Celtic Wicca. The ultimate goal of the ACW is the spiritual enlightenment of humankind through educating the citizenry.

Ordinarily, we ask a \$25 application fee and a \$65 church tithe in order for a group to be considered for Probationary Membership. If a group is not accepted for membership for any reason, the \$90 total is refunded. But to celebrate the recent Supreme Court decision, we are offering a free Active ACW membership to any Pagan religious group who wishes student members of its congregation to meet in a public school and will agree to abide by our Bylaws. This means that in the eyes of the law, the group will be members of a recognized

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religion. But there is a responsibility that goes along with ACW membership, and such a group must conduct itself as a true pagan church group, ethically and responsibly.

If your group wishes to take advantage of this offer, write to us, request an application form, and your group will be considered. We do have a blessing for you: "May the powers of the Earth Mother guard and sustain your group on its Quest for Enlightenment and its stand against religious bigotry." "Y Gwir Yn Erbyn Y Byd (Truth Against the World)". Association of Cymmry Wicca, POB 674884, Marietta, GA 30067.

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The Devil You Say by Hans Holzer

(June 16, 1990--I am sending you an advance copy of a piece I wrote for FATE which has not yet appeared. If you like it, use it, all or in part. It needs to be said. Keep up the good work which Pat I am sure approves from Over There. BB. HH.)

So you think the devil made you do it? Demons making you sick? Nothing wrong with you that a good exorcism couldn't cure?

You've come to the right place. "God has shown me how Satan has been hindering you," says the Rev. D. N. Stranges, "but I can help you."

Rev. Stranges, a nattily-dressed gentleman in his late forties, used to be chief supervisor of guards at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

"But God had other plans for me," he explains, and one night a voice told him to become a minister and heal the sick. This he proceeded to do by laying on of hands, and a number of people were, in fact, helped by him, some even throwing away

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their crutches. Soon Stranges started a radio program, which he still does every Saturday morning. Then off he goes to a rented church in Manhattan, where his "New Age Cathedral" holds healing services; there is another "church" in Connecticut, where he and his wife live, to take care of the afflicted in that part of the country.

Now psychic healing is hardly new, and Mr. Stranges readily admits his admiration for the late Kathryn Kuhlman, the faith healer. What makes the Reverend Stranges different, however, is his intimacy with The Prince of Darkness and his minions.

Does he believe there really is a devil? I asked him. "Oh, yes," he replied. "He is a fallen angel, walking the earth right now, seeking to inhabit people... first by oppression, then by possession. Satan can enter a human being through sickness, worry, failure, and witchcraft."

Had the Reverend ever met a witch?

"No, I never met a witch... once a witch came to my office, she told me she was one, anyway... there was a certain glow about her that was not the glow of Heaven."

And what the glow of Heaven be like?

"It is a smokish gray color..." the Reverend thought.

When he deals with an afflicted person--someone who comes to him rather than seek traditional medical help--he first identifies Satan with the person.

"I would know more than they would, just by looking at them. I see the evil spirits. I take my authority from the Bible. I cast them out by a word of command, like, 'In the name of Jesus, I cast you out...'. I can hear the demon crying out. I ask, what is your name? They say I am the demon of this or that. We are many."

How could he be sure he is talking to a demon?

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"I would know if they're lying," Rev. Stranges assured me. "Demons are agents of Satan. They attack the mind, soul, and body of man."

How does he do his healing?

"I touch them, usually on the stomach or forehead. The demons don't want to leave. They say, 'I'm not coming out. I've been here too long... this person belongs to me.'" Rev. Stranges assured me that he is always successful, the sickness is gone when he gets through with the patient. "Doctors just can't do it," he adds.

Rev. Stranges does not charge a set fee for his "work": free will offerings are sufficient. There are between 200 and 300 people in his congregation, ranging through all age groups.

Rafael Rivera, 32, works for the fire department, now that he got well, thanks to Rev. Stranges. "I was possessed by Demons, the psychiatric hospital didn't do a thing for me," he explained; "but when Rev. Stranges put his hand on me, all these spirits came out of my head, I felt light."

What about those evil spirits? Did he actually see them?

"Oh, I can still see them... they have big teeth... I see what the Bible says."

If he was successful healing people through faith, why did he have to call on the devil?

Because the devil is very real to this man, who refers to himself as a Pentecostal minister.

And where does the devil live?

"Deep down in the earth, that's where he lives," the Reverend assured me.

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Would he consider whatever healings he has accomplished to have been psychosomatic in nature?

But Rev. D. N. Stranges is firm in his belief. "It's Satan... Satan and his demons."

