

A Year & A Day: Personal Pagan Paths



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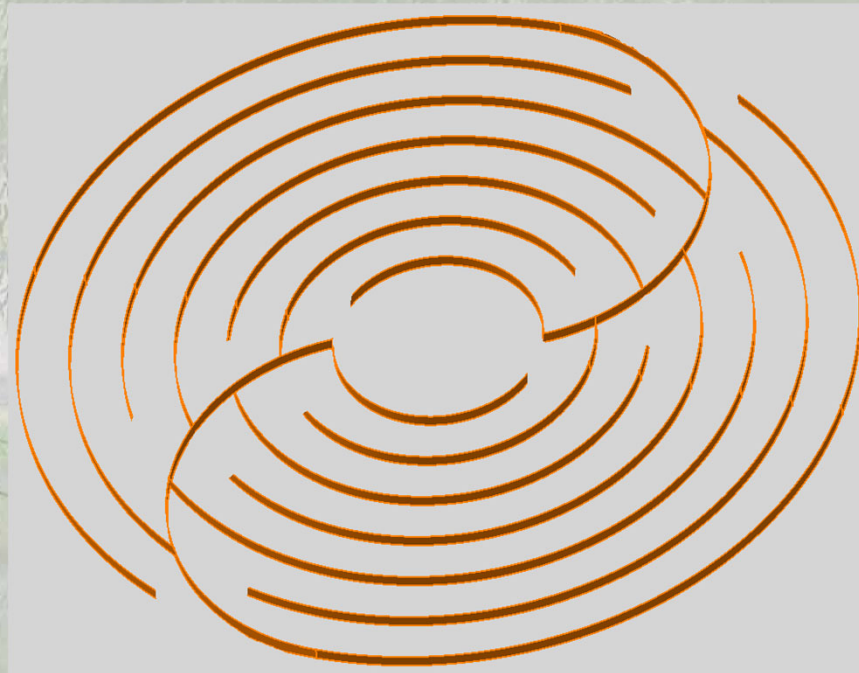


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- ◇ Yule Sabbat
- ◇ Divination
- ◇ Self Dedication
- ◇ Your Next Step
- ◇ Things to Come
- ◇ Closing

Video Preludes

Arborea (2013) Pale Horse Phantasm

<http://youtu.be/6h8nmlV12BY>



Monica Richards (2012) The Mighty

<http://youtu.be/aDte4u4WUFI>

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"Coming Home"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbJ32h-YpQA>

Tree Month - Birch

December 24 – January 20

Birch, the first tree to leaf after winter, represents renewal & rebirth. Taliesin's mother, Ceridwen, pregnant by trickery, cast her baby away but he eventually became Wales' greatest bard. The white stag is a messenger of the Otherworld. Following one can bring you unexpectedly in the presence of supernatural beings, so beware...



Opening Recital

There is beauty in emptiness
And in the skeleton of trees
Against the darkening blue of dusk's sky.

When my teeth chatter in winter's wind,
Remind me of this,
God who dwells in the dark
As well as the light.

