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Wicca Rules Most Wiccans Follow

Practitioners of Wicca live all over the world. Most of them follow the rules of the Wiccan Rede which is a covenant that governs Wiccan behavior. This rule maintains that no one who follows the Wicca religion should engage in any action that harms another. Wiccans are free to engage in any other carefully thought out action that they choose to indulge in. Most Wiccans also believe in the Threefold Law which emphasizes the fact that anyone who engages in an action that harms another will get in return the ill-effects of that action, three times as much.

The Wiccan Credo includes the above important tenets summarized below:

"Mind the Threefold Law you should, Three times bad and three times good."

And...

"Eight words the Wiccan Rede fulfill:

An' it harm none,

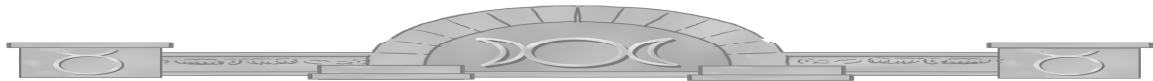
Do what ye will.

Blessed Be to thee."

Wiccans believe in a Goddess and associate divinity with the Moon. A new Moon symbolizes rebirth and growth. God is sometimes the child of the Goddess; at other times He is her lover.

Animism is also a common belief for most Wiccans who cannot fathom divinity being absent in anything in the Universe. Whether it's the tiny ant or the mighty Elephant, divinity is part and parcel of everything that exists on the Earth. Of course divinity also is inherent in geographic features and natural phenomena such as wind, water, etc. It is difficult to understand how people who follow other religions can believe in a one and only being that remains invisible at all times! Many Wiccans believe in Astrology, the





movement of the planets and their influence in our lives. They associate the planets and other celestial bodies with changes in our life's circumstances.

Wiccans place a lot of importance to symbols such as the Pentagram, Triquetra and the triple Moon symbol (triple Goddess). These symbols are added to artwork or traced in air as good luck symbols or worn as jewelry or clothing art. They may also be worn as amulets or carried around in mojo bags or used to decorate vehicles, houses or boats.

Another tradition that many Wiccans engage in are the yearly festivals. They celebrate the seasonal festivals of Sabbats: Samhain, Yule, Imbolc, Ostara, Beltane, Midsummer, Lughnasadh and Mabon at the Autumn Equinox.

Wiccans may also keep a diary called the Book of Shadows, which has spells and recipes along with whatever each witch has learned through their experiences with the craft.

Above all, Wiccans believe in the power of the divine that resides in every human being. The soul or spirit of each and every living being on this realm has the power to transform the experiences of the beings themselves as well as those around them. The Goddess and God, the five Elements of the Earth (Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Spirit), and the Circle are used as aides during witchcraft ceremonies in which visualizations and creative thoughts are used to generate future occurrences.

Overall, it is the belief in the power of their own minds and spirits that makes the most difference to the lives of Wiccan practitioners. They may create an altar or private and sacred space where they can sit and visualize future happenings. They may have an outdoor altar in a garden or a clearing on a mountain top. They may use tools like an Athame, a Besom or a chalice in their spell working rituals. They may use items like incense, oils, candles, herbs, gemstones, flowers, etc to enhance their spell-working experiences. Some witches are also powerful psychically and can help others around them in various ways.

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