When it comes to devils and demons, the Fundamentalist denominations (some) and the Roman Catholics (not all) have pretty much the same idea--yes, there sure as hell is a devil, and as for demons (Greek word for "spirits",, nothing more, really), why, they are the troops.

You would think that the 1980's and 1990's are too enlightened for that sort of belief. Think again. The late Pope Paul VI, not as enlightened in such matters as the current Holy Father, stated publicly that he was convinced of "an intervention in us and in our world of an obscure agent, the devil. Evil is not merely a lack of something, but an effective agent, a living, spiritual being, perverted and perverting. A terrible reality. Mysterious and frightening."

Ever since Pope Innocent XIII perceived that more country folk were attending religious rituals of The Old Religion (i.e., Pagan traditions), back in the 1300's and decided that they were witches, and witches worshipped the devil (which was news to the witches), churches have, at various times and in various ways, put forward the devil as the counterplayer, the Antichrist, of whom we must beware if we know what's good for us. The devil is a stubborn cuss, it seems, he just won't go away, even today. Take, for instance, those renowned and sometimes well-publicized "demonologists," the Warrens, and their train--where would their calling be if there were neither devil nor demons lurking about?

Mr. Warren, an artist by profession, and Mrs. Warren, a professional psychic reader, have for years been interested in finding demonic forces in what to scientific investigators are paranormal, but nonetheless human causes. One might laugh off such efforts, were it not for the fact that some people, whose outlook encourages those kind of fear-beliefs, would listen and act accordingly. In several recent cases, the Warrens appeared on the scene, sometimes with a priest of an

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obscure Catholic denomination in two, or even a former police officer equally convinced of the truth of the Warren's quest, to investigate an alleged haunting or poltergeist phenomenon or purported case of possession. To the Warrens, possession is always demonic, of course, even though a number of serious researchers, including myself, have been able to show that discarnate entities ("dead" people, yes), can reach out to the living and sometimes overpower and use them for their own ends. In thirty years of academic work in this field, I have never come across a shred of evidence that a supernatural, all-powerful devil has anything whatever to do with psychic phenomena of any kind.

Where the Warrens concentrate on the Prince of Darkness and his minions, other zealots (mainly Fundamentalists or so-called debunkers with a strong need to debunk for whatever, often psychologically-motivated reasons) like to go after the followers of Satan, commonly known as Satanists, and they assure us there's thousands, if not millions, of them in the world. In an age when even the U.S. Census does not give us true figures, I wouldn't want to rely on theirs, and the few so-called Satanists I have actually met and interviewed, even investigated, turned out to be either charismatic attention-seekers, like San Francisco's Anton LeVey and his "First Church of Satan", or young people in search of a thrill, same never extending beyond a little mumbo-jumbo in black robes and weekly "rituals." Yet I have been told by a couple former FBI people, former, to be sure, who were fervent Fundamentalists, that all sorts of atrocities were being perpetrated in the United States all the time in the name of the devil--ranging from baby killings, sacrifices, to women specially "breeding" babies to be sacrificed. None of this ever checks out as true and nobody ever furnishes either leads that can be followed up quickly or eye witnesses to the alleged crimes.

But getting mileage out of tabloid publicity and a book published is only one side of the "demonology" problem. When a family is confronted by some very real, and actually none so rare, physical manifestations in their old house and turns to a team of "demonologists" (who sometimes also call themselves "parapsychologists", although they have no academic credentials or training whatsoever to correspond to this

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designation)--as a family did recently in Pennsylvania--they get questionable advice and are in turn prevented from getting real help from qualified, unbiased, scientifically-trained investigators. So the problem continues, or at best, is misunderstood, and the devil gets the blame.

When a young man in Connecticut claims the demonic voice he was hearing made him commit a murder, he is not likely to get much help from psychiatric counselling. The moment the "explanation" shifts from the paranormal (though known and recorded before) to the religious or pseudo-religious, with all its anxieties and supernatural explanations of devil and demons, the Courts and juries are not likely to listen, whereas a reasonable, if unusual, paranormal explanation, if one fits, is more likely to sway the authorities to include them in their judgment.

Neither believer nor disbeliever be: there are some rather unusual possibilities of communication between this physical world and the next dimension, which range from simple ESP (Extra Sensory Perception) and telepathy to ghostly manifestation, apparitions, and phenomena that have been investigated and recorded for many years. Only a total atheist or materialist would want to deny their existence, and a professional debunker would want to explain them away, but middle-of-the-road researchers, such as I am, know they are real and need to be taken into account when dealing with certain cases indicating external personalities influencing living people.

