

WITCHCRAFT AND OCCULT

SEPT 5.

ETIC other people's point of you

EMIC: my point of view

MAGIC (k): faking out the audience for entertainment (illusions) – no sense of extra powers or abilities
– **MAGICK**: Aleister Crowley, differentiate from “magic” – use and manipulation or magic(k)al will → **power and abilities to manipulate this force**

***WITCH: 5 different unrelated categories**

- **Anthropology**: relatively new (200 years) – didn't do much work in their own cultures (went to look for exotic things) when it came to **religious practices, religious /spiritual values are shared in a different, small-scaled society – known as “Witchcraft”** – witch doctors was the name given to ritual leaders – the Tungus people, from Siberia - proper word being “**Shamam**” (the practitioners)
- **Historical**: **witch hunting and witch trials** – not from the “Middle Ages” – **accusations** (primary against women), due to having a **relationship with the Devil and diabolical witchcraft**, coming from the times of the Renaissance and the Reformation (1400s – 1700s) Western Europe (Catholic vs. Protestant) – tainted the word “witch”
- **Religious**: Contemporary, new religious movement (1930s-1940s) – Wiccan, Witchcraft in a non-diabolical; **modern Pagans** – pre-Christian, western European religious practices
- **Feminist/Goddess Worship**: new religious identity, Feminist: 1960s 2nd wave feminism (equal rights, equal work, free the bra movement, black power, gay liberation...) liberations and movements – **Women, politically, would call themselves ‘witches’ for an empowerment and shock factor. Goddess Worship: role of female divine figures – spirituality with powerful women**
- **Satanism**: Worshiping Satan, and how they came about to making their deal and their **relationship with the Devil** – Church of Satan – have different kinds of sins than Christians

• **CULTURE**

- Social cultures
- The community don't take a vote, culture is a practice of what you are **born** into
- They have to do with what is considered proper, improper, all kinds of **social constructions**.
 - Can a man shake a woman's hand?
 - Some cultures yes, some no
- **Cultural practices**
 - Circumcise or not
 - How you eat
- People are trained about certain things since a young age in which we get attached to.
- **Depending on your clan, your beliefs, your surroundings**
- **Not something you are born with, it is something you learn**
- **Culture shock**
 - Something you see from another person that **makes you question** why they do such a thing
 - Something you see from other people or other places that is **different** than how you do things
- The things you believe in
 - How you dress, how you act, how you think, your religious views, etc.....
- Cultures and **SUBCULTURES**
 - Ex: when you think you know a culture and its people but you actually don't
 - Ex: Canadian culture
 - Subcultures sometimes come with you as an individual, sometimes it doesn't.
 - **Subcultures are pockets of a worldview that not everybody shares.**
 - Ex: what religion you are from
 - Ex: hobbies - hockey, university sports, etc.....
 - Ex: Italian Canadian

- You can drop a subculture and get into another one
- Common way for doing things, common reasons for doing things
- It's something you learn, not born with
 - Ex: we are not born with knowing we can't have sex with siblings
- **"TABOO"** things
 - What is taboo to you or your subcultures
 - Something that is learnt
 - "Don't do that" "ew"
 - Things you shouldn't be doing
 - "Don't cross that line"
 - It's not just something the government says you can't do, it's something that causes everyone - or mostly - a reaction.
 - "Don't do, don't dress, don't eat, don't."
 - We learn our taboos from our cultures
 - Some things are taboo to some but aren't to others
 - Ex: murder, cannibalism, incest
 - Some may not make sense to us today - etic point of view
- **MYTHOLOGY**
 - Folklore
 - **Ology** = study of
 - The Greeks had two words for word
 - **LOGOS** word
 - It has no shades of interpretation
 - It is literal
 - Ex: battery (logos word is battery) - AA battery (logos word is battery)
 - Are clear, they don't have different meanings
 - **MUTHOS** word
 - Have many meaning
 - Language of poetry
 - The language of sacred religious texts
 - Conveying
 - A myth is the narrative in muthos language
 - A myth is a sacred narrative origin text
 - Texts are not always written
 - Ex: Iroquois beliefs - turtle island
 - Sacred lady falls etc. ...
 - Original texts in the language it originates from, gets lost as we keep translating them and rewriting them. The muthos words sometimes get lost.
 - Does not lose its meaning, but loses some of the subtext from them.
 - You can sometime not catch the meaning if the text is shortened since you are not getting the whole "story" but it doesn't "lose" its meaning.
 - The mythology tells us why the universe is the way it is - according to our
 - Tells us how we got here
 - Tells us the relationship with all the things in the world.
 - Are some things more important than others? Are all things equal? Is it round? Do human beings have some kind of divine control over anything else in the universe?
 - Sometimes as easy as "Thou shall not kill" but sometimes subtle
 - Tells us how to understand the world.
 - Thus being sacred words...
- **COSMOLOGY**
 - Cosmos
 - **Worldview**
 - Formed by the sacred narrative

- Ex: God creates everything in 7 days and on the 7th day, he rests
 - As he is doing these things and names these things, God creates in his own image something divine and creates Adam, made from clay, the first human (a man).
 - We have a **hierarchy universe**
 - At the top, God
 - After, Adam (a man)
 - Eve, a little lower (a woman)
 - The rest of the things
 - **Women are created from men**
 - **Men** are superior because they were **created first**
 - Women are created from a rib of the first man
 - There comes the whole **sexism** thing
 - Women are created **out of boredom**
 - **Turtle island belief**
 - **A circle of life**
 - **Inter-related, nobody is above or less important** because everybody had **to work together**. Sky woman needed the help of everyone else in order to live.
 - **One narrative gives us a hierarchy, while another gives us equality.**
- **AXIOLOGY**
 - Has to do with **core beliefs**
 - **Axiom** - things you live by
 - The important actions of **how you live, how you act**
 - **Your value system**
 - If the sacred narrative tells you something, how do you make sure you will never make that mistake?
 - Ex: How to live a good life without making God angry
 - You're not born knowing these things, they are taught
 - You learn these things
 - **Values on how to be a human being - whatever the religion is**
 - **How your society interpret**
 - "How do you live?"
 - What is immoral, what is bad, what are the things you wouldn't do, what is ungodly
 - Core values that are really important
 - System death aka euthanasia
 - Abortion
 - **Everyone has different axiological thinking**
 - The values
 - **How you interact or treat things**
 - What is **taboo**
 - The axiological, value decisions in order not to break "the rules"
 - It comes from **the value of "life"**
 - Different **teachings** and takes on it
 - Applications
 - Abrahamic faiths
 - Peoples of the Book
 - How you live in the world
 - **OCCULT**
 - Something which is **hidden ... but not merely hidden**
 - Not hidden for the people who have the **knowledge or understanding of seeing it.**
 - Those who have the need or the **training** to know, to **access that information.**
 - Knowledge is accessible to those who have the training and who knows how to access it.
 - *Ex: your phone has a passcode to occult the information on it except to those who have the code.*

