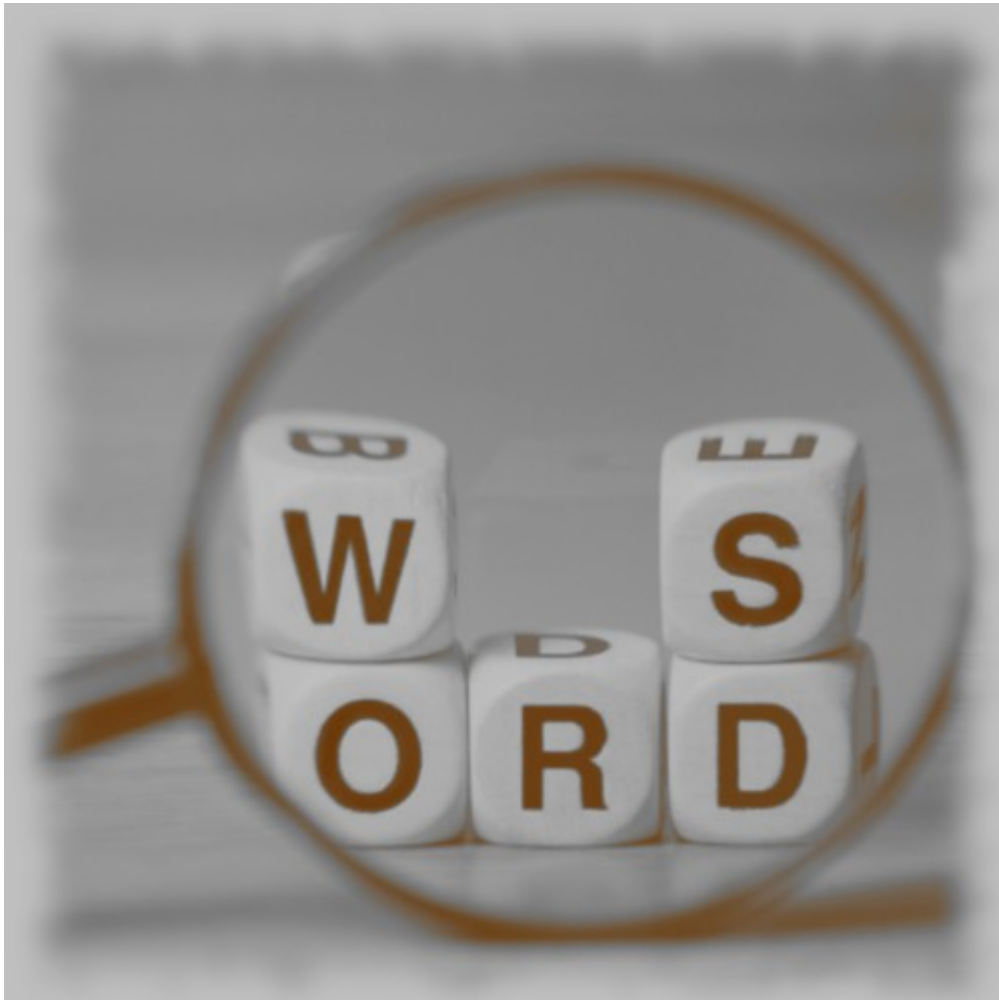


Glossary



A

Aboriginal

Pagan tradition of the native Australian people.

Absorption

An anti-psi talent for absorbing the power out of psychic energy fields, including those around other beings.

Achromatics

The “colors” black, grey and white; used occasionally to refer to moralistic schools of occultism.

Active Ritual

One in which those persons raising and focusing the psychic energies are not the main targets intended to be changed.

Active Talent

A psychic talent that involves the discharge of energy or data from the agent to the target.

Acolyte

A novice.

Adept

An individual who through serious study and accomplishments is considered highly proficient in a particular magickal system. A person can be adept at Egyptian magickal practices, but a total failure at practical kitchen magick.

Aeromancy

Divination from the air and sky, particularly concentrating on cloud shapes, comets, and

other phenomena not normally visible in the heavens.

Aes Sidhe

The Supernatural Folk, i.e. the Faerie Folk.

Affirmation

A statement of intent, written or spoken in a positive way and always in a present tense.

Agate

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of balance and grounding of energies.

Age of Aquarius

An era of time that begins a new transformation of all living things into a period of love, light and life. A tremendous period of enlightenment as all inhabitants look to find the higher meaning of life, spiritual purpose and expression. The age we are about to enter.

Age of Cosmic Consciousness

A period of time within an astrological cycle beginning in 1920 and lasting to 2020. A time when the planet Earth is affected by a shift within the Milky galaxy producing a struggle of purification. This struggle can be seen within the physical shifts of the planet as well as, within the human race as mankind opens to an awareness of higher states of consciousness.

Agent

The person or animal exercising a psychic talent.

Ages

A cycle of civilization, approximately 2,500 years in length, wherein the soul mind of man grows, progresses and attains some level of enlightenment.

Aicme

Group of five Oghams.

Aine

The Celtic goddess of crops, the moon and of cattle.

Air

The first element of the alchemical tradition. In most magickal traditions this corresponds with East, the color yellow, the mind, intelligence and imagination.

Airbe Druad

“Hedge”, a magickal barrier no one can pass through.

Airthmancy/Arithmomancy

An earlier form of numerology where divination is made through numbers and the number value of letters.

Airts

The Scottish Gaelic term meaning, "wind". Identified with the four winds (North, South, West and East Winds).

Aisling

Dream. Vision.

Akasha

The fifth element, the omnipresent spiritual power that permeates the universe. Also called simply ‘Spirit’.

Akashic Records

In the early part of this century the famed psychic Edgar Cayce brought to general society the thought form of Akashic records. Supposedly, there is a giant data base somewhere that can be

accessed for information on subjects such as past lives, healing, and other magickal/spiritual practices. This record system cannot be accessed by material equipment, such as PC networking with a larger computer. In this case, the mind of the psychic or Witch accesses the data through Universal connections.

Alban Arthuan

Winter Solstice.

Alban Eiler

Spring Equinox.

Alban Elved

Autumnal Equinox.

Alban Heruin

Summer Solstice.

Alchemy

A branch of magick developed in the Middle Ages which sought to magickally and/or chemically turn base metals into gold with the aid of an esoteric substance called the “philosopher’s stone”.

Alectryomancy

Divination whereby a bird is allowed to pick corn grains from a circle of letters. A variation is to recite letters of the alphabet noting those at which a cock crows.

Aleuromancy

Divination using ‘fortune cookies’; answers to questions are rolled into balls of dough and once baked are chosen at random.

Alfatofrar

Norse term for elf magick or any influences of enchantment.

Alfheim

Upper world home of the light elves in Norse mythology.

Alignment/Attunement

The art and practice of placing our spiritual and mental selves in sync with the energies of an astronomical event (i.e. a full moon) or another being (i.e. a God or Goddess.) This can be achieved through mental exercises, evocation, invocation, or ritual.

All Father, The

The Goddess' Consort; the Horned God; The masculine aspect of deity of which all other Gods are an aspect of.

All Mother, The

The Goddess; The feminine aspect of deity of which all other Goddesses are an aspect of.

Allegory

Using mundane symbols to represent magickal and spiritual ideologies that require abstract thinking.

Alomancy

Divination by table salt.

Alphitomancy

Using special cakes that are digestible by persons with a clear conscience but are displeased to others.

Altar

A special, flat surface set aside exclusively for magickal workings or religious acknowledgement.

Altar Cloth

These are cloths used to decorate the Altar. They vary in color and material depending upon tradition, time of year, and magickal purpose.

Altar Furniture

The Altar Furniture are the sacred objects for ritual and magick use that are nearly always on the altar, but always during said times of ritual and spell crafting. The objects composing the altar furniture vary from tradition to tradition. Altar furniture usually includes: deity figures, censer, libation dish, salt and water dishes, altar candle(s), besom, athame(s), bolline(s), ritual sword, wand, chalice or goblet, and an altar cloth.

Altered State of Consciousness

Accidental or planned process in which the brain accesses information that is otherwise unavailable. An altered state of consciousness can be reached through meditation, ritual, self-hypnosis, ect.

Alternative Lifestyle

A mode of living which differs significantly from the "mainstream" society's prescribed beliefs, affiliations, values, or practices. People who live an alternative lifestyle often gather with others who share their preferences; they may or may not retain close contact with the larger society. Many religions, including Paganism, fall into this category.

Amaethon

A God of agriculture and the harvest. Called the Harvest King, his magickal symbols are the sickle, hoe, and plow.

Amethyst

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of courage, spiritual development, and psychic or

psionic growth.

Amniomany

Divination by using a cauldron.

Amplification

A psi or anti-psi talent for boosting the power levels of psychic energy fields.

Amulet

A magickally charged, protective, object which deflects specific, usually negative energies.

Anam

Soul, indestructible self. One does not have but rather one is anam. It is seated in the head.

Anaphrodisiac

A substance that reduces sexual desires.

Ancestors

Deceased family members, friends and inspirational people from history or the media can be ancestors. Ancestors represent our genetic, social, and/or generational roots. Blood or familial relationships are not necessary for an ancestral relationship to form. Any one who guides us or acts as a mentor can be an ancestor. Some traditions of witchcraft employ ancestors in magickal workings as others employ the gods.

An-da-shealladh

“Two sights,” the ability to see spirits.

Andraste

Also "Andrasta". A Goddess of death, war, and fertility.

Angel

A spiritual being who acts as a messenger between the Divine realms and the physical plane of existence. This being has never been in an incarnated state.

Angelology

Medieval science of studying angels.

Angus

Also "Angus Og", "Oengus". A God of love and intimacy.

Anima

The personification of the female aspect of a man's unconscious.

Animistic

The belief inanimate and non-living forms of nature have the same consciousness and spirit within them that living beings have.

Animal Guide

A spiritual animal (usually two different kinds) who walks along an individual's spiritual path with them. These animals will embody many of the talents, and strengths of the person they walk with, and help guide the footsteps when weaknesses appear.

Animal-Psi/Anpsi

A little-used term for psychic phenomena involving the interactions of animals with humans, each other and the environment.

Animism

The belief that natural objects, and Nature itself, are alive and conscious; or the belief that an immaterial force animates the Universe.

Animus

The personification of the masculine aspect of a woman's unconscious.

Ankh

(ahnk) An Egyptian hieroglyphic widely used as a symbol of life, love, and reincarnation. It is a cross with a looped top.

Annwyn

(ar-ahn) The Under World.

Anoint

To bless or pass on the responsibility of spiritual purpose to an individual, animal, place or thing with "holy" water or a special consecrated oil.

Anointing Oil

A skin-safe, scented oil that is dabbed on the body (at chosen pulse points or on the forehead) in order to purify an individual mentally and spiritually.

Anthropomancy

The long-outlawed means of divination by human sacrifice.

Anthroposcopy

Divination by reading facial features.

Anthropomorphic

The idea that deities look and act like humans.

Anti-Psi

A categorical term for several genuine psychic talents that (for the most part) serve to frustrate, avoid, confuse, destroy or otherwise interfere with the operation of normal psi; they can affect the power and/or information content and/or vector of psi fields within range.

Apantomancy

Divination through chance meetings with animals (e.g. a black cat), birds, and other creatures. Mexico City is said to have been founded where Aztec soothsayers saw an eagle flying from a cactus carrying a live snake.

Aphelion

The point of a planet's or comet's orbit most distant from the sun.

Aphorism

A sparsely worded, and direct little saying. Ex.: 'As above, So below.'

Aphrodisiac

A substance that produces sexual excitement.

Aphrodite

The Greek Goddess of Love and Beauty.

Apogee

The point of the moon's orbit most distant from the earth.

Apollo

The Greek and Roman God of the Sun, poetry, music, prophecy, and healing.

Apollonian

In religious studies, describes "solar-orientated" religions.

Apo-psi/Avoidance

An anti-psi power that appears to generate an energy field into which no external psi field can penetrate; may work through transmutation, retuning or aportation; may interfere with internal psi fields as well.

Aportation

A PK talent involving the seemingly instantaneous movement of an object from one location in space-time to another, apparently without going through the normal space-time in between. (See Teleportation.)

Apothecary

One who practices herbalism and sometimes alchemy as well; Ancient word for "pharmacist".

Aquamarine

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of clarity, flow, and inspiration.

Aradia

¹ A champion Italian Goddess sworn to protect her people against the aggression of masculine faith and its persecutors during the reign of medieval terror. The original Aradia was a female Christ figure in Italy who taught around 1353. She was imprisoned more than once, escaped several times and eventually disappeared. ² Leland's Aradia, a book detailing information from an Italian Gypsy Witch. ³ The daughter of Diana. She is considered the Queen of the Witches.

Aradian

An Italian Witchcraft tradition.

Arawn

The Celtic god of the underworld.

Arcana

The two halves of a tarot deck. The Major Arcana consists of twenty-two trumps; the Minor Arcana consists of fifty-six suit cards, and is sometimes called the lesser or lower Arcana (or pips).

Arcane

Secret or hidden knowledge.

Archetype

¹ Symbols or images that represent the emotions or knowledge of the subconscious mind. Images within a tarot card are symbols or messages for a recipient, these images are the archetypes or mirrors of subconscious emotions. ² Original astral form of a phenomenon;

Arianrhod

A goddess of higher love and wisdom.

Arithmancy

Divination by reading numbers.

Aromatherapy

A type of healing that utilizes certain fragrances. Scent Magick.

Art, The

Generally, the Magical Arts or Art Magical, the skill and practices of magick, however "Art" has the connotation of "Ability, Talent", of something innate, rather than merely a learned skill or practice, such as distinguished the artist from the draftsman, both may need to learn the skills of the trade but the innate talent of the artist awakens and is channeled by such training.

Artio

A bear goddess, the embodiment of all female bears. She is the protector of Nature.

As Above, So Below

A Wiccan way of saying that natural laws apply universally and that our interconnectedness makes all realms metaphors for one another.

Asatru Tradition

A Northern European tradition of magick that also honors the old gods as described in the *Edda*, the ancient compendium of Icelandic lore, and legally recognized in Iceland in 1972.

Asgard

The home of the upper world Norse Gods.

Asceticism

A method of altering the state of one's consciousness through the avoidance of comfort and pleasure; when extreme, may become masochism.

Aspect

The particular principle or part of the Creative Life Force being worked with or acknowledged at any one time.

Aspect, Astrological

An angle formed between two items on an astrological chart.

Aspecting

When a person in magickal exercise, manifests aspects of a God/dess, within themselves.

Asperger

A ritual tool used to sprinkle water for purification purposes. It can be a crafted artifact or something as simple as a pine cone, a bunch of fresh herbs, or a twig tied with leaves and needles.

Assimilation

A technique of psychic healing involving the picking up of a patient's pain and/or illness by the healer, who experiences it personally for a short time, after which it is supposed to vanish in both patient and healer; may also be done accidentally.

Association

Connection or correlation between two or more objects, ideas or beings; thus forming a pattern.

Association, Law of

"If any two or more patterns have elements in common, the patterns interact 'through' those common elements and control of one pattern facilitates control over the other(s), depending (among other factors) upon the number of common elements involved."

Astraglomancy/Astragyromancy

Divination by dice where the faces of dice bear numbers and letters.

Astral

Another dimension of reality. Also known as dream time. This name is from the Australian Aboriginal people.

Astral Body

The 'otherworldly essence'. The part of a person that exists on the astral plane, and also commonly used to denote their 'essence' on other planes of existence as well.

Astral Plane

A place which is generally conceptualized as an invisible parallel world which remains unseen from our own solid world of form.

Astral Projection

The process of separating your astral body from your physical one to accomplish travel in the astral plane. The length and location of the projection is preplanned and preprogrammed. The projection requires an altered state of awareness such as a deep meditation. The physical and soul bodies are attached through the solar plexus by a silver cord.

Astrology

The study of and belief in the effects the movements and placements of planets and other heavenly bodies have on the lives and behavior of human beings. Divination by interpreting the planets and stars.

Atavism/Atavistic

Characteristics of all living organisms, that has a hereditary characteristic trait or deformity, etc.; that shows up after having skipped a generation or more.

Ategenos

Rebirth after death into the Other World.

Athame

(A-tha-may) The sacred black handled knife of the Witch. This is traditionally a double-edged knife with a leaf-shaped blade. Often Athames have sacred symbols on their hilts. They are not used for actual cutting, which is reserved for the Bolline, or white handled knife, but for rituals. The Athame is used to direct power during ritual workings. Depending on the magickal tradition that is followed, it is either a symbol for Air or Fire. The term is of obscure origin, has many variant spellings, and an even greater variety of pronunciations. It may also be pronounced "Ah-THAM-ee" (to rhyme with "whammy"); "ATH-ah-may" or "ah-THAW-may".

Athena

Also "Athene". The Greek Goddess of wisdom, arts, industries, and warfare. The Romans called her "Minerva".

Atomic Psychokinesis

(APK) Psychokinesis done upon the molecular, atomic or subatomic levels; a subcategory of PK.

Attunement

¹ An activity which brings the minds, emotions, and psyches of a group into harmony prior to ritual: chanting, singing, guided meditation, and breathing exercises are common ways to attune.
² Physically infusing the herbal mixture with a mental picture of your need.

Augury

General term for the art of divination and is chiefly applied to interpretations of signs and omens.

Aura

The force field that surrounds the physical body, whether of humans, animals, plants, and even places and things. Composed of two layers the Inner Etheric Aura or Health Aura is a band of bluish white energy which closely follows the outlines of the body, beyond which radiates the Astral Aura whose size, color and shape or structure as perceived by clairvoyant sight indicates the emotional and mental state and the personality and spiritual development.

Auspice

¹ The phase of the moon which has influence at a given time. Used in Astrology. ² Also meaning "omen", the ancient Romans used the way birds flew as auspices.

Austromancy

Divination by the study of the winds.

Authoritarian

Having leaders or higher authorities.

Automatic Writing

Form of divination where the Channeler uses a pen, paper and an altered state of consciousness to receive messages.

Avalon

Land of the Otherworld, where the Gods live.

Avatar

A discorporate soul who has the choice to advance to a higher level of consciousness or remain behind on the physical plane to help other less evolved souls grow spiritually. These souls return to inhabit physical bodies voluntarily.

Aventurine

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of positivist, imagination, and a safe conclusion to any form of journey or travel.

Averse

Against, harmful, opposed to or negative intent or result.

Awen

Inspiration.

Awenyddion

Inspired ones.

Axiomancy

Divination through the observation of how an ax or hatchet quivers or points when driven into a post.

Azurite

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of healing and clarity.

B

Bacchus

The Roman God of Wine. The Greeks called him "Dionysus".

Baculum

An old term for a witches rod, staff, wand, or besom used in divination and during fertility spells.

Baensidhe

¹ An individual of powerful spirit who has decided to use it for selfish gain. ² A member of the "other" race who has been corrupted by power. ³ A spirit being who appears to herald the death of a prominent individual. Sometimes linked to a specific family.

Bale

Harm, or disaster, sorrow, woe, something harmful.

Balefire

A fire lit for magickal purposes, usually outdoors, traditionally using sage as part of the fuel. They are traditional on Yule, Beltane, and Midsummer.

Balor

A God of the Sun.

Ban

To banish, to curse, to forbid.

Banba

A Goddess representing Ireland.

Bane

That which destroys life, which is poisonous, destructive, dangerous.

Banish

To magickally end something or exorcise unwanted entities. To rid the presence of.

Banishing Magick

Using your will to make something go away.

Bard

A formally trained storyteller often entrusted with the oral history of a group.

Barley Moon

The ninth full moon of the year. Also called the "Harvest Moon".

B.C.E.

Before Common Era. Synonymous with B.C. without religious bias.

Beithe Luis Nion

The old Irish name of the Celtic Tree Ogham.

Belenus

Also "Bel", "Belanos". In Scottish it means 'May Day' (Beltane). A solar God of life, truth, inspiration, music, and health. He represents Fire of Fire and his magickal symbols are the sun disc, a golden harp, a golden curved sword, and spear.

Belisama

A Goddess of fire, the maiden aspect of the Goddess Bridget. Her name means "like unto flame" or "bright and shining one". Her magickal symbol is the rising sun.

Belisana

An aspect of Belisama, but more earthly. A Goddess of laughter, healing, and the forest.

Bell

Often used as a ritual tool, bells can be used to invoke directional energies or cleanse a space. Associated with the element of Air.

Belomancy

Ancient form of divination preformed by tossing or balancing arrows.

Beloved Dead

People who were known to us and whom we loved when they were alive, and who have crossed over.

Beltane

A Wiccan festival celebration on April 30th or May 1st (traditions vary). Beltane is also known as May Eve, Roodmas, Walpurgis Night, Cethsamhain. Beltane celebrates the symbolic union, mating, or marriage of the Goddess and God, and links in with the approaching summer months.

Beo

Living thing, life, livelihood, quick, alive, active, lively. One's physical body or true form. This can be shape-shifted into other true forms or be transformed by external magicks by others.

Besom

A witch's broom, used for sweeping away energies among other things.

Beyond the Veil

A term pertaining to those things beyond our 'normal' five senses, such as angels, fairies,

ghosts, etc. and things like channeling.

Bibliomancy

Divination by books.

Bidding

A prayer.

Biddy

¹ A 'doll' made from the last sheaf from the last harvest (See corn dolly) ² A little four inch doll made from material scraps.

Bi-Location

¹ A type of astral projection during which you maintain awareness of your present surroundings. ² Being seen in two places at one time, or being able to visit a place with your mind while your body remains in a different place.

Binary Divination

Any divination system that offers a yes/no type answer.

Bind

To magickally restrain something or someone.

Biocurrents

Electrochemical energy currents generated by living cells.

Biological Radio

Russian terminology for telepathy.

Biophysics

The physics of biological phenomena.

Bith

This world: the manifest multi-verse.

