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Choosing Love Magick: Be Careful What You Wish For

Playing with love magick can be a very bad idea and something to be very carefully with, but at the same time, who can't use a little help where love is concerned?

So, first here are the warnings. Then, we'll get on to what to do if you really need help.

One of the core precepts of the Wiccan faith is to harm no other. If you are weaving spells or intoning rituals which are meant to sway the minds of others, then you are by definition harming them.

Free will is one of the most precious gifts we have been granted. Spells and rituals that are designed to infringe upon that free will and force others to do things by your design, instead of in accord with their own will, steals that most precious of gift from them.

In addition, whatever feelings or desires that they manifested for you would never be real or honest, but would instead simply be the manifestation of the magicks. Would you really want to be with someone under those circumstances? ...Never really knowing if their feelings for you were genuine... or simply the product of magic?

So, in this particular case, my best advice to you is to take the time and put in the effort to do things the old fashioned way. After all, anything really worth doing is certainly worth doing right. If it is meant to be, then there is no need to rush or hurry things – and you will be much happier in the long term from having not done something you would likely regret.

Beyond that, there is the issue of the type of love that comes with a love spell. Many people who have disregarded the above advice find themselves in abusive relationships or worse because they have forced another person to





become so obsessed with them. Love can easily become mindless devotion or jealous obsession, so it is always best to let these things develop naturally.

Try going places where you are likely to meet the type of persona you are interested in. For example, looking for a nice Pagan or Wiccan girl or boy? Find out if there are local covens with group rituals or just pagan-based mixers. My local pagan-wiccan bookstore has a monthly book club that is great way to meet other people with similar interests.

If you have other major interests, look for hobby groups with similar interests and as much as we make fun of the concept of a blind date, ask your friends to introduce you to people that they think you might like. It could be at a small party or group outing to make it feel less like a setup. Some of the happiest couples I know, including my husband and I, met through a friend who thought they had something in common.

To enhance the chances of meeting someone the old-fashioned way, or even the new-fashioned way via the internet, one of the best love spells to try is one that simply announces to the universe that you are looking for love. In her books, Silver Ravenwolf cautions that you should be very specific when casting this type of spell that you are looking for a human lover or friend as the universe can have a silly sense of humor and send you a new pet if you simply ask for someone to love you.

The biggest caution associated with this is that you should not have a specific person in mind when you cast this spell. Instead, you should be concentrating on yourself. This spell is best done in the spring or late winter at the time of rebirth and under a waxing moon to draw things to you. If you cannot access a wild rose for the spell, choose another flower which signifies love to you--perhaps a daisy.

A Spell with No One Particular in Mind

This spell should be cast by those looking for true love, but who have no one in particular in mind as to whom they wish to be with.

This spell should be cast out of doors, beside a stream, creek, or river.

You will need:

Rose petals from a living, wild rose





You should make certain to approach the rose with reverence and ask its permission before removing its petals. Once you have done this and collected several petals, be sure to thank the rose for its generosity.

As you are plucking the petals, visualize someone who has all the qualities that you feel would be necessary in an ideal partner. These may include humor, generosity, compassion, or whatever else that you may truly believe to be keys to a happy relationship. (Note that holding up superficial values will no doubt spoil the spell).

Take the charged petals to the stream, creek, river, or other moving body of water, holding them cupped in your hands as you approach and again visualizing the qualities that you are seeking in a partner.

Then, let the leaves drop into the water one at a time, saying the following as each touches the water:

"As this bloom is taken downstream,

May I find the love of which I dream,

And let it be done, that it harm no one."

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