- **METAPHOR**
- Parts of speech in English
- **Simile = making an explicit comparison between two things**
 - Ex: Fred is **as dumb as a rock**.
 - There is something about Fred that is a lot like a rock.
- **Religious language is metaphoric language**
- Metaphors are *entirely* **culturally based**
- Is the language of religious texts, of poetry
 - **You need to be from the culture or society to understand**
 - Ex: "I'm going bananas!"
 - Ex: "I had a date last Friday. Fred was such a turkey."
 - Turkeys are dumb, annoying, loud, etc....
 - **Some people might not understand this metaphor, or expression because they aren't from this culture. They might have other points of views over that metaphor. Depending on their culture, or society, turkeys could be smart, or it could be a sex thing, etc....**
- **Biblical texts are written in metaphoric language**
- **Casting spells, prayers - they are metaphors**
 - Ex: "It is my body, my blood" - Jesus
 - METAPHOR
- Working in **symbolic** language

September 26th

Relationship between the divine world and the human world and how we mimic the divine

WITCH - 5 types – anthro, historical, Satanism, Religious, female/Goddess

- **Stereotypical script in Western society (Classical image)**
- **Historical image** of a witch
 - Female → **warlock = male** [**waer loga** = oath breaker, someone who could not be trusted] **suspect as dangerous**
 - Would be **punished** for being a witch, **but not put to death** → only during the *witch craze*, where the accusations took place
 - Considered to be **old, but looked young**, or were young (**seduction, and glamour spells to stay youthful**) (**manipulation of men since they held power in Western Europe**)
 - **Historically, being identified as a witch was an accusation** → leveled against women
 - Power originate from **Satan**; **how they made their claim with the Devil** → rural societies where most don't ever leave their village/communities (closed-minded)
 - Travelling people would **spread the folklore** – coming from **Religious institutions, therefore, credible**
 - Men were dry and logical, whereas **women** were watery and **emotional**, and therefore a **better pray for Satan**
 - Judaism does not have Satan; Lucifer is only a fallen angel, so Jews do not believe in it, but often accused of it, since they were not Christians

MAGICIAN/WIZARD

- **Male, old, honored and self-proclaimed**
- Where did their powers come from? **KNOWLEDGE and experimentation**
- **Precursor to early scientist**
- No such term for women
- Very few women practice even stage magic; **very pervasive to think of a woman practicing magic (dealing with the Devil).**
- **MAGI: Wise** → 3 magi (**3 Wisemen for Christians after the birth of Jesus**)
 - Not seen as evil doers

- Seen as godly; for the good of humans
- **Court magicians**; nobles would have these to help them with **major and important decisions**
- Occulted knowledge, careful to who they teach, being careful and selective with who they share knowledge with, to keep everyone safe and cautious

SORCERER/ESS

- Both male, female, old, young...
- In French, there is no real word to describe a “witch” – “faux amis” → words that look and sound the same but aren’t
- **Where does this power come from?** Family, gift/abilities
- **SORCI**: Latin for FATE. Someone who tells, or alters/change your fate
- In French, this would be seen as negative; trying to instore negative fate
- In English, it could be either one, depending on the context
- **First born of the first son**: order in which someone was born would have different gifts/abilities
- **Fortune telling**: tools and technologies to read fate

TRANSCENDENT

- Divine as primarily located → live in a higher place, away from where humans live

IMMANENT

- Divine presence in the world; spirits
- Souls and spirits that can be interacted with

Both of these can apply, not mutually exclusive concepts, do not contradict themselves → just to conceptualize the location of divine

- *Classical awareness of the location of the divine*
- *More towards one of the other, depending on the religion*

LIMINAL (ITY)

- State of being liminal; description of thing, time, place as being liminal
- Something between states (part one thing, part other)
- Ex: doorway entrance frames are liminal places → part of it is on the inside, and part of it is on the outside
- Ex: hallways, getting from one place to another, are liminal places
- **State of existence**:
 - Single and married are non-liminal
 - Engagement is liminal – What is engaged?
- Rites of passage celebrate being in one stage to another
- Ex: lent → Easter
- Ex: going from childhood to adulthood (different categories of human)
 - Different practices for different cultures/religions, and for boys/men and girls/women
 - Ex: first kill

RITUALS

- *Do not have to be religious in nature* (religious or secular)
- Set actions, whether it is an individual or community, certain things are expected in the results
- Set actions in certain orders, with expected results
- Believe that if the rituals are not followed, bad things and/or offence can happen
- Things that humans were told to do or not to do by the divine
- Gives a sense of extended family, sense of belonging
 - Common values and rituals
 - Reinforces the religious and/or spiritual identity
- Language of the people → local language

- **Because it is so familiar, more thinking and praying can be focused on our relationship with the divine**

HUNTER-GATHERER – Small-scale societies

- **Semi-nomad pastoral** (similar to Agrarian/agricultural)
- **Not a linear evolution; primitive** (don't go from hunter, to agrarian, to urban)
- Different societies have different things to know
- Life-style: hunting and gathering
- Nomads are not lost people; **related to people, and each know by practice the area and where/when they must go; know the range**
- Parents, grandparents, kids...married or not (10-20 people)
- **Some members stay by the house structures**
- Why move? **Must follow food source and their season ranges**
- What does the religious world look like?
 - **One to one, direct relationship with the environment (SHAMANIC MODALITY)**
 - **Ask the animals for a sacrifice for food through rituals**
- **Relationship with animals, plants...from one spirit to another**
- **Rituals to do once moving from one area to another to harmonize the movement and spread awareness**
- **No hierarchy; everyone is on the same spiritual level**
- Don't pray to a unique God
- **No singular creating divine; too far to care about humans**
- **Elders, ancestors, getting advice from those who passed and other spirits**

