



Bright Blessings

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Lughnasadh

Greetings!

At last the Celestine Circle newsletter sees the light of day again. This has been a time of great inner work for me, with some valuable lessons learned, and I am happy to say that I am now in a position to take up the full responsibility of Circle matters once again. Everything has a season and a time, and now is the time of new growth for the Celestine Circle, whose well-being always governs my choices and remains my primary concern. I am blessed to now live in a home to which I can invite members for the first time since 2007.

Since Pagan Freedom Day on 27 April 2009, we have celebrated the Sabbats with open Circles in KwaZulu-Natal. This decision was not taken lightly. The purpose of open Circles is not only to give and share energy and gratitude, but also to allow members of the public to see what it is that we actually do, rather than the image of Wicca given by Hollywood and the media ☺ In these times when many teachers with minimum experience or credentials, except via the dubious training of the internet, are offering their "knowledge", it is important that those of us who have been practicing Wiccan clergy for many years, who are more interested in the growth of aspirants than in political power and public recognition, stand in the light of day and show others the way - in perfect love and perfect trust. The Celestine Circle continues to grow steadily, and new members are welcome to attend Circles and bring friends and family, children included.

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our High Priest since 2004, Badger Wolfsbane, and his family, who are immigrating to Canada. I personally will miss his wisdom and his teachings, and will remember the work we did together with joy. I am sure everyone joins me in wishing him, Sonja and the children everything wonderful for the future.

As Badger is leaving and as Circle work increases, we have formed a Council of Elders of the Celestine Circle in order to assist with the work and energy required. Tracey

and John Dee studied with me in 2003 and are both wonderful pagan people with creative and gentle souls, who are also able to draw on warrior spirit when need be, and they are of tremendous assistance, as is Jan Atholl Botha, who is a natural shaman and brings his wisdom and patience to the Council. Together we are stronger and so is the Circle! I welcome and thank them.

Pagan Freedom Day promises to be even bigger and better this year, and I hope that those of you who are in KZN will join us. You will find a link for other gatherings nationally further on in the newsletter. It is such a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle and share views with others, so don't miss it!

Please feel free to pass this newsletter on, and if anyone would like to join the mailing list, please email me at feyfand@celestinecircle.za.net. We also have a closed group on FaceBook, which you can apply to join - "Celestine Circle of Southern Africa". The group "Pagan Public Events KZN" is an open FaceBook group in which we keep folk informed about our doings ☺ and all are welcome.

So many of us are traveling at the moment, and I would just like to say to those who are far away: we are still with you, and still remember you. Don't lose touch and keep treading your path with dignity, grace and the full knowledge that the Lady and Her Lord walk with you.

If you have any submissions, articles, poetry, events or services you would like to share in the Samhain newsletter, please email them to me.

The Wheel has turned again and it is time to start bringing in the Harvest as we celebrate the first day of Autumn at Lughnasadh. I wish you all abundant harvests and continued growth in all things positive.

And wishing you all a wonder-full and blessed 2010!

Bright Blessings

Fey Fand

High Priestess

Celestine Circle of Southern Africa

Merry Meet to all the Celestine Circle members!

After what seemed like an endless wait, our visas have finally arrived. For those of you who don't know, Sonja, the kids and I will be immigrating to Canada at the end of the month. We are going to live in Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, as I have been offered a job with the Edmonton Police Service as a police officer. It's going to take some adjustment from living in the Drakensberg for the last twelve years to moving to a city, but challenges are what life's all about.

In the last seven years that I have been a member of the Celestine Circle my life has truly been enriched and I consider myself blessed to have been a part of it and to have served as the Circle's High Priest. I have made some very close and dear friends in the Circle and I am truly going to miss them. Although I'll be leaving the country, I won't be totally gone as I will continue to contribute to the Circle's newsletter and we hope to come back on holiday in about two years.

I just want to thank Fey for all her support, love and guidance over the years and especially for her friendship, I'm going to miss you and look forward to casting a Circle with you again one day. To Mike and Les, we're really going to miss you guys, thanks for the friendship and all the good times we've shared over the years. Bud, I look forward to fishing with you again in Canada and punishing a lot of Canadian lagers together. So, until we meet again, farewell to everyone. May the Lord, Lady and the Ancestors bless and protect you.

Bright Blessings, Badger Woolfsbane



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You and yours are invited to

The Celestine Circle Lughnasadh Circle Celebration



On: Saturday 6 February
At: 1 p.m. (Circle will be cast at 1.30 p.m.)
Where: Empisini Nature Reserve, UMKOMAAS

Directions:

Take the Umkomaas offramp from the freeway
At the top of the offramp turn LEFT
Take your first tar road LEFT (signposted Sappi Saiccor)
At the bottom of the hill on the LEFT is the entrance to Empisini Nature Reserve
The picnic site is on the LEFT just after the first gate.

The Circle will be followed by a picnic.
Braai areas are available so please bring your own braai stuff if you want to braai.

Bring: Pagan friendly family and friends
Cricket gear, soccer balls etc for your kids
Picnic food and drink
Sunny smiles!

There is a charge of R20 per person for folk over 12 years old
Donations will be to Empisini Nature Reserve

PLEASE RSVP
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Colors: Gray, green, gold, yellow

Symbols: All grains, breads, threshing tools, athame

Date: Occurs 1/4 of a year after Beltaine. 2 February in the Southern Hemisphere, 2 August in the Northern Hemisphere.