— from *A Pagan Ritual Prayer Book* by Ceisiwr Serith

The Wheel of the Year



short wild days, long nights & the flickering fireside

birth of the sun

drifting inner worlds, quiet workings and celebrations with friends

when yew

spiky sorbles

dreaming seeds waiting

quiet stillness

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the wheel turns again

hibernating healing

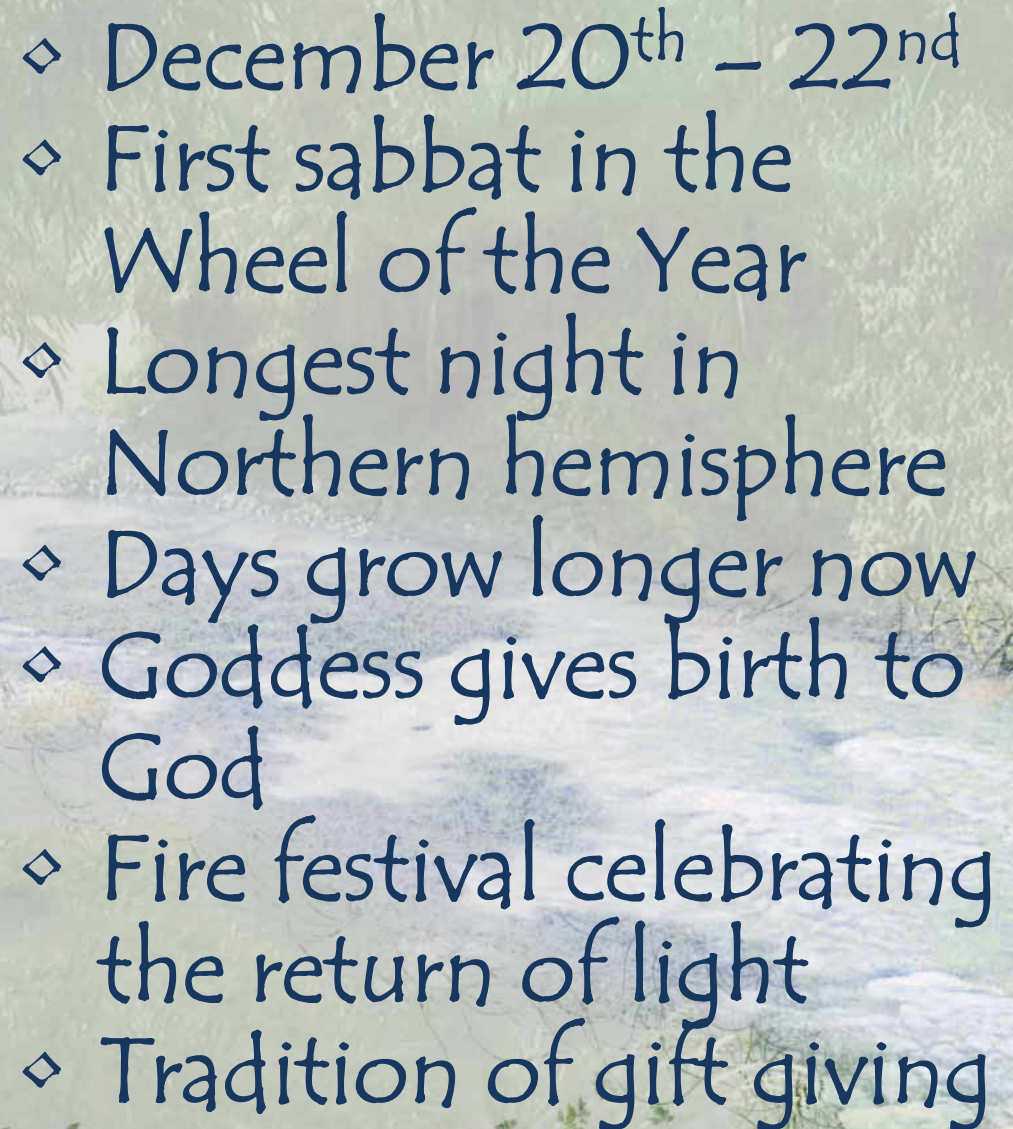
light returns

worlds of delight

holding on

just garden

mistletoe - green life and growth will return

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- ❖ December 20th – 22nd
 - ❖ First sabbat in the Wheel of the Year
 - ❖ Longest night in Northern hemisphere
 - ❖ Days grow longer now
 - ❖ Goddess gives birth to God
 - ❖ Fire festival celebrating the return of light
 - ❖ Tradition of gift giving

The Journey Ahead

♦ *What is 'A Year & A Day' about?*

- Teaches the essentials of modern Paganism so you can validate your spiritual yearnings
- Delivers critical knowledge, insight, & inspiration of living in harmony with sacred, local Magic
- Enables you to cooperate, share your values, and earn respect, even from those of different beliefs

♦ *Is it for you?*

- There is only one way to be find out



- Follow the path you create... for a year & a day

A Year & A Day

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Chants ◊ Worship Encounters ◊ Meditation ◊
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of Passage ◊ Divination ◊ Self-Dedication ◊

Divination

❖ *Definition*

- Action to obtain, through the use of interpretative tools, information directly from the Divine