AGRARIAN/AGRICULTURAL – Semi-pastoral nomads

- **Both hunter-gatherers and agrarians came about at very similar times; mediating the soil (plant crops, even while hunting)**
- A lot more stress on staying in one place
- **Located communities, as well as larger groups, that extend to more than just extended family members**
- Tend to it, **get more food for longer**
- Not all living in the community all the time
 - **Follow hunting seasons**
 - **Starting to think about domesticating animals**
- Start having **hierarchies**
- **Change in the relationship between humans and the divine**
 - **Weather; important factor in planting things**
 - **Formalized rituals** (less one on one) → **weather rituals for divine figures**
- How the divine and human world change along time
- Staying in one place
- More or less important divine figures; weather, praising
- **Representative of clans make decisions**

OCTOBER 3RD - Urban, time: linear vs. Cyclical, Holydays vs. Festivals, **Historical Witchcraft, Pagans (US), and Malleus Maleficarum**

URBAN

- Relatively low population bases; not a lot of urban cities with more than 4000 people → no longer related to everyone; doesn't mean many outsiders
- Unrelated people, not so much making our own clothes, making some food...**specializations**
- **Abstract things that represent time, money; metaphor, symbolization**
 - Metals, shells, bones...
 - **Doesn't have any tangible value → symbolic**
- Specialists (ex): butchers, fishermen, artists, teachers, priests, ruling, class, and a ruled class → **by birth, elections (symbolically representing everyone)**

- **What does this do to the divine world? Hierarchy:**

1. Chiefs/emperor (elected, birth, chosen)
2. Priestly class/cast → literate (not necessarily reading, but ORAL LITERATE)
 - Symbolic literacy; interpretation of symbols and concepts
 - “Writes” vs. “recites” → memorize, speak (recording info)
 - Prognostic of the future
 - Representative for the divine
3. High-valued jobs (ex: mid-wives, healers)
4. Average people → less value, or more so jobs that are taboo (ex: workers in dyers (colors), leather work...) → dealing with carcasses, urine, the dead...
5. Natural world: every other creature (depends on the value)
 - Ex: animals hierarchy is a cultural thing and will differ from one culture to another

What does that do to the **understanding of the divine world**? It too has a **hierarchy (parallel to ours)**

- Divine pair → male figure = more powerful BUT, **Hera**, for the Greeks, was the major one (**GODDESS**), and not Zeus
- What they are in charge of will determine their rank
 - **Specialization**, just like the human world
 - Choose which God or Goddess to pray to
- **Less and less responsible for our worship, and more so symbolically (ex: instead of praying alone, Church/Temples with specialists)**

TIME: LINEAR VS. CYCLICAL

1. Abrahamic phase = **linear**: “in the Beginning...” $x \rightarrow x \rightarrow x \dots$
 - **Mytho-historic**: in the beginning, according to **sacred texts**
 - **Major events, then the narrative ends**
2. **Cyclical** (Greeks, Romans...)
 - Small scales and urban societies
 - Origin point → **different events align with weather, seasons; important festivals and Holydays** → no calendar, **but stars and environment, sacred calendar**
 - Relive the events over and over
 - **Isn't aiming for the end of anything, vs. linear**

HOLYDAY

- Introspection, withdrawal, mourning, marking passages, mytho-historic
- Ex: Easter: mourning the death of our savior
- **Sadness, sacrifice**

FESTIVALE

- Celebration
- Ex: Christmas

Malleus Maleficarum

- Hammer of Witches – important treatise on Witchcraft – extermination of Witches
-

PAGANS (US)

- Non-Christian, non-Jewish

OCTOBER 10th - feminist witchcraft, Budapest, Morgan McFarland, Mark Roberts, Goddess Worship, Mary Daly, Marija Gimbuta

WITCH CRAZE and the end of it:

- During the witch craze: misogyny, as well as Christian (Catholics vs. Protestants) tension, and finally, the Black Plague (fleas and rats)
- Inquisition → black cats seen as evil; extermination of them;
 - o Looking for heresy (crimes against God/religious institution) and treason
- No Church rituals to stop the Plague
- Fear, lack of understanding, and no real ways to stop it
- Blaming witches was easy, in order to keep people in believing in their faith
- Scientific revolution → unquestionable; Church blamed witches for the plague; torture, Malleus Maleficarum → how to find witches → have to have proof = controlled environment, would find the same results
- Protestant: everyone should be able to read the Bible, without needing priest or pope to interpret it for us
- Not that anyone knew for a fact that someone was a witch, but they believed it (need proof)
- Takes about 100 years to get rid the stigma; many women to this day do not practice any kind of activity
- Why would witches do and cause some burdens and evil? To please Satan
- Christianity branch off
- FINAL EXAM: Burning Times: Inquisition happened during the Middle Ages (answer is FALSE: During the Renaissance/Revolution)

FEMINIST WITCHCRAFT AND GODDESS WORSHIP

- Similar, but not the same

1. Goddess Worship (Majira Gimbutas and Mary Daly)

- o Spiritual paths, call themselves witches
- o Political 1960-70; feminist movement (US)
- o **Gimbutas**: never called herself a witch; renewing information. Very few books and studies on Goddesses, yet knew so much about Gods → collecting information on Goddesses
- o Male and European filter on the mythology and archeology
- o Female/Goddess concept; primary in Europe, before Gods: which was disputed (earliest divine figures were Goddesses) → creation, giving birth, supreme
- o Second wave feminism; masculine employment and social structure change
- o Women played major roles (in Europe and in North-America)
- o Spiritualities that are not just Men/Gods
- o Creating their own spirituality; tangible research and her theories of women being supreme above men in the past → role model women, ways of understanding the divine without male influence → comes in the political movement, getting away from patriarchal influence and power
- o **Daly**: Roman Catholic – PhD in Religious Studies
- o Hired by the university: if you write a book or express an opinion that the school does not agree with, the school cannot fire you
- o The older she got, the more she turned towards second wave feminism, and breaking away from the patriarchal power → becomes critical
- o Beyond “God, the Father”, the Church and the second sex → got rid of misogyny in the Bible/sacred texts, lose most of the text → women must reclaim their place in the universe
- o Wants the reader to think about the words; breaks the words into syllables
- o Radical Goddess Worshiper