The turning of the wheel brings us to **Lughnasadh** (LOO-nus-uh), also known by its medieval Christian name of **Lammas**, named in honor of the Celtic god Lugh, a name which means “light” or “shining.” Although somewhat confusing, we are not celebrating the death of Lugh (the God of light does not mythically die until the autumn equinox), but rather the funeral games that Lugh hosted to commemorate the death of his foster mother, Tailte. In Ireland, Lughnasadh is often called the "Tailtean Games". A common feature of the games were the "Tailtean marriages", rather informal and lasting only a year and a day or until next Lammas, at which time the couple would decide to continue the arrangement or stand back to back and walk away, thereby dissolving the marriage. The parish priest was not bothered to perform these trial marriages; they were usually performed by a poet, bard, priest or priestess of the Old Religion, or shanachie, and were very common into the 1500's. It is from this custom that our present-day Handfastings must come.

According to one of his many legends, Lugh was the last great leader of the Tuatha de Dannan. In one of the Tuatha's victories, Lugh spared the life of Bres, a defeated enemy captain, in exchange for advice on ploughing, sowing, and reaping. He was seen as a multi-talented deity, being capable and quite good at all he undertook. The myths of Lugh include the prevalence of his many skills and the wedding of these skills to the potential or unrealized abundance of the land. According to the writing of Caesar, he was also regarded as the patron of all the arts, traveling, and influence in money and commerce. To the Romans, Lugh was seen as a counterpart to Mercury. Lugh is the son of Arianrhod, who is associated with sacred kingship and Three-fold Death. His wife's name is Blodeuwedd, also known as the Flower Maiden.

Lughnasadh, which celebrates the ripening grains and corn, is the first of the three harvest Sabbats, Mabon and Samhain being the other two. With the harvest so prevalent, Pagans see the theme of the sacrificed god motif emerge. His death is necessary for rebirth of the land to take place. Called by many names, “Green Man,” “Wicker Man,” “Corn Man” or just the “Spirit of Vegetation,” his essence begins to merge with the harvested crops, a sacrifice that will be realized with the new growth in the spring.

In old times, it was the duty of the King to sacrifice himself for the land, an idea that has been seen in the many legends of cultures both new and old, throughout recorded history. The gathering of the first crops of the year is also used to symbolize the success and extent of the power raised from the Beltane rites when the Sacred Marriage of the Lord and Lady took place. The theme of sexuality and reproduction is carried over into Lughnasadh as well to ensure the remainder of a good harvest.

This sabbat is also known as the celebration of bread. As bread was one of the main staples of our ancestors, the ripening of the grain was the cause for great celebration. The reaping, threshing and preparation of these breads spawned great ritual and ceremony to ensure bounty for the following year.

This time of the year finds us with fields to harvest, the first of a bountiful crop that will hold us through the winter months. Even though the hottest days of summer are upon us, we have but to observe to see that fall is just around the corner. Shadows are growing longer as the days slowly become shorter. Squirrels are busily gathering food for the coming winter. It is a time to begin canning produce from the garden, a time to save and preserve.

Some ideas for celebration include:

- Sacrifice bad habits and unwanted things from your life by throwing symbols of them into the sabbat fire.
- Bake a loaf of bread in the shape of a man and sacrifice him in your ritual. Make him a part of your feast but save a piece to offer the gods.
- Take time to actually harvest fruits from your garden with your family. If you don't have a garden, visit one of the pick-your-own farms in your area.
- Gather the tools of your trade and bless them in order to bring a richer harvest next year.
- Share your harvest with others who are less fortunate.
- Decorate with sickles, scythes, fresh vegetables & fruits, grains, berries, corn dollies, bread. Colors are orange, gold, yellow, red and bronze.

And so the wheel turns....

<http://www.thunder.prohosting.com/cbarstow/lammas.html>



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SKIES

Mars back in our night skies

Mars has been easily visible in our early morning skies for the past year, but this month our planet Earth overtakes Mars. We do this once every two years; when this happens:

- * Mars rises in the east early evening, and is visible all night; and
- * it's at its brightest

If you haven't yet seen it, look towards the east around 9pm for the brightest "star" over that side - it's noticeably reddish.

The Moon

Full: 30 January in Leo

New: 14 February in Aquarius

Full: 28 February in Virgo

New: 15 March in Pisces

Full: 30 March in Libra

New: 14 April in Aries

Dates to Diarise

29 January – **Pretoria Pagan Moot** – contact Akra Ferats at admin@pagans.co.za

31 January – **National Pagan Picnic** – contact Ginney for KZN Picnic on 082 336 8348

2 February – **Lughnasadh** and **World Wetlands Day**

6 February – Celestine Circle **Lughnasadh Circle Celebration** and Picnic – contact Fey

20 March – Celestine Circle **Mabon Circle Celebration**

21 March – **Human Rights Day**

22 March – **World Water Day**

27 APRIL PAGAN FREEDOM DAY GATHERINGS NATIONWIDE – www.paganfreedomday.co.za

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INTERESTING MINERALS AND BOTANICALS

AMBER

Amber is fossilized resin, and is millions of years old. It is golden, yellow or sometimes pale brown. It is organic in origin and often has inclusions of insects and plants. It resonates to the root, lower abdomen and solar plexus chakras. It helps to wear or carry amber when you are feeling burdened by responsibilities. Amber is a spell strengthener and was one of the most magickally used stones in olden times. It filters germs and builds physical vitality. It is an expensive stone and should only be bought from a reputable dealer, as fake amber is quite common.