❖ *Probabilities*

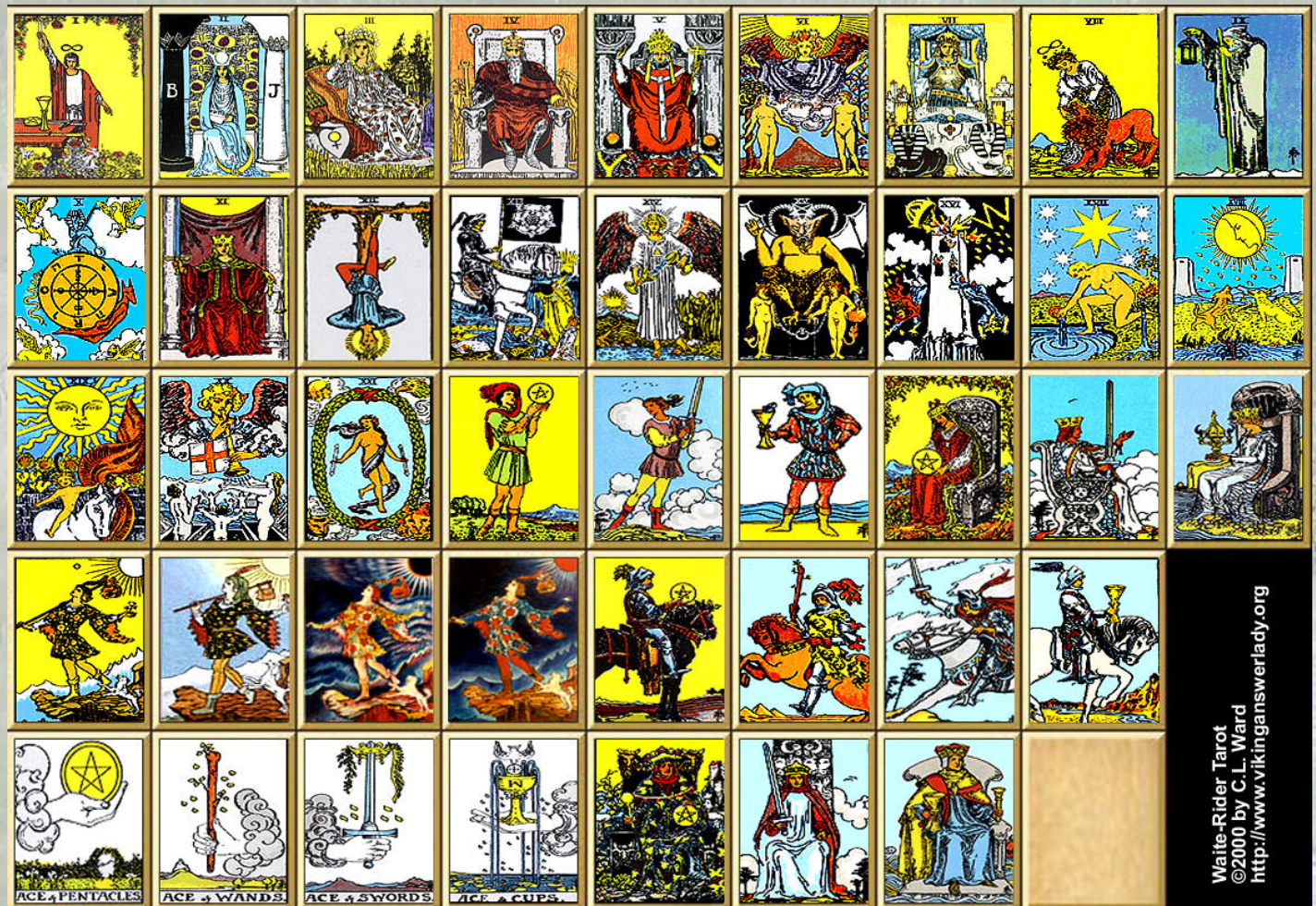
- Insight
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- Suggestions
- Information