OCTOBER 17TH

Feminist Witchcraft

-Not focus on single concept

- Goddess worship
- From 1960's – second wave of feminism (1st one was right to vote)
- 1960's Woman focus was woman to have same job & salaries than man.
- Goddess worship started to happen in North America & went to Europe after.
- Results of WW2 – woman had to step up & work – conflict happen when man came back from war & woman wanted to continue working, not go back as a house wife
- One big issue is woman's right
- What also happen is civil's right – woman's right, colour's right, gay right's – it all happened at the same time, 1st nation, Wise Quebec thing (partie Quebecois, francophone identity) – All in same period
- With all those civilization structure that happened same time – witchcraft right also happened

-Born out of feminist thinking & moder Peagon/witchcraft – it is a political movement

-Woman were looking at strong image of woman, originagly looking for a figure

-2 Organisation:

1- W.I.T.C.H. – Woman Internation Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell

2- W.I.C.C.A – Womand in Constient Creative Action

-Both are political movement.

-WICCA comes from originally from the religion in Europe

-Both try to show images, fear, of historicaly witch image to scare for their rights

-Mostly from Christinality – from bible showing man more powerful than woman

-Woman try to find new ways to show new sprituality by keeping political

Z.Budapest

-San Fancisco

-Start little book store – feminist book, runs also occult shop

-1950's was illegal to say you were a witch

-Runing feminist book store

-She wrote books

-Store was targeted cause she was doing witch stuff

-She & other woman start 1st coven in the system called "Suzan & Antony coven 1"

-They were looking for role model, strong devine: "Dianic" – Roman goddess – Strong, Independent – Dianic Witchcraft. – Created their own devine, mythology, not from history.

-No man aloud to be part of it

-In early 1980's started to have man Dianic's ritual but were not group with the woman – cause by trans sexuals and gay guys who also wanted to worship that religion – guys were aloud only 20 yrs after the group has started

-Goddess started she was alone & was dancing & her sweat falling off was a way of creation – something life that

-Have ceremonies in calendar & one woman from each coven can prepare and create that festival – they can all take their turns

-All throught North America & Europe – still active – there is one in Ottawa.

-Budapest moves to LA since no one liked here, only last in LA for 3 yrs cause she has hasma & canot breath with the pollution – asma came worst.

-In LA she sets up book shop & occult shop & her religion gets spread there. Her book feminist is guide book, poetry

Morgan M. (Female) & Mark Roberts (Male)

-Morgan coming out of 1960's 1970's & both M& F.?

-Mark R – social activist

-Both met together & work with other friends, work at image strong & devine figure

-called Figure "Egalitarion"

-male and female equal

-MacFarland Dianic Witchcraft

- A lot of social values of 1960's – 1970's
- Mostly found in Texas

Starhawk

- Already studied in witchcraft in political
- Meets Budapest.
- Born out of social, political rights
- Studying into British witchcraft
- see occult shop
- Bring in political social action & environment issues
- Take part of Budapest & also feet to proactive – not just pray all day, take things in action and start to protest
- Came out with a system the "reclaiming proactive" & is still in movement, start in LA, strong in west coast, less in the East – it got spread. – very strong and active
- Use word covent
- Male & female – ceremonies is structure – they have poetries during, it feels like a religion – everyone is welcome
- Selena..? Halloween is the ritual day
- Believe all people are equal

Pagan/Neo-Pagan

- Pagan – lives in the county from history witch burning

-Religion Practice:

- 1920's-1930's Neo-Pagan – religious witches – not a social movement
- People who are practicing, recreating or reconstructing Pre Christian Religion Practices/rituals
- Primarily Western Europe
- Under group – not public at 1st and then got risen more up
- Rather say Pagan since less showing bad image to others, easier than saying Witches
- say practice old tradition of ant sisters from Western Europe – Pagan ppl freak out less

-3 main categories (traditions) of Neo-Pagan (like Christianity have 3)

1- Wicca(N)

- Person who practice it is a wiccan – practice Wicca.

3-Druid(ry)

- Religion Druidry & practice is Druid
- don't know much
- What we know is what Roman recorded – info from ppl who have a big bias about it
- lost a lot of info since were more oral
- Human sacrifice practice
- Many have practice human sacrifice (blood libel – accuse other practice for human sacrifice) in extern way – tied ppl together & put them in something & set on fire
- known healing, plant knowledge
- have poetry & musical in ceremonies, none were written down all know by heart
- Trying to build Pre-Christians, by written new songs & using them in ceremonies

2-Asatru(R)

- ppl who practice are Asatru and religion is Asatru
- Recreation Pre Christians
- More into Modern god/goddess worship
- Big advantage they have is they wrote a lot – we have a lot of written traditions & religion
- not Christian, they don't worry about satan
- Only Pagan religion that is official recognize as a State Religion.
- not refer themselves as Pagan, prefer use them "Heathans" – ppl who live on Heathe

- Have a lot of white racist power
- Hamer of Thor to show devotion to god/goddess – can be put on thomb (cimetiere thing)
- They have priest, priestest
- They are active
- not describe group as coven but as "torth"

1-Wicca(n)

- Not describe themselves as Pagan
- Folk religion – from Christian religion
- comes from word "Wic" – but not, not sure where word comes from
- 1930's-1940's
- Practice under group up to 1950's

