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If you've recently had a period of enlightenment and you developed an interest in Wicca, I am sure you would like to know how you can get started on this spiritual path. No matter how much you want it, it is normal to feel at a loss and not knowing where to start. It's also normal to be unsure at times. You cannot just decide you wanna be a Wiccan and become one in a snap of a finger.

Here's a guide for the beginners who want to know how to actually be a full-fledged Wiccan.



LEARN ABOUT WICCA



There is a lot of reading to be done when learning Wicca. Nowadays, it's not so difficult since there are many websites online that you can learn from. But of course, to dig deeper, it's always best to learn from a book. There are many Wiccan books available to learn from online. Scott Cunningham and Raymond Buckland are only two of the most well-known authors on the subject.



LEARN WHAT WICCA IS NOT



Don't go into studying Wicca if you're under the impression that Wicca is about hatching a revenge plan on your enemies or putting hexes on people. Wicca is also not a me-against-the-world situation. In fact, Wicca teaches you how everything is interconnected and that you should strive to be one with everything.

LEARN HOW TO USE MAGICK

Magick in Wicca is not the magic that you see performed by people in the circus or magicians. Magick in Wicca is the practice of channeling energy to achieve a desire. Wiccans perform magick to help them heal mentally or emotionally or to attract positive luck. In Wicca, magick is a spiritual act to help turn your dreams and desires into reality.

Real Wiccans do not do curses, sorcery, or black magick, only pure and white magick. Wiccans would not dare do black magick for they abide by the Wiccan rede and believe in the threefold law.

While performing magick, you are very vulnerable to outside forces that may be negative.

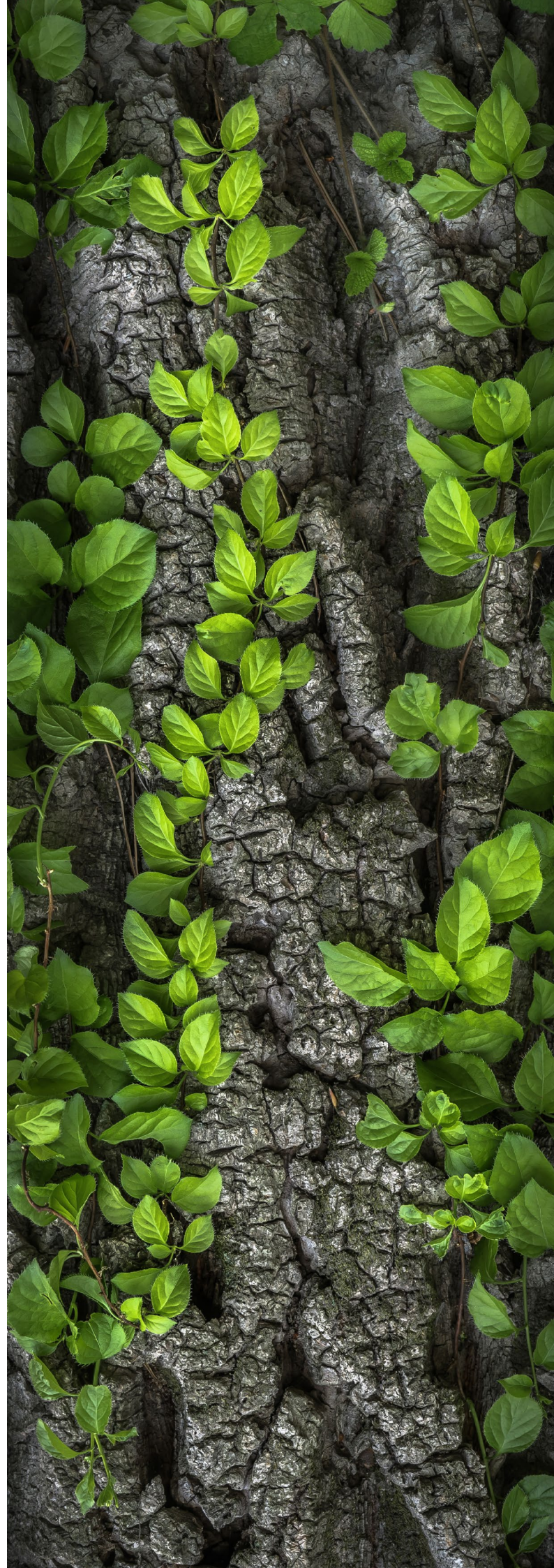
So take time to learn about magick by reading up on how to do it as you prepare for your very first magick spell.