ALOE VERA

Aloe Vera is a spiky cactus like plant with green leaves mottled with yellow. If you make a slit in the fleshy leaf of the aloe vera, and apply the inner gel to burns, skin rashes and insect bites, it is very soothing and healing. It can be applied to wounds to prevent infection or to draw infection out. An aloe vera plant in the kitchen will protect you from burns and kitchen mishaps, and it also guards against evil.

CELESTINE CIRCLE PARALLEL WORKING FOR LUGHNASADH 2010

PLEASE COPY AND PASTE THIS TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

Greetings Children of the Earth,

As most of us know from Dr. Emoto Masoko's work and the research of other scientists, water has a memory, and can be structured by human thought and emotion. With this in mind, Tracey and Fey think it is URGENT that we all program a bottle of water (preferably spring water) with the intent of protecting the dolphins who are under threat from the Japanese whalers, as has been widely publicized by the attack and sinking of the Sea Shepherd's catamaran last week.

We would like to make this a POSITIVE visualization of pure protection and awareness for our fellow creatures, and NOT a negative visualization of the destruction of the whalers, so let's keep this of PURE INTENT – that the dolphins will receive our message to leave areas of threat.

Sterilize your glass bottle with boiled water and then dry it. Pour water into it and then sit comfortably, holding it, and chant:

Great Ones, resonate with this meditation

For our Kin, the cetaceans

That when sign is shown of the human race

They swiftly, protected, leave that place

And swim the deeps where they are free

Safe from hunter-humanity.

As I do will, so mote it be!!!

Visualize yourself as a dolphin in the ocean, hearing the sound of a ship's engine, or smelling oil on the water, or noticing a passing piece of flotsam, and BIRTHING A DEEP INSTINCTIVE KNOWING THAT YOU MUST GET AWAY, as far away from this sign and others like it as possible, WITHOUT PANIC, because you can feel the protection and warrior strength of the Great Ones who are communicating this message to you through the body of water which is your world.

Take as long as you need to, and at the end of the meditation, give thanks and send LOVE AND GRATITUDE to the water. Then take the bottle as soon as possible down to the seashore and pour the water into the ocean, reaffirming your visualization. If you cannot get to the ocean please go to your nearest body of flowing water and do perform the ritual there. Water communicates with itself as well as with us ☺

Because water picks up the information of other water physically separate from it, by pouring a small amount of your blessed water into new bottles of water will work, so you can hand out bottles to people and ask them to make more bottles, and keep the blessings and the messages going. Pass it forward!

If you are or know a surfer or diver or someone else who spends a lot of time at or on the ocean, please also get them involved.

Please do this ritual whenever and as often as you can.

Please show your support for the Sea Shepherds in any way you can – www.seashepherd.org

Bright Blessings,

The Elders of the Celestine Circle of Southern Africa

Fey Fand, Tracey Shuttleworth, Atholl Botha, John Dee Styles

Please read this – it is important information for all of us

WATER

A film by Saida Medvedeva and Vasily Anisimov

www.VoiceEntertainment.net

A REVIEW BY FEY FAND

This life-changing documentary is a must-see. It includes interviews with numerous scientists worldwide, including such eminent people as Karl Wuthrich, Nobel Prizewinner, Dr Emoto Masaru, Prof Martin Chaplin, the Laboratory Chief of London University, Dr Solodilov of the Russian Academy of Natural Science, Prof Korotkov of Moscow, and Dr Vorikov, Doctor of Science at Moscow University, as well as Rabbis, Imams, Priests, Monks, and other clergy.

Water has unusual physical properties, and is the only substance which expands when frozen. It is also the only substance which has 3 states – gas, liquid, solid. Science is now showing that water molecules, which form clusters, do not change their chemical composition (H₂O) but change their structure according to new information around it, remembering everything. This structure is like a nervous system and reacts to emotion. Modern instruments have recorded 444 000 information panels within each memory cell of water, each of which is responsible for its own type of reaction with the environment.

Rustum Roy, a Member of the International Academy of Science for Pennsylvania University, compares water memory cells to a malleable computer! Prof Korotkov from Moscow subjected water to different emotions and found that love increases and stabilizes the energy of water. Water frozen in a cryogenic chamber and then studied microscopically show structures which differ widely according to the emotions or even words they are programmed with. Plants irrigated with structured water are happier, need 20% less irrigation and no fertilizer, and the fruits ripen quicker – yet the chemical composition remains H₂O.

Our bodies are between 70% and 90% water. We drink about 2.5 litres and absorb another 1.5 litres of water a day through our skin. Water is transported to us under high pressure in pipes, and it is believed that it is polluted by negative information on this brutal journey. People are spiritually polluting water, according to Nobel Prizewinner Karl Wuthrich.

Dr Solidinov of the Russian Academy of Natural Science subjected to water to small magnetic impulses. Fish which bred in this water showed phenotype changes and all reacted to stimuli simultaneously, as though they had been born with a collective mind. He concludes that water can change the behaviour of animals – including us.

The purest water in the world from Roraima in Venezuela was tested by Dr. Korotkov in St. Petersburg using an instrument which shows light under an electro-magnetic field, and found it was 40 000 times more active than ordinary water. He found municipal water to be dead.

