

Texas Local Council Covenant of the Goddess

Seekers Bill of Rights

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Seekers on the pagan path are in an extremely vulnerable position. In their quest for fellowship and teaching, they risk encountering those who use faith to prey on others. To empower the Seekers of our community, a Seeker's Bill of Rights has been drafted. This tool will help to alert Seekers of a problem if a group or teacher violates any of the ten rights described. It will also serve to remind Seekers that while they do not have "degrees," they are still human beings with rights and dignity.

I. The Right to Verify Credentials

Seekers shall not be obstructed from substantiating claims made by a teacher or group. In the case of Elders that were inspired to create a new tradition, the Seeker has the right to know the circumstances surrounding the inception of that tradition.

II. The Right to Anonymity

Seekers have the right to keep their involvement in the occult a secret to preserve their personal & professional lives.

III. The Right to Financial Stability

Seekers shall not be required or coerced into taking on any financial burdens on behalf of a teacher or group.

IV. The Right to Compensation for Professional Goods & Services

Seekers have the right to be paid for goods produced and/or skilled labor from which they would normally receive an income. Seekers shall not be required or coerced into providing discounts or "freebies" on behalf of a teacher or group.

V. The Right to Sexual Freedom

Seekers shall not be required or coerced into sexual relations with unwanted persons, nor shall Seekers be restricted from sexual relations with consenting adults.

VI. The Right to Physical Well-Being

Seekers shall not be required or coerced into submitting to any form of physical injury or abuse.

VII. The Right to Abide by the Law

Seekers shall not be required or coerced into committing any illegal act.

VIII. The Right to Consistency

Seekers have the right to expect consistency in policies by a teacher or group. Seekers should be formally informed in a timely manner of any policy changes.

IX. The Right to Separation with Impunity

Seekers have the right to discontinue association with any teacher or group without fear of harassment or reprisal.

X. The Right to be at Peace with One's Conscience

Seekers shall not be required or coerced into committing any action contrary to their own sense of ethics and morality.