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The Truth About Black Magick Practices

The term black magic is usually used to mean magic that draws on evil forces, usually with the intent of doing harm to others through those powers. Sometimes, however, the term black magic is employed to paint any magic the user of the term doesn't like in a negative light; therefore not everything described as black magic is necessarily malevolent. Also, some pagans may deal with patrons who aren't big on white light. For example, the Morrigan deals in death and shadow, but is certainly not evil.

Some believe that all magic is black, or evil. Usually people who believe this associate all magic with Satanism, and/or hold this belief because of Biblical teachings. Yet others believe that black and white magic are different, yet equally viable magical choices. For our purposes, though, we will use black magic to mean that magic which impedes the will of another, causes harm to another, or draws on malevolent forces. Black magic is often very effective. The devils you deal with usually make sure that what you want is carried out to maximum efficiency. Yet don't think there isn't a price, for everything you do returns to you three fold. There is always a balance of cause and effect. You may break up two lovers today only to find that your best friend no longer wants to speak to you tomorrow.

Even if you believe that black magic is an appropriate use of your skills, (as in the example above that mentions the Morrigan) even black magic that is not malevolent should not be undertaken by the apprentice practitioner. It is easy to call on the wrong thing, or to cause harm to yourself or others. If you feel called to practice shadow magics, it is best to find someone more experienced than you to guide you. Make sure this person is trustworthy and has your best interests at heart before you begin working with them. To help you identify various forms of black magic, the following paragraphs will tell you about some of the more common rituals and spells. Within Satanism, often called the Left Hand Path by its devotees, the ritual of bringing a new witch or wizard into the fold is common. Often the new member wears a scarlet robe or dress and is welcomed into the fold by the more senior members through ritual practices like chanting or the taking on of a new name that represents the person's magical identity. Nudity, sex, drinking, and other forms of sensuality and indulgence may or may not be present.





The Black Mass is perhaps the most famous Satanic ritual. Often the participants are dressed in black, except for one woman who is garbed as a nun, and one who serves as the altar, who is nude. The tools of this ritual are often similar to the tools used for Wiccan and Pagan rituals, though a phallus is often part of the Black Mass and is less likely to be a part of Wiccan ritual. The words that are spoken are often an inversion of the Mass paid in Catholic Church, wherein Satan instead of God is glorified as the ruler of the earth.

In contrast, the black part of the Morrigan's rituals can refer to the death her followers often symbolically undergo, wherein they are dismembered, only to reassemble themselves in her cauldron.

If you play with black magic, expect to get burned as the price of such magic is oftren not immediately apparent. Never, ever spill blood as part of a ritual unless you are willing to pay a very heavy price! I have encountered many serious betrayals throughout my time on earth and still have never felt I could pay the price of spilling my own blood in ritual in order to harm another!

As with everything in magic be careful, smart, and strive your hardest to be well read!

Be kind, kittens.
~Rose

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