

Dear reader,

Merry Meet and thank you for joining me for this issue of The Moonlight Post!

I am super excited that you have decided to spend some time with me and explore and dive into the magic of Wicca!

In this issue, we'll talk about Magick, Spells and rituals.

I will try and answer some of the most commonly asked questions about Magick as well as giving you a step-by-step guide to making and creating your own spells (it's really not that hard).

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue as much as I enjoyed writing it :)

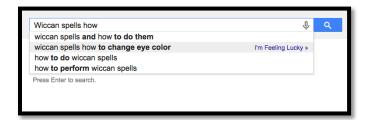
Thanks and Blessed Be!

- James Raven

HOW DO I CHANGE MY EYE COLOR?

AN INTRODUCTION TO MAGICK PART #1

Do a Google search for "Wiccan Spells" and you'll see that one of the most searched for terms is "How to change eye color".



I bet it has something to do with movies like "The Craft" and "Practical Magic".

Sure, they were good movies, but unfortunately, they don't have much to do with reality...

A DIVINE POWER

When we talk about Magick (as we Wiccans like to call it), you first have to understand that what it really is, is an outward expression of a shift in your consciousness.

So, we are not necessarily talking about changing eye colors, turning people into frogs or make someone do the things we like...

However, that doesn't mean that we can't affect the world around us. It just means that it's not like anything we see in the movies or read in the books.

No. What we are really talking about is to make use of the divine power that flows in everything. In you, me and everything else.

This invisible power of life, that unites every living being.

When we perform magick, we are trying to "tap" into this power. And to get closer with our gods so we can manipulate and use this energy.



NOT FOR EVERYONE

Performing magick requires immense concentration and a life-long dedication. It's NOT for everyone. Most new Wiccans stops or give up after a short time, when they don't see the results they were hoping for.

Magick isn't a cure-all solution to your problems.

It has its limitations and its uses.

If you try to use Magick as a way of avoiding facing and dealing with your problems, it won't work.

I believe that our problems are there for a reason (usually to teach us something about life). If you try to make them go away my using Magick, you'll be disappointed and most likely give up on doing Magick all together.

A SOURCE OF DIVINE ENERGY



Explaining how Magick works is extremely complicated.

The best way I can explain it, is that you are tapping into a source of energy that you can try to manipulate. This energy runs through all of us and is connected with the divine.

To "manipulate" this energy, you need to make use of the 3 pillars of magick:

Prayers, Rituals and Spells

The relationship between Prayers, Rituals and Spells, is important to understand.

You can use prayers to communicate with the gods. But never demand everything in your prayers. That simply won't work. You can ask for help and guidance though...

Rituals are important as well, because they prepare you for doing magick. You can see rituals as a way of "charging up" and purify yourself and your tools, so you are ready for doing spells.

Finally, the last pillar of Magick is casting your spells. This is where you are commanding and manipulating this divine energy.

I recently overheard this explanation like this to a non-wiccan:

"Imagine that you are doing some kind of sports...

Then your prayers would be your talks with your coach and the metal aspect of your training.

The rituals would be the endurance training and the spells would be the actual sports game or event."

Now...

The fact is, that unless you have experienced this yourself, it's really hard to understand and explain what Magick is all about.

My best advice (if you haven't had this experience yourself yet) is to just try it out.

It's not dangerous and as long as you have good intentions, there is nothing to worry about.



QUESTIONS ABOUT MAGICK

AN INTRODUCTION TO MAGICK PART #2

Q: WHO CAN DO MAGICK?

In essence, everyone can perform Magick. As long as you have the will and desire to learn and practice, you can do magick.

All that is required is:

- A directed and focused mind.
- A true desire
- A pure heart

Also, you don't NEED any tools to do magick (e.g. everyone can do it).

It will help to have an altar, a book of shadows, candles, oils, incense etc., but it's not essential.

Q: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE MAGICK?

First of all, there isn't really a difference. Magic doesn't have a color. It's pure energy and isn't good or bad in itself.

With that said, your intentions can "color" your Magick. Your inner emotions, feelings and thoughts can and will affect your Magick.

When a spell is casted where there is no intention of hurting anyone, it is generally considered White magick.

Black Magick is the kind of rituals and spells that hurts other people.

So, what if you cast a love spell with the purpose of making someone fall in love with you? Is that black or white magick?