FOLLOW THE WICCAN REDE AND THREE-FOLD LAW

Wicca has no commandments, rules or laws. Wiccans only abide by the Wiccan Rede, which is “An Ye Harm None, Do As Ye Will” and the Threefold Law. The Wiccan Rede’s lesson is to treat people the same way you would like to be treated. Wiccans believe everything on this Earth has a purpose and every thing has a part of the goddess within. This is why Wiccans cannot be the evil people that others paint them to be.

The Threefold Law is similar to the concept of karma. Whatever it is that you give out will come back to you threefold. There is no threat of punishment to Wiccans who fail to abide by these, they impose this discipline on themselves. Wiccans are wonderful people this way.

If you wanna be a Wiccan, begin living by both codes every single day.





THE WICCAN REDE

(FULL VERSION)

Bide within the Law you must, in perfect Love and perfect Trust.
Live you must and let to live, fairly take and fairly give.

For tread the Circle thrice about to keep unwelcome spirits out.
To bind the spell well every time, let the spell be said in rhyme.

Light of eye and soft of touch, speak you little, listen much.
Honor the Old Ones in deed and name,
let love and light be our guides again.

Deosil go by the waxing moon, chanting out the joyful tune.
Widdershins go when the moon doth wane,
and the werewolf howls by the dread wolfsbane.

When the Lady's moon is new, kiss the hand to Her times two.
When the moon rides at Her peak then your heart's desire seek.

Heed the North winds mighty gale, lock the door and trim the sail.
When the Wind blows from the East, expect the new and set the feast.

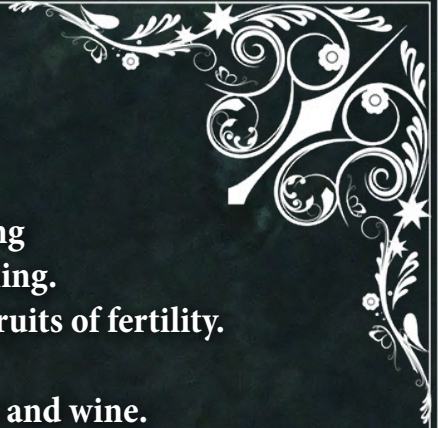
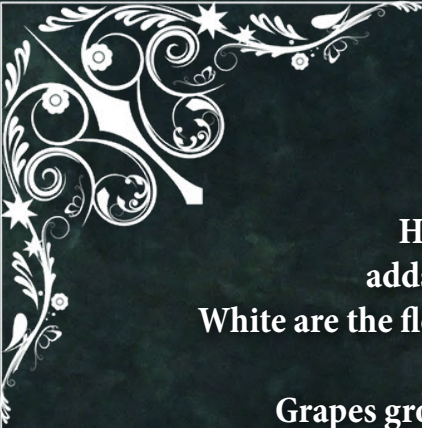
When the wind comes from the South, love will kiss you on the mouth.
When the wind whispers from the West, all hearts will find peace and rest.

Nine woods in the Cauldron go, burn them fast and burn them slow.
Birch in the fire goes to represent what the Lady knows.



Oak in the forest towers with might, in the fire it brings the God's
insight. Rowan is a tree of power causing life and magick to flower.

Willows at the waterside stand ready to help us to the Summerland.
Hawthorn is burned to purify and to draw faerie to your eye.



Hazel-the tree of wisdom and learning
adds its strength to the bright fire burning.
White are the flowers of Apple tree that brings us fruits of fertility.

Grapes grow upon the vine giving us both joy and wine.
Fir does mark the evergreen to represent immortality seen.

Elder is the Lady's tree burn it not or cursed you'll be.
Four times the Major Sabbats mark in the light and in the dark.

As the old year starts to wane the new begins, it's now Samhain.
When the time for Imbolc shows watch for flowers through the snows.

When the wheel begins to turn soon the Beltane fires will burn.
As the wheel turns to Lamas night power is brought to magick rite.