- Gerald Gardner – (Nudist) – fascination with the occult, travelled, spent a lot time with many since was ish sick – was interst in Magick
- Told story while was in trip, met covant of witches and none were in 70's & all believe tradition Pre-Christians traditions & practice under group & thought if dies that's it, nothing they go no where
- Met Crowley once or twice
- Was witch & naked so was all over magasins & newspaper since everyone wanted to interview him
- establish 2 covans but haven't had enough infos from his trips, he got infos from Crowley
- Founder of Modern Wicca with his 2 covan

-Doreen Valiente:

- She was one of the girls was decoding codes in nazty
- National poet write
- Met Gerald
- Created poets with different language use now in the ceremonies
- So she is the mother of Wicca & Gerald is the father
- She wrote a lot of ceremonies
- "Gardereen Wicca" the ones who are following Gerald's & Doreen practices

-Alex Sanders:

- Another branch of wicca
- ppl who follow him not describe as Pagan but as "Alexandrians"
- Practice naked except him – everyone was naked?
- He cam efrom line of witches.
- A lot practice similar with other group – both have decrease initiation, the 1st is being part of it & don't need to move to the 2nd initiate or become a priest.
- He said he never been in coven but rumors he was in Gerereen's Covan as 1st level & got kicked out so did research about 2nd and 3rd initiation
- worship god/goddess – at night

Wicca:

- 8 rituals – in book
- at night
- 13 moons – each have ceremonies
- mostly practice healing – spells for healing
- not afraid to do curse but that started in the last 20-25 yrs
- ppl coven mostly 10 in a coven
- Every coven run by high pries/priestest & in both branch – have to be involve for couple of years & be at 3rd level
- do believe in magick – force in the wor,ld , its universe ** no bad or good magick
- all over CAN & US.
- #1 tradition modern Wicca – Eclip – means not follow much both branch

- Mostly culture identity
- not centralize institution – not regulation
- we see more now individual, solitary, not part of coven
- have festival all wiccan meet from both branch (type of wicca) to share.

November 7th

- Aryan
 - Black Propoganda
 - Blood/Religion of the...
 - Rendulum Dowsing: form of trying to read the future
 - Blood flag
 - 16 heros/immortals
 - Runes
 - Swastika
- Late 1920s-30s
 - Scientific revolution struck down the witch craze
 - What does God know? In a scientific way; scientific ways of exploring religion and the universe
 - Rise of nationalism (in Europe)
 - Loop hole, literalist interpretation of the rules (German are not allowed to have a standing army after WW1) (Rise of new occult organization)
 - Hitler
 - Elena Plovatski; Russian princess; art of illusions
 - Received wisdom from a master
 - Religious spiritualities, sleight of hand
 - Scientific researcher that puts out a book; that changes the way that the West think of the universe → DARWIN; evolution
 - 2 books: Christian theosophical society → race theory: differences between the races (social construction), no biological aspects → classification of humans, by humans
 - We are all descendants from aliens from another planet
 - ARYAN: descendant from aliens from space (blue eyes, blond hair)
 - Land on the continent of “Atlantis” → relocated to Tibet
 - Who are “real” Aryans? Persians → people from Persia (Iran today)
 - Hitler was a political prisoner, and read Plovatski’s theories
 - Mein Kampf = my struggles = race theories and race hate

DOCUMENTARY: NAZI OCCULT CONSPIRACY

- Getting people away from Christianity, by bringing them back to ancestral religions
- Belief that Nazis conjure dark spirits
- Tibet: 1930 – evidence of high priest (Nazi ancestors) – foundation of Germany’s new religion; pure alien blood being contaminated by unpure races
- Eliminating competing religions -> power of myth and contaminated Christian rituals
- Astrology
- Story of a continent in the Atlantic (North) (Atlantis) – certain priests escaped by boat to India and Tibet – ancestors of all Indian and European people
- Lost their powers by mating with mortals (unpure races)
- Full body inspection of the Tibetans by the Germans SS army (ex: measuring skulls)
- Moved criminal: killing and using the body
- Selective breeding to recreate the pure race of godly ancestors (back to 1750)– superior of modern man – tall, blond, blue eyes, pure family heritage, educated
- Polygamy → only way to reproduce the superior race (having more than one women)
- Women were thought to have on option: take care of babies

- (Latent babies) belonged to the State → sent out to live with Aryan Families
- Race ideologies with occult practices
- Unemployment after WW1 → wounded soldiers in the streets
- Hitler sent to Munich for infiltrating left wing ideas
- German workers' party – right wing (Hitler would join, and later become leader)
- Will later become the NAZI party
- Environment that is hostile to Judaism – Jews = most threatening, taking the place of Aryans as superior
- Racial selection
- Racist occultists. Will become Hitler's voice in spirituality
- Church of Blood: rather than peace; blood of the people carries the blood of the race
- The muthos of the blood
- Old beliefs will be honored again
- Swastika: different cultures (good luck in China, religious symbol for Hindus and Buddhists) Pagan Law: life and good fortune – for Hitler, struggles of the Aryan men, and their victims
- Quest for the Holy Grail with blood that will give infinite power to those who drink it; can only be found by priests
- Attempts overthrow the government (November 1923)
- Symbolic power of the blood of dead Nazis and their power passed on to the Nazi Flag (16 immortals) – died, resurrected, eternal life
- Hitler is Germany and Germany is Hitler – undisputed blood religion of Nazis
- Propaganda
- 16 Immortals → 1st → Temple of honor (Nazi Shrine)
 - Go to where they fell, bringing the blood flag
 - Transfer from Christian ritual
 - Call out each immortal
- Force without spiritual foundation is doomed to fail
- 1933: Party taking youth organization
- Mein Kampf: Nazi Bible – long-lasting Nazi party and principles of blood religion
- Sterilization if found with hereditary diseases
- Euthanasia program for physically/mentally impaired
- Made it illegal to have sex or marry Jews; Jews are stripped of their rights
- One thing gets in the way: the existence of non-Aryans
- Insuring the survival of the race
- Religion + Military
- Ancestral Heritage Organization → resurrect and reinterpret occult practices and Pagan Law
- Runic Alphabet given by supreme God (Nordic)
- Thought the meaning of the runes → Pagan past
- Families' and life rituals became SS ceremonies and rituals
- Bond fire = relighting the sun in ritual
- Using occult as a weapon and to make political decisions
- Clairvoyance to find enemy boats
- Black Propaganda