Black Magic

A term used to refer to magic being done for “evil” purposes or by people of whom the user of the term disapproves. Traditionally any form of magic done to another, or for another without the knowing and express approval of the person towards whom the magic is directed.

Black Mirror

A divination tool with solid black replacing the reflecting mirror.

Black Moon

The second dark moon (new moon) within a calendar month is a black moon. In working magic, a black moon is thought to be a time of enormous magical power in the spiritual world. Spellwork at this time is especially powerful.

Blath

Prosperity. The eastern realm among the Fifths.

Bless

To bless something or someone is to set it apart as sacred, or, as the dictionaries prefer, to make it “holy.” The word is sometimes used synonymously with “consecrate.”

Blessed Be

An all purpose greeting, response and farewell among Witches. It reminds us that everything and everyone is sacred.

Blessing

A ritual used to consecrate by spiritual rite or word, a blessing.

Blessing Way

The ritualistic dedication of young children (similar to a baptism).

Blood Moon

The eleventh full moon of the year.

Blood of the Moon

A woman's menses.

Bloodstone

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of creativity, vitality, energy, and knowledge.

Blue Moon

When there are two Full Moons in one calendar month, the second is called a Blue Moon.

Boann

Also "Boi", "Boanna". A river Goddess, she is the mother of the herds. Her magickal symbol is a silver salmon.

Bodb the Red

A Son of Dagda. Virile and athletic, this God represents the male energy.

Bodhran

"Cow song," a drum.

Bolline

The white-handled knife, used in magick and Wiccan ritual for carving or cutting materials that are necessary for ritual or healing. It is also sometimes used for harvesting herbs, and will have a small silver sickle shaped blade.

Bonding Control

A PK talent involving the creation and/or alteration of bonding patterns on the intermolecular, interatomic and subatomic levels; thus causing disintegration or cohesion. See Geller Effect.

Book of Shadows

A Witch's book of rituals, spells, dreams, herbal recipes, magickal lore and so forth. Much akin to a magickal cookbook. Also know as a BoS. Once hand copied upon Initiation, the BoS is now photocopied, typed, or given via diskette in some Covens. No one "true" Book of Shadows exists; all are relevant to their respective users. May also be referred as an HD-oS (Hard Disk of Shadows).

Book of the Dead

An Egyptian treasure on the afterlife that includes hundreds of magickal instructions for everything from invocations to charms.

Book Religions

An idea that pagan religions differ from organized religions because the main doctrines of organized religions are written down in entirety and therefore "fixed". Pagan religions are fluid and ever changing because nature and our experiences with her are ever changing.

Boomerang Curse

Spell designed to make an attacker suffer the effects of whatever hostile magic they may have launched at the user; a variation of the "mirror effect," probably operates through reddopsi.

Boon Moon

A High Moon, the sixth full moon after Yule. Also called the "Dyad Moon".

Borvo

Also "Bormo" and "Bormanus". A Celtic "Apollo" and God of healing. Represents Fire of Water; such as hot springs and mineral waters. A God of the unseen truth and inspiration through dreams. His magickal symbols are the same as those of "Belenus" with the addition of a flute and hot springs.

Botanomancy

Divination from burning tree branches and leaves and studying herbs.

Bran

Also "Bron". A protector of poets and bards. He is an excellent singer and his magickal symbol is the bard's harp.

Branwen

A Welsh Goddess of love, sometimes known as "the White-Bosomed One" and "the Venus of the Northern Sea". Her magickal symbol is a white crow.

Brazier

A brazier was a very common means of heating larger homes in ancient Greece and ancient Rome. It was a portable metal device in which a fire would be kindled. Today, some use the term brazier to refer to an incense censer, thurible, or burner. The incense brazier is usually made of metal, is ornate, and is often designed to be suspended on a chain. It may be partly filled with sand so that incense sticks may be inserted, or charcoal briquettes can be used.

Breca Sith

"Faerie marks," the livid spots that appear on the faces of the dying.

Brehon Laws

Old Irish laws governing all aspects of life.

Bri

Strength, energy, vigor, merit, essence, natural talent. The power inherent within a person, place or object. It is the power of the creative intent that basically defines your existence. One has a limited amount of Bri. (See Bua.)

Bricht

Magick, the spoken spell.

Bridgid

The triple aspect Goddess, Maiden, Mother, and Crone.

Bridget

A sun and fire Goddess, representing Fire of Fire. She is the Goddess of the hearth and home and represents the sacred fire. She is a Goddess of smithcraft, healing, medicine, poetry, and inspiration. Her magickal symbols are the spindle and distaff, the sacred flame or balefire, the cauldron, and her brass shoe.

Brigantia

A powerful Celtic British nature Goddess, very similar to Bridget. Her name is an ancient name for Britain, representing the rivers and curves of the countryside.

Bright One

The "bright" aspects of the Goddess or All Mother representing light and life. (See Dark One.)

Brimstone

Sulfur.

Bruja/Brujo

Spanish for witch. (j is pronounced like h)

Bua

Victory, triumph, success, talent, destiny. The earned power that can be shared, stored, increased or decreased. It is what develops from ritual, configuration, blessing, sanctifications. One has an unlimited amount of Bua. (See Bri.)

Buabhail

Drinking horn.

Buckland, Raymond

The man credited for the modern Craft movement in America, which he began in the 1960's and 70's. He studied with Gardner and has written many books on Witchcraft and Magick. He also founded the Tradition known as "Seax-Wica" — taken from Anglo-Saxon Witchcraft. Buckland and his wife were brought into the Craft by the same High Priestess as Gerald Gardner. (See Gardner, Dr. Gerald B.)

Burin

An engraving tool, often made with wooden handle carved by user and a sharpened nail.

Burning Times

Reference to a historical time from around 1000 C.E. through the 17th century when many people were tortured and burned by church and public officials on the assumption they were the Xian version of Witches. This turned into an extremely profitable venture, as all land and property was seized from the accused individual and portions given to the accuser (in reward fashion) and the remainder seized by church officials.

Bwa'r Crach

“Hag’s bow,” the rainbow leading to the Other World.

C

Cabala

The Hebrew mystical tradition that views the relationship between God and man as expressed by the Tree of Life, the Three Pillars, and the 32 Paths of Wisdom.

Cabochon

A cut and polished stone, with one rough edge.

Caduceus

A wand or staff with two snakes twined around it. At the top of the wand sit a pair of wings.

Caer

Castle or fortress.

Cakes and Ale

The Wiccan “communion” that consists of a natural beverage and cake offered to each participant in a ritual, or eaten by participants at the end of the ritual as a part of the grounding process.

Calcite

A magickal stone whose quality is that of balance of positive and negative energies.

Call

Invoke Divine and Elemental forces.

Calling the Quarters

Verbal or symbolic acknowledgment of the Four Elements (Earth, Air, Fire, Water) in a ritual environment.

Camulus

A Celtic "Mars" and war God, associated with clouds and storms. His magickal symbols are the severed head and a very large sword.

Candle Magick

A type of magick in which candles are charged for a specific purpose and then burned to unleash the spell. Once a candle has been charged for a purpose, that purpose remains until is completely burnt out. Never perform candle magick on an 'active' — or 'partially burnt' — candle, for its energies are already unleashed, even if its only purpose thus far was to simply shed light.

Candles

In addition to illuminating the altar, candles are sometimes used to mark each of the four Quarters, and can also be used in spell working. They are often anointed with oil and inscribed with magickal symbols.

Candomble

A Brazilian Pagan Tradition with roots in 'VooDoo'. (See Santeria.)

Canon

Rule, law, model, or standard; often used by early Xian churches to squash people's rights, especially in dictating what they could and could not believe.

Carnelian

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of sexuality, fire, power, and creativity.

Capnomancy

Study of smoke rising from a fire.

Cardinal Points

North, South, East, and West, marked in the Georgian Tradition by candles of green, red,

yellow, and blue, respectively. The Circle is drawn to connect these four points.

Cardinal Signs

In astrology, the four signs of the Zodiac which initiates the Elemental Tides (Aries Fire ect).

Cartomancy

Fortune telling using cards such as the Tarot.

Cast System

Any system that is mixed, and then cast upon a surface, and the subsequent patterns or the object's resting locations are then interpreted.

Casting

To cast a spell or cast a Magick Circle. It involves the raising of energies coinciding with symbolic actions, words, etc. towards the creation of something, thus manifesting it.

Casting Stones

¹Several systems of divination call for small stones to be cast upon the ground, or on a special board or cloth. Theses stones may be marked with runes, or their color may indicate their meaning. Also called Lithomancy. ²A method of focusing or firing a spell through the carving or writing of runes.

Casting the Circle

The psychic creation of a sphere of energy around the area where a ritual is to be performed, both to concentrate and focus the power raised, and to keep out unwanted influences or distractions. The space enclosed exists outside of ordinary space and time.

Casual Plane

A term used for the Lower Spiritual Plane.

Catapsi

An anti-psi talent for the generation of strong fields of psychic static, frequently at such high intensity that all other psi fields within range are disrupted and/or drowned out, usually with the information content of those fields collapsing first.

Cath

Conflict. The northern realm among the Fifths.

Catoptromancy

An early form of crystal gazing that utilizes a mirror turned to the moon to catch moonbeams.

Cauldron

This is used to make brews, contain a ritual fire, used for scrying. Can be four-legged or three-legged. It represents the womb of the Goddess, as in Cerridwen's cauldron named Awen, or the source of all plenty, as in the Dagda's cauldron. Most modern practitioners use it either as a symbol, to cook in for Sabbat feasts, to burn things in as part of a spell, for scrying, etc.

Causimonmancy

Divination from behavior of objects placed in a fire.

C.E.

Common Era. Synonymous with A.D. without religious bias.

Celestial Equator

The apparent meeting of two or more celestial bodies in the same degree of the zodiac.

Cellular Psychokinesis

(CPK) A subcategory of PK, involving the use of what is probably several different APK

talents in order to psychically affect the structure and behavior of living organisms, working primarily on the cellular level.

Celtic

Traditions of Paganism of the Celts, being the Gauls and Britons. Irish, Highland Scottish, Manx, Cornish, Breton, and Welsh peoples of Central and Western Europe. e.g. 'Witta', 'Faery' or 'Faerie' traditions, and 'Druidism'.

Celtic Cross

A circle with a 'plus sign' inside of it. It signifies the Celtic Trinity, but also carries other significance to other traditions as well; the Norse Odinnic Traditions call it 'The Eye of Odin'.

Censer

A heat-proof container in which incense is burned. It is associated with the element of air.

Center/Centre, The

Point of intersection of various planes or modes of existence, including space and time, and which can be used for (at least subjective) transportation between them.

Centering

The process of moving one's consciousness to one's spiritual center, leading to a feeling of great peace, calmness, strength, clarity and stability.

Cephalomancy

Divination with the skull or head of a donkey or goat.

Ceraunoscopy

Seeks to draw omens from the study of thunder and lightning.

Ceremonial Magick

A highly confided magickal tradition based upon Kabala, the Jewish-Gnostic mystical teachings.

Ceremony of Initiation

A ceremony of honor conducted by a group welcoming an initiate into the Craft.

Ceres

The Roman Goddess of agriculture. The Greeks called her "Demeter".

Ceroscopy

Form of fortune telling in which melted wax is poured into cold water.

Cernunnos

The Horned God-aspect of the god depicted by a man with antlers and sometimes the tail and legs of a stag. He is often pictured sitting cross-legged with a torch in one hand and a serpent in the other.

Cerridwen

Celtic grain goddess.

Chakras

Seven major energy vortexes found in the human body. Each is usually associated with a color.

Chalice

A ritual cup, symbolic of the Goddess' womb. It represents the female principals of creation.

Channeling

¹ A practice wherein you allow a discarnate entity to "borrow" your body to speak to others.

² The ability to direct Divine energy through ones physical self to another person, place, event,

animal, plant or whatever is desired.

Chant

This can be a rhyme, sometimes called a rune, intoned rhythmically to raise power. Such rhymes can be simple and repetitive, it makes them easier to remember, but it is not a requirement.

Chaos

Primordial Deity, God/dess before creation. Both female and male, spiritual and physical, dark and light, Chaos is both order and disorder combined. From this boundless store of energy, what appear to be random occurrences in nature can form into non-random patterns. Chaos energy is the basis of magickal theory, of creating change through esoteric forces.

Chaplet

A circle for the head usually made of flowers and worn at Beltane or during a hand fasting.

Charge of the Goddess

Originally written in modern form by Doreen Valiente, it is a story of the message from Goddess to Her children. There are many variations, including Charge of the God, Charge of the Dark Goddess, ect.

Charging

Infusing an object with personal power. Charging is an act of Magick.

Charm

An amulet or talisman that has been charged and instilled with energy for a specific task.

Chaste Moon

The third full moon of the year.

Chatoyancy

The property of some stones of showing apparent movement, illumination or opalescence, within it.

Chi/Qi

In Eastern philosophy, chi (pronounced kee) is the enlivening force in the universe that animates all life.

Chinese Elements

Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water.

Chiromancy

Divination from the lines in peoples hands.

Chirognomy

Study of the general hand formation.

Cingulam

A knotted cord worn with ritual robes; it often denotes connection to a coven or degreed status.

Circle

Sacred space wherein all magick is to be worked and all ritual contained. It both holds ritual energy until the witch is ready to release it, and provides protection for the witch. Also, a gathering of Witches or Pagans. We meet in Circle to worship and work magick. Sometimes the entire group is also known as the Circle. This can get a little confusing, "Our Circle is having a Circle where we will circle in a circle." You mostly have to figure it out from the context.

Circle of Stones

A Magick Circle formed of stones, either man-made or found naturally, usually set upright around the perimeter. Stonehenge is such a circle. This type of Magick Circle is more commonly

used in Druidic, Celtic, Shamanic, and some Northern-European Traditions.

Circuit

A pattern or connection between whole or partial metapatterns within the Switchboard; often may be (or be associated with) an archetype, deity or other spirit.

Citrine

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of thought, clarity, pattern and insight; of the mind.

Claimer

Action of consciously/unconsciously of seeing an object you want **very** much, and placing a psychic 'mark' on it, that holds the item until you can get it.

Clairaudience

“Clear hearing” of divinatory information. Parapsychologist generally regard as a form of extrasensory perception.

Clairgustance

ESP input associated with taste, without the medium of another mind.

Clairofaction

ESP input associated with smell, without the medium of another mind.

Clairtangency

ESP input associated with touch, without the medium of another mind.

Clairvoyance

“Clear seeing” of divinatory information. Parapsychologist generally regard as a form of extrasensory perception.

Clair Senses

General term for all the forms of ESP that start with the prefix "Clair-."

Claming

A technique in which a practitioner consciously or unconsciously places a psychic "mark" on a desired item to reserve or keep the item until it can be physically obtained.

Clan

Any number of covens who have agreed to follow the same kinds of rules, which spring from one central governing source. A clan has a single leader, and within the democratic clan governing system he or she has the power to veto proposals or actions of the group.

Cleansing

Removing negative energies from an object or space.

Cleopatra's Needle

An obelisk shaped crystal, used as a collector of negative and pent-up energy. Usually placed in a flower pot or sea sand to ground.

Cleric

A person who uses both passive and active talents and rites for both thaumaturgical and theurgical purposes, for personal and public benefit.

Cleromancy

"Casting lots," similar to dice but with objects such as pebbles or sea shells.

Clidomancy/Cleidomancy

Divination using a dangling key.

Clodna

A bird Goddess and a young aspect of the "Dark Goddess" or "Dark One". Her name means "shapely one", and she is the most beautiful woman ever seen when she takes human form. Her magickal symbol is an apple.

Code

A religion's moral standard.

Coelbreni

Divination sticks.

Coiced

A fifth, one of five provinces of the land or cosmos.

Coirc

Magick cauldron.

Cold Control

The use of temperature control to freeze or thaw objects or beings.

Collective Unconsciousness

Term used to describe the sentient connection of all living things, past and present, may also be called the Akashic Records.

Color Classifications

Sets of associations between various colors and particular concepts, interests or acts.

Color Magick

Perhaps the simplest and most useful forms of magick, it utilizes colors and their traditional representations to bring about desired effects.

Coming of Age Ritual

At age 13 for boys, and at the time of a girl's first menses, Pagan children are seen as spiritual adults. This ritual celebrates their new maturity and in some traditions, this is the age when they are permitted membership in covens.

Coming Out of the Broom Closet

Living openly as a witch.

Commune

The ability to communicate or share experiences with spiritual entities. Communing with Angels during a spiritual ceremony is an example.

Compact

A doctrine or constitution of rules and/or guidelines by which a coven or pagan study group operates.

Compass Round

Laying, or drawing a compass round is the act of creating a tool for focus and to create a boundary, a temple for magic. Thus, the compass is used to contain positive energy and to keep out negative energy. The Traditional Crafter considers all ground to be sacred, thus the laying of a compass is not considered always necessary. However, a compass can be an aid for concentration before working magic, ritual, and meditation. A fire for a compass (candles, fireplace) is lit with matches, preferably wooden matches and not a cigarette lighter.

Conditioning

The state of being that reflects the culmination of one's ancestry, upbringing, experience, personality, and culture. This is **not** the true self, but a collection of the valences and reactions that an individual wears as a way to maneuver in this world.

Cone of Power

Psychic energy raised and focused during ritual to achieve a definite purpose.

Conjunction

The apparent meeting of two or more celestial bodies in the same degree of the zodiac, also combining.

Conjuration

A means of invoking a helpful spirit for a specific task.

Conjure

To call forth spirits from the Spirit World.

Conscious Mind

The analytical, materially bases, rational half of our consciousness. The part of our mind that is at work while we balance our checkbooks, theorize, communicate, and perform other acts related to the physical world.

Consecration

The act of blessing an object or place by instilling it with positive energy for sacred purposes.

Consort

In matters of the Gods and Goddesses, the Consort is the masculine element of given unions or pairs.

Contacts

Forces or entities with whom magickal links are established, especially the forces or entities and magickal currents from which a group draws its power to initiate thus to be contacted means to be linked to a particular magickal current.

Contagion, Law of

“Objects or beings in physical or psychic contact with each other continue to interact after spacial or temporal separation.”

Coracle

A small boat covered with animal skins used by Celts for ritual practices to be held on the seas.

Cord

In many traditions, the color signifies a degree. It may also be used in knot magick, as well as in binding and loosening spells. May also be called a girdle, or cingulum.

Cordemanon

¹ A young God of travel and knowledge. His magickal symbols are Stone Circles and The Great Book of Knowledge. ² The ancient name of Stonehenge. ³ Also means 'one who teaches Gyddonic Pagan Tradition without distortion'.

Corn Dolly

A figure, often human-shaped, created by plaiting dried wheat or other grains. It represents the fertility of the Earth and the Goddess in early European agricultural rituals and is still used in Witchcraft. Corn dollies aren't made from cobs or husks but from wheat or other grains; corn originally referred to any grain other than maize and still does in most English-speaking countries, except the United States.

Corp Creidh

“Clay body,” used as a magick poppet or spelling doll.

Correllian Calendar

The twelve Ages of the Correllian Calendar derive their names from the twelve signs of the Zodiac. Instead of running from Aries (the first sign of the Zodiac) to Pisces (the last sign), the signs run backwards.

Correspondences

A system of symbolic equivalences use in magick. (See Magickal Correspondences.)

Coscinomancy

Divination using a hanging sieve.

Coven

A group of thirteen or fewer witches that work together in an organized fashion for positive magickal endeavors or to perform religious ceremonies.

Covendom

Traditionally the area one league (three miles) in all directions from the Covenstead, from which the Coven members are drawn and defining the boundaries between Covens, in modern practice the area defined by the swelling places of the members of a Coven which may well overlap with another Coven.

Covenstead

The meeting place of witches, traditionally a fixed building or place where the witch can feel safe and at home.

Coventina

A Goddess of childbirth, renewal, and healing springs. Her magickal symbols are the womb and the well, her well represents the womb of the earth.

Cowan

Anyone who is not a Witch, Wiccan, or Pagan.

Cowry Shells

Shiny tropical shells thought to be a yoni (a symbol of the woman's vulva).

Coyote Energy

Trickster energies. Named for the American Indian Trickster, Coyote, who tricks man into learning what he needs to learn. Applies to one who constantly jokes and clowns. Also applies to the concept of “Holy Fool” in many traditions.

Craebh Ciuil

“The silver branch,” or faerie shaman’s magick wand.

Craft

Short for “Witchcraft” or “the Craft of the Wise”. Often used because it isn’t as much of a buzzword as “Witch”. Generally associated with the practical aspects of the religion.

Craft Name

Pagans customarily choose, or receive as a gift, a special name which evokes their unique personality and/or powers. Some take a completely new name, while others choose a historic or ethnic version of their given name. People may use their craft names all the time, or only during ritual; some even go through a legal name change. Also called a Magickal Name.

Crane Bag

The bag held by a shaman which hold magickal talismans such as crystals, stones, or totems.

Crannchur

“Casting the wood,” or divining by Oghams.

Credo

A religion’s philosophy on life.

Crescent Moon

Sacred symbol of the Goddess. Used for Sabbats, women’s healing and invocations.

Critique

A calm and unbiased evaluation of the structure and performance of a ritual, not usually done in American occult groups thanks to internal politics and delicate egos.

Critomancy

Study of barley cakes.

Crone

Aspect of the Goddess represented by the Wise Old Woman. Symbolized by the waning moon, the carrion crow, the cauldron, the color black. Her Sabbats are Mabon and Samhain.

Croning

A ceremony held to mark a woman's transition from Mother to Crone, the final phase of a woman's life.

Cross-Quarter Days

Refers to Sabbats falling on the solstices or equinoxes.

Crossing the Bridge

A Pagan term for the death of someone/something. It is also the name of a funeral ritual done by covens and solitaires to mark the passing of coven members and loved ones. Unlike most religious funerals, it is a time of rejoice rather than mourning, since pagans believe that the individual's experiences for this lifetime are complete.