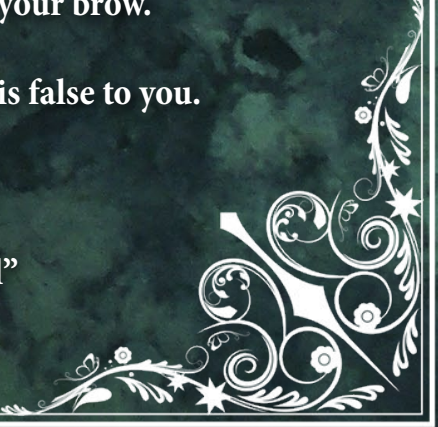
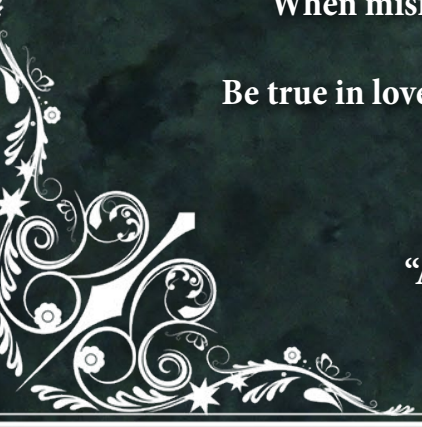
Four times the Minor Sabbats fall use the Sun to mark them all.
When the wheel has turned to Yule light the log the Horned One rules.

In the spring, when night equals day time for Ostara to come our way.
When the Sun has reached it's height time for Oak and Holly to fight.

Harvesting comes to one and all when the Autumn Equinox does fall.
Heed the flower, bush, and tree by the Lady blessed you'll be.

Where the rippling waters go cast a stone, the truth you'll know.
When you have and hold a need, harken not to others greed.

With a fool no season spend or be counted as his friend.
Merry Meet and Merry Part bright the cheeks and warm the heart.



Mind the Three-fold Laws you should three times bad and three times good.
When misfortune is enow wear the star upon your brow.

Be true in love this you must do unless your love is false to you.

These Eight words the Rede fulfill:

“An Ye Harm None, Do What Ye Will”

CHOOSE YOUR DEITIES

Wiccans do not believe in an omnipotent God like the Christians, they do believe in many gods and goddesses since it is a polytheistic religion. The gods and goddesses are not inaccessible to Wiccans and it is possible to have direct contact with them as if they were your peers.

So read up on the different gods and goddesses from different pantheons like the Roman, Greek, or Norse and reach out those whose characteristics you like and those you feel can help you in your chosen path.

PERFORM YOUR FIRST RITUAL

Wiccans like to perform rituals by their altar or outside to spend time with Nature. Rituals are performed to achieve a desire or to celebrate a Sabbat or according to the moon phases. Rituals can be performed alone or with other people. Rituals also call for tools like black candles, white candles, sea salt, spring water, crystals, etc. And you also need to learn how to cast a circle of protection around you before performing a ritual.

For example, New Moon rituals are all about new beginnings and usually involves writing down your hopes for your new life. You can search for a New Moon ritual online that can be your very first ritual as you are embarking on this new spiritual path.



KEEP TRACK OF YOUR GROWTH IN A BOOK OF SHADOWS

If Catholics keep a bible, Wiccans keep their Book of Shadows. There are many things that should go in your Book of Shadows, but its main purpose is a sacred book that holds your spells, rituals, correspondences, and tracks your growth as a Wiccan. As you learn more about Wicca and advance in your experience, you will have realizations and find associations that you should write down.

When you look back on your journey, it is your Book of Shadows that will take you there. You will be surprised at how much you have evolved and grown, which is very fulfilling.

CELEBRATE SABBATS

Just like their ancestors, Wiccans celebrate the passage of the seasons. To Wiccans, changing seasons do not mean just a change in clothing choices, but they use it to celebrate Nature, perform thanksgiving rituals and change themselves along with the seasons. See, being a Wiccan is being one with Nature, so the changing of seasons also marks a time of change for a Wiccan.

There are 8 seasons that each have their own deeper meaning. Yule or Winter is a sign of deep reflection. Ostara or Spring is a time of abundance and fertility. Be sensitive to changing of seasons and take time to reflect on what the coming season means to you.