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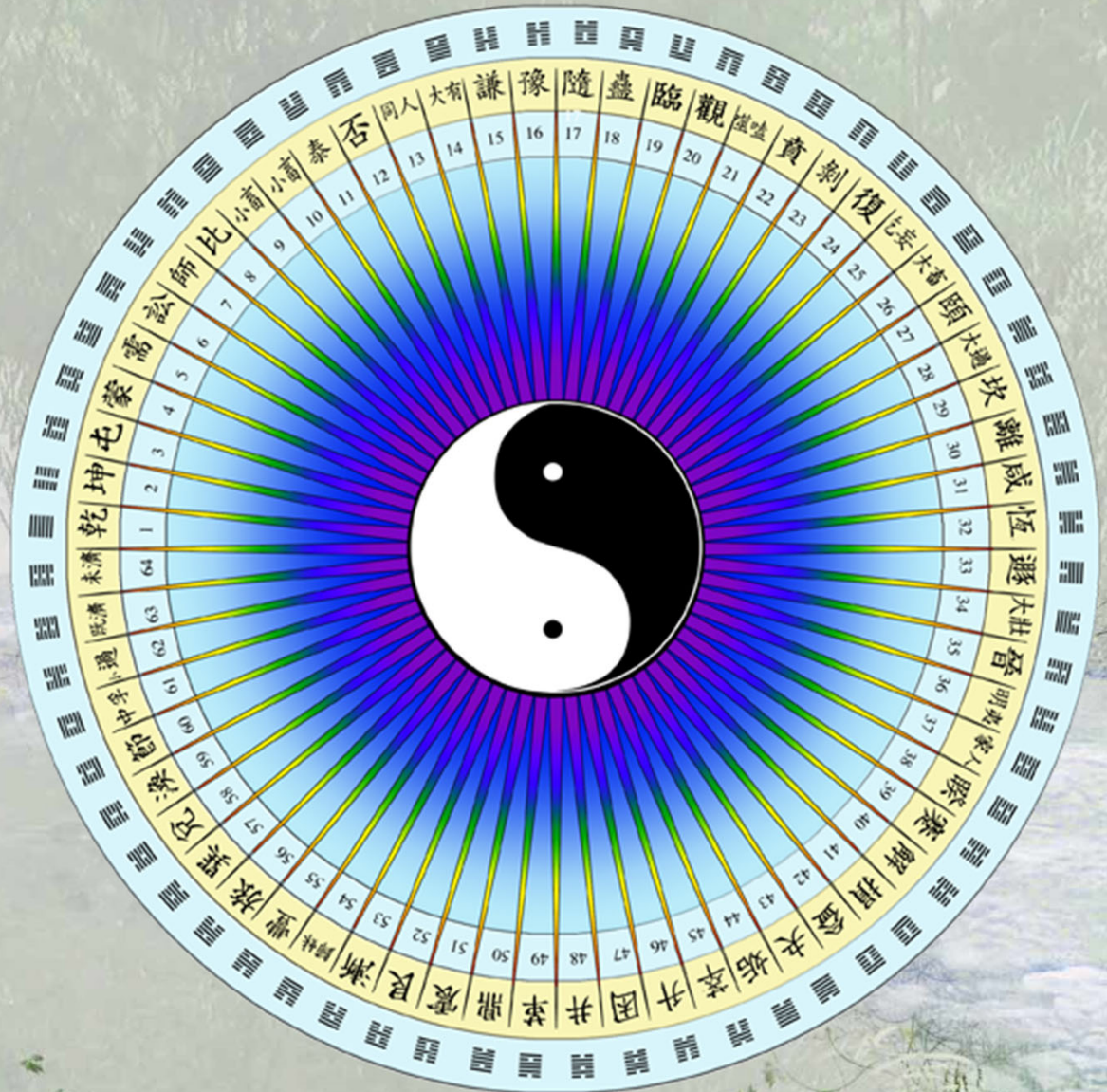
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- Scrying (crystal ball, fire, smoke, water, mirror)



Divination

❖ *Tools react to energy*

- Pagans realize interconnections with nature
- Readings of nature are the oldest divination
- Symbols map patterns, past, present, & future

❖ *For advice, ask fundamental questions*

- To be effective, examine your values
- Be honest with yourself about your connections
- Be open to advice to fulfill the purpose
- Then receive insight from Divinity

Self-Dedication

♦ *Initiation*

- Requires more than one person or a group
- Focuses deity & energy on you



♦ *Self-Dedication*

- Dedicate yourself to follow a path & your gods
- Typically taken after studying for a year & a day
- Gives you the ability to reach out & draw in the energies on your own

Self-Dedication

Aspect	Self-initiation	Group initiation (no lineage)	Group initiation (with a lineage)
Inner process of transformation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Initiation by gods & goddesses	Yes	Yes	Yes
Experiencing the mysteries	Yes	Yes	Yes
Being given secrets		Yes	Yes
Joining group mind of the coven		Yes	Yes
Joining lineage or tradition			Yes

❖ *Initiation or Self Dedication?*

- Depends on availability & compatibility with local groups or traditions

Your Next Step

Search the Internet for self-dedication rite.