What is true, however, is that in some few cases, criminals, who have murdered for either gains or thrills, find devilish possession a great excuse, perhaps in the hope that it might confound the jury when passing sentence on them. Even entire books are written about alleged Satanic plots, from "Son of Sam" hearing voices telling him to kill to more complicated networks of Satanic murderers. The idea is neither new nor unique. In 18th Century India, the Tugees believed that killing people of other religions would assure their own spiritual salvation. They were called the assassins and were eventually suppressed by the British government. But there seems to be a clear path from them to modern-day terrorists

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who kill, not for the devil, not for Allah even, but for nationalistic grievances as their cause. Thus far, none of them have claimed Satan as their inspiration, however, and to them at least, their cause excuses the crime.

Recently, a very grisly murder in the South was immediately attributed by local police to Satanic worship, even although no paraphernalia, tools, or other tangible evidence was found. Police officers are rarely capable of judging such esoteric material, if it ever shows up to begin with. There is also a good deal of Bible thumping going on in this country, whereby any and all people showing an interest in psychic experiences, astrology, ESP, and dream interpretation are of course devil worshippers and should be avoided. Heavy Metal music (music?) is often accused of contributing to Satanic influences, but all it does is produce a lot of noise and some vile lyrics, that is, if you can understand them. The kind of people who will shut down a museum exhibit because they consider it "obscene" will also try to persecute anyone who disagrees with their view of the world and religion. If anything is indeed Satanic at all, it is this ominous threat to our freedom of expression.

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Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit. --Elbert Hubbard

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Freedom is the will to be responsible to ourselves. --Nietzsche

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Coffee is good for talent, but genius wants prayer. --Emerson

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It is easier to stay out than get out. --Mark Twain

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Give a man a free hand and he'll run it all over you. -- Mae West

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Back Issues

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January (J1) Tarostar Concurs with Merlin; Notably Quotable; From Tracy; Index of 1988 Issues; Winner of 1988 Ring of Truth Award; From Rik; Freelance Blackmail; How to Raise the Perfect Rose.

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 (J11) 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.

May (J18) Witches Against Animal Abuse; Religious Leaders Win One Against US Snooping; LEM Survey Project; From Moonraven; Lady of the Moon; From Knighthawk.

June (J16) Ginseng Information from Lloyd Herbals; When; A Coven Cauldron Rite to Make a Magical Elixir; Jesus Must Be Black; From Andrew; From Robert; From Reed; From Runaristi.

July () Thoughts on the Sabbats: Autumnal Equinox; Homemade Henges Part III: Magickal Use; From Reed.

August () Thoughts on the Sabbats: Halloween; Earth-Base Project; From Chief Medicine Bear; From Reed.

October () The New Witch Hunt; From Fags to witches; book reviews.

November () A Cure for AIDS by an Extract of Shiitake More Effective than AZT; From Robert A. Mayer Medical Center; The Covens are Coming, The Covens are Coming; Society of Solitary Witches; From WAAA; From Stan; In Loving Memory from Herman Slater; Call for Submissions; From United Wiccan Church; From Tarostar; From Reed.

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Events

If you have announcements of one-time events or events occurring on a specific date, we recommend Larry Cornett, who has been compiling such data compactly and nicely for some time now. His address is: 9527 Blake LN #012, Fairfax, VA 22031. If you sponsor an annual event or have attended a gathering, we'd love to have a feature article on the history of the event, your experiences in management and organization of same, reviews of the event itself, etc. But send the announcement of the event itself to Larry. The calendar is available for \$4/year, and he uses some snazzy postage.

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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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Bulletin Board

Nina: Try The Secrets of the Hand, Maria Gardini, \$12.95, Collier Books, Macmillan, 866 3rd AV, NY NY 10022.

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Reviews

Witches: The Movie (rev. by Tarostar)

There seems to be a lot of flack going around to protest movies. The Fundies protested The Last Temptation of Christ, now the Witches are protesting this one. Shoe's on the other foot, eh? I would not let the fundies tell me what movie I should or should not see. I won't let fellow Witches pull the same. Protests,