REACH OUT TO OTHER WICCANS

Today, it's not that easy to find a coven to join. But what's easy to find are Wiccan communities online. Wiccan communities online are not unapproachable but actually very welcoming, warm, and friendly. It has become much easier to reach out to other Wiccans especially when there is no known coven in your city. Take advantage of this opportunity because to meet someone who is on the same spiritual path as you and to learn from him or her is nothing short of magickal. :)

WELCOME THE PENTACLE INTO YOUR LIFE

If Catholics have the scapular, Wiccans have the pentacle. Non-Wiccans often misunderstand and fear this symbol, thinking it's Satanic. You should know by now that it's all misinformation and if anything, it's a symbol of your love for Nature. The pentacle represents good and pure and white magick, light and love, representing the North, South, East, West and the Spirit. It also represents the Earth, Water, Air, the Spirit and the Divine. Encased within a circle, it means wholeness and unity of all quadrants and the elements and our love for Nature.

Other than being a symbol of your beliefs, a pentacle necklace, bracelet, earrings, or clothing will not only protect you but it will also repel negative energy, which is a no-no in Wicca.

So there you have it, the 10 steps you need to master before you can even call yourself an honest-to-goodness Wiccan. :)





DISCOVER YOUR

Wiccan Name

RIGHT NOW

CHOOSING A WICCAN NAME IS NOT JUST MAKING ONE UP.

TRUST THAT A WITCH'S NAME WAS CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT AND WAS NOT PIECED TOGETHER CARELESSLY.

A WICCAN NAME MUST BE DISCOVERED AND UNEARTHED, LIKE THE EARTH'S SECRETS OR BONES ON AN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE.

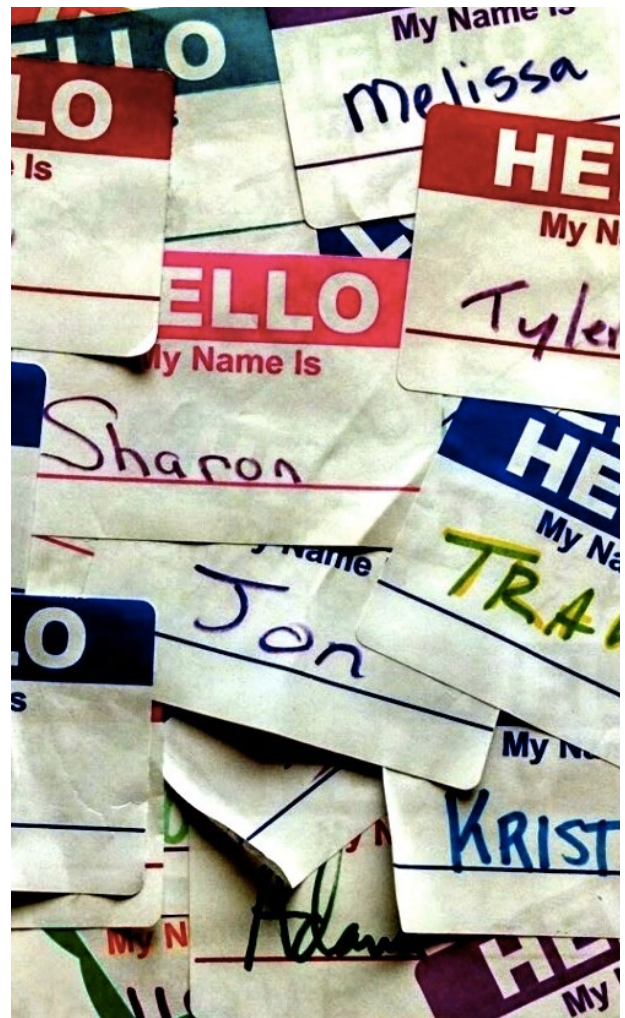
THE DIVINE ACTUALLY GAVE YOU YOUR TRUE NAME AT THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN.

MAYBE YOU JUST STARTED ON THE WICCAN PATH OR YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS AND IT HAS BEEN COVERED UP AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...

...BUT YOUR TRUE WICCAN NAME IS STILL THERE, WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.

AND LIKE THE ANCIENT BONES AND THE SECRETS OF THE EARTH, YOUR WICCAN NAME HOLDS GREAT POWER AND BEAUTY.