If you feel the time is right, perform it.

Examples:

<https://wiccaliving.com/wiccan-initiation/>

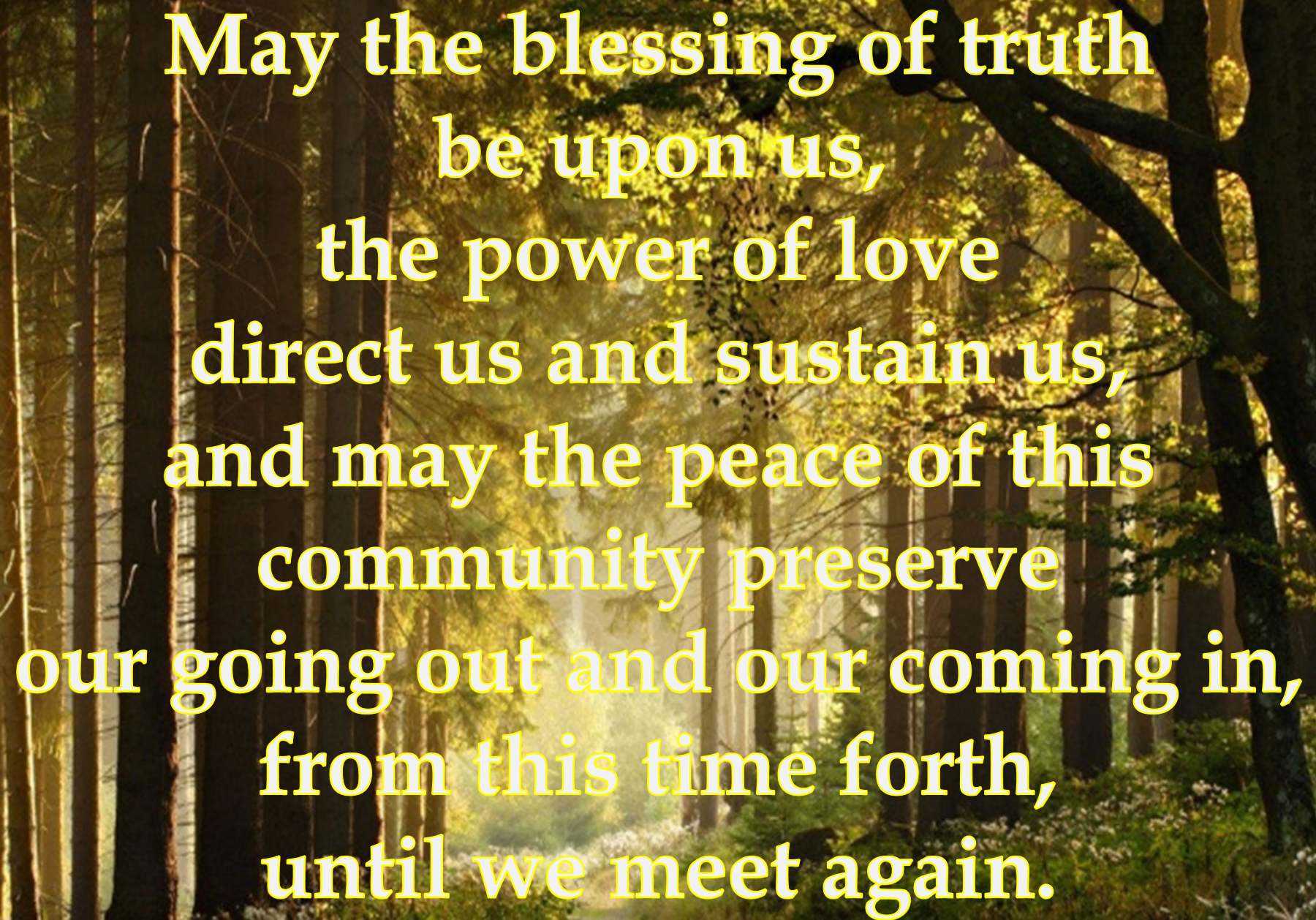
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May the blessing of truth
be upon us,
the power of love
direct us and sustain us,
and may the peace of this
community preserve
our going out and our coming in,
from this time forth,
until we meet again.

—Duke T. Gray

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