Another interesting thing is that the structure of the water in your brain is identical to the structure of the water in your birthplace. Water creates the structure of proteins; it creates the structure of DNA. Water directly affects our brains, and our body assimilates information from water which can change our characteristics. Eastern Medicine uses practices to correct the “bad water” in a patient. Many religions consecrate and bless water. Prayers resonate at 8 Hz, the same frequency as the Earth’s magnetic field. This structured water is called “holy water”.

Aggression causes a sharp change in water's memory. Dr Emoto did an experiment where he took 3 beakers of rice in water, and for one month he said "thank you" to one beaker, "you idiot" to the next beaker, and he ignored the last one. The rice in the first beaker fermented and gave off a pleasant smell. The rice in the second beaker turned black, and the third beaker's rice, which had been ignored, began to rot. He believes this is proof that indifference is the most harmful of emotions.

And through negative thoughts, you can pollute your own water.

Many laboratories worldwide have conducted the following experiment: they have divided a beaker of water into two, and separated them. One beaker was then structured. Even though the beakers were physically apart, the second beaker soon took on the structure of the first. So water communicates with itself. And water reacts and changes a week before a Solar Eclipse or a Comet.

Water can be influenced by the force of desire. Intention can imprint a structure on water.

Less than 1% of the water on Earth is fresh. Millions perish from a lack of fresh water, and it is a base resource. Yet we have poured 10 million tons of oil into our oceans, and we pollute them with industrial and radioactive waste. If water has a memory, could it be going mad? Is that why the whales are beaching more and more? Disasters, floods, tsunamis are increasing. Could this be a consequence of human activity? And could it work interchangeably? Could this also account for the increase in fear and crime and war? Water is a link in the chain of information transmission, and so are you. As the film narrative says, "every word is like a water drop... speak Love and Gratitude".

I urge you to see this DVD if you haven't already done so. And I hope it helps to explain why we are programming water with thoughts of protection and awareness for the dolphins in our parallel working! Please spread the word.... And be AWARE at all times of the power of thought, word and deed....

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University of Hokkaido Professor Tetsuya Endo expresses alarm at the high levels of contamination among residents of Taiji, site of the killing of dolphins featured in "The Cove". Dr. Endo is calling for "efforts to curb consumption of whale meat which is highly contaminated with mercury."

Message From Ric O'Barry
Campaign Director
Save Japan Dolphins

The dirty secret of the largest slaughter of dolphins on Earth is that the dolphin meat being sold to an unsuspecting public in Japan is poisoned by mercury contamination.

We have brought this to public attention since we began our campaign four years ago. More recently our testing of dolphin meat and the mercury contamination issue (including the Japan government's cover-up with a compliant media) is receiving global attention in the award-winning documentary "The Cove."

In Taiji, Japan, the little town that slaughters a thousand dolphins a year and sells the meat in markets around Japan, one brave town council member, Mr. Yamashita, objected to the inclusion of mercury-laden dolphin meat in the town's school lunch program, a PR gimmick by the dolphin-killers to get another young generation hooked on poisoned dolphin meat. Taiji dropped the school lunches, but unfortunately Mr. Yamashita has been shunned and left Taiji.

However, one of his legacies was a decision by the town council to test the mercury levels in Japanese citizens in Taiji. The results have been held up for months, but now enterprising reporters in Japan are bringing out the story.

The Japan-wide news service, Kyodo News, just published this story, picked up here by The Japan Times, which has been bravely printing the story of the dolphin slaughter and our Coalition work for several years.

The story states that Taiji residents, who eat dolphin meat, are showing mercury levels ten times higher than average Japanese.

The Japan media is finally getting out the story of mercury contamination in dolphin meat. As more stories appear, more reporters and editors will feel safe in investigating further.

Mercury-laden dolphin meat is a crisis that should bring an end to the dolphin slaughter in Japan, and not just in Taiji, but all across Japan.

We still have a long way to go to get this story out to the Japanese public and help organize the protest to their government to end the cover-up and the sale of dolphin meat.

I believe we are getting closer! And we will not stop until the dolphin slaughter ends, period.

--- Ric O'Barry

Here's how you can help immediately:

1. Join our Call to Action to Ban the sale of dolphin meat immediately!

Take action at:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/4/ban-the-sale-of-dolphin-meat>

2. Help us with a donation to get the word out in Japan. When the Japanese public sees The Cove, and realizes that the dolphin meat is poison, the killing will end. Go to:

<https://secure.acceptive.com/?cst=59a67b>

3. Go to:

www.savejapandolphins.org

to sign up for the latest updates.

4. Read the full text of the Mercury Poisoning story at:

<http://www.japantoday.com/category/national/view/mercury-levels-of-whale-eating-towns-residents-10-times-japan-average>

COSMETICS FROM THE KITCHEN

After cleansing, if you have dry skin it is beneficial to apply a light application of cucumber, strawberry, grape or cabbage juice. Those with oily complexions and enlarged pores may prefer the astringent juice of the grapefruit (watch out for your eyes!)

Nothing lubricates the complexion like fresh cream! It seeps readily into the pores, nourishes the skin and leaves it soft and velvety.

Hippocrates advised the ladies of Athens to moisten their hands and legs in the morning by rubbing them lightly with honey and later rinsing it away with water. This treatment relieves unattractive redness, roughness and chapping.