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any sort, only fill the coffers of the movie producers. The protestors are simply being manipulated to add to the producer's hype. Advertising for free with the protestors' sweat and energy. If they would be honest and pay people to protest, so that the theatres become packed due to the hype, I could respect their profit motives. Getting the benefit of all the hoopla without paying for it is what it is all about. We live within Xtian-oriented society and culture. We must, therefore, understand why the traditional stereotype of Witches gets dredged up often. Sensationalism sells and draws a crowd. Mundane truth never does. Xtian culture wants submissive, subjugated women producing babies and does not want to tolerate non-procreative males. Some are claiming the movie depicts Witches as plotting to kill children. That old turkey has been mouthed for centuries. Xtianity and its assorted orthodox believers and bible thumpies are programmed to take things literally, but never figuratively. Recreational use of sex is the great bugaboo. It does not bring more children into this world for Church and State to dominate, persecute, tithe, tax, and abuse. Witches and Heretics (Free-Thinkers) of the past used recreational sex and also availed themselves of methods to avoid contraception and/or abort. This is what literalists really mean when they claim Witches/Heretics/Secular Humanists (read Satanists) "kill" children. It is just the old Church's anti-abortion stand. However, they are not taught to draw the correlation. Those fantastic claims are always put forward to discredit Witches (read Satanists) in the eyes of Xtian society, but not one iota of evidence is ever produced or brought forward. Those old medieval myths are revamped and replayed, but the truth behind them is never explained by the "Churchy-minded." They avoid the truth because the aim is to inflame the general public against Witches/Heretics/Secular Humanists for their own narrow purposes. View the movie for what it is--an attempt by the producers to cash in on the same old stereotypes dredged up to sensationalize, but never to properly inform, being on the same level as the tabloid rags and nothing more. Much true and honest scholarship has come out recently showing the spurious roots of the Xtian movement in Western society and its legal ploys, disinformation and outright violence against nonconformists. The old anti-Witch propoganda just won't wash in this day and age. If you, as a decent, honest, and thinking person, read the tabloid rags or go to such "sensationalist" movies, making Hollywood, or whoever, fat, you only have yourself to blame if you end up with a case of the "The Fundamentalist from hell who ate my brain."

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Books

The Power of Unconditional Love: 21 Guidelines for Beginning, Improving, and Changing Your Most Meaningful Relationships, Ken Keyes, Jr., will be available at bookstores for \$7.95, or it can be purchased by mail order from the Ken Keyes College Bookroom, 790 Commercial AVE, Coos Bay, OR 97420 (\$9.45 postpaid).

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Planethood by Benjamin B. Ferencz & Ken Keyes, Jr. On becoming citizens of the earth. Available in March of 1991 at the address above.

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Witchcraft: A Tradition Renewed by Doreen Valiente & Eva Jones. An introduction to Witchcraft based on the teaching of a student of Robert Cochrane. \$10.95, paperback, 203 pp, index, bibliography. Phoenix Publishing, POB 10, Custer, WA 98240.

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HuMan, a novel by Dr. Jerry L. Rothermel, \$5.95, 207pp, paperback, SOM Publishing, HCRI Box 15, Windyville, MO 65783.

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The '91 Lunar Calendar, \$12.95. Luna Press, POB 511, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215. For those of you that need to keep up with lunar phase or just want to track the date a little differently than the usual Gregorian thing.

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How to Heal A Painful Relationship by Bill Ferguson (former divorce attorney), \$9.95. Return to the Heart, POB 541813, Houston, TX 77254. Advised for its simple language and exercises with the caveat that it will be of little use to you unless you are honest with yourself. But I suppose this is true of most everything.

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Books (cont.)

How to Make and Use A Magic Mirror by Donald Tyson (English major). \$3.95. Llewellyn, POB 64383, St. Paul, MN 55164-0383. Good background. A bibliography would have been most helpful.

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A Wiccan Bardo by Paul V. Beyerl. \$10.95. Avery, 120 Old Broadway, Garden City Park, NY 11040. Lothlorien Pathworking.

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West Country Wicca by Rhiannon Ryaal. \$8.95. Phoenix Publishing, POB 10, Custer, WA 98240. Pre-Gardenarian and Alexandrian Wicca. A breath of fresh air. Ah, the old religion....

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1991 Moon Sign Book, \$4.95. 1991 Sun Sign Book, \$4.95. Llewellyn. Paperback guides for solar and lunar activity planning. 1991 Astrological Calendar, \$8.95. Wall calendar with many added goodies.

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1991 Magickal Almanac. Raymond Buckland, ed. \$9.95. Llewellyn. Articles from many Craft and New Age notables with a weekly planner. The astrological information is not as extensive as...

1991 Daily Planetary Guide. \$6.95 (spiral). Llewellyn. ... which is a weekly planner with daily aspects and lots of room to make notes. One of my favorite references.

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The Complete Book of Astrological Geomancy by Priscilla Schwei and Ralph Pestka. \$14.95. Llewellyn. I'll probably spend more time on this later, just because I find Henry Cornelius Agrippa such a fascinating historical figure.

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The Goddess Calendar. \$9.95. Beautifully illustrated by Lisa Iris.

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Books (cont.)

The Magical Ways Calendar 1991 by Tarostar. Formerly called The Magical Beginnings Calendar between '86 and '90, is now available from a new publisher. \$7.95 US, \$9.95 Can, dealer discount. The Occult Shop, 109 Vaughan RD, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6C-2L9.

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