Crowley, Aleister

An extremely dominant author of the occult and magick. His works in occult studies are seen very much as 'core' material. Without his research and dedication, especially where magick is concerned, we pagans would most assuredly be much further behind in our own studies.

Crucible

¹ A container made to heat metal at high temperatures. ² A severe test or trial.

Crystal Ball

A ball is made of quartz (you can tell if it is true quartz by its cold feel and the inclusion of irregularities). It is used for divination.

Crystal Gazing

To perceive psychic visions with a naturally formed crystal or crystal ball surface, that relates to the masses or to individuals. Most often using a natural crystal ball, not a man-made lead crystal ball.

Crystallomancy

Divination by crystals, usually a crystal ball.

Cult

A group which professes to be spiritual in nature, but requires a great deal of energy and/or money from its followers as 'proof' of their devoutness. Also frequently dependent on the charisma of a Leader.

Culture

The sum total of those things (including traditions, techniques, material goods, and symbol systems) that people have invented, developed, and transmitted to each other.

Cultus

A religion's particular set of rituals and mythology.

Cunning Folk

An old name for people who practice folk magick because they lived by their cunning, insightful abilities.

Cunningham, Scott

A very important author of the modern pagan movement. His works have inspired many, many would-be pagans and helped them take their first steps upon the Pagan Path.

Curse

Purposely directing negative energy at someone. Wiccans **do not** do this, as it goes against the rules of three.

Cut the Door

To ritually leave or enter a Circle after it has been cast by carefully opening a space to pass through and closing it after crossing the boundary.

Cwn Annwn

(COON-ANOON) The hunting dogs of the faeries. Also called the hell hounds.

Cyclomancy

Practice of divination from a turning wheel.

D

Da/n

Poem, art, hymn, skill, gift, destiny, fate, talent, vocation, calling, treasure. A gift or talent intrinsic to a person, given by the Gods, unchangeable, which may either be expressed or not.

Dactylogy

Finger signaling system of language (such as Ameslan) used by deaf and mute persons; can also be used as powerful mudras in rituals.

Dactylomancy

An early form of Radiesthesia using a dangling ring.

Daemon

A daemon a lesser Divinity. A guardian spirit, the inspiring or indwelling spirit of a place or thing, an entity or intelligence of a particular force, an artificial elemental created by a person or group for a specific purpose or force.

Dagda

An aspect of the All Father, and a Lord of complete knowledge and wisdom. He is the "Light" aspect of the God and is the master of life and death and a bringer of prosperity and abundance. He is the 'light' twin to the 'dark' Sucellos, ruling over the light half of the year beside the Goddess. His magickal symbols are the wand, chalice (or goblet), a magick harp, the flesh hook, a sword, club, and cauldron.

Dagger

A ritual knife used for severing psychic bonds, exorcising, cursing and/or initiating.

Damona

A protectress of farmers' herds and fields and a Goddess of abundance and prosperity. Her magickal symbols are cattle.

Damping

A psi or anti-psi talent for lowering the power levels of psychic energy fields.

Danu

A Goddess of wisdom, complete abundance, and control over all things. She represents Air of Air and is a Goddess of the people. Her magickal symbols are a staff and the color green.

Daonie Sidhe

The "little people", Leprechauns, Pixies, etc.

Daphnomancy

Requires one to listen to laurel branches cackling in an open fire.

Dark Ages

An era from about C.E. 476 to about the year 1000 characterized by repression and unenlightenment.

Dark Moon

Another name for the New Moon. Often refers to a time of rest when no magickal ceremonies or rituals should be conducted.

Dark One

The dark aspects or archetypes of the Goddess, or All Mother, whom represents death.

Days of Power

Days triggered by astrological occurrences, moon cycles or special events (your birthday, your menstrual cycle, your dedication/initiation anniversary, ect.) (See Sabbat.)

De-magicking

The process of returning magickal energies back to the earth.

Declination

The angular distance north or south from the celestial equator measured along the great circle passing through the celestial poles.

Decoction

Decoction is a method of extraction of herbal constituents from stems, roots, barks and rhizomes through boiling. The hard plant parts are covered with water, brought to a boil for about 10 minutes and then cooled and strained.

Dedicant

A person who is apprenticed in witchcraft.

Dedication

The ritual in which an individual accepts the Craft as their path and vows to study and learn all that is necessary to reach adeptship. It is a conscious preparation to accept something new into your life and stick with it, regardless of the highs and lows that may follow. This person may be called a Dedicant, Seeker, or Candidate.

Deflection/Bouncing

An anti-psi talent for altering the force vectors of incoming psi broadcasts, thus “bouncing” them away.

Degrees

Levels of imitation representing spiritual or magickal development as well as skill, knowledge and experience. See Initiation.

Deity

A god or goddess.

Delphic Maxims

The Delphic Maxims are inscribed at Delphi and are said to have been delivered by Apollo Himself. The Maxims are suggestions for pious living, not quite commandments, really strong recommendations. According to legend, they were written down by The Seven Sages who are usually identified as: Solon of Athens, Chilon of Sparta, Thales of Miletus, Bias of Priene, Cleobulus of Lindos, Pittacus of Mitylene and Periander of Corinth.

Demeter

See Ceres.

Demon

Derived from Daemon, an artificial elemental created by neurotic complex of energies and emotions, weather of one person or many, hence counterproductive or harmful in influence and effect.

Demonomancy

Divination with the aid of demons.

Dendromancy

Divination with either oak or mistletoe.

Denomination

A religious sect. (See Tradition.)

Deosil

Clockwise, the direction in which the shadow on a sundial moves as the Sun “moves” across the sky. Deosil is symbolic of life, positive magick, positive energies.

Descending Node

The point of a planet's orbit in which it crosses the plane of the earth's orbit extended to meet the celestial body from north to south.

Density Control

A PK talent for increasing or decreasing the density of an object or being.

Devas

Devas are energies, or spirit forms, that create patterns of reality on higher levels of existence. Anything created naturally or by humans has a deva.

Devotee

Individual who has devoted him or herself to a particular deity who acts as their spiritual advisor and patron. Most devotees choose their patron based on their tradition as well as a similarity of morals and other defining characteristics between themselves and the deity.

Dharanis

One's phrase creeds or statements of belief, often used as mantras, such as "E = mc²."

Dhyana

Tantric trance, possibly a form of hypnosis.

Diamond

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of strength, power, insight, inspiration, protection, and development.

Diancecht

A physician and herbalist among the Gods. His magickal symbols are the mortar and pestle.

Dianic Wicca

A sect of witchcraft named for the goddess Diana and strongly tied into the feminist movement.

Dicetla

Spells.

Dichetal do Chennaib

Flash of inspiration.

Difficult Passage

A common mythological motif involving a hard transition or journey from one state or location to another through impossibly dangerous or paradoxical territory.

Dionysus

See Bacchus.

Directionals

The lower-level spirits, Faeries, or nature spirits of the four elements of earth, air, fire, and water. Thus, the elementals are the life force in the four elements.

Dirk

A traditional Scottish dagger.

Discarnate

Any spiritual entity without a physical body.

Discipline

Training or experience that corrects, molds, strengthens, or perfects (especially) the mental faculties or moral character; noted primarily by its absence in American occult groups.

Divination

The magickal art of discovering the unknown by interpreting random patterns or symbols through the use of tools such as clouds, tarot cards, flames and smoke. Divination contacts the Psychic Mind by drowsing the Conscious Mind through ritual and observation or of manipulation of tools.

Divination Channel

There are varying types of divination channels, as a whole, this is a person who has developed the knowledge and awareness to tap into Divine energies to interpret their patterns or meanings for spiritual understanding, or forecasting a coming event or issue.

Divine, The

A label used to refer to the God-like consciousness of the Universe. A complete and fully encompassing 'spiritual energy'.

Divine Power

The unmanifested, pure energy that exists within the Goddess and God. The life force, the ultimate source of all things.

Diviner

One who does divination.

Dli

Binding principle, law. That which connects and binds everything, and is found in everything.

Dowsing/Divining Rods

The magickal art of using a pendulum or stick to find the actual location of a person, place, thing, or element.

Dragon

The dragon is the symbol of unmanifested magickal energies.

Dragon Light

Sometimes also called “Dragon Fire”. The visible magickal energies generated by the “Dragon Lines”.

Dragon Lines

Channels of energy that run throughout the Earth, our bodies, and the cosmos. The lines running through the Earth, also called “Ley Lines” are in a sort of grid-like system and places of power like sacred sites, churches, and water wells are usually along Dragon Lines.

Drawing Down the Moon

A ritual preformed during the Full Moon by witches to empower themselves and unite their essence with a particular deity, usually the Goddess.

Drawing Down the Sun

A lesser known and lesser used companion ritual to Drawing Down the Moon in which the essence of the Sun God is drawn into the body of a male witch.

Drawn System

Any divination system where the querent draws out an item in response to a question.

Dream, Literal

A dream in which it's symbolism can be easily explained and interpreted because of recent events.

Dream, Prophetic

A dream sent to you by a part (your part) of the Universal Consciousness through your

unconscious mind to warn or prepare you for dramatic times or a future event.

Dream, Repetitive

This type of dream is one that keeps repeating itself, with little or no change. The reason a dream is recurring is because the message the dream is trying to get across is one that you have not acted sufficiently upon. The dream will cease to repeat when action pertaining to its message has been taken.

Dream, Symbolic

A dream that represents something. Usually it is a 'weird' dream that you do not understand. The message of the dream is relayed through symbols that you can relate to. Interpretation of such dreams can be extensive, but they have to mean something, else you'd not have dreamt it.

Dreamtime

Peculiar to the Aboriginal culture, a symbology similar to faeries and elves, it refers to a time before memory when ancestral spirits walked the earth and formed its natural features.

Dressing a Candle

Anointing a candle from the wick outward through the wax with scented oil for a specific spiritual use.

Druid

A person of the Celtic Mystical Order.

Druidism

A pagan path originating with the Celts. This path moved across Europe and is now practiced world-wide.

Druids, Ancient

From the root “dru-,” meaning “oak tree, firm, strong;” the entire intelligentsia of the Celtic peoples, including doctors, judges, historians, musicians, poets, priests and magicians.

Druids, Masonic

Members of several Masonic and Rosicrucian fraternal orders founded in the 1700's (and since) in England, France and elsewhere; some claim to go back to the original Druids.

Druids, Reformed

Members of several branches of a movement founded in 1963 c.e. at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota; most are now Neo-pagans, though the original founders were not.

Dryw

Wren, or druid.

Duality

The opposite of polarity. When used as a religious term, it separates two opposites such as good and evil and places those characteristics into two completely separate God-forms.

Dualism

A religious doctrine that states that all the spiritual forces of the universe(s) are split into 'Good Guys' and 'Bad Guys' who are eternally at war with each other.

Dualistic Polytheism

A style of religion in which the 'Good Guys' and 'Bad Guys' include several major and minor deities (though they may not always be called that by the official theologians); what most “monotheisms” really are. A example is Christian Fundamentalism.

Duile

Elements. Sometimes there are seven or nine duile in a Faerie Pagan's worldview. This list may include earth, water, stone, salt, sun, rain, cloud, stars and wind. Also du/il — element

(created thing), entity, creature, affection, hope, desire, fondness. An intrinsic quality of a person's form within the world, how one interacts with life. One's "mask" one's emotional attitudes or motives.

Dumiatis

A master teacher God of creative thought; A Celtic 'Mercury' — similar to the God 'Lugh'. His magickal symbols are the quill pen and ink, writing staves, books of knowledge, and the teaching tales.

Duothicism

A style of religion in which there are two deities accepted by the polytheologists, usually of opposite gender; all other deities worshiped are considered to be "faces" or aspects of the two main figures.

Dweomer

Another name for a spell or incantation.

Dwyn

A God of love and mischief who loves to play tricks, reminiscent of the Norse God "Loki".

Dyad Moon

See "Boon Moon".

Dynamic Balance, Law of

"In order to survive, let alone to become a powerful magician, one must keep every aspect of one's universe(s) in a state of dynamic balance with every other one."

E

Earth

In many magickal traditions, the element corresponds to the North; the colors black, brown and forest green; and foundation, stability, the human body, all solid material things, and prosperity.

Earth Magick or Power

The energy that exists within stones, herbs, flames, wind, and other natural objects.

Earth Mother

Female personification of the Life force, fertility of the Earth and its inhabitants. One of the most widespread deity concepts in the world (though far from universal); She is now worshiped in the West as Mother Nature.

Earth Plane

Metaphor for your normal waking consciousness, or for the everyday, solid world we live in.

Earthing

Sending excess energy into the Earth; done in ritual after power has been raised and sent to its goal. (See Grounding.)

Eclectic

A witch who worships in more than one mythological tradition.

Eclipse

When one heavenly body obscures another for a short period of time, creating a temporary veil or shadow.

Ecstasy

Greek ekstasis, being out of its place, distraction, trance. The exaltation of consciousness beyond the limitations of ordinary awareness as a result of extreme emotional exaltation and religious fervor, the state of being outside oneself.

Edain

Also "Etain". A Goddess of grace and beauty and wife of the God "Mider", whom 'won' her in a chess game. Her magickal symbols are a herd of white mares with blue eyes and a spray of apple blossoms held in her hand.

Eddas

Poems that are stories of the Norse gods and goddesses, and the origin of the world and all that is in it, including elves and dwarves.

Eidolon

A thought form an artificial energy construct, a body of force, a traditional ritual or spell builds up a store of force which may be tapped by the participants.

Eifeacht

Force, efficacy, effect, value, worth, importance, meaningfulness, potency, success, capability, achievement, wisdom, sense, feats, avail, maturity, substantiation. The environment within which one acts; the powers outside a person that may be tapped into or interacted with.

Eildon Tree

This is a name given to the hawthorn tree which the sacred tree of elves and faeries.

Elayne

Also "Elen", "Elen Lwyddawg", "Eriu" (Ireland). She is a Goddess of war and leadership, and immense stature. She is considered the Warrior Mother. "Myrddin" is one of her Consorts.

Elder

One who is recognized as an experienced leader, teacher, and counselor.

Electric Control

An APK talent involving the control of electricity and other electron phenomena.

Electrochemical

Having to do with the interchanges between electrical and chemical energy, especially those taking place in the body.

Electromagnetic Spectrum

The entire range of frequencies or wave-lengths of electromagnetic radiation from the longest radio waves to the shortest gamma rays. Visible light is only a tiny part of this range.

Elemental

The primitive non human and non material entity of the nature of one of the Four Elements, also an artificial elemental is a thought form whether created consciously by thought and will, or unconsciously by strong emotions, which develops a separate existence, that separate existence can be temporary or as in the case of Godform created by the devotion of the worshiper and ensouls by the Divine Force thus venerated through prayer and invocation, can become permanent and independent, the term elemental is also used to refer to the inhabitants of other realms of existence whose orders of being are similar to that of the Elementals, such as the inhabitants of the Faery Realm.

Elementals, Artificial

Term used by some Western occultists to refer to spiritual entities “created” by magicians, usually to perform specific tasks.

Elementals, Nature

Term used by some to refer to various minor spirits inhabiting or associated with various natural phenomena such as trees, streams, rocks, dust storms, etc.

Elements

Usually earth, air, fire, water, they are the building blocks of the universe. Everything that exists contains one or more of these energies. Some include a fifth element — spirit or Akasha.

Elf Fire

A term used for the flame used to light the balefire. Elf fire is created without the use of metals.

Elf Lights

Little cairns of stone, with inside room for a small candle in a glass holder. The stones are staggered so that when lit, the light shines through. A loose stone covers the top a few inches above the flame.

Elixir

A kind of potion used to energize and restore overall health to the person drinking it.

Elvenstar

Seven pointed star known as the faery star.

Elves

Elemental spirits and helpers usually found in forests. Some say that they are the guardians of the Dragon Lines of the Earth.

Emania

"Land of the Moon," where the dead went.

Emerald

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of psychic clarity, growth, divination, patterning, and sexuality.

Empath

One who can use the psi talent of empathy.

Empath, Controlled

Someone who uses psychometry and/or empathy and/or absorption, occasionally to the point of draining others of their psychic energy.

Empath, Total

One who has trouble controlling their empathic and/or other passive psychic talents, and subsequently gets “overloaded” with data and power.

Empathy

A form of telepathic reception limited to the perception of emotions; obviously this talent would tie in nicely with absorption.

Enchant

A term meaning to energize, charge, or empower an object such as a charm (talisman or amulet) with energy for a specific magical purpose.

Enchantment

A spell.

Energy

A force or inherent power which is part of all living things, seen and unseen.

Energy Control

In Tantra, the control of biocurrents and their movements through the body; otherwise the control of energy in general.

Energy Field

A continuously distributed something in space that accounts for actions at a distance; an area where energy does something. Don't blame me for the vagueness of this definition; it's a standard one used in modern physics.

Enfleurage

A French perfumery term describing the process of extracting essential flower oils, with purified fat. Also known as pommade.

Entity

A being, spirit, living creature or personification.

Eocra Esci

"Keys of knowledge," ogham sticks.

Ephemeris

A book which shows where the planets are every day of the year.

Epona

An earth Goddess representing fertilization by water, and a horse Goddess. She is portrayed as holding an apple while seated on a horse.

Equal-Armed Cross

A cross with equally sized arms representing the elements. The original Celtic Cross.

Equator

The great circle of the earth that is equally distant from the two poles and divides the earth into the northern and southern hemispheres.

Equinox

Either of the two times each year (as about March 21st and September 23rd) when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are of equal length.

Esbat

A ritual occurring on the New or Full Moon and dedicated to the Goddess in her lunar aspect.

Esoteric

Greek esoterikos, inner, beyond ordinary knowledge or understanding, hidden or inner knowledge reserved for initiates.

ESP

An acronym for extrasensory perception; an ability to perceive facts outside the range of the usual five senses and independently of any reasoning process. Includes telepathy, precognition, clairvoyance, and psychokinesis.

Essence

An intrinsic, fundamental nature or quality of something. The inward nature of anything which represents the underlying characteristics and relation to anything else.

Essential Oil

The fragrant 'blood' or liquid of a plant, usually flower.

Esus

A woodland God and aspect of the 'dark half' of "Kernunnos". He is a woodsman and hunter who slays "Tarnos", the golden bull. Appears tall, strong, and muscular wearing animal skins and carrying a sword and bow.

Ether

A hypothetical "substance" filling all space and conveying waves of energy.

Etheric

An other term for the spiritual world. That which exists in pure energy.

Etheric Plane

The level of energy and existence between the Astral plane and the Material Physical and the intermediary between the Physical and higher Planes, it is usually regarded as a subplane of the Physical, together with the purely material subplane, rather than as a distinct Plane of its own.

Ethics

¹Part of philosophy and theology pertaining to matters of “right and wrong,” “good and evil,” etc. ²A set or system of moral values. ³Principles of conduct governing an individual or profession.

Ethnography

Part of social and cultural anthropology emphasizing descriptions of individual cultures rather than cross-cultural comparisons; when engaged in by the untrained, often degenerates into scrapbooking.

Evening Star

A bright planet seen especially in the western sky at or after sunset.

Evocation/Evoke

To call something out from within.

Evocation, Law of

“It is possible to establish external communication with entities from either inside or outside of oneself, said entities seeming to be outside of oneself during the communication process.”

Exorcism

The expulsion or banishing of unwanted forces or entities from a person, place, or thing.

Exorcist

¹One who performs exorcisms. ²A magician or psychic (often very religious) with strong talents for CPK, anti-psi and the clair senses, who specializes in forcing or persuading unwanted psychic energies (including spirits) to depart from objects, persons or places.

F

Faerie/Fairy

Supernatural being who exists in a plane different from, but close to, the earth plane.

Faerie Burgh or Mound

Mound of earth which opens to a Faerie colony's underground home.

Faery Circle

This is a connection, a bridge between tying the human and faery world together, usually seen as a ring of flowers, shells, grass or stones.

Faery Garden

This garden is built specifically with faeries in mind, flowers and trees special to faeries and elves are planted to attract these beautiful creatures.

Faery Guardian

These helpful spirits protect the elemental doorway of your natural space, they are known also as the Watchers, their task is to watch and protect the thresholds of the seven directions, holding them in place until you bid farewell.

Faery Kings

Consorts to the faery queen, they are the gods of Irish tribes and defend the Irish clans.

Faery Magick

You experience faery magick when you leave the ordinary world and enter the realm of faeries.

Faery Queens

These goddesses of Irish tribes still guard the Irish clans and families. These magickal faery

queens are the source of creation and sovereignty of the land.

Faery Ring

This is known as an energetic ring and can be made using string, flowers, stones, seeds, twigs or leaves, it is made by faeries.

Faery Tale

This is any story which involves all manner of magickal creatures, magickal forces.

Faery Tradition

A sect of witchcraft started in the United States predominantly by Victor Anderson and Gwydion Penderwen that focused on the lore and magick of the fey.

Faeryland

This is a land filled with magickal beings going about their everyday lives just as mortals do. The otherworld is a mirror of the mortal world but with extraordinary things taking place, it is where no one ages or gets sick, where there is none of the discomfort experienced by humans.

Fagus

A tree God representing all beeches. He is strong, wise, and ageless.

Fairy Dust

A super-fine glitter, similar to embossing powder. Bought in small vials, some people wear them as magickal jewelry.

Faith Healing

CPK and/or other psi talents interpreted as religious phenomena in curing.

Familiar

An animal that has a spiritual bond with a witch; many times a family pet. Familiars can

also be entities that dwell on the astral plane. (See Totem Animal.)

Familiar Spirit

An artificial elemental created for a particular function or purpose, a natural entity whose order of being is similar to that of the Elemental, and who agrees to perform a specific immediate or long-term service, and they must also benefit from the relationship, for humanity is the Initiator-not the enslaver-of the lower order of beings.