NOVEMBER 14TH

Satanism

- Three modalities/three different ways to manifest
 - One being : Supplication
 - hierarchical
 - You are praying/asking a higher power of some sort on your behalf
 - To act on your behalf
 - The supreme being(s) are who you ask/pray to

- Magical modality
 - To heal someone (ex. cancer)
 - Candle spell - to show how different the relationship works
 - Understood to be symbolic
 - Part of the system of prayer asking for intervention in a situation
 - Most familiar to people
 - Feminist/satanist/etc.... When they light a candle and a spell - different
 - The person not the target of the prayer
 - Prayer is different for them than christianity

Semiotics vs Signs (semiotic - candle spell)

- Pagans - talking about people who believe their own Will will change the world
 - *Will = focus kind of thinking, focus on energy
 - A force/source in the world that is there
 - If you train and understand how to use it, you can use it
 - Standing assumption in spiritual systems where it is a magical modality
- If it didn't work, it's because the person who made the spell, made an error
 - Many times, they will blame themselves if it does not work
- Just because you know how to use it, doesn't mean it will be efficient every time
 - Not a direct cause & effect
- Ceremonies aren't always efficient
 - They have to accept that
 - Energy - causes & effect
 - Throwback to first class (the light analogy)
- Difference between signs and symbols
 - Semiotics = studying signs and symbols
 - **Signs**
 - In the setting of this course
 - Signs are a visual shorthand
 - They are uni-vocal
 - Signs only have one meaning, one voice
 - Example : stop sign (one meaning : STOP)
 - Signs are very clear
 - Universal
 - **Symbol**
 - Symbolic language
 - Example : heart
 - Shape is a heart but the changing of the colour differs meaning (red = love ; pink = friendship ; black = death, sad ; green = st-patricks day)
 - Non-verbal
 - They have parameter
 - They are multi-vocal
 - Based by culture
 - What one society views as a positive or neutral symbol, one other may not
 - Colours, shape, sizes, clothes, animals, places, things, etc....
 - Colour symbology
 - Colour red - Greeks & Romans (comes from ...)
 - Bloodshed, war, the fast pumping of blood through your veins, the ultimate symbol of life and of being alive - the thing that runs the body
 - To be in love, head over heels, is the same kind of overcome, unable to control yourself
 - The red is attached to Aries - gets also translated into passion of love and lust, etc....
 - The entire world was created by (insert your faith)
 - They left hints of what "it" was for
 - The flower of a witch hazel plant is purple-red
 - Bruising

- Mashed up this flower and put it where the bruising was and would work because it went through the pores (does function)
 - Most medicine was “created” due to those signs
 - Plants, colours, shapes, etc.... = signs and symbols
 - Candle spell
 - How the spell works is based on symbol sets
 - Spell for food & money
 - Pick a candle that makes us think about food or money (a smaller candle)
 - Structure of the spell :
 - Focus in on what the situation is (because you may or may not be doing the spell for yourself - you, or someone else) - focus on what the issue is
 - Decide to do the candle spell instead of anything else
 - Chose the colour - doesn't matter what the colour of the candle is
 - Start the process
 - You want to increase something (you can also do similar spells to decrease something)
 - Rule #1 - don't be greedy (it's about what you need)
 - How to do a spell - Symbolic (Think about comic books, comic strips)
 - First thing you want to do is personalize it
 - You take a tool to carve/scratch things in the candle (Ex. a pen or knife)
 - Carve your name (whole name) - write small
 - Put your birthdate on it (day, month, year) - any order you want
 - You can even put your astrological sign
 - You are going to draw little symbolic pictures (cartoon or whatever) that makes you think about money or food
 - Draw an arrow from the picture you drew to your information (name <- symbol)
 - You dress your candle
 - You put a little oil in your hand (any oil will do, example : olive oil or vegetable oil) you put a little drop in your hand
 - Put the candle in the other hand
 - Use your hand with the oil to kind of oil the candle from the center out, then flip the candle and oil it from the center out
 - You can write a little poem, find something someone already wrote, invent some kind of riddle, get anything, and say it out loud - come up with words or take someone else's words
 - The power of words/breath/naming of things - most powerful thing
 - Light your candle
 - Increase - before midnight
 - Decrease - after midnight
 - Do not blow out your candle out for any magical purpose
 - If you HAVE to put it out, lick your fingers and go *psst*
 - NEVER blow it out
 - Will it work or not?
 - At the psychological level - it is powerful
 - Magical occult level - we never know
 - Decrease spell on candle
 - Example :

Melanoma
Elanom
Lano
An

Satan

- Social virus

- Baby killing, etc....
- Three categories
 - Solitary satanists
 - Work alone
 - Self identify themselves as satan worshippers
 - They usually steal a copy of one of the books on how to be a satanist
 - Usually male
 - Somewhere between 16-20
 - About personal gratification
 - About revenge
 - Petty stuff
 - After a year or two, drift out of things
 - Outlaw groups
 - Charismatic leader
 - Small group
 - Age of 15-16 up to 20-21
 - Get involved in “shenanigans”
 - Break-ins, jumping people and grabbing their wallets, usually petty crime
 - Worshipping satan
 - The leader always had a tied of brains
 - The lower downs would realize after a couple years that they are doing the work for someone else and are not getting anything in return and so they start drifting away
 - They are messing in a more crime involved situation
 - Usually the guy at the top of the food chain gets busted, but not a lot of people get arrested
 - Primarily young men
 - Neo-satanic churches
 - Cult, sect, church
 - Cult - not necessarily a bad thing
 - New religion
 - New satanist churches
 - New religious organisations
 - Start date : 1966
 - Founder of the first one :
 - Anton Szandor Lavey

Anton Szandor Lavey - Cos (church of satan)

