

## WITCHCRAFT - THE SO-CALLED OLD RELIGION IS "REVIVED"

Witchcraft sometimes called Wicca is a form of paganism based around sabbats, magic spells and the God and Goddess. It claims to be the old religion that was persecuted in the witch craze of the Dark Ages.

Gerald Gardner said witch doctrine is that the Gods need to be worshipped for that gives them power to help you. That amounts to helping the divine be divine or gods to be more godish. The pagans often had an interesting way to make gods and goddesses. They believed in mind over matter and mind over occult forces so if you treated somebody as semi-divine or as divine it triggered apotheosis- the exaltation of human to divine. Mormonism thinks you turn yourself into a deity by baptism and good works and obedience to God the Father. Others can help you by doing some of the work for you. For example, if long-dead Grandpa Tom was not a Mormon you can do the religious rituals in his place for him and he can have the benefits as if he were a faithful Mormon and become a god on the way to being like God the Father more and more through eternity. He could be at the stage tomorrow that the ever-progressing God the Father was at a thousand years ago. God the Father does not even need to be aware of the rituals happening so they work by magic.

So making an idol of your beloved parent or spouse or child or friend directs divine-making forces to them or awakens such forces in them. The more you feed their egos the better. You should be willing to curse anybody who can take anything from them so that they will get the full benefits - eternal power, eternal worship, eternal service and eternal life. You should be willing to remove divinity from gods like Jesus and if enough people help you your idol will reign in the spirit world where he will be out and probably die. You may say there is enough magic and power to go around but the fact that you need to worship them as gods so that they really become gods proves that perhaps there is not. Why is everybody not a god? Simply for the same reason not everybody is rich. That there is enough wealth and power to go around is not the point. It needs to be guided to its target.

So directly using power and worship makes x a god or goddess. Directly destroying anybody or blocking their use of the power that x could have is also as necessary. You give them even your own power to make gods of them. Your prayer and devotion is a trigger.

Though witchcraft today claims to be a benign nature religion the fact is that all magic is evil magic, trying to avoid what really matters. What matters most is not spells, believing in God, a man who rises from the dead, in miracles but believing in your power to change and make yourself happy. Don't try to change the world but change yourself and nice changes will happen automatically around you. It is not what you have in life that matters or who loves you. What matters is how you feel about your life. What people need is self-esteem training not magic. Magic then arises from laziness and therefore lack of concern for self-esteem. Magic workers say that magic cannot work without self-esteem for you produce magic from your own mind and emotions and if you don't have good self-esteem you cannot really trust in the spell so it can't work. Magic contradicts itself by requiring something that it forbids!

Magic is trying to manipulate reality. Believers claim that love spells are wrong for they are too manipulative for they are trying to make another person love you. They say that instead you should do a spell to make yourself more lovable to another. But there is no difference in forcing a person to love you and in forcing them to see that you are lovable and therefore attract them. Nobody can love anybody unless they see them as attractive. If love spells are wrong, then who will want to do magic? To do a spell to make yourself more lovable to another is also manipulative for you are degrading yourself by turning yourself into somebody else's idea of desirability. We all love people with faults. The Witch trying to use magic to catch a man who likes gossip is making him see her as a gossip or using magic to turn herself into a gossip! This is self-manipulation, self-deception. Also to magically make yourself more lovable in the eyes of the other is to manipulate him so that he will see this. For example, the spell might have the side-effect of putting his mother in an accident so that you can help her and he can see that.

The self-righteous say that spells that use force are wrong. But that can be said of any spell. For example, a healing spell will try to force a person to have a better attitude for a good attitude is one of the main helps in recovery. A person wants to change their own attitude. They don't want forces doing it for them.

All magic is harmful and the notion of white magic is nonsense and sooner or later the white magician will see that and the temptation to use malicious magic and start calling up demons will get too much. Magic should lead to black magic and Satanism. Magic workers who claim to harm none are just deceivers.

We know that some people will die in accidents. Nothing can stop that. Then why not use magic so that evil people or your enemies will be the ones struck down instead of the innocents that these things happen to? You would be shuffling the pack

so that the deserving people have the accidents. It is probably because magic leads to attempted murder and evil that the Bible God says that we should not suffer a sorceress to live (Exodus 22:18). The context doesn't allow us to get liberal. God is blunt. He says the life of a sorceress should not be tolerated. He could have demanded some other treatment for them but he demanded execution indicating that this was compatible with love your neighbour as yourself for the sorceress is dangerous no matter how altruistic she seems to be or acts. God evidently believes that there is something in this magic – why else be so harsh against it - but we know better! The view that God opposed it for he wanted to keep his people free from pagan influence doesn't explain the harshness.

Magic workers still get cancer and have accidents and die so magic is wasting time. Magic is always evil because it implies that it is better to do nothing active for other people but spend all your time casting spells to help them. This like becoming a contemplative nun dedicating yourself to a life of prayer for others is really putting faith before people. Religion is schizophrenic, it pretends to want to help people and then chooses, in its smugness, a futile way of doing so. Magic workers will respond that magic doesn't happen just if you sit back you have to help it to work by doing something. But though you may help it to work it is only a small part. If you help your sick father by looking after him it is mostly how circumstances you can't control work out that do any good. The doctor will help, the nurse will help, his medicine has to agree with him, the heating has to work, your own health has to be okay there is so much. Magic then needs to be very powerful to look after all those things so why shouldn't it work if you do nothing?

What I could never understand was how people who could allegedly bend spoons by mind power can't change their DNA so that they remain youthful until death or manage to change their DNA so that they never die or get cancer. They say magic cannot give you a new set of teeth if your adult teeth all fall out. But why not? Some people do grow teeth a third time. When magic changes what is going to happen it should be able to change nature for changing this is still changing nature.

#### Website

This website refutes the allegations made in the paranormal world that modern physics is full of miracles and the supernatural and verifies it and psychic powers.

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