Fascination

A mental effort to control another animal or person's mind. Often considered unethical.

Fates

The three Fates: Birth, the thread of Life and the transition of Death.

Father

The second, more mature aspect of the God, similar to the Xian idea of God the Father.

Fell

Baneful.

Feminine Energy

The intuitive, feeling side of life. The female aspects of the God/Goddess. (In a simplistic example: You think your hungry (that's feminine energy), you get up and make a sandwich, (that's masculine energy).)

Feng Shui

Ancient Chinese art of arranging objects in harmony with the earth's environment and energy lines. The term literally translates to "Wind and Water" but it refers to all the five Asian elements. Arranging objects and structures in the appropriate positions according to the system of Feng Shui allows for a healthy flow of spiritual energy or Chi.

Fetch

A thought form sent to bring something or someone, sometimes used for the summoner or Guardian.

Feth Fiada

Spell of invisibility.

Fetish

An object imbued with magical power, an object consecrated to a particular deity.

Few

An Oghamic character.

Fey

Faerie folk.

Fianna

A wandering band of warrior-bards led by Fion MacCumhaill.

Fid-nemith/Fid-neimid

Sacred Grove.

Fidh/Fiodh

"Wood," or "tree." Used to denote the Oghamic characters and the Trees they represent.

Fifth

Coiced. A province of the land or cosmos.

Fili

(Filid pl.) Poet bards. This Irish term most closely fits the term "Druid."

Filtering

An anti-psi ability to use apopsi, reddopsi or deflection selectively, thus stopping part of a psi broadcast or field while letting the desired remainder (usually part of the information content) through.

Findhorn

A place in northern Scotland where people live apart from the rest of the world, living on and tending to the land, growing organic vegetables and working together as a community, embracing spirituality and meditation.

Finite Senses, Law of

"Every sense mechanism of every entity is limited by both range and type of data perceived, and many real phenomena exist which may be outside the sensory scanning ability of any given entity." The Supreme Being(s) may be excepted from this law.

Fith-fath/Fath-fith

A rhymed incantation to change ones shape.

Fire

In many traditions, the element corresponds to the South, the color red, energy, will, passion, determination, purpose, ambition and spirituality.

Fire Festivals

First consisting of Beltaine and Samhain. Imbolgc and Lammas were added at a later date. These four festivals are associated with planting, harvesting, and hunting ceremonies.

Firing

The discharge of psychic energy in a ritual, the timing of which is frequently critical.

First Quarter

One half of the Moon appears illuminated by direct sunlight while the illuminated part is increasing. Here the Moon is the Maiden/Mother.

Fis

Learning. The western realm among the Fifts.

Five-Fold Kiss

A kiss performed in ritual where both feet are kissed, then both knees, the womb, both breasts, and the lips.

Fliodhas

A Goddess and protector of the woodlands and woodland animals, associated with the deer Goddess "Sadv". She is quiet and shy, and her magickal symbols are a large doe, lush green grass, and woodland springs.

Fluorite

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of Otherworldly experience and peace.

Focals

Items used in ritual and magick to give focus and energy.

Folk Magick

The practice of projecting personal power, as well as the energies within natural objects such as herbs, and crystals, to bring about needed changes.

Folklore

Traditional sayings, curses, wisdom of a particular locale which is separate from their

mythology.

Folktale

Story handed down amongst a people, from generation to generation. Often as a means of showing the validity of a particular course of action.

Forfidh

The additional five Oghamic Fedha which are used for diphthongs.

Four Wards, The

The four corners of North, East, South, and West. Also called the Watchtowers or Great Wards.

Frith

Old Norse word meaning 'Peace'.

Full Moon

The visible Moon is fully illuminated by direct sunlight. Here the Moon is Mother.

Full Moon Sabbat

One of thirteen monthly lunar celebrations of the full moon. It is a time for working magic and healing, as well as a time for special personal, family, or group celebrations.

Fumigate

To fill with or expose to incense smoke.

Futhark, Elder

The runic alphabet composed of twenty-five different runes.

G

Gabba

A Goddess of the "Abyss", a crone aspect of the "Dark" All Mother, and one of the Dark Queens. She is mysterious and works in such ways. Her magickal symbol is the Celtic endless weave or knot.

Gaea/Gaia

The earth, seen as a living, though supernatural, entity.

Gaian

One who believes in focusing their spirituality on the Earth (Gaia.) May include some Pagans, Wiccans, Creation-Centered Christians, Scientific Pantheists and others.

Gardner, Gerald B.

The man credited with the Pagan revival in England in the 1950's. The first person to declare himself a witch since before the Persecutions. He has written many, many books on the topic, actually making him one of the forefathers of modern pagan literature and texts.

Gardnerian

Of or relating to Gerald Gardner, who is credited with reviving Wicca in modern times.

Garnet

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of physical strength, imagination, flow, love, and passion.

Garter

A band of cloth, leather, or metal that is worn on the arm or around the leg. The Garter is also used in certain Traditions of witchcraft as a symbol of rank in the clergy. There are many variations on exactly how a garter should be made based on design and materials and these variation depend on the Tradition.

Gastromancy

Ancient form of ventriloquism whereby the voice is lowered to a sepulchral tone and prophetic utterances are delivered in a trance state.

Gebo

This is the Norse rune symbolizing the giving and receiving in life. Written like an X it represents the giver and the taker, is also the coming together of two elements that work together.

Geis/Gwelt

(Geisa pl.) Prohibition against doing something, but at the same time a source of power.

Geller Effect

One or more psi talents (including bonding control) that enable the user to bend metal objects without touching them, named after this century's best known user, Uri Geller. The effect is real and has been done by Geller and others under impeccable laboratory controls, regardless of the disputes by Geller's detractors.

Geloscopy

Divination from the tone of someone's laughter.

General Extrasensory Perception

(GESP) A term used when two or more forms of ESP are operating at the same time.

Genethliology

Divination by the influences of the stars at birth.

Gentry

The way elves and faeries prefer to be referred.

Geomancer

Someone who practices the art of geomancy, which is a system of divination that consists of making a random number of marks either on paper or a shallow box filled with earth, then constructing a pattern of dots from those marks, which are then interpreted for the answer.

Geomancy

Divination by interpreting dots on dirt particles or marks on the Earth.

Geomantic System

Any system that draws its interpretive values from the earth's configurations or patterns. Soil scattering, cloud scrying, Feng Shui, and similar systems are all geomantic.

Germ Theory

¹In Tantra, the theory that every entity has a germinal or root sound, the repetition of which can create that entity. ²In the West, a folk belief that all diseases are caused by miniature demons called "germs" or "viruses."

Germatria

A practice that attaches a number equivalent to each letter in a word. Germatria was initially connected to the Hebrew language; however its tenets can be applied to any language.

Ghost

An astral body or spiritual entity showing itself as a human being, only hazy or less dense than a physical body. Most often a soul that has transitioned to death, but does not want or does not know they have passed. Seen always in full form from head to toe. Can also be called a phantom.

Glainnaider/Glain-nan-Druidhe

"Druids glass," a magickal amulet.

Glam-Dichenn

A satire.

Glamour

A magickal illusion used to disguise.

Glyph

A design depicting a principle or concept.

Gnomes

An “entity” or “elemental” that dwells in the plane of Earth or is associated with the Earth Element.

Gobannon

Also "Govannon", "Goibniu". A blacksmith God of magick. His magickal symbols are blacksmithing tools and the 'transforming' fire.

Goblet

The ritual Cup of Love. It has a stem that separates the base from the cup. Traditionally, this sacred object is made of metal or clay (glass), symbolizing the element of Water (and the Goddess). (See Chalice.)

God

Masculine aspect of deity. (See Lord.)

“God or Goddess, Thou Art”

A statement of divine immanence common among Neopagans, originally from Robert Heinlein’s book, Stranger in a Strange Land. Most especially used within the 'Church of All Worlds'.

God Voice

Building up force and intoning a word or sound from deep within.

Goddess

Feminine aspect of deity. (See Lady.)

Goddess Mother

A Wiccan godmother.

Godling

A young or minor deity.

Goetia

Pertaining to non-religious magical methods or systems, hence many forms of spell craft.

Golem

An artificial person given life by the carving of a Sacred Name upon his or her forehead and usually used as a slave. Has deeper meanings in real Hebrew Mysticism, in which we are all golems in some sense.

Gothic

Of the Northern-European Pagan traditions and/or cultural tribes other than Celtic. These include Norse, Germanic, Icelandic, Dutch, Swedish, etc.

Grail

A magickal cup cauldron or horn used primarily in Celtic and European traditions. Utilized as a grail, these vessels hold elixirs for healing, wines for ceremonial rituals, or as a symbol of the 'water of life'.

Grain Dolly

A figure usually woven at Lammas from dried sheaves of grain collected the previous harvest. The dolly is traditionally burned at Yule. (See Corn Dolly.)

Grand Druid

The leader of the High Council of Nine. This is the "Pope" of Celtic Druidism.

Grandfather

The third, and eldest, aspect of the God.

Graphology

Analysis of character through handwriting.

Grave Goods

Is **not** stuff dug up from graves or grave stones. This is a collection of memorabilia, collected for someone who has just passed over, often then contained in a bag, then buried or cremated when the person is done. It can be things like pictures or herbs to 'good wishes' and spells of an easy transformation.

Gravity Control

A psychic talent for altering the gravitational fields in a particular location, such as in a room or around an object or being.

Gray Magic

Magic that is neither "black" nor "white," hence morally neutral, at least according to those who use these quaint terms.

Great Adventure, The

The cycle of life: Birth, Life, Death, and Rebirth.

Great Days

These are the names the ancient Celts gave to the times of the year when the Sun and the Earth are aligned in specific positions, in particular the solstices, equinoxes and cross-quarter days, they are known as the Sabbats.

Great Rite

Symbolic sexual union of the Goddess and God that is generally enacted at Beltane in many traditions. It symbolizes the primal act of creation from which all life comes. It may also be used to bind a person to the land, in which case it is frequently referred to as the sacred marriage.

Great Spirit

Often associated with Native American terminology, this is a label assigned to the Divine force of all creation. Like the God/Goddess of the Pagan, the Great Spirit symbolizes all aspects of the Universe. Can also be associated to Celtic beliefs as the Great Spirits, making the word plural to fully recognize that all things are part of the Divine forces of all creation.

Green Man

Another name for the God, referring to his aspect as Lord of the Woodlands.

Grimoire

A magickal workbook containing ritual information, formulas, magickal prosperities of natural objects and preparation of ritual equipment. Often used interchangeably with Book of Shadows.

Grounding and Centering

The process of connecting oneself to the Earth (grounding) and aligning one's own energy flow (also called centering). It is absolutely necessary to Ground and Center before one does any work at all involving energy or power. If you don't, you are likely to have a simply horrific headache, at the very least. You may also faint dead away, or become quite ill.

Group Mind

¹A section of the Switchboard consisting of two or more metapatterns linked into an identity

circuit. Term is used for those formed telepathically in rituals but can also be used to refer to mobs or other cases of crowd hysteria. ² The establishing of perfect love and perfect trust among a group of individuals.

Grove

¹ An organized group of Pagans. ² A clearing in a woodland or forest in which Witches have their covenstead. Sacred land of a pagan, witch, or coven.

Guardian Angel

An angelic being who watches over the souls of several individuals simultaneously. A force that can be called upon for protection, assistance in rituals or for help in gaining clarity on issues in ones life.

Guardians

The creatures or angels that protect the four corners (the elements) of the Circle.

Guides

A spiritual being who assists an individual through certain aspects of their life. There are four types of spiritual guides in ones life: Spirit Guide, Relative Guide, Guardian Angel, Master Teacher. Always seen from head to torso, floating on air; never with legs and feet.

Gwalchmei

Called the "Hawk" or "Falcon of May", as the son of the Goddess "Mei". He is a God of love and music. His magickal symbols are raptors and the fields at hunting times — early morning and late afternoon.

Gwyddon

Magician; Wise One, Astrologer, and/or Healer.

Gwyddonic Druidism

A Druidic pagan tradition which focuses greatly on the concept of Oneness. (See Oneness.)

Gwydion

Is the son of Danu ("Don"). He is a God of kindness, the arts, eloquence, and magick; a master of illusion and fantasy, and helper of humankind. He is the brother of Gobannon and Amaethon. He is brother and Consort to Arianhrod. A bard and magician, Prince of the powers of Air, and a shape-shifter. He is a great enchanter and healer and his magickal symbol is the harp.

Gwyn ap Nudd

Also "Gwyn". A God of the Wild Hunt, of the death chase, and of the Otherworld. He is the hunter of souls and lord of the unmanifested. His magickal symbol is his companion; a large white hound with red ears named "Dormarth".

Gyromancy

Divination procedure where a person walks in a circle marked with letters until they become dizzy and stumble at different points, thus spelling out a prophesy.

H

Hallows

Name used by some traditions for Samhain, or Halloween.

Hallucination

¹Perception of objects or beings with no reality or not present within normal sensory scanning range. ²Experience of sensations with no exterior cause, usually as a result of nervous dysfunction. ³Perceptions not in accord with consensus reality.

Hallucination, Veridical

One in which the content is essentially factual.

Hallucinogen

A chemical or biochemical substance capable of inducing hallucinations when introduced into the human metabolism.

Halolmancy

See Alomancy.

Handfasting

A Pagan wedding.

Handparting

The divorce or parting of ways of a handfasted couple.

Hare Moon

The fifth Full Moon of the year.

Harp

A sacred stringed musical instrument and magickal tool of Bards. (See Bard.)

Harvest Moon

See Barley Moon.

Healing

The goal of a great deal of magick, especially among healing-oriented spiritual traditions, is healing. Some alternative forms of healing include charkas/energy work, visualization, herbcraft, spirit journeys, crystal healing, among many others. Many Witches are professionals in the fields of healing and medicine.

Healing Channel

A person who has developed the knowledge and awareness to direct energy from the Divine forces to a person, animal, plant, place or thing for the purpose of healing.

Heat Control

The use of temperature control to start or stop fires and other heating phenomena, also called "psychopyresis."

Heathen

A non-Xian, from "one who dwells on the heath".

Heathenism

The religion of those who live on the heath (where heather grows).

Hecate

The Greek Goddess of ghosts and the Earth; the Dark Mother. Associated with magick and Witchcraft for centuries.

Hedge Witch

A hedge witch, traditionally, is a solitary practitioner who depends on self-study, insight, creativity, and intuition as guideposts. Such a witch may be self-dedicated, but is rarely publicly initiated, with practices similar to those of the village shamans and cunning folk who provided spells and potions for daily needs.

Hedonism

A method for altering the state of one's consciousness through the experience of intense pleasures; when extreme, may become tiring.

Heirloom Seeds

These seeds are of different varieties and cultivated through generations of plant.

Hellenic

The term Hellenic refers to all things Greek.

Hellith

A God of the setting sun (Fire of Air), and of the dying. If invoked, He brings peace to those near death. After death, souls are in his protection until they reach their destination. His magickal symbols are the setting sun disc and a flute that brings peace and tranquility to those that hear it.

Helmet, Horned

A helmet with horns used by some traditions of Witchcraft worn by the High Priest during times of ritual. During these times, the High Priest is the embodiment of the Horned God.

Hematite

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of grounding, protection, strength, density, and the otherworldly self.

Henotheism

A polytheistic religion where one deity is the official Ruler and is supposed to be the prime focus of attention.

Hepatoscopy

Divination through the use of animal innards (see Anthropomancy), especially livers. When done with French hens, usually indicates cowardice.

Hephaestic Transference

The process of transferring the power or properties of an object to another object by burning the object and rubbing the ashes on the receiving object, traditionally, a way of transferring the power of Signs and Symbols to an object without having to actually write or inscribe those symbols on the object itself and there by risk discovery.

Herb

A plant or plant part valued for its medicinal, savory, or aromatic qualities.

Herbalism

Art of using herbs both magickally and medically to facilitate human needs.

Herkimer

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of dreams and dreaming, psychic stimulation, power, and higher love.

Hermetic

Described as spiritual texts which date to the early days of Xianity. These writings describe information on astrology, magick, mysticism and alchemy.

Herne the Hunter

Apparition said to appear in England's New Forest. Xian mythology connects Herne the Hunter with the death of England's King William Rufus, but Pagans see Him as an aspect of the

ancient Horned God. If Herne appeared before an individual, it was considered to be an omen of death. The Horned God is always connected with winter and death. "Herne" is believed to be a shortened form of "Cernunnos", the Celtic name for the Horned God.

Hertha

Also "Herdda". A Goddess of rebirth and healing. She is an earth Goddess representing the greening of spring time. Her magickal symbols are the cow, calf, and milk pail.

Hex

Curse.

Hexagram

Six pointed star formed of conjoined upright and reversed triangles, representing the union of Fire Water and of Male and female the Star of the Macrocosm.

Hidden Children

Witches, who must often keep their religion secret, are the hidden children of the Goddess.

Hieromancy/Hierscopy

Divination by observing objects of ancient sacrifice.

Hierophant Druid

A Druid that has been a Grand Druid or at least a member of the High Council of Nine, but is no longer. These Druids, traditionally, usually became hermetic and would roam the wilds for the rest of their years, never to be seen alive, if at all, ever again. (See Druidism.)

High Magick

A form of detailed and strict ceremonial magick. It is more directly related to the Divine Power of the Gods. High Magick is not necessarily more powerful than Low Magick. (See Low Magick.)

High Priest

The primary male leader within a coven. Usually a third degree initiate who either helped found the coven, was chosen by the High Priestess, or was elected by the members.

High Priestess

The primary female leader within a coven. Usually a third degree initiate who either founded the coven, or was elected by the members.

Note: Neither male nor female has dominion over the other in the Craft. The High Priest and High Priestess in a coven environment should work as a balanced team.

Higher Self

The part of us which connects our corporeal minds to the Collective Unconscious and with the divine knowledge of the universe.

Hinayana Buddhism

The oldest or most “orthodox” form of Buddhism, with deities demoted to very minor roles or completely absent.

Hippomancy

Divination from the stamping and neighing of horses.

Hiving Off

The process in which a coven splits off part of itself to form a new, separate entity, generally within the same tradition. Although sometimes it is done to keep the coven a manageable size, it may also occur when there are irreconcilable philosophical or political differences.

Hixson’s Law

“All possible universes that can be constructed out of all possible interactions of all existing subatomic particles through all points in space-time, must exist.”

Holy Water/Holy Oil

Blessed, purified water/oil for use in ritual. Salt or an herb may be added to the water as part of its ritual purification process.

Hoodoo

A 200 year old religio-magickal practice started when the African slaves were brought to the Americas. It is the result of the combining of both African Voodoo and English/European Tradition(s).

Horned One

One of the most prevalent God-images in Paganism.

Horoscopy

Practice of casting astrological horoscopes.

Hydromancy

Divination by water including the color, ebb and flow, or ripples produced by pebbles dropped in a pool.

Hyperapotheosis

The promotion of one's tribal deity to the rank of Supreme Being, as in Judaism, Christianity or Islam.

Hypercognition

A categorical term for those psi talents consisting of superfast thinking, usually at a subconscious level, often using data received via ESP, which then reveals all or part of the "gestalt" (whole pattern) of a situation; this is then presented to the conscious mind as a sudden awareness of knowledge (or "a hunch"), without a pseudo-sensory experience. See Retrocognition and Precognition.

Hyperesthesia

Excessive or pathological sensitivity of the skin or other senses; heightened perception or responsiveness to the environment; often mistaken for real ESP.

Hypnosis

¹As used in this book, an altered state of consciousness within which the following can occur at will: increase in bodily and sensory control, in suggestibility, in ability to concentrate and eliminate distractions, and probably in psychic abilities as well. ²A useful word and tool for those who cannot conceive of nor practice real mesmerism.

I

I Ching

A Chinese system of divination in which yarrow stalks, or coins are cast to create hexagrams, which are then interpreted from a standard I Ching book.

Iatromancy

The divination of medical problems and solutions.

Ichthyomancy

Divination using fish.

Iconoclasm

¹'Icon' is like a statue of a Goddess; 'oclasm' is the act of breaking icons, or religious images.

²Can also refer to the act of attacking the beliefs of another.

Identification, Law of

“It is possible through maximum association of the elements of one’s own metapattern and those of another being’s to actually become that being, at least to the point of sharing its knowledge and wielding its power.”

Imaging/To Image

Term for strong visualization of a concept being used for focusing.

Imbas

Fire in the head, source of poetic/magickal/divine inspiration.

Imbas Forosnai

Word of mouth wisdom.

Imbolc

A Wiccan festival celebrated on February 2nd, also known as Candlemas, Lupercila, Feast of Troches, Oimelc, Brigit's Day, and many other names. Imbolc celebrates the first stirrings of spring and the recovery of the Goddess from giving birth to the Sun (the God) at Yule.

Imitative Magick

Used a lot by ancient hunters and farmers, imitative magick involved enacting the desired outcome of the spell or ritual as reality, such as drawing the image of a captured animal on a stone just before the hunt begins.

Immanence

The belief that Deity exists within all things, including people, and cannot be separated from them.

Immanent

Something that exists or remains within. It can be something inherent. From the Latin meaning "to remain in".

Immrama

Voyage or journey of the spirit.

Incantation

A rhymed affirmation.

Incarnate

Spirit within a physical body.

Incense

Ritual burning of herbs, oils, or other aromatic items to scent the air during acts of magick and ritual, and to better help the witch attune to the goal of the working. A symbol of Fire and Air,

they may be in the form of sticks, cones, resins, or dried herbs. The incense chosen will depend on the nature of the magick being performed.

Incubation

The practice of going to a sacred space alone for a time to receive divine inspiration.

Incubus

Male wraith form or demon, for the purpose of sexual intercourse.

