

Texas Local Council Covenant of the Goddess

Definitions in Wicca

Occult

Occluded or hidden/secret; the study of secret or hidden knowledge. Secret societies include the Rosicrucians and certain fraternal orders.

Earth Religion

a religion whose main tenet is that the worshipper is in harmony with the Earth and with all life. Such religions oppose the idea that the world is a resource to be subdued and exploited.

Pagan

a practitioner of an Earth Religion; from the Latin paganus, a country dweller.

Neo-Paganism

a modern Earth Religion which borrows and adapts from the best of pre-Christian Pagan religions, sometimes with additions from contemporary religious thinkers.

Witchcraft

a magical religion with many diverse traditions derived from various cultural sources around which covens and individual practitioners base their practices.

The Craft

another name for Witchcraft.

Coven

a congregation of Witches, usually limited to 13 members or less.

Witch

one who worships the Goddess, and sometimes also Her Consort, the God; practices magic; and considers her/himself to be following the spiritual path of Witchcraft.

Magic

a conscious direction of will to accomplish a goal.

Sabbat

one of the eight seasonal festivals equally spaced during the year, celebrated by individuals and covens of Witches.

Esbat

monthly meeting of a coven, usually held at full moon. There are about 13 full moons each year. Some groups also meet at the dark of the moon.