CELESTINE CIRCLE OPEN GATHERINGS 2010

FORTHCOMING DATES AND PROPOSED VENUES

- LUGHNASADH Circle (The Harvest of Grain) – Saturday 6 February – Empisini Nature Reserve, Umkomaas (communal TreeHouse accommodation available)
- MABON Circle (The Witch's Thanksgiving and the Autumn Equinox) – Saturday 20 March – Venue to be advised – any suggestions?
- PAGAN FREEDOM DAY – our annual Gathering to celebrate freedom of religion – Tuesday 27 April (Public Holiday) – The Hacienda, Monteseel
- SAMHAIN Circle (New Year and the Festival of the Ancestors) – Saturday 1 May – hopefully Gaia Sanctuary, Hillcrest (there is limited accommodation available)
- YULE Circle (The Winter Solstice and the Rebirth of the God) – Saturday 19 June – Pigeon Valley, Manor Gardens, Durban
- IMBOLC (The Quickening and the Festival of Lights) – Sunday 1 August – Walk the Labyrinth at Koinonia, Botha's Hill (based on the Chartres Labyrinth) followed by a bring and braai at "Clouds", Fey and Jan's place with a candle lighting rite
- OSTARA Circle (The Spring Equinox) – Saturday 19 September – Shongweni Dam
- BELTAINÉ – we propose to arrange a Pagan weekend and a Circle celebration in the Drakensberg

Please NOTE that some venues are dependent on dry weather. Please phone 073 803 2195 to confirm the Circle if the weather looks wet.

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INTERACTIVE GROUP CLASSES OR BY CORRESPONDENCE

**Facilitated by Fey Fand,
High Priestess of THE CELESTINE CIRCLE**

COURSE OPTIONS

Interactive Classes: Up to 8 people per group meet in Botha's Hill, outside Hillcrest, once a week on Saturdays from 11am to +- 3.30pm (finish time varies). The course includes Comprehensive notes, Guided Meditations, Dowsing Rods, Personal Astrological Profile and Practical Work. Only 2 Groups per year gather so booking well in advance is essential.

Correspondence Email Option: Comprehensive notes including practical home exercises are emailed or posted to you on a CD. Some options include Guided Meditation CD and Personal Astrological Profile.

CONTACT - FEY FAND

The Witch accusation and identity

by Damon Leff

Over the next few months I'll be working on a new book entitled '**The Witch: accusation and identity**'. It will be released in time for the annual 30 days of advocacy against Witch-hunts in Africa.

See <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6416194117&ref=ts> for more information on this advocacy campaign.

'The Witch: accusation and identity' is a collection of essays and articles, some of which have already been published, dealing with contemporary challenges facing real Witches in the twenty-first century in Africa.

In these articles I use the proper nouns Witch and Witchcraft when speaking of actual self-identified Witches who practice real Witchcraft, and the common nouns witch and witchcraft when speaking of non-Witches who have been accused of bewitching others. This distinction is important for two reasons; the witchcraft described by both traditional and Christian African cultural traditions does not exist, and in the twentieth - and twenty-first centuries, real Witches have reclaimed the term Witchcraft to define identified established and evolving religious expressions described by adherents as 'religion'.

The sub-title to this collection, 'accusation and identity', refers to these two very distinct phenomena. In Africa the stereotypical and highly prejudicial African conception of witchcraft and witches is always manifest as an accusation. Only real Witches self-identify as Witches and South Africa is the only country in Africa in which real Witches have publicly identified themselves as adherents of a Pagan religion called Witchcraft. For these Witches the terms Witch and Witchcraft define identity.

The word witchcraft is predominantly used as an accusation throughout Africa, to describe a number of clearly defined traditional religious practices that do not self-define as witchcraft, as well as a number of variable urban legends perpetuated by religious leaders, churches and traditional healers. In rare instances where alleged confessions of being a witch or practicing witchcraft are made by the accused, reported testimony is either irrational or coerced through torture or threat.

The 'witchcraft epidemic' in Africa is fueled by religious extremism. Practitioners of traditional African religions, traditional healers, witch-doctors and Christian missionaries and religious leaders incite witch-hunts on this continent. There are comparisons to be made between Africa's current witch-craze, European Inquisitions and American witch-hunts. Perhaps the lessons to be learned in Africa are the same as those that needed to be learned by Europeans and Americans; there is no 'culture' without human rights. All men and women, including Witches, have the right to live without being falsely accused, assaulted, persecuted or murdered.

Please support the '30 days of advocacy against Witch-hunts in Africa' between 29 March to 27 April 2010.

Speak out against Witch-hunts in Africa.

This campaign is supported by the South African Pagan Council and the South African Pagan Rights Alliance.



The South African Pagan Rights Alliance (SAPRA) is a human rights activist alliance that has been constituted to:
Promote the guaranteed liberties and freedoms enshrined for all South African Pagans in the Bill of Rights, Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996), and to
Assist South African Pagans, whose constitutionally guaranteed rights and freedoms have been infringed due to unfair discrimination, to obtain appropriate redress.

In the execution of its purpose and function, SAPRA welcomes the participation of all South African Pagan organizations, groups, religious affiliations, and individual South African and non-South African Pagans, without prejudice.

SAPRA claims national South African jurisdiction, in accordance with section 38 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996).

South African Pagan Rights Alliance
<http://www.paganrightsalliance.org>

SOUTH AFRICAN PAGAN RIGHTS ALLIANCE NEWS:

The [particularly brutal murder of an elderly woman in South Africa](#) has some calling once again for laws banning the practice of witchcraft in the country. [Columnist Michael Trapido argues](#) that the infringements on free expression such a law would create are a small price to pay for greater safety.