Individuality

The immortal Self, the Higher Self, developed over the course of all ones incantations by the he actualizing of the potential of the Divine Spark, as distinct from the Personality built up in a single incantation.

Infinite Data, Law of

“The number of phenomena to be known is infinite and one will never run out of things to learn.”

Infinite Universes, Law of

“The total number of universes into which all possible combinations of existing phenomena could be organized is infinite.” See Hixson’s Law and Personal Universes, Law of.

Infusion

A liquid produced by soaking herbs in hot water.

Ingheaw Andagha

"Daughters of Fire," or the priestesses of the Goddess Brigit.

Initiate

Someone who has been through a Ritual of Initiation, and taken vows (mostly to protect the

Craft and other practitioners and dedicate oneself to the Gods. They vary a bit from Group to Group.) May be a self-initiated witch.

Initiation

A ritual during which an individual is introduced or admitted into a coven. Not to be confused with Dedication. Coven initiations are generally associated with Degrees, as follows:

First	Seen as Priest/ess of the Lady and Lord. Qualified to teach neophytes if they feel comfortable doing so, qualified to assist in Sabbats and other rituals as the High Priestess designates. May hold minor positions of authority within the Coven such as Scribes and Messengers. May sponsor someone for Coven membership.
Second	Given the title of High Priest or High Priestess, and the power to act as an HPS or HP under the jurisdiction and authority of a Third Degree HPS or HP. May write and oversee the performance of rituals, and may be asked to call Quarters. Is qualified to assist during the symbolic or actual Great Rite. May serve in a position of authority within the Coven as a Mentor, or Mistress or Master of the Arts, or serve as an Elder on a High Council. May also serve as a Hand Maiden if asked. During the time one is a Second Degree HPS or HP, she or he is learning to administer to the needs of the Coven, counsel and advise — a “trainee”, so to speak. Second Degree initiates may, if given permissions, by the HPS, do formal dedications, and in certain circumstances, perform First Degree initiations.
Third	Is given authority to use with the power given in the Second Degree. Is fully qualified to hive off from the Mother Coven and start his or her own family group. If the Third Degree HPS remains within the parent Coven, she is qualified to cast the magick circle and create the temple between the worlds. She may act as a vessel of the Lady during Full Moon rituals when the HPS of the Coven is absent. In the HPS absence, she will also act on behalf of the Coven’s HPS in every way, save for banishing and bindings. She is frequently a Hand Maiden, teacher, and counselor. May be given positions of authority within the Coven such as Elder. HP or HPS of the Third Degree may perform all First and Second Degree initiations and, if requested, and approved by the HPS, may perform Third Degree initiations. Is qualified to lead Sabbat celebrations and over see all ritual work.

Although there is some discussion in the Pagan community as to whether a self-initiation is valid, in our opinion, “The Gods initiate. We just officiate.” But only covens use Degrees.

Inner Circle

A coven's Inner Circle is composed of the coven's founders and/or its most learned members. Usually, one has to have attained third degree (in the coven's eyes) to be a full member of the coven's Inner Circle. If a coven has any "secrets", only the Inner Circle knows them or has access to them.

Inner Planes

Levels of being or consciousness other than the ordinary, physical or mundane consciousness.

Instant Karma

This result of your actions coming back to you very quickly.

Intuitive

Being able to sense or "feel" those energies.

Invocation/Invoke

To bring something in from without. An appealed or petition to a higher power (or powers), such as the Goddess and God. This is in the form of a prayer. Invocation is actually a method of establishing conscious ties with those aspects of the Goddess and God that dwell within us. In essence, then, we seemingly cause them to appear or make themselves known by becoming aware of them.

Invocation, Law of

"It is possible to establish internal communications with entities from either inside or outside of oneself, said entities seeming to be inside of oneself during the communication process."

Isis

An Egyptian Goddess. Her Consort is usually Osiris.

I

Jack-O-Lantern

A hallowed pumpkin with a carved face and lit from the inside by a candle or light. Used in modern days as a decoration for Halloween. It's original purpose was a tool to ward or scare off spirits that might come haunting on All-Hallows-Eve or Samhain. On this night, the veil between life and spirit is opened and spirits walk freely amongst the living.

Jade

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of protection, cleansing, earth, and divine love.

Jinx

To place bad energy or negative purpose on an individual, situation or spiritual tool. (Remember what you put out you get back three fold).

Jotunheim

In Norse mythology the home of the giants who came into creation with Ymir.

Ju-ju

African word for magick, there is good ju-ju and bad ju-ju.

K

Kabala/Qubala

Mystical teachings from the Jewish-Gnostic tradition. Ceremonial Magick and the Alexandrian traditions are based in these teachings.

Kachina

A supernatural being in Hopi religion; may be a personification of an aspect of nature, an ancestor, or something revealed in a dream.

Kahuna

This is a practitioner of the old Hawaiian philosophical, scientific and magickal system.

Kama-kali

Ritual sexual intercourse in Tantra.

Karma

The belief that one's thoughts and deeds can either be counted against them or added to their spiritual path across several lifetimes.

Kinesis

Physical movement including quantitative, qualitative, and positional change; sometimes movement caused by stimulation but not directional or aimed.

Kinetic Energy

The force or 'energy' created by motion.

Kinging

A ritual for a man of middle age.

Kismet

A Turkish based word meaning fate or fortune.

Kitchen Witch

An individual who practices their own combination of magick within their home and with tools and objects found in and around their home. This is a very special, simple and personalized form of magickal practice.

Knowledge, Law of

“Understanding brings control; the more that is known about a phenomenon, the easier it is to exercise control over it.”

Ksana

The “favorable moment;” a temporal Centre.

Kundalini

The free-flowing energy of consciousness.

L

Labrys

A double-headed ax which symbolizes the Goddess in Her Lunar aspect. Although its roots are in ancient Crete, many Dianic Witches use this symbol in their practice.

Lady

The Goddess. We refer to Her by any of the names of Her aspects. She is a triple Goddess; Maiden, Mother, and Crone, and we identify ourselves with different aspects of Her at different points in our lives, as well as appealing to different aspects for different things. She is all encompassing, containing especially all creative and procreative properties, all aspects of nurturing and healing, all forms of birth and rebirth, all growth and plenty. All women partake of Her nature, and are part of Her. All things are Her children. She is the earth, the moon, the stars and the rain. Together, the Lord and the Lady bring forth all the life that is on earth.

Lammas

August 1st. Witch Festival. The Old Celtic name for this festival is Lughnassadh. It is the Festival of the First Fruits, and is the first of the three harvests. This festival also marks the change of the Threefold Goddess energies from that of Mother to Crone.

Lamps of Art

Candles used to illuminate the alter at a ritual.

Lampdomancy

Divination using lights or torches.

Lapis Lazuli

A Stone whose magickal qualities are that of psychic development, divination, protection, creativity, and power.

Last Quarter

One-half of the Moon appears illuminated by direct sunlight while the illuminated part is decreasing. Here the Moon is Crone.

Law of Magic

A statement of the ways magical phenomena seem to work.

Law of Return

Whatever energy is sent out returns to the sender multiplied. Some traditions say it is multiplied by three, and therefore we call this principle the “Threefold Law”.

Laws, Law of

“The more evidence one looks for to support a given law, the more one finds.”

Laws of Witchcraft

A list of rules for Witches, focusing on individual conduct and coven operations. They are sometimes called the ‘Ordains’. Several versions exist. Their origins are unclear; they may be from the Burning Times, or recent, or a pastiche of ancient and modern. Generally, each coven has a set of Laws, sometimes divided into Spiritual, Physical (or Mundane) and Magickal categories.

Lecanomancy

Uses a basin of water for divination.

Left-Hand Path

The practice of using magick to control others, to change the will of others, and for personal gain. Generally frowned upon.

Lemniscate

A mathematical symbol for 'infinity'; it is a horizontal figure eight, that is an 8 lying on its side. This term comes up in reference to Tarot, and traditionally found on the cards: I. Magician, XI. Strength, and the II. Pentacles which formerly was the 'key' card bearing the deck maker's

signature.

Leprechaun

A faery associated with elves, both have traditional ties to shoemaking.

Les

Bag holding herbs carried by healers.

Letha

A harvest Goddess associated with Midsummer, in fact the Sabbat is also called "Letha's Day" by some traditions. Her magickal symbols are a swan and apples.

Levitation

A psi talent involving the combination of PK proper with Gravity Control and/or Mass Control in order to produce floating effects.

Ley Lines

Invisible lines of force said to network throughout the earth in geometric patterns. When these lines are disrupted or injured, the associated land may suffer.

Libanomancy

Study of incense and its smoke.

Libation

Ritually given portion of food or drink to a deity, nature spirit, or ghost.

Light Control

An APK talent for the control of photons.

Light, Divine

Spiritual energy from the Divine forces, that can be seen as a bright white light.

Lineage

Direct descendant from an ancestor, ancestry, family in Wicca, the line of initiator decent, or magical and spiritual ancestry, and hence the initiator family, related by a common ancestry.

Lion na mna sithe

"Lint of the Faerie Woman," a healing herb.

Litany

Long prayer or incantation with constantly repeating refrain.

Lithomancy

Divination using precious stones of various colors.

Livewood

Refers to a tree in which a Dryad or Wood Sprite type Being, is believed to dwell.

Livestone

Refers to stones, mountains, cliffs, etc. in which a nature Being is believed to dwell.

Living Traditions

Spiritual traditions accepting everything is alive with spirit and continuously evolving, like nature, faery rings and mythology.

Llyr

Also "Ler", "Lir", and sometimes "Lyre" or "Lyr". A God of the sea and king of the oceans and Merfolk. Shy, He rarely reveals himself, but sometimes appears as a merman. Gentle and loving, but cruel and full of rage if provoked. His magickal symbols are sea shells, sharks, sea mammals, the

sea serpent, and sea gulls. He plays a harp (lyre) which he fashioned with silver, pearl, coral, and shell.

Lord

The God. We refer to Him by the names of His aspects. He is the Horned God of the Hunt, the Lord of Death and Resurrection. We often refer to Him as the Laughing Lord. He is the Consort of the Lady, who dies and is reborn each year. He is sensuality, strength, music and lust. All men partake of His nature, and are part of Him. He is the sun, the sky and the wind. Together, the Lord and the Lady bring forth all the life that is on the earth.

Lore

Legend, mythology, history and historic events, practices, etc.

Lorg

Staff.

Low Magick

Any magick that is not ceremonial or ritualistic in nature. Pretty much any spell not cast during an Esbat or coven meeting or that is not held in a ritual circle or on sacred ground.

Lower Self

That part of ourselves of which distinct from the universe as a whole. This is also the part that we are easily aware of: the physical, the emotional, and the mental aspects of being. Compare to Higher Self which refers to the Astral, creative or unified level of our consciousness that binds the individual with universal Deity.

Luchta

Also "Lucta", "Luchtaine". A God of smiths, wrights, and craftsmen. Associated with Gobannon, He is the Carpenter God. His magickal symbol is the shield.

Lugh

Also "Lug", "Lleu", "Llew". Uncontested master of all arts. A God of war, smiths, poets, and bards. He is associated with the setting sun and the moon. He is a champion of the Gods, a historian and powerful sorcerer. He has a very lusty appetite and is known for his generosity and prowess. His magickal symbols are the cock, turtle, goat, a magick sword and a bag of coins.

Lughnassadh

A Wiccan festival celebrated on August 1st, also known as August Eve, Lammas, Feast of Bread. Lughnassadh marks the first harvest, when the fruits of the Earth are cut and stored for the dark winter months, and when the God is also mysteriously weakened, as the days grow shorter.

Lucid Dreaming

Vivid dreams that are totally under the dreamer's control.

Luna

The Roman Goddess of the Moon.

Lunar Cycle

A roughly 29-day cycle during which the visible phase of the Moon waxes from dark to full and wanes to dark again. Much magick is geared to the energies present at certain phases of the cycle.

Lunar Phases

The moons' phases are: Dark or New Moon, then the Waxing Moon (getting larger) through the First and Second Quarters to the Full Moon. Then from the Full Moon we find the Waning Moon (getting smaller) through the Third and Fourth Quarters back to the Dark Moon.

M

Mabon

On or around September 21st, the Autumn Equinox, Wiccans celebrate the second harvest. Nature is preparing for winter. Mabon is a vestige of ancient harvest festivals which, in some form or another, were nearly universal among peoples of Earth.

Macrocosm

The world around us.

Mag/Magh

A plane or field. Usually referring to the Other Worlds.

Mage/Magus

(magi pl.) Someone who is adept at magick, but not a witch.

Magician

¹As a general term, anyone who does any sort of magic at all. ²More specifically, someone who uses mostly active talents and rites for mostly thaumaturgical purposes.

Magician, Goetic

A magician and psychic who frequently “summons up” various nonhuman entities (good, bad or ugly) in order to gain both occult and mundane knowledge, which is then used for thaumaturgical, theurgical and nonmagical purposes.

Magick

Using knowledge and focused will to direct energy, and manifest a change in physical reality.

Magick Circle

A sphere constructed of personal power in which rituals are performed. Within it the witch is protected from outside forces. The sphere extends both above and below the surface of the ground.

Magick Name

A name given to an individual for spiritual purpose. The name can be given by a Spiritual Guide, a Spiritual Teacher or a family relative. This name is used in magickal ceremonies, or as a means to identify the "spiritual" nature of a person.

Magickal Correspondences

Items, objects, days, colors, moon phases, oils, angels, and herbs used in a ritual or magickal working that match the intent or purpose of the celebration or ceremony.

Magickal Herbalism

Combining the scientific with the spiritual. A means of mixing plants into herbal remedies while enhancing the known attributes and energies of the plants to aid to it's effectiveness through magickal rituals and/or consecrations (or spells).

Magickal System

The basic set of guidelines relating to the worship of specific Gods and Goddesses or cultural traditions. Also called a Tradition.

Magister

Master, teacher or magician.

Magnetic Control

An APK talent involving the control of magnetic, diamagnetic and paramagnetic lines of force and other magnetic phenomena.

Magos

Greek word for “magi.”

Magraritomancy

Procedure of using bouncing pearls.

Mahayana Buddhism

A later, “heterodox” version of Buddhism which incorporates many Paleopagan deities from throughout Asia as Buddhas or Saints.

Maiden

¹ An appointment held by one of the women of the coven. She is virtually the assistant High Priestess. ² The descriptive term used to describe the first of the aspects of the Threefold Goddess Energies (Maiden, Mother, and Crone). It is traditionally associated with the Waxing Moon, and the period from Imbolc (Candlemas) to Beltane (May eve) where the energies are those of initiating, beginning, and creation.

Malachite

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of balance and communication and understanding with nature and animals.

Male Mysteries

Pagan study which attempts to reclaim the power and mystery of the old Gods for today’s Pagan males.

Malleus Maleficarum

The Latin title of a book, translated as The “Witch Hammer” written in 1486 by two German monks, Heinrich Institoris Kramer and Jakob Sprenger. This book gave definite instructions for the persecution of Witches.

Mana

Polynesian word for psychic energy.

Mandala

Sights (especially drawings, paintings and carvings) used primarily as associational and/or trance inducing devices.

Manifested Energies

Magickal energies that are tangible reality.

Manifesting Magick

Using your will to make something happen.

Mantic Arts

The various methods of divination.

Mantis

A diviner or seer.

Mantras

A Gothic rune magick; rune singing.

Marcachd Shigh

"Faerie riding," or the paralysis in animals caused by faeries riding them.

Masculine Energy

The 'do' or grounded side of nature. The masculine aspects of the Divine within us all. (In a simplistic example: You think your hungry (that's feminine energy), you get up and make a sandwich, (that's masculine energy).)

Mass Control

An APK talent for increasing or decreasing the mass of an object or being.

Master Teacher

A spiritual entity on a higher spiritual plane of existence, who assists certain individuals designated as spiritual teachers (such as the Pope, a Minister, or Priest/Priestess, etc.). They help with the responsibility of 'leadership', the dissemination of knowledge, and the more advanced spiritual evolutionary issues that a spiritual teacher must be cognizant of.

Material Basis

Item or substance serving as the physical-plane focus, or means of manifestation, such as incense smoke in which shapes can be seen, also when working for a practical result, the preparation or physical actions one performs to assist in achieving that goal-such as actually looking for a job if one is working for a job, or money.

Matriarchal

Based on the Goddess or feminine as the head of the family. Descent, kinship, and succession are determined through the mother.

Matrix

A word in Crystal Magick that refers to the base of a crystal cluster, the main 'lump' part.

May Pole

Sexual symbol of Beltane representing the phallus.

Maya

¹Sanskrit for "illusion." ²A tribe of Central American Indians. (Mayans)

Mayin

One who controls the worlds of illusion, a magician or mystic.

Mead Moon

The seventh Full Moon of the Year.

Measure

A practice that still takes place in some covens, it entails measuring various parts of a person's body with thread. This thread is then kept by the group's leader in trust for the duration of a person's involvement, implying that person's promise to keep the secrets of that order.

Medicine Person

A tribal official who combines the modes of magician, psychic and cleric, using her or his talents for personal and tribal benefit; especially in such matters as healing, hunting, fertility, weather and war magic.

Medicine Pouch

A ceremonial bag which holds a variety of objects which hold special or spiritual meaning to the owner. It can contain, stones, feathers, amulets or charms. For healers it is often filled with useful herbs which are utilized in healing ceremonies and practices.

Meditation

Reflection, contemplation- turning inward toward the self, or outward toward Deity or nature. A quiet time in which the practitioner may either dwell upon particular thoughts or symbols, or allow them to come unbidden.

Media

The basic components of a divination system.

Medium

A person with the ability to become a middle ground between our world and the world of the dead, thus allowing the dead to speak through them.

Megalith

A gigantic stone monument.

Menhir

A stone with engraved symbols that is commonly used to mark the site of a Covenstead.

Mental Projection

An OOBIE or psi talent that may involve traveling GESP without the image of an “astral body” being brought along.

Mentor

An elder magickal practitioner who offers advice and guidance.

Merging

The state of becoming one with all things (the Astral state). Diffusing into Oneness and the boundless; Astral Travel.

Meridian

A great circle of the celestial sphere passing through its poles and the zenith of a given place.

Mesopaganism/Meso-Paganism

A general term for a variety of movements both organized and non-organized, started as attempts to recreate, revive or continue what their founders thought were the best aspects of the Paleopagan ways of their ancestors (or predecessors), but which were heavily influenced (accidentally, deliberately and/or involuntarily) by concepts and practices from the monotheistic, dualistic, or nontheistic worldviews of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, or early Buddhism. Examples of Mesopagan belief systems would include Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, Theosophy, Spiritualism, etc., as well as those forms of Druidism influenced by those movements, the many Afro-Diasporatic faiths (such as Voudoun, Santeria, Candomble, etc.), Sikhism, several

sects of Hinduism that have been influenced by Islam and Christianity, Mahayana Buddhism, Aleister Crowley's religion/philosophy of Thelema, Odinism (most Norse Paganism), most "Family Traditions" of Witchcraft (those that aren't completely fake), and most orthodox (aka "British Traditionalist") denominations of Wicca. Some Mesopagan belief systems may be racist, sexist, homophobic, etc. There are at least a billion Mesopagans living and worshipping their deities today. See Paleopaganism and Neopaganism.

Metagnomy

Divination using "visions" received in a trance state.

Metamorphosis

Change, especially of the outward appearance.

Metapattern

As used in this text, the sum and gestalt of all the interlocking patterns that make up an individual, including the body (or bodies), the various levels of mind or awareness, the psychic and artistic abilities, memory and intellectual capacities, and perhaps whatever it is that is usually called "the soul."

Metaphysics

A science of philosophy of life that attempts to explain reality and knowledge. The study of the real nature of things. (See also Nine Maidens.)

Meteoromancy

Divination from meteors.

Metoposcopy

The reading of character using the lines in the forehead.

Miaran na mna síthe

"Thimble of the faerie woman," or the foxglove.

Microcosm

The world within us.

Midgard

The world of mortal humans, Middle Earth.

Midhe

The middle of the Fifts.

Midsummer

The Summer Solstice, usually near or on June 21st, one of the Wiccan festivals and an excellent night for Magick. Midsummer marks the point of the year when the Sun is symbolically at the height of its powers, and so too is the God. This is the longest day of the year.

Mighty Dead

Those who have died and who are widely acknowledged as great priestesses, priests, and/or teachers of the Craft.

Mighty Ones

Beings, deities, and unseen presences usually invoked during rituals/ceremonies. Sometimes linked to the elements.

Mindpower

The energy of human intelligence.

Mind's Eye

The "Chakra" in the center of your forehead roughly an inch above your brow. This is responsible for generating the magickal energies associated with mental prowess, usually through

mild meditation one can feel it energize. Things such as divination, psychic, and other empathic abilities. The root of magick itself is the bending of reality through the mind's will. This is also called the "Third Eye".

Miracle

A paranormal act or occurrence done by or for someone who belongs to a religion that you approve of, usually credited to divine intervention.

Mojo

Magick.

Mojo Bag

A small bag that is worn around the neck. A mojo bag usually contains charms or talismans.

Moleosophy

The study of moles and indicators of a person's character and future indications.

Molybdomancy

Draws mystic inferences from the hissing of molten lead.

Mommet

A magickal doll representative of someone female. These dolls are magickally, physically, and telekinetically linked to its represented individual. They are used for indirect magick, such as healing and protecting those not immediately in the caster's presence. These dolls are hand-made having something belonging to the represented individual made part of it, glyphs, sigils, and runes are sewn on, and the doll is stuffed with herbs as dictated by the purpose of the doll.

Monolith

A menhir, a large stone.

Monotheism

Belief in one supreme deity who has no other forms and/of displays no other aspects.

Moonstone

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of the feminine, receptivity, tidal flow, and emotion.

Moonwise

See Widdershins.

