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Traditional Witchcraft: What Is The Secret of Following a Magical Life? Do You Believe in Magic?

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This eBook contains two reports on witchcraft.

The first report, "What Is The Secret of Following a Magical Life?" on page 2, discusses the mystery of witchcraft and the viability of Traditional Witchcraft, or "Trad Witchcraft," as a personal spiritual path.

The second report, "Do You Believe in Magic?" on page 4, discusses the three primary types of magic in use today in the British Isles.



What Is The Secret of Following a Magical Life?

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The magical life is a life surrounded by those mysterious traditions and folk customs that date back into the mists of time. In those times of yore, in our far-away past, independently minded, solitary folk practiced the magical arts as the wise women and village wizards, performing ancient spells in the time-honored manner, for the needs of villagers, family, and friends. It was a time when life truly revolved around the seasons of Nature, a time when Nature seemed so very close and as mysterious and powerful as seeing a huge full moon in the starry heavens while standing in an isolated forest clearing.

Did such times of awe and wonder only exist in bygone times?

No. Nature will forever be a most glorious and wondrous power we can experience. And it is the very soul of witchcraft, containing its true meaning, its true representation. Today, Traditional Witchcraft, or "Trad Witchcraft" is the modern expression of all that Nature is and has ever been. It is a reflection of the old nature-based beliefs and practices. Trad Witchcraft has always been a personal religion of the heart, mind, and spirit. Indeed, it is the very essence of our spirit, our very being and core, for we are nothing more and nothing less than Nature's children?

Magic is a vehicle of the central essence of Nature. Magic today plays the same role that magic has always played. The Trad Witch uses the power of magic as a tool for protection, change and improvement. It is a vital part of daily life.

Can anyone become a Trad Witch?

Yes. However, few people in our society have the interest to delve into our religion because it would be too uncomfortable. You see, conventional people want conventional religion.

Witchcraft is not for the masses. It is only for a select few that dare to take a different course, who thrive when they discover a hidden way, who relish to gain knowledge of an understanding about reality that can expand and contract. It requires an adventurous and dedicated spirit, one that yearns to form a new and strong relationship with Nature and the spirits, one willing to study and practice new skills, new techniques of the mind until they are well mastered.

Can I become a witch if I have no psychic ability?

You may be surprised when I tell you that psychic ability is not necessary or required. Psychic ability is irrelevant in understanding and appreciating Nature spirituality, in the performance of rituals, or in the practice of traditional magic. Good psychic ability is a plus in divination, but it is not necessary in witchcraft.

Can you teach me only magic?

No. Traditional magic is an integral part of the pagan spirituality of British Traditional Witchcraft. This is a very rich and profound religion, be every definition of the term. It is a spiritual path, a way of life in which magic becomes an extension. You cannot have one without the other.

Just how can I become a witch?

If you would like to start on this path, join us by taking [The Journey to Trad Witchcraft](#), a full course on the time-honored beliefs, practices, and the magic of Traditional Witchcraft.

Your journey in life is completely in your hands. Whatever spiritual path you select to travel is your decision. What will it be?

This ain't Wicca

Understand that Trad Witchcraft is not Wicca. Wicca is a modern religion founded in the 1950's and based on many external sources. While it contains some elements from the traditions of British witchcraft, it is primarily based on the highly ceremonial magick associated with the occult societies such as the Golden Dawn, rather than the old folk wisdom and magic of the British Isles. We respect Wicca as a sister religion and recognize properly trained Wiccans as witches, but Wicca is not Trad Witchcraft and Wiccans are not Trad Witches.

A place to get started...

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Now, just what is the secret to following a Magical Life? It is really an astonishing thing. The secret is to just simply to do it. The resources are available to you. Read, study, and then do it.

If you are looking for a spiritual path based on The Magical Life, harmony with Nature, mutual respect and co-operation, truth and love, then you may well prefer the more gentle spirituality that is Trad Witchcraft. For more information on Trad Witchcraft, visit [Blue Moon Manor](#).



Do You Believe in Magic?

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Magic, to most people, seems mysterious and supernatural. However, magic is something quite different. To the Trad Witch, magic is the utilization of the forces of Nature, forces of the First Cause, or God, in the change of present reality as reflected in the goals intended by the Trad Witch. Thus, magical spellwork is a divine act, which can foster change for the individual, family, or the community.

Thus, when seen in this light, magic is not "supernatural" because it works *within* the physical world, *within* Nature, *within* the laws of physics. For if the universe is the creation of the First Cause, or God, and not created by chance, then that which the First Cause created *is natural and within Nature*.

It is true that at this time, it is not scientifically understood how magic works. Though one day it will be understood, today's lack of scientific understanding does not make magic supernatural; it only means that magic is a phenomenon that is not presently scientifically understood.

Traditional Magic, or Folk Magic, is the indigenous traditional magical arts of the British Isles; the type of magic practiced by Trad Witches.

Magic is seen as a vehicle of the central essence of Nature. Magic is based on the belief that Nature proceeds in orderly sequences of events, and these events can be known. With this information, one can influence control or influence energy in such a way as to effect and alter outcome. This is the very basis of magic.

All magical spellwork is driven by "intent," the stated purpose or goal of the spell, and is powered by "energy," the mental and allied energies inserted into a spell during its casting. The practitioner uses meditative techniques and visualization in the old manner to focus the mind, collect energy, and send it to its destination.

Traditional Magic is very effective when used to:

1. Protect and safeguard oneself, family, house and property.
2. Implement self-improvement for personal growth, development, and transformation.
3. Heal oneself and to heal others.
4. Assist in reaching a set goal.
5. Remove barriers and impediments.
6. Create openings or opportunities.

Traditional Magic is very practical for everyday life. It has been the magical mainstay of British wizardry from the old times of the Cunning folk to the present day's Trad Witch. It is a simple yet profound discipline that can catch the imagination and apply the rule of Nature into one's life with grace and justice. However, beyond all, it is a sensible path that lights the witch's spirit.

High Magick, also known as Ceremonial Magick, is very different from Traditional Magic. High Magick was developed by European occult societies, the Western Mystery Tradition, through such organizations as the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. The magick and rituals of these groups is very elaborate and highly ceremonial with some elements that may date back to ancient Egypt, among other sources. However, its roots are really unknown.

The practice of Ceremonial Magick is a complex discipline that requires an intense regiment in training and practice- mentally, emotionally, and physically. They believe in evil as a deity and summon "demons" for various purposes. This form of magic can be unintentionally dangerous so very knowledgeable mentoring is required. Few knowledgeable witches recommend Ceremonial Magick in any form because of this potential for self-harm.

Magick in Wicca is a new magic/ritual hybrid created by Gerald Gardner in the 1950's and should not be confused with Traditional Magic or with pure Ceremonial Magick. Wiccan magick contains some elements of both, neither one in a substantial form. In Wicca, worship and worship rituals are of primary importance and focus.

Magick in Wicca is often marked by limited personal preparation and over attention to correspondences and the obtaining of very specific physical props. There is a tendency in many Wiccan groups to be too interested in style. While a few Wiccans are very accomplished witches, many Wiccans have only a casual interest in magic, if any interest at all.

Final Word:

I am Adrian Eglinton, a Trad Witch, and I believe in Trad Witchcraft and Traditional Magic. Traditional Magic can be a powerful force of immense good in our lives, if we are willing to learn how to use it correctly. However, just like learning to play the piano or any other discipline, mastery requires patience, dedication, and practice. Make no mistake, Trad Witchcraft can be a truly meaningful life-changing force.

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