- He claims that he had a dream about satan and so he founds the Church of Satan
 - Dream/inspiration about satan
- 1966
 - Vietnam War
 - Did not start to draft this
 - Era of the hippies (1968 - Woodstock)
 - Peace & Love
 - Civil rights stuff is starting
 - Changes in attitudes
 - Backdrop
- And so he says in 1966 that he got a message from satan that all this hippies stuff (peace & love) is a load of cr*p
 - Radical stuff
- The people of Church of Satan and Anton Lavey never viewed or treated satan as literal. Satan was never viewed or intended to be literal.
- Satan is a metaphor
 - The things you want
- He wrote books metaphorically about being a satanist
- The Church of Satan, never to this day, view satan as literal, nor an opposition of God
- There was no rituals
- Satanism is about greed
- Metaphor - he put out three books
 - The Church of Satan kept them all

- Satanic laws (people were stealing these books)
 - See the way of thinking going on
 - Not to waste your attention or resources on people who don't deserve it
 - Counter opposite to truism
 - You can take care of yourself
 - Don't waste your money, etc....
- God is the most powerful ally satan has ever had because he keeps him in business
- The Church of Satan never advocated killing animals or human beings
 - Their point of view was to wait
 - If there was a vaguely way of ducking around
- Talks about hardcore independence
- His stuff isn't shocking today but was back then in the late 1960s
- Alex Cooper
 - Satanist performances
 - Not a satanist
 - Comes from a christian family
 - Not a satanist as a metaphor either
- Levey had two daughters and a son
 - One of the daughters disowned him and wrote about him in a "unfather" way
 - She grew up in the Church of Satan
 - Grew up in neo-satanism
 - She wrote about the truth about him
 - The other sister was pist off because she claimed he wasn't serious about satanism enough

Michael Aquino - Tos

- He wakes up in 1971, as a member of the church of satan, and was just not feeling it
- He thinks of different things they should be more focussed on
- The egyptian God Set, came to Aquino in a dream and said that he needed to found a religion about the misunderstands dark gods and goddesses
 - And so he founds the Temple of Set
- His wife, Lilith, are the cofounders of the Temple of Set
 - They view the dark gods and goddesses as real and literal
 - They dropped satan out of all literature
 - They blocked satan out
 - They started and primarily focus on the dark gods and goddesses
 - The ones who are classically the gods of evil, etc....
- Two complementary concepts
 - Left and right handed paths
 - Right hand - Religions that are focussed on restraint and control
 - Left hand - Pushing the limits (ex : Aleister Crowley)
- Temple of Set is kind of, in a way, about both concepts
 - Studying the good and bad
 - Focussed on self - me, myself, and I
- Temple of Set is hierarchical system
 - They used to call themselves witches, not really anymore
 - They want to make you uncomfortable
 - Really focussed differently
 - Does not use the word coven at all
 - Uses the word pylons
 - Each individual groups of the Temple is a pylon
 - Church of Satan is metaphor - Temple of Set is Xeper(ing)
 - Xeper = to study and improve yourself to being god-like, to be like the gods, as powerful as the gods
 - Self-improving
 - Is what the Temple of Set is all about
 - They believe in becoming a god or goddess through practice or manipulation of magick

- They don't have to focus on only the Egyptians, they can also focus on the Greeks, Romans, etc.... On the different divines on the dark side
 - About being god-like or goddess-like
- They have a lot of readings
- Aquino retired as a left-hand colonel in the Air Force military intelligence
 - And so his force is getting intel and using it
 - He is very intelligent
 - He is very thoughtful
- Lavey's daughter joined the Temple of Set after leaving her father's Church of Satan

Zeena Schreck - Wo

- Anton Lavey's "un" daughter
- She and her ex-husband found the Werewolf Order
 - It is still around
 - She is still a member of the Temple of Set
 - The Werewolf Order is based on the classical view of werewolves
 - Classical werewolves
 - Is liminal figure (between two things)
 - During the day, they are human. At night, they transform into wolves who eat people
 - Old-folkloric images of Europe
 - Vampires literature exists because of the werewolves
 - Werewolf Order
 - Playing on the classical imagery of transforming themselves (keeping xepering)
 - Using the image of one-self to get what you need or want
 - Projecting what the person is looking for (you don't care about that person though)
 - You must project what someone wants or needs in order to get what *you* want
 - About changing the perception of what/who you are to fit the setting

None of these three beliefs/churches are not about killing, or whatever we were taught/think about Satan.

Only religious structure that Canada lets you practice behind bars (prison/jail) because there is no way that this is what is best for you (being behind bars).

NOVEMBER 21ST

- Correspondences
 - How one thing corresponds to another thing, patterns some make – related or unrelated?
 - Color of certain stone to be similar as wine we make → before pu
 -
- High vs. Low Magic
- Alchemy
- Geomancy/Numerology

Periods initiate secret societies

- 1700s
- Pass burning times
- Move from that
- Stage magic → modern age; still stigmatized in women (diabolical image in women)
- Women in Witchcraft: → mostly stay away from it, since this is dangerous for them (even today)
- Does not mean the occult image has disappeared
- Rise of scientific occult ideas (scientific revolution): prove things about spirits and magic
- Ties a lot with identity
- Scientific study of the occult

NOVEMBER 28TH

FINAL:

- ALL THE READINGS (INCLUDING LECTURE WE DIDN'T COVER IN CLASS)
- MORE THE SECOND HALF
- DICTONNARY
- 2 HOURS

SHAMANISM

- Modality: who is causing the effects?
- NDE: anecdotal evidence – no objective evidence
- 1. Suicide: do not want to be revived
- 2. Assisted death; chemical

- Tungas people
- Shamanism is not a biologically learned things;
- Everyone has the ability to do so, with the proper training
- Not one religious system; not one singular spiritual system
- Non-mainstream religions
- Difficult to generalize Shamanism
- Similar to some first nations practices
- Cultural differences, depending on the geography
- Small-scale (ex: hunter-gatherers/first lecture*)
- Semi-nomadic
- Spiritual technologies, that differ from the mainstream religions

1. MODALITY: SUPPLICATION

- “Witch doctors” → stigma → turned into shamanism
- People who work, interact with spirits → not the leaders
- Divine people are on the top of the priority, but humans are not too far after → depending on our relationship with our surroundings (a bit hierarchal but not so much)
- Asking the divine to, for example, to heal → Act on the behalf of someone or something

