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Who Are The Gods And Goddess Of Wicca

Wicca is a nature based religion. Everything in nature has energy embedded in it which may be utilized by those who desire change. The Moon is the reigning deity in Wicca. The Moon is Goddess and changes its form from maid (waxing Moon), Mother (full Moon) and Crone (waning Moon).

The Sun is also revered as a deity. However, the Sun is believed at times to be the child of Moon, the Goddess and Great Mother.

The Sun also goes through the cycles of being born according to the time of the year. The celebration of the Goddess and God starts with Yule, or winter when the Sun reaches its longest distance from the Earth, it is believed to be reborn from the womb of the Great Mother. This is the time of the Winter Solstice (Dec 21st in the Northern Hemisphere).

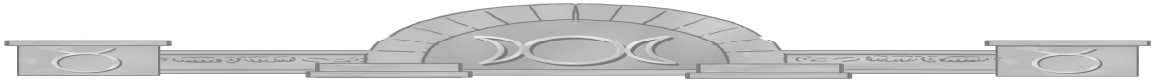
During the celebration of Imbolc, the Goddess is figured as Maid, Mother and Crone. This is the time when spring flowers first emerge from the belly of the Earth. This occasion celebrates the return of life after the lifeless days of winter.

The festival of Beltane is celebrated with the Phallic May Pole and dancing that represents the Goddess as Queen and the God as King.

Midsummer is the time when the Sun God is crowned King and becomes regent to the Great Mother who at this point of time is his consort. She now carries their son in her womb.

The celebration of Samhain on October 31st indicates that God has completed his journey as King and now moves to the state of "Lord of Death" where He offers comfort and hopes of renewal and rebirth.





Most of these symbols represent the cyclical nature of our lives. Wiccans believe reincarnation. Death is not final; it is seen as a change of clothes for the next appearance on Earth or any other realm.

As Wicca spreads throughout the world, people add their own favorite deities (we are all manifestations of the ONE). Just as water is called by different names in different lands, the ONE is also called by different names.

As Wicca becomes more popular we will see the practitioners using strange names for deities. It will be to our benefit if we learn about these deities, their apparent strengths and requirements so that we can request their guidance and assistance at time of need.

Here is a list of some of the deities that are used in spell working:

Goddesses

Diana

Artemis

Isis

Hecate

Athena

Minerva

Bridget

Demeter

Ceres

Aphrodite

Venus

Cerridwen

Inanna

Ishtar

Astarte

Freya

Gods include Cernunnos, Herne, Pan, Apollo, Dionysus, Bacchus, Hermes, Mercury, Thor, Osiris, Odin, Poseidon, and Neptune.

As mentioned above, these Goddesses and Gods are believed to have the same energy flowing through them as we do. When we associate our goals with deities, it means that we boost our energies to include those of the deities in order to effect stronger results.

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