It depends... if you know you are hurting someone with your spell (that persons current partner for example), I'd consider it black magick. If no one gets hurt, it'd be white.

Q: WHICH GODS SHOULD I CALL UPON?

This is a question we get a lot and it's not something I (or anyone else) can answer for you.

If you are just starting out, I'd suggest you simply call upon the Mother Goddess and The Father God.

It doesn't matter if you call them "Moon Goddess and Sun God" or "Father and Mother" or even "Lord".

As long as you have a pure hearth and good intentions, they will help you.

If you have an interest in a particular culture or for some reason, you seem to be drawn by a special God or Goddess, then by all means, pray to that God.

Doing Magick has a lot to do with your feelings, so if you feel the most comfortable by working with Osiris (Egyptian) or Odin (Nordic), then do so.

Q: WHERE SHOULD I START?

If you are a sole practitioner, and don't have anyone to guide and help you, you must take it upon yourself to learn and practice as much as possible.

There are many good books on the subject and with today's access to the Internet, you can find many spells and rituals to try out yourself.

Just remember to be pure in your hearth and intentions. Everything you send out there will come back three-fold.

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN PERSONAL SPELL

AN INTRODUCTION TO MAGICK PART #3

In this article, you'll see how you can make your own spells in a couple of easy steps.

It's a simple 4-step process and it doesn't really require anything. I like to wear my <u>Pentacle of Spells</u>, but that's not a must. I just find it helps me focus my energies.

STEP 01: DEFINE WHAT YOU WANT

First you need to clarify what it is you want. What's the purpose of the spell?

There's no such thing as a cure-all spell. So define what you want. The more narrowed down, the better.

Are you looking for a new job or maybe the love of your life? Do you want more money or do you want to get rid of something?

Make it as clear as possible and in a single sentence if possible.

For example: "This spell will help me attract true love".

STEP 02: FIGURE OUT WHICH TOOLS YOU NEED

Next step is to figure out and decide what material components you'll use in your spell.

Herbs, candles and sometimes stones are usually good choices.

Other things like feathers, jewelry and even things like an old CD, a piece of clothing or a kitchen knife can work very well...

Remember that spells are very much about symbolism, so if a pair of old sneakers has a special meaning for you, you may want to include them in your spell.



STEP 03: FIND THE BEST TIME TO PERFORM YOUR SPELL

For some spells, you need to consider timing. It's not always necessary, but it usually helps.

For example, if you're doing a kind of positive spell or if you want to draw something into your life, you should use the power of the waxing moon.

On the other hand, if you want to push something away or get rid of old habits, it's usually better to go for the waning phase.

Timing can also be about special days of the week. For example, Friday is generally known as Freya's day - you know, the love and fertility goddess...

You could even go as far as choosing a specific month, but don't go too crazy here. It's better to just get it done, than to wait for the perfect time (which could easily be in 5 years time when the moon is just right, on a Thursday in August).

STEP 04: WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID

Decide if your ritual should include a chant or maybe you want to call upon your gods for help. You could also recite a poem that has a special meaning to you.

Or it could be that your spell requires complete silence. Only you will know!

THAT'S IT!

- * What do you want?
- * What do you need?
- * When will you do it?
- * What needs to be said?

Not really that hard is it?

Now, I know this is very simplified, but that's the way I like it. Chances that you (and I) will remember it, is much higher when it's boiled down to a few steps... (Boiled down, heh)

Now, you could say that there is a fifth step. But that's more something you'll have to do afterwards...

Because, **you really should write down** how everything went when you are finished.



Maybe you need to correct some small things for next time or maybe everything was just awesome and worked perfectly. But if you don't write it down in your journal, you'll have a hard time figuring out what worked and what didn't...

As a rule of thumb, <u>you should see results</u> within one lunar month (28 days).

Also, remember the rule of 3 - be nice and be careful what you wish for, the universe can be tricky sometimes; O)

Finally, I just need to say that it doesn't matter how good the spell is, you'll still need to do some groundwork yourself.

I mean, you can sit at home casting spells all day long, but if you never send out your resumes or get out of the house, your chances of getting that dream job or meeting Mr. or Mrs. wonderful are close to zero...

Use your Magick as a tool to help you state your intentions, but don't rely on it solely.

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INTERVIEW WITH A WICCAN

In this issue, we had the wonderful opportunity to interview Alisa.

Alisa is 18 years and a old goat breeder from Missouri.

