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Themis Wiccan Schemata

"The Emerging Themis Wicca 'Doctrine' "

Emergence of Themis Wicca

A large proportion of members in Wicca are known as eclectic and solitary. That is, they are not a part of any Wicca craft, sect or tradition and not part of any other religion. Instead, these eclectic Wiccans drew upon several sources to form their own individual religious practices.

**Themis Wicca evolved out of debate that challenged ancient mystical rivals and their modern eco-theistic spirituality has come to identify as the *Themis Wiccan emergent religion.*

Many people in recent years of the 21st century have moved away from the looking for spiritual satisfaction. Themis Wicca has that potential.

Themis Wicca sees deity in the totality of all life energy in Earth's biosphere and beyond.

Themis Wicca first conceived in 2000, began to emerge and evolve in 2006.

- I. Themis, (a Greek Goddess of Justice) her name meaning 'law of nature' rather ordinance, was the mythological Titaness of good counsel. Themis was the em order, law, custom and conceivably the first true Wiccan. Themis is patroness
- II. Themis Wicca is a forward-looking, modern, eco-theistic, eco-feminist spiritual Wicca traditions but excludes pagan traditional rituals and "Witch Craft".
- III. Themis Wicca has been debated colourfully in the latter part of the first decade from Facebook to Wikipedia because of its resemblance to Dianic Wicca or "Gc neither.
- IV. Themis Wicca was born in discussions of spirituality by University Students at George Washington Universities in Washington DC, USA; a student of Cornell U Oxford University in the U.K. and students and teachers at University of South

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Themis Wicca

- I. **Themis Wicca sings praise for nature-based spirituality**, vegan herbivorous life and ecology. Additionally, in the spirit of Themis as patroness of all existing rights strong defenders of the rights of all sentient beings be they vegan or not. The are mirrored in the spirit of Wicca but are not concomitant.
- II. **Themis Wicca is a religion or spirituality of the 21st century** and is not about Wicca. Wicca is not a cult. Themis Wicca is not about covens but parishes instead. The herbivores, homeopaths and herbalists: yes, most certainly, but not witches in
- III. **Even Christians feel comfortable** making the transition to an eco-theistic, ecology based religion which conflicts with no other religion save maybe in its lack of
- IV. **There is none of the mandatory ancient ritualism** but a firm and healthy life to the Wiccan practice of "do as you will but harm nothing", a good value to be and rituals on.
- V. **Gatherings of Themis Wiccans** focus on core values in a natural setting for environmental conservation; work groups; learning; discussion; sharing; meditation; spiritual
- VI. **A Wiccan lifestyle favours a universal practice** of enlightened ecology; conservation; a higher value to all life; plus for some Wiccans of this order, Vegetarianism and

Veganism are part of their Wiccan lifestyle.

VII. **"Live the life you choose for yourself"** is a mantra of Themis Wicca, "but be aware of your actions and hurt no living creature".

VIII. **The feminism aspect of Themis Wicca** is based on the focus on the nurturing ("Mother" Earth as a nurturing biosphere) and is not to be confused with Dianic Wicca, which excludes men almost completely.

IX. **Themis Wicca is more about the focus on Gaia** (Mother Earth) to some believers.

X. In Themis Wicca spirituality, females are respected as equal but have a slight preference perhaps owing to the focus on nourishing, maternal traits of nature plus important female pantheistic Titans who while being female are at least in an abstract sense, depicted as equal.

XI. **The single most controversial distinction** of many Themis Wiccans from other religions is the belief in a single Goddess or in other words that "God" is a female and that the female is the source of all things in the Universe and in particular, Earth's biosphere, including the essence and the source of all things integrated through all time and all dimensions is a concept of God. Many Wiccans share this belief that combines the God and Goddess in a Pantheism that view Nature (Nature) and 'God' as identical. Likely, most Wiccans may not believe in a personified anthropomorphic or creator god.

- XII. **By that definition, Themis Wicca spirituality is arguably not a pagan religion** sect or tradition, although many religions describe alternative spiritualities to
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Defining characteristics of Themis Wicca:

- I. A reverence for all nature;
- II. The Goddess/God are seen as complementary polarities in the same entity just seen in nature's fertility and within mates where a couple is perceived as being
- III. Most Themis Wiccans believe in the ability to harness the earth's energy to work 'magic' be it medicine and healing, health maintenance, food and nutrition preparation, eco-based 'tricks' or 'magik'. This is not generally viewed by Themis Wiccans as supernatural but as natural as in herbalism or homeopathy;
- IV. Wiccan mantra: "If it harm none, do what you will." Members are allowed to follow their path if they choose so long as no harm befalls others, including themselves; and

- V. A person's deeds return to him/her. The repercussions of both good and evil be their originator.
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Do what you will, but harm nothing.