Moon Magick

A magick ritual, ceremony or practice conducted in association with a particular phase of the moon. Most often aligns one's energies and purpose to the feminine aspects of the Divine.

Moon Sign

In astrology, the zodiacal sign that the moon appeared to be in at the time and location for which the chart is cast.

Moon Void of Course

An astrological term for when the Moon leaves one aspect but has not yet entered the next sign. This stage lasts from a few hours to a few days. It is best to avoid any magick workings during this period (you will have trouble drawing energy and will be forced to use your own) as well as avoiding making major decisions or planning important events.

Morning Star

A bright planet seen in the eastern sky before or at sunrise.

Morphogenic Field

Rupert Sheldrake's theory that an energetic field of resonance is just beyond the spectrum of normal human perception.

Mother

The aspect of the Goddess representing motherhood, mid-life, and fertility. She is represented by the full moon, the egg, the colors red and green. Her Sabbats are Midsummer and Lughnassadh.

Motif

A common pattern running through stories, folktales or myths.

Motion

The act or process of a body passing from one place or position to another. Completely relative.

Muince

A collar or torc.

Muir

The sea.

Mundane

¹Not Pagan; mainstream. Some people use this simply to distinguish between different aspects of their lives, as in, "My craft name is Shadow; my mundane name is Sarah Smith." As a warning: "Please don't freak out my mundane relatives by talking about Samhain." Other people may use the word in a derogatory manner to imply one who is narrow-minded, dull, or hostile to matters magical: "Rhiannon had to move because her landlord was a mundane; he kept complaining about the coven meeting at her place." ²Mundane may also refer to the material world, the physical realm. To anything non-magical/spiritual. ³Pertaining to "the earth plane."

Mundane Plane

The physical plane on which we exist.

"Mundanely Known As"

Refers to a person's formal, check-cashing name rather than a craft name or nickname. Because some people use their legal name only for cashing checks, Pagans often know each other primarily or solely by craft name. This also offers protection in less-tolerant areas, a holdover from times when craft/magickal names made it impossible to anyone to betray coven mates if captured and tortured.

Mundras

A Gothic language of runic hand gestures.

Myomancy

The study of the prophetic meaning or behavior of rats and mice.

Mystic

¹One who practices mysticism. ²A person who uses mostly passive talents and rites for mostly theurgical purposes.

Mysticism

¹The doctrine or belief that direct knowledge of the God(s), of spiritual truth, of ultimate reality, or of comparable matters is attainable through immediate intuition, insight or illumination and in a way differing from ordinary sense perception or conscious thought. ²The concepts and theories behind the theurgical approach to occultism.

Myth

Body of lore about any land or people that makes up their mythology.

Mythic Cycle

A Mythic Cycle is an archetypal story seen through many pantheons.

Mythology

Cultural religious lore. Collection of myths legends of a particular people, revealing their perception of order and power in the world.

N

Namapathy

The practice of conducting healing through combining sound and music composed for the specific purpose of healing.

Namaste

A Hindu term meaning "I salute the divinity in you". Usually said with the palms pressed together in front of the chest and with a slight bow.

Names, Law of

"Knowing the complete and true name of an object, being or process gives one complete control over it."

Nature Divas

An order of divine angels that govern the realms of nature, such as Air, Earth, Water, Fire, Plants and Animals.

Nature Spirits

An order of spiritual beings beneath Nature Divas, who act as nature messengers between the spiritual and physical realms. Often called Nature Sprites.

Near Death Experience

(NDE) To be declared clinically dead and returned to life remembering the experience of the Life Force leaving the physical body and the reason for returning.

Necromancer

¹A magician and psychic who specializes in "summoning" the spirits of dead persons, usually without possession, in order to gain both occult and mundane knowledge, which is then used for thaumaturgical, theurgical and non-magical purposes. ²Generally, anyone who does any form of divination involving the dead. (See Medium.)

Necromancy

A practice of magick, completely different from Witchcraft, main belief is in using stolen energy from other beings instead of given energy from yourself or the earth.

Negapsi/Reversing

An anti-psi ability to reverse all or part of the information content of a psi broadcast or field.

Negativity

An energetic force that breaks the means by which one merges (usually meditation) and feeds upon itself. Associated with the Dark One(s). (See Positivity.)

Neladoracht

Divination by clouds.

Nemeton

Sacred grove or enclosure marked by a pillar or tree.

Nemetos

Holy or sacred.

Nenadmim

Apple cider.

Neo-Pagan

Literally, a 'new Pagan'. General term for followers of Wicca and other magickal, humanistic, and polytheistic Earth-based religions.

Neo-Shamanism

'New-Shamanism'. Many forms of modern shamanism exist, but they have roots, of course, in ancient shamanic practices.

Neophyte

A newcomer to the Pagan Path. These are those interested in learning about the Craft. Those whom have been accepted by a coven, but have not yet completed their traditional one year and one day of study to become a full member of that coven. This is the vital step on your Pagan Path.

New Age

The current mixing of metaphysical practices with a structured religion.

New Moon

The Moon when it is not illuminated by direct sunlight. The Moon as Maiden.

Nifelheim

Home of the frost giants in Norse mythology.

Night Witches

A force or person who works their magickal practices only at night for the purposes of creating negative energies, spells or prayers.

Nine Maidens, The

These are the Nine laws of Metaphysics. They are as follows; ^{1:} The Law of Rebound, ^{2:} The Law of Requests, ^{3:} The Law of Challenge, ^{4:} The Law of Equalities, ^{5:} The Law of Balance, ^{6:} The Law of Summons, ^{7:} The Law of Polarities, ^{8:} The Law of Cause and Effect, and ^{9:} The Law of Abundance.

Nirvana

In Buddhism, Sanskrit and Vedic, the state of perfect spiritual bliss achieved by the absorption of the soul into the supreme spirit.

Nitwitchery

¹A showoff and braggart ²One who is inconsiderate and insulting ³One who is self-aggrandizing at the expense of other's feelings, even one who is exploitive of their knowledge and in their practices.

Nodes

In astrology, nodes are the places where a planet or the Moon crosses the ecliptic. An ascending node is a crossing from south to north; and a descending node crosses north to south.

Norse

Combination of Germanic tribes who moved northward and settled in Scandinavia, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Notch

The short lines or dots used to indicate the vowels of the Oghamic system.

Novena

A period of nine consecutive days when one practices their spiritual beliefs through prayers and devotions.

Numen

Energy forms with awareness.

Numerology

The numerical interpretation of numbers, dates, and the number value of letters.

Nymph

Any group of minor nature Goddesses living in trees, rivers and woodland areas.

O

Oak Moon

Some years have twelve Full Moons in them, others have thirteen in them. The Oak Moon is this thirteenth Full Moon of the year. (See Blue Moon.)

Oak People

A group of Druids who lived in England.

Obaidh

Incantation.

Oberon

In Celtic Myth, Oberon is the "King of the Faeries". A God ruling in Avalon.

Objective

"Reality" as it supposedly is "in itself," instead of as it may be perceived.

Obsession

Being besieged or impelled by an outside force (often perceived as demonic) to entertain thoughts or perform actions of an unpleasant, malign, pathological or unprofitable nature; thus causing anxiety and fear to be experienced by the person involved and/or observers. (See Possession.)

Occult

Literal meaning is "hidden" and is broadly applied to a wide range of metaphysical topics which lie outside the accepted realm of mainstream theologies.

Occultation

Eclipse of a star by the moon. Also occult, meaning the shutting off of light.

Occultist

One who practices and or studies a variety of occult subjects.

Oculomancy

Divination from a person's eye.

Odinism

Those Pagans who worship the Norse pantheon of Gods; Odin the All Father is whence the term is derived.

Oengus

See Angus.

Offering

Giving a small token to a deity by way of thanks, or as a means of invoking assistance. This token should be meaningful and valuable to the person who gives it. Typical offerings include grains, wine, coins, handmade goods.

Ogham

The ancient Celtic tree alphabet consisting of twenty letters, each corresponds to a tree.

Oimeic

See Imbolc.

Oinomancy

Divination using wine.

Old Ones, The

The term which refers to all aspects of the Goddess and God.

Old Religion

A name for Paganism.

Omen

¹ A sign from the Gods that foreshadows what is to come. ² An object or event that is to denote either good or bad fortune.

On-Lay

A spell placed on a home, or other area.

Oneiromancy

The interpretation of dreams and their prophetic nature.

Oneness

The Boundless. A place where one is connected to all things and nothing. When in your Astral Body, you have achieved Oneness.

Onieromancy

Divination by means of dream interpretations.

Onomancy

The study of the meaning of names.

Onomantics

The application of onomancy applied to personal names, particularly in the sense of occult interpretation.

Ontology

The study of dealing with the fundamental essence of all things, visible and invisible, as opposed to material existence.

Onychomany

The study of fingernails.

Oomantia/Ooscopy

Divination from serpents.

Opal

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of cosmic energy, creativity, wisdom, harmony, and balance.

Ophiomancy

Another type of egg divination.

Opposition

The time when one celestial body is 180 degrees from the position of another in the opposite sky.

Oracle

A person or thing that serves as an agent of divine communications. Can also be a building or shrine where a God speaks to people through the priests or priestesses.

Oracle at Delphi

A building constructed on a mountain slope that emanated a peculiar vapor. When the psychic Pythia sat in the building the vapor reportedly helped to open her psychic doors and permit Apollo to work through her. Together they gave guidance to individuals and leaders of countries.

Ordains

The traditional Laws of the Craft, some for individuals and others for covens.

Order of the Golden Dawn

A society founded in England during 1887 by the Rosicrucians. It was patterned after the Hermetic Society and brought many great ancient truths from the spirit world to it's members.

Orisha(s)

The Gods and Goddesses of Santeria and Candomble. An African/South American pantheon.

Orth

Spell.

Orniscopy/Orinithomancy

The study of omens associated with birds, particularly birds in flight.

Osiris

A symbol of the God of creation, King of the Underworld and symbol of immortality.

Ostara

Occurring at the Spring Equinox, around March 21st, Ostara marks the beginning of true, astronomical spring, when snow and ice make way for green. As such, it is a fire and fertility festival, celebrating the return of the Sun, the God and fertility of the Earth (the Goddess.)

Other Side

A term that refers to the Spirit World, the Other World, or heaven. The Other Side is where spirits and other spiritual entities reside.

Other World

¹ The Worlds other than the Physical World in Celtic Cosmology. ² The celestial or "higher" realms in Celtic Cosmology, most often designated with the word MAGH. ³ Faeryland an invisible world, where the natural laws of the universe don't apply, land of immortality.

Ouija Board

A trademark for a manufactured board that spells out answers to questions. It has been known to draw the inferior entities to move the indicator and provide false information. When used as a game or by those who do not fully understand how to protect ones energies and raise their vibrational levels to the Divine spirit, this tool can lead to physical dangers. It is not the tool of choice by positive energy psychics.

Out of Body Experience

(OBE) Occurs when the soul body moves out of the physical body into the etheric realm. This occurs randomly during sleep hours to replenish the vitality of the physical body and/or to work through spiritual, karmic, or clarification lessons at a higher level of awareness. The soul body is always attached to the physical body through a long silver cord attached from the physical solar plexus to the soul body's solar plexus.

Ovate

The seers and fortune-tellers or diviners of Druidism.

Ovomancy

The method of divination by eggs.

P

Pagan

From the Latin *paganus*, “country dweller”. One who practices a religion that is not part of the Judo-Christian-Islamic, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist ect. Mainstream. All Witches are Pagans. Not all Pagans are Witches, by any matter of means.

Pagan Grove

A circle, normally set up for teaching purposes, and led by a Wiccan High Priestess (HPS) and High Priest (HP). Groves tend to be fluid- but then, Pagan groups in general are like Lava Lamps. They flow, divide, joint together, ect. with amazing frequency.

Paganing

When a baby is presented in circle to the Goddess and God, and given a craft name which s/he will keep until about the age of 13 and can choose their own at their Coming of Age celebration. Also called Wiccaning. *Note:* This does not make the child a Witch.

Paleolithic Age

The Paleolithic Age is the age of humankind, 18,000 to 29,000 years ago, said to have been the time when wo/man evolved a belief in some force higher then themselves. They assigned Gods to the important and unexplainable things that existed with them; a God of Lightning, a God of Earthquakes, a God of Fire, etc., The God of the Hunt — food, tools, clothing — and the Goddess of Love — sex and birth. These evolved into the All Father and All Mother; God and Goddess of Witchcraft. These beliefs came about naturally long before there was a Bible or Xianity.

Paleopaganism/Paleo-Paganism

A general term for the original polytheistic, nature-centered faiths of tribal Europe, Africa, Asia, the Americas, Oceania and Australia, when they were (or in some rare cases, still are) an intact belief systems. Of the so-called “Great Religions of the World,” Hinduism (prior to the influx of Islam into India), Taoism and Shinto, for example, fall under this category, though many members of these faiths might be reluctant to use the term. There are billions of Paleopagans living and worshipping their deities today.

Pallomancy

Divining with a pendulum.

Palmistry

The broad field of divination and interpretation of the lines and structure of the hand.

Pan

The Greek God of the forests, pastures, flocks and shepherds.

Panentheist

One who combines the tenets of theism and pantheism, believing that divinity is both immanent and transcendent.

Pantheism

Belief in many deities. Paganism is pantheistic.

Pantheist

One who believes in universal, immanent divinity; that is, divine presence in all places, people, and things.

Pantheistic

The belief that the universal divine is represented by Nature.

Pantheon

A collection or group of Gods and Goddesses in a particular religious or mythical structure.

Para-anthropology

The study of paranormal phenomena in tribal, traditional and/or non-literate cultures.

Paranormal

Unusual or “supernatural.”

Parapsychology

The study of extrasensory perception in humans and other natural phenomenon that appears to be supernatural.

Passages

An exercise of a significant transition.

Passing Over Ritual

Ritual observed when a loved one has died.

Passive Ritual

One in which those persons raising and focusing the psychic energies are the main targets intended to be changed.

Passive Talent

A psychic talent that involves the reception of energy or data by the agent from the target.

Past Life Regression

Act of using meditation or guided meditation to pass through the veil of linear time and perceive experiences encountered in a previous existence.

Path

A method, system or approach to magical or mystical knowledge.

Path, The

The One-True-Right-And-Only-Way followed by the user of the term. Most often in reference to 'Monotheistic' religions.

Path Working

Using astral projection, bi-location, or dream time to accomplish a specific goal. May also be called vision questing.

Patriarchal

Based on the Consort/Horned God or male as head of the 'family'. Descent, kinship, and succession are determined through the father.

Patron/ess

A deity that an individual feels most comfortable with or sees reflected in his or her own personality. The number of patrons one chooses to have is a matter of choice though most people choose one as their dominant spirit. Patrons hear prayers, provide guidance, aid with divination, offer blessings and other bounties on those who devote their lives to them.

Pegomancy

Concerns itself with spring water and bubbling fountains and the omens contained therein.

Pen of Art

A pen used especially for magickal work.

Pendulum

A divinatory device consisting of a string attached to a heavy object, such as a quartz crystal, root, or ring. The free end of the string is held in the hand, the elbows steadied against a flat surface, and a question is asked. The movement of the heavy object's swings determines the answer. It is a toll which contacts the psychic mind.

Pentacle

A circle surrounding a five-pointed, upright star (pentagram). Often worn as a symbol of a witch's beliefs. The circle represents unity or the World.

Pentacle, Banishing

A pentacle drawn beginning at the top point and following down the left side to the bottom left point and so on, ending at the top point from the bottom right point. This is for 'destructive' or negative magickal purposes and/or worship.

Pentacle, Invoking

The opposite of the Banishing Pentacle; This pentacle is drawn starting at the top point and following down the right side to the bottom right point and so on, ending at the top point from the bottom left point. This is for 'constructive' or positive magickal purposes and/or worship.

Pentagram

The basic interlaced five-pointed star, visualized with one point up. It represents the five elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water, and Spirit. It is a symbol of power and protection.

Pentalpha

A five pointed star made by interweaving five letter A's.

Perception

The process of classifying sensations.

Perfect Love and Perfect Trust

A Wiccan ideal; we begin by working to create them within the coven and expand from there.

Peri

Turkish word for faery or beautiful girl.

Perigee

The point of the moon's orbit closest to the sun.

Perihelion

The point of a planet's or comet's orbit closest to the sun.

Perilous Realm

Also known as the faery realm.

Personal Altar

A surface designated by a Witch to represent his or her place of power.

Personal Power

The energy which sustains our bodies. It originates within the Goddess and God. We first absorb it from our biological mother within the womb, and later from food, water, the Moon and Sun, and other natural objects.

Persecutions, The

With the coming of Xianity, which apparently came out of nowhere as a unique revelation of 'God', the Xian Church forced the pagan peoples to convert or die. The persecutions by Xians against all other non-bible religions and practices began sometime between the mid to late 1300's and continued their Xian domination until the last law against Witchcraft was repealed in 1951. In this time, approximately 6,000,000 to 9,000,000 people had been burned, hanged, or tortured to death on the charge of Witchcraft. Not even one fourth were actually witches.

Personal Universes, Law of

“Every sentient being lives in and quite possibly creates a unique universe which can never be 100% identical to that lived in by another.” (See Hixson's Law and Infinite Universes, Law of.)

Personality

The Self built up in a single incarnation, as a product of both heredity and environment and consisting of the ego self, or one's own inner sense of identity, and the persona or outward personality shows to others.

Personification, Law of

“Any phenomenon may be considered to be alive and to have a personality, and may be effectively dealt with as such.”

Perversity, Law of

“If anything can go wrong, it will, at the worst possible time — and in the most annoying manner possible.” Also known as “Murphy’s Law.”

Perversion

A variation in a process that effectively negates or contradicts what the user of this term considers to be the original purpose of the process.

Pessomancy

Divination by interpreting pebbles.

Phantom

An astral body or spiritual entity showing itself as a human being, only hazy or less dense than a physical body. Most often a soul that has transitioned to death, but does not want or does not know they have passed. Seen always in full form from head to toe. Can also be called a ghost.

Phases of the Moon

The stages of the Moon (new, waxing, full, waning) as it journeys around earth. One complete orbit of the moon around the Earth is called a lunar cycle and takes twenty-eight days. There are thirteen lunar cycles per year.

Phrenology

The long practice study of head formations.

Phyllorhodomancy

Means of divination whereby one slaps a rose petal against the hand and judges the favorability of the omen by the loudness of the sound.

Physical World, Body or Universe

That which we can see, feel, touch and taste with our five physical senses. Pertains to the mundane third dimensional existence.

Physiognomy

The study of character analysis through physical features.

Piastra

"Lake serpent," or water dragon.

Piob shith

"Faerie pipe."

Piscean Age

A period of time associated with a particular phase of spiritual growth and enlightenment. The age the planet is leaving as it moves into the Age of Aquarius. The age of the fish and its element, water, which includes the sinking of Atlantis, the flood of Noah, walking on water by Jesus, baptism into a spiritual life by water, conquering the "flat" sea by the Vikings and Columbus, discovery of the oceans by submarine and scuba technology.

Pixie

Similar to a faery.

Pixilated

A term used to describe someone affected by the elves and faeries.

Plane, Mental

The thought process, conscious and unconscious.

Plane, Physical

The physical body and its workings, through coordination with mental plane.

Plane, Spiritual

A person's perception of life's existence, consisting of belief or lack of belief in the Divine.

Planetary Hours

A system of hourly division associated with planetary energies.

Polarity

The concept of equal, opposite energies. The Eastern Yin Yang is a perfect example. Yin is cold, yang is hot. Other examples: Goddess/God, night/day, Moon/Sun, birth/death, dark/light, psychic mind/conscious mind. Universal balance.

Polarity, Law of

“Any pattern of data can be split into (at least) two patterns with ‘opposing’ characteristics, and each will contain the essence of the other within itself.”

Poltergeists

Noisy, sometimes violent, physical phenomena that is usually caused by hormonal imbalance or repressed anger.

Polytheism

Belief in the existence of many unrelated deities each with their own dominion and interests who have no spiritual or familial relationships to one another.

Polytheist

One who believes in the existence of multiple Gods, Goddesses, and/or other divine entities. This includes duotheism, the belief in a matched pair of divine entities.

Polytheology

Intellectual speculations concerning the natures of the Gods and Goddesses and Their relations to the world in general and humans in particular; etc.

Poppets

Anthropomorphic dolls used to represent certain human beings in magick spells.

Pooka

A spiritual companion and elemental being.

Positivity

An energetic force that creates patterns to which one merges (usually through meditation). Associated with the "Bright One(s)".

Possession

The process or experience of having another being (divine, demonic or other) inside of one's own body, usually as the result of a conscious or unconscious invocation. See Obsession.

Postulant

A petitioner or candidate for admission into a religious order, the Wiccan rite of Initiation refers to the candidate as a Postulant, which signifies not only that Wicca is a specific Pagan Mystery religion and magical order, but also that, Wicca does not proselytize, a candidate must ask to be Initiated into Wicca.

Potion

A liquid contrived with magickal components and through magickal processes to produce a specific result. Although most potions are meant to be consumed, some might be asperged, poured out to the earth, or tossed on a fire, depending on their intended function.

Power Hand

The power hand is the hand with which one normally writes. This is the right hand if one is right-handed, or the left hand if one is left-handed. So named the power hand because this is the hand from which personal power energy is sent from the body. The dagger and wand should be held in the power hand during ritual and spellwork.

Practitioner

Any pagan worshipper; one who actually practices paganism or magick, not simply reads about it for scholarly interest.

Pragmatism, Law of

“If a pattern of belief or behavior enables a being to survive and to accomplish chosen goals, then that belief or behavior is ‘true,’ ‘realistic,’ and/or ‘sensible.’”

Prana

Life energy.

Precognition

An inner knowledge or sense of future events.

Premonition

A forewarning of events to come.