2. MAGICAL MODALITY

- Hierarchal: person themselves that are using technologies to practice magic
- Not someone external that is causing the energy or that magical spell; the witch/pagan's actions are directly having an impact (must be positive on what you are doing)

3. SHAMANISM MODALITY

- No hierarchal system between the living and the divine
- “Wheel” of the seasons = all things being interconnected → colors, animals that represent
- When you have a wheel, no one is at the top, because of the natural flow of things (human and non-humans world)
- First people → broader than first nations (broader than North America)
- Human, animals, insects/germs, environment → everything has an awareness and sentience
- Everything has some kind of spirit/awareness
- Rocks, trees...geography has been here longer than humans, and will be there longer than humans; understanding our relationship with the environment and recognizing their awareness
- Everything has an equal right to live, no one being more important
- Hunting ceremonies to help the hunters: asking the caribou people (spirit to spirit), asking and honoring, to have the understanding of balance and harmony between everything, maximizing a good hunt, to feed the people

- 4 = sacred number = 4 major changes during the year (zones)
 - Ceremony between boundaries to let all spirits know you are entering and you mean to harm
 - Lineal territories: each place, you are not praying to a god, but small subtle actions to inform your arrival
 - Talking to the individual, letting them know (individual spirit to individual spirit)
 - Aware, conscious interaction between individuals in the community (sometimes having representatives)
 - Agreements between spirits → protocols on how to ask for help in trades and crises → certain ceremonies (COOPERATIVE)
 - Everything being has the right to live, including all the environment
-
- Allopathic medicine: MD medicine (Western), not the only kind
 - Indigenous traditional medicine (herbs, plants, “energy” flow, psychological: having learned from elders and the community) → traditional knowledge on the plants either in the area, or trade with tribes in other areas
 - Will not ignore allopathic medicine, but will go for the traditional medicine first
-
- Within some of the communities, we will have shaman specialists
 - Within others, everyone has a relationship with spirits
 - Not a disembodied spirit; “soul”, that everyone/everything has in nature
 - This relationship is also an influence on how to understand the world
 - Unless we call for them, spirits are not always in contact
 - Many people are guided by ancestors (reincarnations sometimes, what happens when you die? Not a question that has a clear answer)
 - Certain spirits live longer (ex: rocks)
 - If everything has spirit or awareness, if we cut down a tree and made a chair, does the chair have a spirit? Is it still aware? To some yes, to some no
 - Just because it is cut down or is not in its initial shape, the spirit doesn’t necessarily die
 - EX: if you are from the caribou clan, you would not eat caribou (clan system: animals = ancestors)
 - Ceremonies can determine the faith of the spirit

POSSESSIONS (trance – last week, trances were one has awareness)

- Possession: NOT aware of what is going on
 - Possession and religion: will not remember* key difference between trances (alter-state of consciousness)
- EXAM**
- Not held responsible for actions and behaviours
 - Some member of Judaism and Christianity still accept possession, but not as much as it once was

WHO GETS POSSESSED?

- Willing and unwilling people
 - EX: willing → being possessed by the Holy Ghost, or Saints → angelic, blessing (church-type ceremonies, glossolalia = being possessed and speaking the language of angels/spirits) – no recollection
 - More than one person can be possessed at a time
 - Technics used if the spirits does not want to leave – ex: spray run in the person’s eyes
-
- Unwilling possession: not part of religious, ceremonial practice
 - Demon enters the person → ceremonies to drive out the spirits that took over someone not by choice

WHAT POSSESSES YOU? 3 categories

I. INCARNATE ENTITIES:

- Can be still alive or passed away; good or evil intention
 - EX: Jesus is understood as an incarnated entity
- II. DISINCARNATE ENTITIES:
- God, angels, demons did not live a whole life
 - Satan and God do not possess themselves, but the manifestation does
 - Temporary vessels
- III. BEING POSSESSED BY AN ENTITY CREATED BY NATURAL FORCES THAT ARE OUT OF CONTROL (ex: natural disasters)
- Asian countries
 - When the energy around them is out of control, this can create out of control “entities”
 - Natural force → goes away in 2-3 days
 - Idea that the natural forces are out of control, this will influence all energies
 - Have no memory of this possession

Afro-Caribbean Diaspora

- Syncretic religions: 2 or more distinct things, created another distinct religion (ex: Islam and Hinduism = Sikk)
 - 2 religions that took Western African countries from Christianity
 - Bight of Benue: area around Benue (being the people) → heavily colonized → Pope would separate the world
 - Africans look very different than Europeans, therefore are not sure if Africans were humans, and whether they had a soul
 - Need Africans for Chattel → things, not humans → easier to say they had no soul, and are property
 - 2 ways of enslavement:
- I. Ships that would go in bays and take whoever that was found (no common language)
- II. Battle between the small nations, colonizers had more threats (ex: guns) → trades
- 2 places where enslaved people were sold off:
 1. CUBA
 2. HISPINOLA (HAITI AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)
 - Not all people on these ships spoke the same language, but are all possession-based
 - **SANTERIA** (Cuba) = worship of the Saint, from where you're from
 - If you lived the Middle Passage between one area to the other, can now be killed for doing and believing something that was keeping you alive – Spanish-Roman Catholic – YORUBA
 - YORUBA: Shango is represented by St. Barbara (2 headed axe for Shango, 2 headed sword for St. Barbara) – association with St. Barbara, praying to her (understanding that she represented Shango) but would not be killed
 - **VOUDON** (Haiti) brought back to the people of the area – SHANGO IS REPRESENTED – French Roman Catholic + Yoruba + Ewe, Ibo, Fon
 - More things going on; both look similar (both possession religions) but are different
 - Praying to your people without getting caught
 - **ZOMBIES**
 - Ethnobotany (?): on the Haitian zombies
 - Neuro-chemistry, due to the organ of the puffer-fish
 - Ceremonial ritual (zombie powder) → cuts down the lethal level of the poison

- Rural, social control; horrible people are put in a zombie state with zombie powder, call the spirit to come → put on the powder
- Slowly done
- Subtle (small amounts)
- Once they are no longer useful, left on the side of the road (in a zombie-vegetal state)