The Special Holidays of Themis Wicca are tuned to the seasons of nature:

- I. **Yule/Winter Solstice - Dec. 22** - The winter solstice occurs exactly when the Earth is farthest away from the sun at its maximum of $23^{\circ} 26'$. Though the winter solstice is an instant in time, the term is also colloquially used as midwinter or contrastingly as winter to refer to the day on which it occurs. More evident to those in high latitudes is the shortest day, and longest night, and the sun's daily maximum position in the sky. The seasonal significance of the winter solstice is in the reversal of the gradual lengthening of nights and shortening of days. Depending on the shift of the calendar, the winter solstice occurs on December 21 or 22 each year in the Northern Hemisphere, and June 20 or 21 in the Southern Hemisphere.
- II. **Vernal Equinox - Spring 21 March** - An equinox happens each year at two specific times (rather than two whole days), when there is a location on the Earth's equator

the Sun can be observed to be vertically overhead, occurring around March 20. 22/23 each year. Astronomically, the vernal equinox (usually 20-21 March in the Northern Hemisphere, and 22 September in the Southern Hemisphere), should be the most important in relation to the angle of the sun and insolation). The spring equinox is called "mid-spring" in many cultures, especially in the USA and sometimes in England, regard it as the "first day of spring" in most temperate regions, signs of spring appear long before the middle of March. In the USA, 21 March being the "first day of spring" persists, and 21 June as the "first day of summer" in the USA. In South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, spring begins on 1 September, which is in relation to the vernal equinox.

III. **Summer Solstice - June 22** - The summer solstice occurs exactly when the Earth's axial tilt is inclined towards the sun at its maximum of $23^{\circ} 26'$. Though the summer solstice is the longest day of the year, the term is also colloquially used like Midsummer to refer to the day on which the summer begins. Except in the polar regions (where daylight is continuous for many months during summer), the day on which the summer solstice occurs is the day of the year with the longest period of daylight. Thus the seasonal significance of the Summer solstice is in the gradual shortening of nights and lengthening of days. The summer solstice occurs in June in the Northern Hemisphere and in December in the Southern Hemisphere.

IV. **Autumn Equinox - Sept. 22 - Fall** - An equinox happens each year at two specific times (rather than two whole days), when there is a location on the Earth's equator where the Sun can be observed to be vertically overhead, occurring around March 20.

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Veganism is a philosophy and lifestyle whose adherents seek to exclude the use of animals for any other purpose. It's a choice that many Themis Wiccans make but not all do make it.

To bring no harm to living creatures is a fulfilling value and a choice omnivores can make.

Vegans endeavour not to use or consume animal products of any kind. The most common reasons for becoming a vegan are human health, ethical commitment or moral conviction concerning animal welfare, the environment, and spiritual or religious concerns. Of particular concern to many vegans are the issues of animal rights, the environment, and the intensive use of land and other resources in factory farming and animal testing, and the intensive use of land and other resources in factory farming. Well planned vegan diets are healthful and have been found to satisfy nutritional requirements and provide protection against heart disease, cancer, and other diseases.

Veganism and Themis Wicca love of life and nature are perfect parallels.

Brightest Blessings from The Authors

- I. We are in Mother Earth's nature, humbled in reverence as if in a temple.
- II. Not prone to the arrogance of human technology as they touch our souls, we are seekers, givers, and protectors of all things. If this path is yours, may you walk in light and integrity.
- III. We have a deep love and appreciation of life and find awe in watching the sun set over a forest in the light of a glowing moon, a meadow enchanted by the first light of dawn.
- IV. We revere the morning dew on the petals of a beautiful flower; the gentle summer breeze upon our skin; and the warmth of the summer sun on our face.
- V. We thrive in the fall of colourful autumn leaves; the song and spirit of the birds of the wild.

Blessing

May you be blessed in every day
with flowers that bloom about your feet;
the tender grass so fresh and sweet;
with the song of the bird and the hum of the bee;
and all the beauty you can hear or see.

By the blue of the stream and the azure sky;
the fragrant sweet air and a cooling breeze;
by the beauty and breath of the blooming tree
and the pleasant shade of it's branches high;
we are all truly blessed.

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