Priest

A male dedicated to both the service of his chosen deity and humankind. All male Wiccans are priests after they have been Initiated (Self or Coven). In a coven setting, their may be a High

Priest who acts as administrator for the coven and a co-leader in rituals.

Priestess

A female dedicated to both the service of her chosen deity and humankind. All female Wiccans are priestesses after they have been Initiated (Self or Coven). In a coven setting, their may be a High Priestess who acts as leader of the coven and in rituals.

Note: Neither male nor female has dominion over the other in the Craft. The High Priest and High Priestess in a coven environment should work as a balanced team.

Primeval Deity

The God and Goddess before creation and their subsequent separation into two separate entities. Both feminine and masculine, the Primeval Deity is both spiritual and physical and resolves all opposites and polarities and containing within Itself all things.

Principles of Wiccan Belief

The fourteen principles are a list of the mindset and beliefs of most modern Witches. They were defined and adopted in 1974 by the Council of American Witches.

Projective Energy

That which is electrical, forward-moving, active. Projective energy is protective. (See Receptive energy.)

Projective Hand

The 'dominant' hand through which personal power is sent from the body. Normally the hand used for manual activities such as writing, dialing the phone, ect.

Prop

Tools, physical emblems and other objects used primarily as associational and/or trance inducing devices.

Prophecy

The ability to predict events before they occur, foreseeing the future, prophecies are considered messages from the divine.

Prophet

One who can foresee future events. Nostradamus was a prophet.

Proselytize

To convert or attempt to convert, as from one religion or point of view to another. Wiccan/Pagans do **not** do this.

Psi

Short for "psychic."

Psi Corps

Organizations set up by governments in order to use psychic talents for the benefit of the governments involved, especially in matters of espionage, sabotage and assassination.

Psionic

One who has more than one very strong mental ability.

Psychic

A mental ability where one is able to foresee future events through enhanced intuition with remarkable accuracy and detail.

Psychic Mind

The subconscious, or unconscious mind, in which we receive psychic impressions. It is at work when we sleep, dream, and meditate. It is our direct link with the Divine, and with the larger, nonphysical world around us.

Psychism

The act of being consciously psychic, in which the psychic mind and conscious mind are linked and working in harmony. Also known as psychic awareness.

Psychography

Form of mysterious writing having a divinatory nature.

Psychokinesis

Moving physical objects with the mind.

Psychometry

Sensing a person's or item's past by holding an object.

Pyre

A ritual fire, term is most often used to denote the ritual fire whence the dead are to be cremated.

Pyrite

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of prosperity, energy generation, circulation and flow.

Pyrokinetic

A mental ability where one is able to produce flames with no more than a thought.

Pyromancy/Pyroscopy

Forms of divination by fire or flame, often assisted by substances thrown onto the flames.

Q

Quarters

¹ The cardinal directions, corresponding to the Elements and protected by the Guardians. ²
The Sabbats which fall on Equinoxes or Solstices.

Quarrant

An individual or client, who desires to receive information from a psychic nature.

Quartz, Crystal

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of healing, balance, spirituality, sight and clarity.

Quartz, Rose

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of emotional balance, relationships, friendships, and divine love.

Quartz, Smokey

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of grounding, centering, earth, healing and prosperity.

Queening

The female equivalent of Kinging, but practiced for mature women. (See Croning)

Quesited

A person who answers or provides psychical information to a Quarrant.

R

Radiesthesia

The general term for divination using a device such as a divining rod or pendulum. Other forms include “table tipping” which was practiced in the White House in the 19th century, the Ouija board, automatic writing (or super conscious writing), and scrying.

Radionics

Any of several divinatory methods, where a message is received through the air; but here meaning of an intuitive exercise.

Random Divination

Divination methods that take their interpretive value from things that the querent cannot control, such as finding a penny (portends luck).

Rath

This is a faery fort or mound usually surrounded by a ditch.

Reader

The person who will interpret the divination being used for the person asking the question.

Reality

¹The result of consensus opinion. ²That which is most comfortable and convenient to believe. ³An individual's perception and creation of their own universe.

Reality, Levels of

The concept (resulting from the Law of True Falsehoods) that a given idea may be “true” in some situations and “false” in others, depending upon the aspects, sections, areas or other subsets of the personal or consensus universes involved; such subsets may be considered “levels” of reality.

Receptive Energy

The opposite of Protective Energy; magnetic, soothing, attracting energy often used for meditation, promoting love, calm and quiet.

Receptive Hand

The hand through which energy is received into the body. The left hand in right-handed persons, the reverse for left-handed persons.

Recurrent Spontaneous Psychokinesis

(RSPK) Term coined by William Roll. Refers to the unconscious use of PK and APK talents (usually by adolescents) as a release for frustration and means of obtaining attention.

Reddopsi/Returning

An antipsi talent for reversing the force vectors of incoming psi broadcasts, thus returning them to their senders. Probably a variation of deflection.

Rede

¹ *"An it harm none, do what thou will."* The most basic tenet of witchcraft. ² Archaic word that means "advice" or "council". It can also refer to a narration or story.

Regression

To go back. This is most commonly used to find out aspects of an individual's past lives.

Reiki

A method of healing by which the healer acts as a channel for the universal or divine energies helping to direct that energy into a person, animal, plant or even a situation.

Reincarnation

The process of repeated incarnations in human form to allow evolution of the sexless, ageless soul. The belief that souls do not end at death, but wait for a time and then are reborn to

live and learn on this earth again. This is one of the central tenets of the Craft.

Relative Guide

A spiritual guide who was a relative to you in this lifetime. This spiritual guide helps an individual through the day to day grind and nitty gritty processes of life. They are the spirit who greets you at the door when it comes your time to transition from life to death.

Religio-Magick

The term given to ancient ritual/magickal religious systems dating back anywhere from 18,000 to 23,000 years ago. This is the root of all Pagan, and thus, **all** religions.

Remote Viewing

Seeing an accurate version of a distant site or person.

Retribution

The law of "what goes around, comes around"; "do unto others as thou wouldst have them do unto you". Every action you do comes with responsibility and certain repercussions. (See Threefold Law.)

Retrograde

When a planet, from the viewpoint of Earth, appears to be moving backward through space.

Rhodomancy

Divination using a stick or wand. These methods were forerunners of the divining rod.

Rhapsodomancy

A means of divination using a book of poetry whereby the book is opened at random and a passage read.

Rige

Sovereignty. The middle realm of the Fifts.

Right Ascension/RA

An astrology term referring to the distance in the sky measured along a parallel to the Earth's Equator, like longitude lines but starting at the Zodiac beginning. As the Earth rotates on its axis each day, this celestial 'equator' & ecliptic is carried along with the Earth's Equator from 0 degree geographical longitude to 180 degree west & then back around to 0 degree again.

Right Hand Path

¹The people we 'like' who are doing magic. ²Occultists who spend their time being constructive, manipulative and “good.”

Rising Sign

In Astrology, the zodiacal sign that was coming over the eastern horizon at the time and location for which the chart is cast.

Risting

The act of drawing a rune shape or letter, in the air.

Rites of Passage

Initiations or graduations of any sort. Be they Wiccaning, Crossing the Bridge, or attaining degrees. Age and knowledge has everything to do with these.

Ritual

A specific form of movement, a manipulation of objects or inner processes designed to produce desired effects. In religion, ritual is geared toward union with the Divine. In magickal works it produces a specific state of consciousness that allows the witch to move energy toward needed goals.

Ritual Consciousness

A specific, altered state of awareness necessary to the successful practice of magick. This state is achieved through the use of visualization and ritual. The conscious mind becomes attuned with the psychic mind, a state which the magician senses energies, gives them purpose, and releases them toward a specific goal. It is a heightening of senses, an expanded awareness of the nonphysical world, a linking with nature and with Deity.

Ritual Dress

The alternative to Skyclad worship. The ritual dress is usually a robe or dress hand-made by the individual. Some covens have certain guidelines when it comes to this.

Ritual Purification

The practice of cleansing the body and mind prior to performing a ritual.

Ritual Tools

General name for magickal tools used by a witch or magician. They vary by tradition and usually represent one of the elements.

Ritualism

Devotion to the use of rituals and ceremonies above and beyond the call of sanity; often, an uncritical acceptance of rituals constructed in the past.

Rom

The Gypsies. The Rom are powerful diviners, and are also known for their fine talismans. Being travelers, the Rom have a close connection with the earth.

Ruby

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of power, insight, creativity, determination and strength of both body and mind.

Rune, Witch's

A poem chanted to raise power.

Runes

A set of symbols used both in divination and magickal work. There are several types of runes with different origins. A few are the Norse, Scandinavian and Germanic Runes. They can function as an alphabet and are useful in vision questing, dream recall and controlling your environment.

Running the Light

Moving mass amounts of energy during a magickal work or with a sexual partner during love-making. Energy raised through Sex Magick.

Rutile

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of energy building, insight, health and balance.

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Sabbat

One of the eight holidays that Wiccans celebrate. A time for feasting, partying, and general merrymaking. The word 'sabbat' is given various derivations, but I prefer the argument that it comes from the French *s'ebattre*, which means, "to frolic".

Sachet

A cloth bag, usually of natural fibers; filled with herbs.

Sacred

Holy; linked to the Divine. Anything that is sacred is to be seen with the utmost importance and respect.

Sacred Geometry

Known as the language of creation and the language of light, sacred geometry revolving around the idea that energy moves in universal patterns, these patterns influence the form of everything, including our DNA.

Sacred Imperatives

Used by some traditions, these are directions which all participants must follow in order to enter or leave a ritual circle. Examples of some imperatives may include: Entering the ritual circle with "perfect love and perfect trust" as well as waiting for the ritual's High Priest or High Priestess to give the appropriate sign for participants to exit the circle.

Sacred Salt

Used for purifying and clearing energy. Representative of the Element of Earth, most often added to water to make, in essence, Holy Water.

Sacred Space

A cleansed and consecrated area used for ritual/magickal purposes. A sacred space can be

created anywhere, if done properly.

Sadhus

Hindu or Jain holy person who wears little or no clothing as a symbol of his or her inner focus and spirituality.

Sage

A sometimes used term for a male 'Crone'.

Sain

To clean away negative energy, sanctify, and to consecrate a specific place, person, or thing to either prepare it for ritual or to protect it from negative energies.

Salamander

An entity that dwells in the realm of Fire.

Samhain

A Wiccan festival celebrated on October 31st, also known as November Eve, Hallowmas, Halloween, Feast of Souls, Feast of the Dead, Feast of Apples. Samhain marks the symbolic Death of the Sun God and His passing into the "land of the young" where he awaits re-birth at Yule. This Celtic word is pronounced by Wiccans as: SOW-wen; SEW-wen; SAHM-ain; SAV-een and other ways. The first seems to be the one preferred among most Wiccans. This festival is considered to be the Witches' New Year.

Sanctuary

An area designated to be used for spiritual events and practices only. Often includes some type of altar containing symbols of spiritual significance for the group or person using the sanctuary.

Sands of Time

Sand taken from between the paws of the Great Sphinx of Egypt.

Santeria

A Voodoo religion modernly practiced mostly by Haitians and some Cubans.

Sapphire

A stone whose magickal qualities are that of psychic development, creativity, passion and energy stimulation.

Satya-vacana

In Tantra, the solemn uttering of a Great Truth, used as a mantra for magical or religious effects such as exorcisms.

Saxon, Anglo

The peoples of Europe. The Celts, the Goths, etc.

Sciomancy

Divination using a spirit guide, a method generally employed by channerlers.

Score

The lines which cross the stem line to form the Oghamic Fews.

Scourge

Small device made from leather or hemp which resembles a whip and is used in flagellation rites within some traditions.

Scribe a Circle

To draw a magickal circle or wheel as an act of protection, within a room, outdoor space or within a sanctuary.

Scrying

A method of divination. To gaze at or into an object (a quartz crystal sphere, a pool of water, reflections, a candle flame) while stilling the conscious mind in order to contact the psychic mind. Scrying allows the scryer to become more aware of events prior to their actual occurrence, as well as to perceive past or present events through other than the five senses.

Sealing

This term is used when a spell is 'sealed' by gestures or chant, etc; this to contain the raised energy into the spell.

Séance

An antiquated term meaning a group gathering of dedicated persons and at least one well-grounded medium for the purposes of contacting spiritual entities for communications.

Sean-sgeal

Folk tale.

Seax-Wica

A Pagan tradition founded by Raymond Buckland. This 'modern' Tradition is taken from Saxon Witchcraft.

Second Sight

A natural ability to predict the future, although, unlike a prophet, they're not regarded as necessary divinely inspired.

Secular

Material and worldly as opposed to spiritual; thus **anything** not religious.

Seed Moon

The fourth Full Moon of the year.

Seeker

Another name for a Neophyte. One interested in learning about the Old Religion.

Seer

One who can see the hidden, a diviner.

Seis

Harmony, or musical art. The southern realm among the Fifts.

Self-Dedication

An initiation by a Solitary Pagan devoting themselves into the service of the Pagan Path.

Self-Knowledge, Law of

“The most important kind of knowledge is about oneself; a magician must be familiar with her or his own strengths and weaknesses.”

Sephira/Sephiroth

The ten levels of divine manifestation in the Cabala. Depicted as spheres on the Tree of Life.

Septagram

A 7 point star symbol used in ceremonial magick, representing 7 tenets of: Balance, Harmony, Humility, Learning, Reincarnation, Tolerance, Trust. Once it represented 7 angels who became 7 planets, called the Mystic Star. Other 7's include Days of the Week, Deadly Sins, Mounts of the Hand, Pillars of Wisdom, Sacraments, Virtues, & Wonders of the World.

Sex Magick

Raising a cone of power, either alone or with a partner, by stimulating your sexual energy. All the while, you must concentrate your mind on the magick and not think about the sex.

Shadow Walk

To use Astral Projection to move through the physical or Astral world.

Shaman

A man or woman who has obtained knowledge of the subtler dimensions of the Earth, usually through periods of alternate states of consciousness. Various types of ritual allow the shaman to pierce the veil of the physical world and to experience the realm of energies. This knowledge lends the shaman the power to change his or her world through magick.

Shamanism

The practice of shamans, usually ritualistic or magickal in nature, sometimes religious.

Shape-Shifting

To physically transform one's self into an animal, bird, fish or an inanimate object for a temporary period for spiritual purpose. A secondary meaning states it is the act of projecting the soul mind into an animal or plant for purposes of communication, sharing knowledge and gain wisdom by uniting energies to "feel" and interpret current patterns within the universe.

Sheela Na Gig

A quasi-erotic stone carvings of a female figure usually found on Norman churches. They consist of an old woman squatting and pulling apart her vulva.

Shields

A protective barrier of power erected around a person, place, or object.

Shillelagh

Magickal tool corresponding to the staff in other traditions. Usually made from blackthorn wood.

Showstone

A crystal ball or other polished stone used for scrying.

Shrine

A sacred place that holds a collection of objects representing a deity.

Sibyls

Female prophets of antiquity. In Christian times they were supposed to have predicted the arrival of Christ.

Sideromancy

The burning of straws with a hot iron, resulting figures having divinatory properties.

Si/dhe

The Realm of the Dead, or the "Faerie Realm," or the Under World in Faerie Lore.

Sidhe

(Shee) Faeries or other world beings.

Sidheog

Faerie.

Sigil

Magickally oriented seal, sign, glyph, or other device used in a magickal working. Ones you can create yourself are the most effective. Sigils can be used on letters, packages, clothing, ect.

Sign

A pattern of sensory stimuli which is intended to communicate data.

Silver Cord

An ethereal cobweb-like cable which connects the spiritual or soul body to a physical body. Often seen when one astral projects and looks back or looks down. It penetrates through ones ethereal bodies from the solar plexus areas.

Silver Dagger

A traditional weapon for destroying various monsters.

Similarity, Law of

“Effects are liable to have one or more outward physical or inward mental appearances similar to one or more of said appearances of their causes.”

Simple Feast, The

A meal or a feast which is shared in the name of the God and Goddess.

Sky-Clad

Nude. Some traditions practice sky-clad, on the principle that clothing interferes with the vibrations from the Earth. Others practice sky-clad to show our freedom, or to remember the burning times, when it is said that clothing identified the person and the person's social rank; so it was left outside the Circle for mutual safety. In those Circles, we are told, masks were also worn. With the parts usually seen covered, and the parts never seen uncovered, people were supposedly anonymous. Some groups work sky-clad because it tends to be quite warm inside a Circle. Some do, because they simply do.

Skyfather

Assigning deification to the sky as a male entity. A name for the God.

Slat an draoichta

"Rod of druidism," or a magick wand.

Sleeper Kings

Ancestral kings whose energy and knowledge waits to be summoned by future generations.

Sli

Path, passage, direction, means, manner, mode, way, distance, space, speed, measure, habit, will. The life-path one follows and the manner in which one follows it.

Smudging

Smudging is the act of using a lit smudge stick to purify an object or an area. Smudge sticks are traditionally made from bundled sage along with other woods such as pine or cedar.

Snow Moon

The twelfth Full Moon of the year.

Solar Circuit

Principle of the connection between the human body and the unlimited source of energy in the universe. This particular connection is meant to feed the physical body and maintain physical life. The blocking of this chakra and its energy source results in illness and eventual premature death.

Solitary

Pagan who works and worships alone.

Solstice

The time of the sun's passing a solstice which occurs about June 22nd to begin summer in the northern hemisphere and about December 22nd to begin winter in the northern hemisphere.

So Mote It Be

A popular Wiccan expression meaning "As I will, so it will be."

Son

The youngest aspect of the God, characterized as energetic and handsome.

Sorcerer/Sorceress

Indiscriminate terms for those who use (or are suspected of using) magic, especially when acting as independent agents and/or using their magic for “evil” purposes.

Sorcery

In general, sorcery refers to potent and dangerous magical force, which employs the help and aid of friendly and benevolent spirits.

Sortilege

Casting of lots and the assessment of omens indicated.

Soul

A pre-designated portion of the spirit which will be incarnated into a physical body. The soul is connected to the spiritual body through an energy "link" also called the silver cord.

Soul Mate

Most often confused as a "love" interest or life partner. A Soul Mate is a kindred soul with whom you have a special spiritual connection, which does not imply a sexual partnership. They come into our lives to help us learn a major spiritual lesson that will hopefully propel us over a deep chasm that has long been part of our spiritual psyche. A soul mate can be a lover, a friend, someone who suddenly comes into your life and then just as quickly moves out (after the lesson is over). They don't come into every incarnation, that's one of the things that make a Soul Mate special.

Space-Time or Space-Time Continuum

The four-dimensional system consisting of three coordinate axes for spacial location and one axis for temporal location, upon which any physical event may be determined by citing its four coordinates; also, the four dimensional space formed by these four axes.

Spell

A magickal ritual, usually non-religious in nature and often accompanied by spoken words. It should be clear, concise, focused and emotional. It is the extension of mental and emotional energy in order to accomplish a specific goal. A spell can be written, spoken, drawn, ect. The best spells are the ones you write yourself. A spell will not work unless true need of it is present so don't be getting greedy. Also, magick always takes the path of least resistance a spell can only open a "path" which you will need to take in order to reach your goal.

Spellcraft

The art of creation of spells for a desired goal or result.

Spellweaving

The casting two or more spells associated with the same goal.

Spiral

This symbol signifies an inward journey. It represents the emergence into consciousness of what was previously hidden. It also suggests the round of seasons, where life unfolds and fades, unfolds again in a repeating cycle- it means life.

Spiral, Double

The double spiral means descent and return.

Spirit

The overall energy that runs the universe in a harmonious way. The 'fifth element'.

Spirit Guide

A spiritual guide, who was someone you knew in a past life. Someone who is on the same spiritual level of knowledge as yourself to aid and guide an individual through the higher purpose or mission of their life in this embodiment.

Spiritualism

A religion based upon the belief in life after death and the experiences of various mediums over the last hundred years; organized primarily to provide legal protection for the mediums and their followers.

Spodomancy

Divination using cinders or soot.

Splodging/Yelling

An anti-psi talent for the generation of specific psi broadcasts (usually of emotions) so strong that all other psi signals in range are drowned out or disrupted, with the information content of those signals collapsing first; may be a form of reversed empathy or of single-content telepathic sending.

Sprites

Disembodied spirits, elves, fairies or daemons; often the term used for the Air elemental known as “sylphs,” or as the name of the elementals of Spirit.

Staff

Ritual tool which corresponds to the wand or Athame, although seldom used.

Stang

A forked stick placed in the center of the circle, as a primitive symbol of the horned God or other deity being invoked.

StarKindler Witches

Traditional Witches who trace their line of initiatory descent from both Gerald Gardner and from Alex and Maxine Sanders, through a line of Starkindler High Priests and High Priestesses, according to the StarKindler Book Of Shadows, and who practice the Starkindler tradition of Wicca.

Stars, Fixed

In astrology; a fixed star is a regular star like makes up the constellations.

Stars, Wandering

In astrology; a wandering star was a term meant for planets & our moon.

Statistics, Three Magical Laws of

“Once is dumb luck, twice is coincidence and three times is Somebody Trying to Tell You Something.”

Staurolite

Powerful faery stone called the Faery Cross.

Stemline

The straight line on which the notches and scores are cut to make Oghamic Fews.

Stichomancy

Another form of throwing open a book and selecting a random passage for the purpose of divination.

Stolisomancy

Draws omens from the way people dress.

Storm Moon

The second Full Moon of the year.

Strega

Italian for witch.

Stregoneria

Italian for witchcraft.

Subconscious Mind

Part of the mind which functions below the levels we are able to access in the course of a normal working day. This area stores symbolic knowledge, dreams, the most minute details of every experience ever had by a person.

Subjective

“Reality” as it is perceived, instead of as it may be “in itself.”

