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How Do I Become A Wiccan

Practitioners of Wicca often may not tell you the reason why they decided to follow the Craft. It is not an easy decision for many who have had to face the opposition of family and friends. However, once they have made a decision, nothing can deter them from becoming a Wiccan practitioner.

In a sense, we are all born witches. Witchcraft is nothing but the belief in the power of nature. As children, we are in awe with nature, its beauty and its power. As we grow up, we lose that awareness, that knowledge of the infinite.

All things in nature, including animate and inanimate things, has the same energy or life-force coursing through them. When anything is dissected as many times as possible, what do we see? Atoms

An atom is the basic unit of everything we see. Whether it's the air, the water, the wind, a mountain or human beings, all of it consists of atoms arranged in different ways. We can understand very easily that the origin of all things in nature is the same; that is the basis of witchcraft.

Being a witch is inherently in our nature. We don't have to do anything special to be a witch. However, the Wicca religion has refined the process further so that all practitioners will have some rules in common. Wicca is the largest of the new-pagan religions. Wiccan practitioners live all over the world.

An idea or practice can be called a religion only when it has a defined set of rules. Wicca religion has one main rule: Do whatever you think is right without harming anybody or anything.

Although this rule seems very easy to put into practice, there are many ways in which you can hurt another human being without really plotting to do so. Since Wiccans use





their minds to create their future, they have to think deeply before visualizing their future as it may affect others negatively.

The moment we decide that the magick of the Universe is the only power that we need to be concerned with, is the moment that we realize we are witches. It is almost like an electric charge coursing through your veins and thrilling your very core. When you understand that most of the brainwash that has been handed over to you through generations about a male God and how HE creates, controls, manipulates and then judges everyone, you realize that all of this dogma needs to be rewritten. Or maybe you realize that each of us is capable of taking care of ourselves and living a good life, with respect for nature and all other beings in the world, animate and inanimate without worshipping any unseen entities.

Once this calling comes to you, you should read everything that you can find in bookstores and on the internet if you can. Read about Wicca, its history, the persecutions it suffered under ignorant tyrants and the golden age that we see now where more and more people are joining this religion without fear of reprisal.

Write your thoughts daily in a diary or journal. Learn more about the Goddess and God and the Deities that may be called upon to assist during rituals. Think about what you love about this religion and what you don't. Learn more about yourself, what you like, what you want your future to be and how to go about creating it.

Think of a dedication ritual that you can do to initiate yourself into this religion. If you would like to have others help you through this stage, you can find a coven or grove near your home so that you can celebrate festivals and other sacred holidays together.

Make a commitment to yourself and to the Divine that you will live in close harmony with nature and the Earth. Learn about the importance of casting circles, calling quarters, invoking the Goddess and God and raising energy for your spells and rituals. Also learn about grounding, centering, closing and opening the circle.

To be a good witch, you need to strengthen your powers of concentration, meditation and visualization. Like everything else in life, practice makes everything perfect.

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