“So until such time as someone can put forward a better suggestion for protecting people accused of witchcraft — and not the current law which makes it an offence to call someone a witch — legislation to make it a criminal offence to be a witch seems to be the only answer. In tandem that anyone now possessed of this legal channel to accuse witches, who practices self-help, be given the stiffest possible sentences available to a court faced with that charge. Denying some form of religious freedom is very ugly but what happened to an 81-year-old woman and many others like her is far uglier.”

So in the course of attempting to stop witchcraft-related murders, Trapido would support a law that is so broadly worded that it essentially bans non-violent religions like Wicca. That, I suppose, wouldn't be such a large issue except for the fact that there is a thriving Pagan community in South Africa. I'm told that the [South African Pagan Rights Alliance](#) will be releasing a statement on the matter soon, but they have made their position regarding witchcraft bans quite clear before.

“Witchcraft in South Africa is a recognized Pagan religion. Most Pagans in South Africa self-define as Witches — as adherents of the religion of Witchcraft. Every South African citizen has the right to freedom of religion and belief, including the right to proselytize their religious beliefs should they choose to do so. This constitutional right includes not only the right of religious communities to define themselves and their own religion, but also to challenge anything they may perceive as harmful to themselves and their religious communities.”

Further, the [South African Pagan Council](#) is a recognized Religious Organization with SA Home Affairs and SA Revenue Services. So to enact the “solution” of banning “witchcraft” they would have to knowingly outlaw a religion they have previously acknowledged as deserving legal recognition. These murders are horrible, but the solution is education, aid, and enforcement of existing laws, not arbitrary (and discriminatory) new laws. I fear [Ben](#)

[Franklin would be rolling in his grave](#) at Trapido's "ugly" solution. I think the country of [Nelson Mandela](#) and [Desmond Tutu](#) can do far better than reactionary attempts to outlaw a belief in hopes it will solve the problem.

SAPRA Press Releases

<http://www.paganrightsalliance.org/press.html>

SAPRA Religious Marriage Officers

<http://www.paganrightsalliance.org/rmo.html>

What is Paganism?

<http://www.paganrightsalliance.org/paganism.html>

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<http://www.paganrightsalliance.org/yourrights.html>



Greetings Fellow Members of the Council

Damon Leff, elected Chairperson of the SAPC 's Environmental Committee (part of Project Spinning Wheel) has kindly drafted the following letter for inclusion on SAFCEI's website:

"Modern Paganism, broadly defined as 'Earth-centred religions', embraces a strong environmental ethic. Diverse Pagan religions encourage adherents to strive to live in harmony with the Planet on which we live. Pagans view the Earth as a Mother Goddess and regard Nature as a sacred physical manifestation of the Divine.

As Pagans we recognize humanity's duty towards the environment and acknowledge that Nature is our Mother and teacher. We should strive to protect Her and to live in harmony with Nature.

2.2.1. Code of Principles - Constitution of the South African Pagan Council

The South African Pagan Council is an ardent supporter of environmental protection and conservation and promotes the principle of individual responsibility in caring for the Earth, our Mother. The Council coordinates its own environmental initiative, 'Project Spinning Wheel', through which it seeks to constructively engage in environmental education and environmental protection activism.

We acknowledge the interconnectedness of everything and should therefore strive to practice kindness, generosity, hospitality and cooperation.

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The Council is supportive of environmental justice movements that seek to protect planetary biospheres and threatened species, as well as secure sustainable human environments that do not pollute or denigrate the Earth, and that provide equitable spatial distribution of both responsibility and benefit.

The Council and its members seek meaningful involvement in environmental and social decision-making processes in order to assist in the prevention of pollution and ecological degradation, the promotion of sustainable conservation of both eco-system and species, securing ecologically sustainable transformation and development, ensuring the fair and equitable use of natural resources, and the promotion of just economic and social development.”

Kindly note that Damon Leff is forming this project committee so that issues raised by SAFCEI, which need response from the SAPC, can be discussed and decided in committee. Damon would furthermore like to invite experienced Pagan environmentalists, especially those with formal training in this field, to join this committee. If you know know of anyone who might be interested, please contact them.

All queries should be addressed to [damon@gardenroute.com]

➤ www.pagancouncil.co.za/newsletter

SAPRA Press Releases <http://www.paganrightsalliance.org/press.html>
for SAPRA's statement on this.

On November 30th 2009 the SAPC became a paying member of SAFCEI (Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute). Thanks to Graham and Damon for tackling this. We trust that Damon and Graham will continue the good work at SAFCEI.

www.safcei.org.za [<http://www.safcei.org.za>]

Congratulations to the SAPC Marriage Officers who obtained their Home Affairs numbers this year:

Morgause

Johan Ferreira

Heidi and Ian Beckett

Jane Elliott

Lucille Reynolds

Please see the SAPC .ning section for networking etc.

www.pagancouncil.ning.com/ [<http://www.pagancouncil.ning.com/>]

The SAPC donated R1000.00 to it's charity for this year - CLAW, thanks to Colleen Mollentze for taking point on this one!

Thank you to the members who have made monthly stop orders to the SAPC, we trust in the Gods that this year will see a growth. Funds are needed for charity and hopefully a FREE convention in 2010, if the account gets funds...

The SAPC is registered as a religion with SA Revenue Services and is audited by private Accountants.

No money is used for personal expenses of any sort by any of the fiduciary members.

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May 2010 bring all that you deserve, and all that you desire!

