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## **Christian Wicca: Finding Common Grounds**

Christianity, as it stands today, is based on the teachings found in the Old and the New Testaments of the Christian Bible. In the Old Testament, witchcraft, divination and spirit communication, are condemned. In this Testament, the practices were strictly monotheistic, ruled by the iron fist of a God who was jealous, unforgiving, vengeful, easy to anger and destructive.

If viewed from this angle, it appears that the differences between traditional Wicca and Christian Wicca are not reconcilable. But don't jump to any conclusions just yet.

In the New Testament, there is a marked change. Both a Holy Spirit and Jesus enter the scene. Jesus: Conceived by a Virgin, fathered by God. Even though literally interpreted by many that the conception took place without any form of intercourse and that Mary's virginity remained in tact, the truth is that the child was conceived like millions before and millions after him. The spirit of Jesus was an ascended master though and it is more like that the conception refers to this highly evolved spirit incarnating in the child conceived by Mary and Joseph. All of this is highly speculative though.

What is significant is that we suddenly have a situation that smacks of polytheism – 3 deities instead of 1. Of further significance is the fact that the God of the Old Testament stops shouting the odds, threatening and abusing his people. If you read through the tales and lore of the New Testament, it is difficult to believe that the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament are related in any way. But I suppose that such a notion could be considered heretic.

When viewed from this angle, there is an opportunity for common ground to be found between the practices of Christianity and the practices of Wicca.

Jesus, the Occultist





From the outset, the young Jesus child showed the intelligence, insight and wisdom only found among those of high spiritual development. The story of the Jesus growing up is offered piece-meal and after his twelfth birthday, he disappears, reappearing only again well after he had reached adulthood. There are many who claim that Jesus went forth to study astronomy, astrology, alchemy and the Kabala, amongst others, during that time. The book "Jesus of the Essenes" immediately comes to mind. If you are interested in the topic, this is a recommended read.

The claim is very plausible if one observes the life of Jesus after he re-emerges: It is filled with miracles, message of love and prophecies. He gathers about him disciples, who follow him on his wanderings.

Is being a Christian and a Wiccan at the same time possible?

Yes and No.

Against the backdrop of the Christian Bible – cover to cover – no. Not in the very least.

If viewed against the backdrop of the New Testament only – yes. As much as it is possible to be a Dianic Wiccan or a Celtic Wiccan. But ... and this is a serious BUT ... there are some limitations: Although many of the principles of the teachings of Jesus can be used, a selective approach would be necessary to consolidate the new religion of Christianity with the ancient religion of Witchcraft.

Some of the irreconcilable factors between Wicca and Christian Wicca

The Satan and the Hell concepts – This dogma is completely irreconcilable with Wicca. (1) In Wicca there are no absolutes. There is light and dark; good and bad; positive and negative; in other words there is polarity in nature and, by default, in everything contained within nature Herself. This means that anything lacking polarity is contrived – and that would encompass the concept of Satan. Put simply, Wiccans do not believe in its existence. (2) Hell-fire and brimstone is not part of the Wiccan belief system. Mess up once and be doomed forever is not accepted. Reincarnation offers an opportunity to learn or to fix things, so to speak. Fixing problems that cannot be fixed by reincarnation is not dealt with by destruction. But that is an entirely different and lengthy discussion. Suffice to say that Wiccans do not believe in Hell.

Jesus as Savior and the concept of Sin – Wiccans do not believe that people are born in Sin, meaning that they do not believe that a child inherits the spiritual transgressions of his or her forebears. Free will affords every person the opportunity to make decisions that will result in either positive or





negative consequences. The death of one will not eradicate the negative consequences for all. Some Wiccans feel that this notion is similar to human sacrifice and as such, an abomination.

Evangelizing – Wiccans don't recruit and they don't try to convert others to the Wiccan faith. Both are anathema. Wiccans believe that there are many paths and that these all lead to Deity. Each person chooses his or her own.

Some of the common factors between Wicca and Christian Wicca

Love thy neighbor - If both Christianity and Wicca are defined in the broadest sense, i.e. Christians are those who practice love toward one another and Wiccans are benevolent humans who influence others only with their permission and knowledge, then both practice good actions and feelings toward all others.

The Trinity – The God and the triple Goddess of Wicca can be reconciled with the trinity of Christian faith. Some tweaking may be necessary though.

Magick – Jesus' miracles and the magic in Wicca are not dissimilar. Both make use of nature and spirit to bring about change.

Some other similarities - Both have rituals, both pray, both use candles, both make use of altars and both use incense.

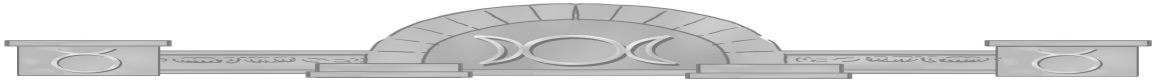
To conclude

Probably the best way to reconcile the two systems is not to view them as contradictory, but to attempt to understand the basic concepts of each and to identify where they mesh easily. Those facets or doctrines which seem to clash can be reviewed in the light of what you DO accept as fact. One place to start is to determine whether you can accept the concept of a Power greater than yourself. If you believe in a creative Power outside yourself, then it would seem to follow that you can call upon that Power and expect help and guidance.

There are probably as many variations between the practices of those who consider themselves Christian Wiccans as there are grains of sand in a bucket. It being true that both Christian and Wiccan claim to hold love and respect for others, then perhaps the fundamental practice of both tenets should be tolerance towards one another's beliefs, instead of arguments, heated debates and acrimonious words.

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