Succubus

Female wraith form or demon, for the purpose of sexual intercourse, legend held that the succubus would manifest to a male, perhaps in his dreams and thus acquire his semen, it would then take form of an incubus and manifest to a woman.

Summerland

The Pagan Land of the Dead, where souls go after physical death to celebrate the afterlife and continue our spiritual education.

Summoner

The male officer of the coven who corresponds to the Maiden. He is the assistant High Priest.

Sun Sign

In astrology, the zodiacal sign that the sun appeared to be in at the time and location for which the chart is cast. In isolation, the sun sign reveals very little data.

Sunwise

See Deosil.

Supernatural

Rare, unusual, beyond the common, extraordinary, unexplainable at the time, paranormal; usually input as “religious” phenomena.

Superstitions

¹Fixed irrational notions held stubbornly in the face of evidence to the contrary; beliefs, practices, concepts or acts resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, morbid scrupulosity, erroneous concepts of causality, etc., as in the words and actions of many critics of parapsychology and the occult. ²“A belief not founded in any coherent worldview” (J. B. Russell). ³Someone else’s religious or philosophical beliefs.

Supplication

The normal form of prayer, that is to say, begging; occasionally, asking an entity to give you her or his attention for a moment.

Survival Phenomena

Paranormal phenomena that appear to bear relevance to the questions of survival after physical death; at one time the main area of study in parapsychology when it was still being called “psychic research.”

Suspension of Disbelief

Temporary curtailment of critical faculties for a specific time and specific purpose, it is absolutely necessary during the performance of a ritual. Before and after the ritual, however, the participants can and should 'criticize' all that they can.

Sutra

Book or traditional collection of sayings.

Svartalfheim

Norse home of the dwarves in the lower world.

Sword

An archaic weapon used in western occultism as a symbol of the “element” of Air, as well as for fighting psychic battles, concentrating and directing energies, and for severing psychic links or bonds.

Sycomancy

Performed by writing messages on tree leaves; the slower they dry, the more favorable the omen. A modern variation is to write on slips of paper (always include one blank) and rolling them up. They are held in a strainer over a boiling pot; the first to unroll will be answered.

Sylph

An “entity” or “elemental” that dwells in the plane of Air or is associated with the Air Element.

Symbol

A sign plus an associated concept.

Sympathetic Magick

Concept of like attracts like. Most common way spells are worked.

Synchronicity

When two things occur at exactly the same time. Having the same vibrational and magickal energies. To time things together for a desired magickal outcome.

Synodic Month

The time required of the moon to pass through its lunar phases and return to the start.

Synthesis, Law of

“The synthesis of two or more ‘opposing’ patterns of data will produce a new pattern that will be ‘truer’ than either of the first ones were.”

Syzygy

The nearly straight line configuration of three celestial bodies.

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T'ai Chi

An exercise to learn how to regulate one's breathing, relax, and meditate. It calms.

Table Tipping

The use of tables for dactylomancy.

Taboo

Forbidden object or exercise.

Taghairm

"Spiritual echo," or calling up the dead.

Tais/Taidhbhse

Ghosts, or spirits of the dead.

Talisman

An object charged with personal power to attract a specific force or energy to its bearer.

Tantra

Indian systems of theurgical concepts and magical training methods, easily adaptable for thaumaturgic purposes.

Tapping

The absorption of psychic energy from the ether or from groups or individuals who are willing (such as congregations of worshippers or various deities).

Taoism

A religion which emerged from Confucianism. Concerned with spiritual growth and was the major underlying influence in China for 2,500 years.

Tarologist

One who is adept at the art and science of handling Tarot.

Tarot Cards

Set of cards which feature pictures and symbols; used to connect the diviner with the collective unconscious.

Tarot Spread

The pattern in which you layout tarot cards when doing a reading.

Tasseography

The reading of tea leaves that remain in a tea cup after the beverage has been drunk.

Teinm Laida

Understanding gained through the writing of poems.

Telekinesis

The ability to move objects without physical means, through only the mind's will.

Telepathy

The power to send messages through only the use of the mind's will.

Teleportation

A PK talent involving the seemingly instantaneous movement of a person or other being from one location in space-time to another, apparently without going through the normal space-time in between. See Aportation.

Temperature or Thermal Control

An APK talent for altering the speed of atoms and molecules, so as to change the temperature of an object of being; see its two main subsets: Heat Control and Cold Control.

Temple

A Sacred place of ritual worship. The ritual circle; if indoors, the building or room that houses the Magick Circle; Church or Sanctuary.

Temple Summoner

Coven's right-hand man. A skilled individual who assists the High Priest and High Priestess.

Tephramancy

Divination by ashes obtained from burning tree bark.

Teutonic

Of the Goths; predominately the Norse.

Thaumaturgy

"Low magick" used to influence things and events in everyday life.

Thealogy

Intellectual speculations concerning the nature of the Goddess and Her relations to the world in general and humans in particular; rational explanations of religious doctrines, practices and beliefs, which may or may not bear any connection to any religion as actually conceived and practiced by the majority of its members.

Theocratic Monarch

A human being who rule as the representative of a god or gods, and believes that he or she is the divine made flesh (and therefore better than the common rabble).

Theurgy

"High magick" employed to connect with deity and foster spiritual growth or transformation.

The All

The energy-force that "runs" the universe. Many Wiccans believe that our "All" is the same as other religion' Gods.

The Ordains

A set of spiritual, practical, and coven laws that govern those of the Wicca.

Theban Script

A form of writing that can help focus energy and send it into the object that you are inscribing.

Third-Eye

The psychic center, or eye, located in the center of the forehead between the eyes.

Three Eyes of Kerridwen, The

The formula for all magickal words: Exception, Desire, and Merging.

Threefold Law

Karmic principle that energy released is returned three times over.

Three M's

Mantra, mandala and mudra; the prime associational and trance inducing devices.

Theomancy

Divination by using Oracles.

Thuible

A metal incense burner, sometimes suspended from a triple chain, used for cleansing.

Tide

The alternate rising and falling of the seas and oceans that occurs twice a day and is caused by the gravitational attraction of the sun and the moon occurring unequally on different parts of the earth.

Tiene sith

"Faerie fire."

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Time

A function of the ways in which humans perceive their universes, as being composed of phenomena that occur "before," "during" or "after" each other.

Tincture

A liquid produced by soaking plant parts (herbs), in ethyl alcohol or vinegar, to produce a scented liquid.

Tir

Used symbolically in names for the Under World. (i.e. TIR-nan-og.)

Tir-nan-og

"Land of the Young," or Faerie Land. Many Celts believe that upon death, the soul enters the land of Tir-nan-og.

Tiromancy

Type of divination using cheese.

Tools, Ritual/Magickal

Any of a number of ritual and magickal tools used for specific purposes. These include the Athame, Pentacle, wand, divinatory devices such as tarot cards, magickal stones, amulets, talisman, etc.

Topaz

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of strength of the insight, knowledge, devotion, divine love and creativity.

Torc

Circular metal necklace, common in many Celtic traditions as well as many different traditions from Northern England and Ireland. Used as a symbol of initiation and respect following death ceremonies. The shape of the necklace is thought by some scholars to be a reference to the snake, Ourobouros swallowing it's own tail and thus a return to one's source, a concept analogous the "Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust" of Xian religions. Also used as a symbol of protection and good fortune that was hung over doorways in much the same way horseshoes are used today.

Totem

Your power animal. This is a creature you can become, on an astral level, see through it's eyes, hear with it's ears.

Tourmaline

A magickal stone whose qualities are that of strength of the spirit, regeneration, creativity and growth.

Trad

A family or group tradition or denomination within the Traditional Witchcraft of the British Isles. Some Trads are hereditary while others are not.

Tradition

Branch of paganism followed by any individual Pagan or coven. Traditions, Wiccan: An organized, structured, specific Wiccan sub-group, usually initiatory, with often-unique ritual practices. Many Traditions have their own Book of Shadows and may or may not recognize members of other Traditions as Wiccan. Most Traditions are composed of a number of Covens as well as solitary practitioners.

Tradition, High

The High Traditions are a council of Wiccan/Pagan leaders in America.

Traditional Craft

Another term for Traditional Witchcraft of the British Isles, also known as Trad Witchcraft, the Traditional Craft, or the Craft.

Traditionalist

This refers to a Traditional Witch, also called a Traditional Crafter or Crafter, one that follows the traditions of a Trad in the Traditional Witchcraft of the British Isles.

Trance

A trance is an altered state of consciousness.

Transcendent

Far surpassing the ordinary range of human excellence, or surpassing all human knowledge.

Transit

The passing across a meridian on a celestial body by another celestial sphere.

Transmutation

An APK talent for changing the atomic structure of matter, so as to alter its elemental or molecular nature.

Transvection

To be carried over to the astral plane; astral projection.

Treatise

A writing that treats a subject; specifically, one that provides in a systematic manner and for an expository or argumentative purpose a methodical discussion of the facts and principles involved and conclusions reached.

Tree of Life

A metaphor for the connection between God and man, used in Cabala.

Tribal Magical Systems

All systems of magic and mysticism practiced by peoples living in tribal cultures at any time in the past or present, anywhere in the world.

Trilithon

A stone arch made from two upright slabs with one lying atop these. Trilithons are featured in Stonehenge as well as the circle visualization in The Standing Stones Book of Shadows.

Trine

The favorable astrological aspect of two celestial bodies 120 degrees apart.

Triple Goddess

One Goddess in all of Her three aspects: Maiden, Mother, Crone.

Triskelion

A triple, overlapping triangle symbol and represents Fate(s). One side of each triangle is missing, and this gives an overall impression of movement & activity, of energy in action.

True

¹That which is most probable. ²That which is most readily accepted by the masses as being so. ³That which is pleasant and/or convenient to believe.

True Falsehoods, Law of

“It is possible for a concept or act to violate the truth patterns of a given personal universe (including a single person’s part of a consensus reality) and yet to still be ‘true,’ provided that it ‘works’ in a specific situation.”

Tuatha De Dannan

“Children of the Goddess Dana,” or the ancient Faerie Gods and Goddesses.

Tuathal

Counter-clockwise.

Tuigen

Feathered cloak.

Twin Soul

At the time of your creation into a spiritual essence, you were created with an equal counterpart. Many people call this simultaneous creation of two spiritual beings the birth of Souls, thereby making your counterpart your Twin Soul. These two souls progress along their spiritual paths on a very individualistic basis. Never incarnating together, and most likely not even in the same solar system. It's part of the Universal balance, the creation of Yin and Yang so to speak.

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Uath

Poetic art.

Unconscious, Collective

A theoretical construct of C. G. Jung, who believed that all human beings have access to the collected mental experience of all their ancestors and that, in essence, these memories (usually in highly symbolic forms) are carried genetically from one generation to the next; sometimes called “racial” unconscious, though whether the species as a whole or specific gene pools are referred to is unclear.

Under World

The "lower" realm(s) in Celtic Cosmology, most often designated with the word **Tir**.

Undine

An “entity” or “elemental” that dwells in the plane of Water or is associated with the Water Element.

Unity, Law of

“Every phenomenon in existence at any point in space or time is linked, directly or indirectly, to every other one.”

Universal Consciousness

Pertains to the 'all', all things seen and unseen within all of divine creation.

Universal Deity

The concept that all gods and goddesses (and thus their two polarities) are united as one. Further this term asserts that all beings living and non-living are united with this single sentient energy form. Belief embraced by many — though not all — Neopagans though many old pagan traditions do not hold to this as a truth.

Universal Hierarchy

A belief that there is order and form to the universe. Within that order is a hierarchy of spiritual law and action containing seven levels or seven plains of existence. At the time of creation, a spirit began its process of growth on the first plane. Learning lessons and gaining enlightenment through several lifetimes allows the spirit to evolve to the next level. Angelic beings travel to all levels acting as messengers for the spirits who have evolved to the 7th level.

Universals, Cultural

Patterns of belief or behavior that show up in all or a majority of human cultures, that are related to specific topics.

Universe

The total gestalt of all data patterns one may have about that which seems to be oneself and that which seems to be not-oneseif; depending upon whether or not one believes in an objective reality, the universe can be considered to be a part of one's metapattern or vice versa.

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Vampire

A person who has supposedly risen from the dead and who survives through a process of inducing willing or unwilling blood donations.

Vampire, Psychic

A person or institution practicing the absorption of psychic energy to the point of actually damaging the people they attack. (See Absorption and Tapping.)

Varna

In Tantra, the principle that sound is eternal and that every letter of the alphabet is a deity.

Vanaheim

This is the world in which the ancient nature gods and goddesses in Norse mythology live.

Veil of Forgetfulness

A thin invisible field that shields the conscious mind and physical senses from the etheric world. Designed as a veil of protection for the physical mind.

Verbal Charm

A word or set of words designed to give blessings or requests from Divine sources. "Bless You" is a form of charm.

Vibration

A specific pattern within energy. Each thought has it's own pattern and therefore it's own vibration as an example. A person who is sensitive to energy can distinguish the pattern or meaning behind an energy form by sensing it's vibrational frequency, color, sound and/or order.

Vision Quest

In modern times, this refers to the process of using astral projection, bi-location, or dream time to accomplish a specific goal. Also called path working. Its origins are shamanistic.

Visualization

The process of forming mental images. Magickal visualization consists of forming images of needed goals during ritual. It is also used to direct personal power and natural energies for various purposes during magick, including charging and forming of the magick circle.

Vodun/Voudoun

¹A West African word meaning “deity” or “power.” ²General term for a variety of eclectic religions and associated magical systems practiced throughout the Americas, consisting of mixtures of various African tribal beliefs with various Native American tribal beliefs, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, Spiritualism, Theosophy and other systems (including Hinduism, Islam, Neopagan Witchcraft and anything else that seems useful). Different names include Candomble, Macumba, Santeria, Hoodoo, Voodoo and many others.

Voodoo

Most of the Pagan religions of South America and parts of Africa. These differ from most other modern Pagan and religions in that most of them incorporate ritual sacrifice of animals, etc., as a means to raise magickal energies.

Vortex Field

An energy field causing rapid circular movement around an axis.

Vortices

Energy centers or Chakras of the Earth connected by meridians or "Ley Lines" which transmit energy between them.

W

Wand

Ritual tool representing Fire/Air.

Waning Crescent

The Moon is partly but less than one-half illuminated by direct sunlight while the illuminated part is decreasing. The Moon here is Mother/Crone.

Waning Gibbous

The Moon is less than fully but more than one-half illuminated by direct sunlight while the illuminated part is decreasing. Three days after the Full Moon. The Moon here is Mother.

Waning Moon

A phase of the moon in which the face of the moon is getting smaller (the time between a full moon and a new moon).

Wards

Mystical energy patterns designed to safeguard an area (or person) from negative influences. Wards, such as pentagrams, are often drawn in the air at the four quarters of a sacred space to enforce the protective energy.

Warlock

Antiquated term misused in reference to a male Witch. As it means 'oathbreaker' or 'liar', most Pagans find the term offensive.

Watch Towers

Originally from the Enochian branch of Ceremonial Magick, now incorporated into many "Traditions" of Wicca, these are the four elemental "directions" or "quarters" (corresponding to the appropriate points on the compass) called to protect the Circle during its establishment. Each of them have a correspondence between the compass point, an element, and (varying amongst

different traditions) color associated with them.

Water

In most magickal traditions this corresponds with West, the color blue, the Psychic Mind, intuition and emotion.

Water Witching

Rhodomancy when done for finding water.

Waxing Crescent

The visible Moon is partly but less than one-half illuminated by direct sunlight while the illuminated part is increasing. The Moon here is Maiden.

Waxing Gibbous

The Moon is more than one-half but not fully illuminated by direct sunlight while the illuminated part is increasing. Three days before the Full Moon. The Moon here is Mother.

Waxing Moon

The phase of the moon in which the face of the moon is getting larger (the time between a new moon and a full moon).

Web Weaving

Networking with other magickal people to gather information which will mutually assist each party.

Weight Control

Mass control and/or gravity control when done in a gravity well (on the surface of a planet, for example).

Well of Segais

The ultimate source of information on the Other Worlds.

Wheel of Life

A 'wheel' or symbolic circle divided into directional sections (North, South, East, West etc.). Each section contains a certain energy, which designates specific uses, meanings or the existence of certain energy patterns. The East represents fire, the sun and the place for communication as an example.

Wheel of the Year

The full cycle of the eight Sabbats in the Wiccan calendar. They Occur at the Equinoxes and Solstices (the Quarters) and on the days marking the midpoints between them (the Cross-Quarters.) A short list of the names:

Name(s)	Date
Yule	Winter Solstice
Candlemas/Imbolc	February 2 nd
Eostar/Ostara	Spring Equinox
Beltane/May Day	May 1 st
Litha	Summer Solstice
Lughnassadh/Lammas	August 2 nd
Mabon	Autumn Equinox
Samhain	October 31 st

White Magic

¹A used to refer to magic being done for “good” purposes ²A used to refer to magic being done by people of whom the user of the term approves.

White Witch

A witch who only practices white magick.

Wicca

A modern Pagan religion with spiritual roots in the earliest expressions of reverence for nature. Some major identifying motifs are: reverence for both the Goddess and God; acceptance of reincarnation and magick; ritual observance of astronomical and agricultural phenomena; and the use of magickal circles for ritual purposes.

Wiccan Creed

This is the moral code for all who practice Wicca and most who practices Witchcraft (also known as the Rede):

Eight words the Wiccan Rede fulfill:

And it harm none, do what ye will.

Wiccan Trilogy

The triple aspect of the Goddess, Maiden, Mother, and Crown.

Wicce

Synonymous with Wicca. In some circles, Wicce is used for women and Wicca is used for men. Plural of Witch.

Widdershins

Counterclockwise motion.

Wine Moon

The tenth Full Moon of the year.

Witch

A practitioner of the Craft. (See Craft) This term applies equally to either males or females. A practitioner of folk magick, particularly that kind relating to herbs, stones, colors, wells, rivers, ect. It is used by some Wiccans to describe themselves.

Witchcraft

The craft of the witch — magick, especially magick utilizing personal power in conjunction with the energies within stones, herbs, colors, and other natural objects.

Witch Doctor

African shaman.

Witches' Pyramid

A creed and a structure of learning that witches follow: “To Know, To Dare, To Will, and To Be Silent.”

Wizard

Someone who practices magick but is not a witch.

Wolf Moon

The first Full Moon after Yule. Some traditions have their new year begin with Samhain, and thus the moon's sequence would be different, the first Full Moon would be the Harvest Moon, and continue on from there.

Words of Power, Law of

“There exist certain words that are able to alter the internal and external realities of those uttering them, and their power may rest in the very sounds of the words as much as in their meanings.”

Working

As in Magickal Working. The process of using magick to reach a desired positive goal.

Worlds, Between the

Other aspects and dimensions of the physical, spiritual, and psychological, etc.

Wormhole

A doorway through the time/space continuum, which used the natural folds of space to move great distances at high speed, also avenues to the faery realm.

Wort

An ancient word meaning herb.

Wyrrd

Norse spiritual tradition, a magickal energy where everything is interconnected. This is the energy Rune masters use to see into the future.

Wyr

The Old English word for plant or herb.

X

X

A place holder. A magickal symbol used in place of an unknown or secretive element.

Xenophobia

A morbid fear of that which is new, different or strange; common among professional debunkers of minority belief systems and other fundamentalists.

Xian

One form of writing the word Christian, similar to the word Xmas for their holiday Christmas. Though sometimes considered derogatory.

Xianity

See Xian.

Xylomancy

Divination from pieces of wood, either from their shape when collected or their appearance while burning.

Y

Y Tywyth Teg

Welsh name for faeries (the fair folk) (family), or y Tylwyth Teg yn y Coed, meaning the fair family in the wood.

Yang

Energy that contains a positive or masculine charge of Polarity. It's active and has the characteristics of sunlight, fire, strength and heaven. It is the white side of the yin/yang symbol.

Yantra

A Tantric diagram or chart.

Yggdrasil

The World Tree in Norse mythology whose branches held the nine worlds, three worlds above (including the light elf world), three worlds in the middle (including Middle Earth), and three worlds below (including the dark elf world).

Yin

Energy that contains a negative or feminine charge Polarity. It's has the characteristics of darkness, the moon, weakness and water. It is the black side of the yin/yang symbol.

Yin/Yang

The twin poles of energy. The yin/yang concept is one system of viewing the universal energies. Yin corresponds to Receptive Energy and yang to Projective Energy.

Yoga

Literally means “yoke” or discipline. With no qualifying adjective, usually refers to Hatha Yoga (discipline of the body).

Yule

A Wiccan festival celebrated on or about December 21st, marking the rebirth of the Sun God from the Earth Goddess. It is a time of joy and celebration during the miseries of winter. Yule occurs on the Winter Solstice.

Z

Zen

A branch of Mahayana Buddhism. A highly intellectual, metaphysical philosophy, concentrating on meditation to reach enlightenment. It is not a religion, nor is there communication with the etheric world.

Zener Cards

Cards used in most of the early ESP experiments, developed in the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University.

Zenith

The highest point in the heavens, vertically above the observer and directly opposite the nadir (lowest point).

Zodiac

An imaginary belt of the heavens, extending about 8° on each side of the ecliptic, within which are the apparent paths of the sun, moon, and principal planets. It contains twelve constellations and hence twelve divisions called signs of the zodiac. Each division, however, because of the precession of the equinoxes, now contains the constellation west of the one from which it took its name.

Zodiac Quarters

The zodiac begins at the Vernal Equinoctial point or Spring, where the ecliptic crosses the Equator south to north. The four quarters are divided then by solstices and equinoxes. Each quarter is further divided by three signs: cardinal starts, fixed persists the process, and mutable completes.

Zombie

¹Someone supposedly raised from the dead by a Vodun magician, possibly never really dead at all but rather drugged, who is used as a slave. ²Someone who has joined a repressive “cult” movement, lost their own personality and other intellectual faculties, and is used as a slave.