She is also enjoying riding her horse and of course, she is an active Wiccan.



Q: CAN YOU TELL A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR WICCA JOURNEY?

My name is Alisa, I am 18 years old and I live in the show me state of Missouri. As of right now, I am breeding and selling goats until I get enough money saved up to go to Alaska and start dog mushing.

Q: WHO OR WHAT GOT YOU STARTED WITH WICCA?

I honestly don't remember where I learned it (Wicca). I was 7th grade and I started doing some spells, then my brother had given me some books to read.

My brother Ray was one of the reasons why I got into Wicca.

Wicca has shown me the truth on Earth, it has taught me how little people know about Wicca. It also taught me how to love even when it's hard to.

The hardest part of being a Wiccan is that my family makes fun of me. They think it's stupid and they don't believe in it.

Q: HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WICCA TO SOMEONE WHO KNEW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT IT?

Wicca is a religion that has to do with Nature and taking care of Mother Earth.

We don't worship the devil like the Christians think we do, we don't even kill animals for our enjoyment.

Instead we honor multiple Gods and Goddess's, we also help living creatures.

My Gods are Cernunnos, Silvanus and Mithras.

My Goddess's are Artemis, Aradia and Diana

Q: HOW DOES YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FEEL ABOUT YOUR RELIGION?

Well...They hate it, some of my friends thinks it's cool but my family hates it. My mom is a Christian, and my dad is...I'm not sure what he is. Anyways, my parents make fun of it and say that it is fake.

My X boyfriend tried to tell me that I was in a fake religion. That led to a huge fight and a break up.

Q: DO YOU KNOW OTHER WICCANS OUTSIDE THE INTERNET?

I do know of one, but we don't really talk much. I am a solitary witch but I am trying to find a coven.

Q: HAVE YOU FOUND YOURSELF IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE OF WICCA?

Haha yes. A few years ago my brother had done a spell to summon spirits, we then had a few unfriendly spirits in the house but we also had a few friendly spirits.

The unfriendly spirits didn't do anything harmful but they liked to do their best at scaring the crap out of me.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WICCAN SYMBOL (AND WHY)?

My favorite symbol is the Goddess symbol.

It came to me in a dream one day and since then I have felt attached to it.



Q: IF YOU COULD GIVE ONE ADVICE TO A NEW WICCAN, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

My advice would be to not let others tell you that Wiccan is wrong.

Don't let them try to change your beliefs, be the person who you want to be.

Q: IF OUR READERS WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU, WHERE CAN THEY GO?

They can find me on My YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqhvWQm XQDgRMLthX7jKPLQ



NOTEWORTHY FROM THE WICCAWEBS

This section is dedicated to cool and awesome Wican and Pagan stuff, from the world wide interwebs:)

OLDIE BUT GOODIE: VIDEO ABOUT SPELL CASTING

This video is actually a couple of years old, but good information never gets overdue:)

The video is all about Magick and Spells and how it ties together with Wicca.

Here's some of what you'll learn in the video:

- What is a Spell and what it isn't!
- Spell craft and science
- How does a Spell a work
- · Witchcraft and the Media
- How to Cast a Spell

She also touches on other important issues. For example how Witchcraft, Wicca and Paganism are seen by society and why you should be aware when Christians try to "save you".

She has a really good way of explaining how you use your inner power to get your intention out into the universe.

It is quite long though (17 minutes), so be sure you have enough time.



Click here to watch the video!

A SIMPLE MOON RITUAL YOU CAN START USING TONIGHT

This article shows you a simple, yet powerful moon ritual, which you can literally perform tonight.



Click here for the article!

What's so great about this is that it gives a great introduction into doing rituals.

It's simplified into a couple of easy steps, which everyone can follow and understand.

The ritual teaches you how to charge your sacred items (a Moon pendant for example) with moonlight.

The Pentacle of Spells

This pentacle is perfect for when you are doing your magic and spell work.

The crescent moon in the center is the waxing moon, which is perfect for spells that attract, brings positive change or new ideas.

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Coming up in future issues...

- Protectors of Nature Who are they, what do they do and how do you communicate with them?
- Print ready Book of Shadows Pages!
- How to use one of the oldest divination tools. The Rune Stones.
- The Pentacle. What does it mean and why do people still insist that it's evil?

...and much, much more!

Until next issue, take care of yourself and keep learning & practicing.

Blessed Be!