THE MOMENT YOU DISCOVER YOUR TRUE NAME IS THE MOMENT OF COMING INTO YOUR OWN GREAT PERSONAL POWER.



YOUR NAME



PEOPLE SPEND MONTHS, EVEN YEARS, PICKING THE PERFECT NAME FOR THEIR BABIES OR THEIR PETS. AND WHEN THAT HUMAN OR ANIMAL HAS BEEN GIVEN A NAME, IT SAYS A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT THEM.

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW PEOPLE UNLESS WE KNOW THEIR NAMES. AND IF WE KNOW THEIR NAMES, WE FEEL WE DO KNOW THEM.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR NAME, WHY EVEN BOTHER TO DISCOVER YOUR WICCAN NAME? WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DID NOT PICK YOUR NAME.

TO NAME YOURSELF IS TO IDENTIFY WHO YOU ARE, TO KNOW YOURSELF, AND TO GIVE YOURSELF GREAT POWER.



HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR WICCAN NAME

TO DISCOVER YOUR WICCAN NAME, YOU HAVE TO SET ASIDE TIME TO REFLECT ABOUT YOUR LIFE, YOUR QUALITIES, AND YOUR HURTS AND JOYS.

✓ **WHAT ARE YOUR LIKES?** (*THE COLOR BLACK, THE COLOR PURPLE, HONEY, CANDLES*)

✓ **WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AT NIGHT?** (*DANCING, SINGING, THE MOON*)

✓ **WHEN ARE YOU AT YOUR HAPPIEST?** (*IMBOLC, OSTARA, LAMMAS*)

✓ **WHAT HERBS AND SPICES ARE YOU DRAWN TO?** (*LAVENDER, CHRYSANTHEMUM, CINNAMON*)

✓ **WHAT SPELLS DO YOU OFTEN CAST?** (*RELAXATION SPELL, GOOD LUCK SPELL, HEALING SPELL*)

✓ **WHAT THING MOST REPRESENTS YOU?** (*LIKE YOUR PENTACLE, THE MOON OR CAT AMULET*)

✓ **WHAT SPECIAL POWER DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE?** (*READING AURAS, READING MINDS, POSITIVE ENERGY*)

✓ **WHAT KIND OF MAGICK DO YOU LIKE PERFORMING?** (*TAROT CARD READING, CRYSTAL BALL GAZING, WAND SPELLS*)

✓ **WHAT SYMBOLS ARE YOU DRAWN TO?** (*DREAM-CATCHER, TRIQUETRA, CRESCENT MOON*)

✓ **WHAT CRYSTALS ARE YOUR FAVORITES?** (*RUBY, TOPAZ, ONYX, GARNET*)

WHEN YOU REMOVE THE DUST AND DEBRIS OF AGES, AND HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF, YOU WILL FIND YOUR WICCAN NAME SHINING THERE LIKE A CRYSTAL OR GEMSTONE WITHIN YOU.

MAGICK AFTER DISCOVERING YOUR WICCAN NAME

YOUR THOUGHTS ARE POWERFUL AND SO ARE YOUR WORDS. YOUR WORDS ARE A POWERFUL MAGICKAL TOOL. YOUR WORDS, AFFIRMING, CAST A SPELL.

SO IMAGINE REFERRING TO YOURSELF IN YOUR WICCAN NAME...

...THAT EVERY TIME YOU SAY YOUR NAME OR HEAR IT, YOU'RE REMINDED OF WHO YOU CHOOSE TO BE.

AND EVERY TIME SOMEONE ELSE SAYS YOUR WICCAN NAME, THE ENERGY MOVES WITHIN BOTH OF YOU.

THE UNIVERSE ALSO SHIFTS TO HELP YOU BE TRUE TO YOUR NAME.

THE MORE YOU SPEAK YOUR WICCAN NAME, THE MORE YOU ALIGN YOURSELF WITH THE THE DIVINE...

...AND THE MORE YOU ARE ALIGNED WITH THE DIVINE, THE MORE MAGICKAL POWER YOU ARE ACCESSING.

YOUR WICCAN NAME IS THE NAME ALIGNED WITH YOUR DIVINE ESSENCE. IT IS YOUR TRUE NAME. CLAIM IT AND DISCOVER YOUR TRUE POWER.

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