

A Year & A Day: Personal Pagan Paths



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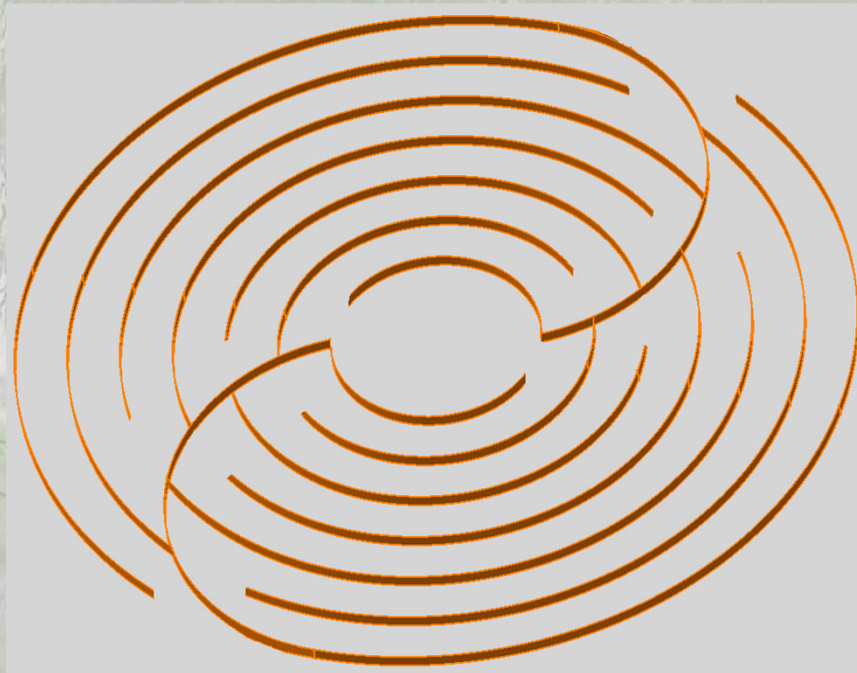


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Video Preludes

Ayshe (2009) Invocation of the Goddess Isis

<https://youtu.be/41QkZ8jYy4g>



Celtic Circle (2010) Samhain

<http://youtu.be/M7urr2QNHKO>

Common Sense

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"Coming Home"

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

Opening Reading

Flame of Fire
Spark of the Universe
That Warmed Our Ancestral Hearth
Agent of Life & Death
Symbol of Truth & Freedom
We Strive to Understand
Ourselves
& Our Earthly Home.

— Leslie Pohl-Kosbau from Singing the Living Tradition #451

Tree Month - Reed

October 28th–November 24th

Druids considered reed, a giant grass, as a tree due to its dense root system. Reed symbolizes protection, royalty, & male divinity. One reed deity is the Breton King of the Underworld. An Ankou collects the souls of the deceased & escorts them to the Land of the Dead. Red-eared, white dogs act as psychopomps & provide safe passage to the underworld.