Yours in the old ways
Luke Martin
Convener
073 016 7971

Celestine Circle members, please consider each offering the South African Pagan Council a monthly donation of R20,00 towards building a fund for a successful annual conference in 2010. If you would like a debit order form, please go to :
http://www.pagancouncil.co.za/files/debit_order.pdf

SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP

The South African Pagan Council (SAPC) has become a formal member of the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI). SAFCEI is described as an institute of people of many faiths, united in our diversity through our common commitment to earthkeeping. Our aim is to support the faith communities in fulfilling their environmental & socio-economic responsibility. The objectives of SAFCEI include:

1. Raising environmental awareness,
2. Engaging in formulating policy & ethical guidelines within our faith communities,
3. Facilitating environmental responsibility & action,
4. Confronting environmental & socio-economic injustices, and
5. Supporting environmental training and learning.

The SAPC will seek to support and implement these objectives by engaging constructively with other faiths, and has prepared the following Pagan position statement on the environment.

Paganism and the Environment

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The SAPC seeks to uphold the principles of the Earth Charter:

1. Respect and care for the community of life, following these four broad commitments:

1. Respect Earth and life in all its diversity
 2. Care for the community of life with understanding, compassion and love.
 3. Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable, and peaceful.
 4. Secure Earth's bounty and beauty for present and future generations.
2. Ecological integrity
 1. Protect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems, with special concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life.
 3. Social and economic justice
 1. Eradicate poverty as an ethical, social, and environmental imperative.
 4. Democracy, non-violence and peace
 1. Strengthen democratic institutions at all levels, and provide transparency and accountability in governance, inclusive participation in decision making and access to justice.
 2. Treat all living beings with respect and consideration.
 3. Promote a culture of tolerance, non-violence and peace.

If you would like to support the Pagan Council's Environmental Committee, contact the Committee Chairperson at info@pagancouncil.co.za

Submitted by Damon Leff



CELESTINE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to join the Celestine Circle as an Inner Circle member, the Membership Fee is R35 per person per month via repeat internet payment on the 28th day of each month. This is voluntary, and assists with the day-to-day running of the Circle, expenses for Pagan Freedom Day, and Circle Materials for Sabbat Gatherings, so is greatly appreciated. You do not have to have completed the Wiccan Way course to become an Inner Circle Member.

As an Inner Circle member, you will receive:

A laminated Membership Card;

Updates via email and FaceBook about Planetary and Lunar activities and astrological information;

A 50% discount on Natal Charts, Astrological Profiles and Compatibility Reports (Cost R200 therefore reduced to R100 for Members – this is very reasonable);

A Quarterly Newsletter emailed to you with information about events, crystals, herbs, magickal practice, essays and observations from other Members and a classified advert section (approved adverts are free);

A 25% discount for entrance to Sabbat Circles (cost R20 therefore reduced to R15 for members – children under 12 free).





PAGAN FREEDOM DAY 2010 KWAZULU-NATAL NEWS

Pagan Freedom Day this year falls on Tuesday 27 April, the day before Full Moon, and She is in Libra all day, making easy aspects. We want this one to be even bigger and better than last year's!!!

COMMITTEE

We had our first Committee Meeting on the lawn in the shade of a huge old tree at the Hacienda on Sunday 24 January. Twenty committee members attended, and 6 apologised. We have many talented and enthusiastic folk on board, and are so grateful and blessed that the Lady has sent her children to help with this wonderful work!

Our next Committee Meeting will take place in the same place on Sunday 28 February at 1 p.m. Please feel free to email feyfand@celestinecircle.za.net if you would like to share your energy

CRAFT MARKET

We are looking for stall holders who wish to offer their wares or services. The cost of a stall remains R50, and you need to bring your own tables and gazebos, although we may have some tables for hire at an additional cost. The more stalls and the more variety we have the better! If you know of anyone who would like a stall, please let them know about this.

ENTERTAINMENT

Miriam Backhouse, our beloved Mim, who has headlined at Splashy Fen and is known in the UK as the "Queen of Folksong", has agreed to perform for us at sunset. We look forward to hearing "Over Africa" and her other beautiful ballads and songs.

CIRCLE FOR PLANETARY PEACE

Circle attendance is voluntary, and those who wish to sit out and observe are welcome to do so. The Circle for Planetary Peace will be cast at 1 p.m. Participants will be blessed with specially made up smudge incense from Philip Gardner from Pod Creations and will be led by the Elders of the Celestine Circle. The intent of the Circle will be a critical mass working for planetary peace, which is much needed as the planetary dynamics become grave mid-year.

We will be advertising the event via East Coast Radio, Sunday Tribune Happenings, posters in shops, internet, etc. If you would be prepared to copy and paste the Pagan Freedom Day Invitation page to your mailing list, this would be WONDERFUL!!! And all and any ideas are welcome!

For information about Pagan Freedom Day events taking place in other areas, please go to www.paganfreedomday.co.za

PAGAN FREEDOM DAY GATHERING KWAZULU-NATAL



2010

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Email feyfand@celestinecircle.za.net for more info

www.penton.co.za

THE LITERARY PAGAN

Please feel free to share your poems, stories and literary musings here... email your submissions to feyfand@celestinecircle.za.net

ENCHANTMENT by Fey Fand ©

Wand'ring through the forest glade
Ferns bowed and dipped their heads to you;
The faeries watched from spirit-made
Palaces of web and dew.
Spry elfins hid behind the roots
Of a gnarled old elm who creaked and groaned;
The Witches cried with owlish hoots
And clamoured, like the wind that moaned.
The moonlight that you thought you saw
Was gossamer from faery wings
And you passed by the very door
That guards the world of spirit-things;
Dark eyes observed you, passing through
The denizens of faery-free,
Mere mortal man! If you but knew
How close you walk to sorcery.