The Wheel of the Year



Samhain - All Hallows Eve

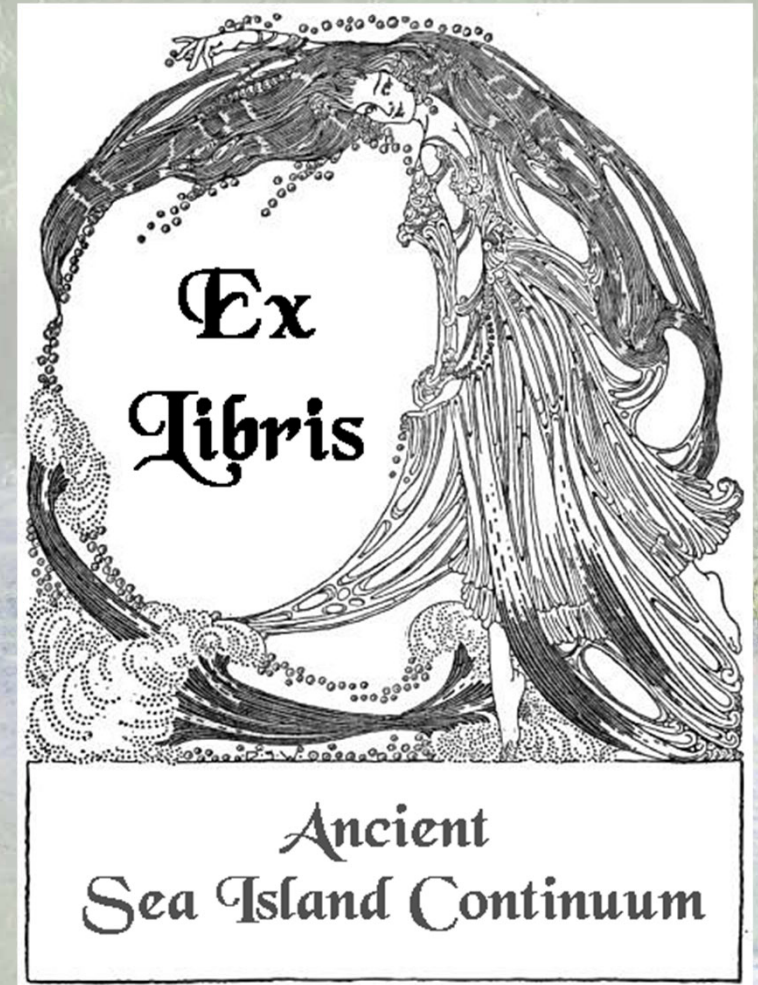


- ◇ October 31st
- ◇ Witches New Year
- ◇ Festival of darkness
- ◇ Third of three harvest sabbats
- ◇ Time to remember and respect the dead
- ◇ Veil between the worlds is at its thinnest
- ◇ Perfect time to contact deceased loved ones

ASIC Prison Ministry

Accepting donations of your Pagan, Heathen, Wiccan, or Earth-Centered books for the Pagan inmates in our prison classes.

Stamping & blessing ceremony before delivery.



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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Natural Elements ◊ Correspondences ◊
Blessings ◊ Origins of the Sacred ◊ Creating
Sacred Space ◊ Celebrating Seasons ◊
Meanings of Magic ◊ Esbats ◊ Grounding ◊
Tools of the Craft ◊ Altars ◊ Circle Etiquette ◊
Labyrinths ◊ The Process of Ritual ◊ Music &
Chants ◊ Worship Encounters ◊ Meditation ◊
Invocations ◊ Spells ◊ Outdoor Circles ◊ Rites
of Passage ◊ Divination ◊ Self-Dedication ◊

Invocations

❖ *Personal Experience of the 'Source'*

- Usually an individual aspect of divinity
- Powerful, not omnipotent, but with own will
- Hence, the need to call or summon

❖ *Desire*

- Know what you call
- Read... search...
- Research!
- Set personal altar to appeal to Them
- Begin forming words of power



Invocation In Actions

◇ *Intention*

- Communicate directly with Chosen Deity
- Clear mind through meditation
- Reach receptive relaxed mental state
- Release preconceived notions about invocation
- Surrender to process of communion

◇ *Invoking*

- Call on the Chosen Deity
- Repeat words of power you created
- Rock gently, tugging' to create a pathway
- After connecting, communicate as you wish
- If Deity desires not to commune, be respectful

Spells

♦ *Magic*

- Combines psychic energy with willpower to cause a change to conformity or shape Nature
- Three sources: Personal, Earth, or Divine

♦ *Spellcraft*

- Specific set of actions, words, and/or events which culminate in movement of energy
- As you set purpose, remember the Rede

♦ *Consider correspondences*

- Directions, tools, sun, stars, moon
- Physical health & mental well-being
- Magic & spellcraft are **secondary** to worship

Your Next Step

Search the Internet for the Nine-Knot Spell.

Examples:



<http://wiccanfriend.wordpress.com/2011/06/25/thoughts-on-knot-Magic/>

<http://www.squidoo.com/cordknotmagic>

Craft the spell to your design & intent

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Closing

Cauldron of Changes

Feather on the bone

Arc of Eternity

Ring around the stone

We are the old people

We are the new people

We are the same people

Wiser than before

https://youtu.be/6zY_ybi-9XI

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