☺☺☺

Badger Woolfsbane, HP of the Celestine Circle, who is emigrating to Canada at the end of this month and until recently was Ranger-In-Charge for KZN Wildlife at Monk's Cowl, has donated his copy of "The Compendium of Environmental Legislation in SA" to the Celestine Circle. This contains the Environmental Acts as they currently stand. We are very grateful.

WIND WARRIORS



Wind Warriors are handmade faeries using beads semi precious gemstones and beautiful feathers from a variety of different birds from the Umgeni Bird park in Durban. Each Warrior is sculpted with care and attention to detail in a peaceful environment to ensure that they are charged with positive healing energy.

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MAYAB 2012

A weekend retreat to understand the Mayan writings..



"It is all about Personal Growth and Spirit. It is all about believing we Can. At the end it's about being the best we can be." – Juan Sandoval

This is an Awareness Call.

The remainders of the Mayan culture can be found at the Yucatán Peninsula, as well as in Honduras, Guatemala and some other places in Central America. For decades archaeologists and anthropologists have studied the present indigenous communities that name themselves mayans. But little is known about the original people, the small and characteristically different groups that inspired other cultures thousands of years ago.

Now, with 2012 approaching, there are truths to be explored, reasons to be found, and light to be shed over our own times. Those Mayans are the ones who are important these days. The original bearers of the Mayab name, the ones who brought and kept the Hermetic wisdom in the early Americas. They were the race that described through advanced astronomy the 5126 year period of the Long Count. (which keeps astounding scientists till today)

TOPICS

- THE MAYAN TRADITION and LEGACY
- END OF CYCLES
6 Sep 3114 BC – Dec 21, 2012 AD
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JUAN SANDOVAL

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Juan was born in Mexico City, from a line of mystical wisdom carriers. With this heritage and early studies of his traditions he grew up surrounded by all kinds of influences, from the classical western philosophy to the traditional mesoamerican cosmovisions. He lectures and presents the point of views of the ancient Mayans, Toltecs and other mesoamerican traditions, combining them with the light and sharing sense of these exciting new times.

A Personal Vocal Sounding



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Good day Fey

Do wiccans abstain from eating meat are all wiccans vegans ?

Do wiccans abstain from drinking alcohol ?

What is your standpoint regarding smoking ?

The wiccan rede does that mean one shouldnt harm insects such as flies and spiders etc. ?

Bright Blessings

Victor

Greetings Victor,

Different Wiccans have different views on all of the issues below. I personally eat meat and smoke, but I abstain from alcohol because I do not like the results of drinking it ☺ We try our very best to harm nothing at all, but I personally draw the line at anything poisonous which is in my environment and could potentially harm me. If I cannot move it because it is too frightening or aggressive I protect myself. Some members of the Circle are vegetarian, some vegan; some believe you can eat meat if you kill it yourself (hunting and fishing); some drink and some don't, and the same goes for smoking. I think we all do our best to behave as responsibly as possible about the footprints we leave behind us.

Bright Blessings

Fey

Greetings Fey,

I am finding the course great and interesting so far! It's been laid out in a easy way to read and understand. I must say since I started doing the course I have grown spiritually and in the process become a better person, especially eliminating control drama, one doesn't actually realise that something like a control drama exists and how it impacts in your life. I really enjoy doing the practical exercises, it has now become a way of life. I have also started applying the phases of the moon in my life and I have seen the results, for instance recently I went to buy some herbs for my garden and without realising it I planted them in the waxing phase of the moon and they are flourishing! The plants that were planted in the waning phase are not doing well at all, so it just shows you that the moon has a a big influence on us here on earth.

On the whole I am very glad that I decided to do the course!

BB

Silverwind

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South African Pagan Council – www.pagancouncil.co.za
South African Pagan Rights Alliance – www.paganrightsalliance.org
On FaceBook: Public Pagan Events KwaZulu-Natal; Pagan Federation of South Africa; Celestine Circle of Southern Africa (closed group – membership upon application); Pagan Freedom Day Movement

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Leanne, who has opened Gaia Concepts, is a Circle member who has our well-being at heart and has such creative ideas, and I am really excited that this year the Celestine Circle will have the backup of a proper professional. Gaia Concepts created our letterhead banner.



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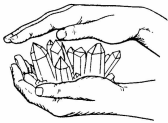
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INTERESTING STUFF

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.



In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'



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YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2010 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee
- 11.. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
- 12 You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message

14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.

15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list

~~~~~AND

FINALLY~~~~~

NOW U R LAUGHING at yourself.

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.

He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, 'You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But it won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Measure your words with care.'

"I'd like to share a revelation that I've had during my time here. It came to me when I tried to classify your species, and I realised that humans are not actually mammals. Every mammal on this planet instinctively develops a natural equilibrium with the surrounding environment; but you humans do not. Instead you multiply, and multiply, until every resource is consumed. The only way for you to survive is to spread to another area. There is another organism on this planet that follows the same pattern... a virus."  
Agent Smith, The Matrix

## THE FINAL WORD ON NUTRITION

After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health.:

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
6. The French eat foie-gras, full fat cheese and drink red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us

**CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.**



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**!!!Bright Blessings!!!**