Witchcraft: The Emerging One World Religion

A new report claims more than 50,000 women a year have deserted their congregations in the UK over the past two decades because they feel the church is not relevant to their lives. It says that instead young women are becoming attracted to the pagan religion Wicca, where females play a central role, which has grown in popularity after being featured positively in films, TV shows and books. No one has to hunt for witches anymore; they may own the house next door. Children are being lovingly primed to embrace paganism by movies, games, TV, the Internet and countless sorcery–friendly books. There is certainly no parallel in current pop culture to the Harry Potter books. Not only the books themselves but a plethora of offshoots abound, from The Sorcerer’s Companion: A Guide to the Magical World of Harry Potter by Allan Zola Kronzek and Elizabeth Kronzek, to The Everything Kids’ Witches and Wizards Book by L.T. Samuels. The truth is that witchcraft is real, and so is the unchanging Christian prohibition against it. There is no difference between white or black witchcraft; neither involve the Biblically revealed Creator Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior, so both are elements of rebellion used for selfish, not Christ–centered purposes. The bottom line is the source of the lying signs, wonders and miracles (that the Bible clearly predicts will deceive the whole world) will derive their power from
The Bad News: More Than 50,000 Woman Per Year Leaving Church For Witchcraft

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America – A Place Where Demons Gather!


Mexico is magical to its warlocks and witches

By James C. Mckinley Jr.

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CATEMACO, Mexico: To kill a man, Alejandro Gallegos García explains, all you need is a black cloth doll, some thread, a human bone and a toad. Oh, and you must ask the devil permission, in person, at a cave in the hills where he is said to appear.

Assuming you have these things, plus the green light from the prince of darkness, you simply lash the doll to the bone, shove it down the unfortunate toad's throat, sew up its lips and take the whole mess to a graveyard, reciting the proper words.

"The person will die within 30 days," Gallegos said matter of factly, as if he were talking of fixing a broken carburetor. (The toad dies too, by the by.)

"There exists good and bad in the world, there exists the devil and God," he went on, turning a serpent's fang in his rough fingers. "I work in white magic and in black magic. But there are people who dedicate themselves only to evil."

Gallegos, 48, is a traditional warlock, one of dozens who work in this idyllic town, nestled near the Gulf of Mexico by Lake Catemaco in the state of Veracruz. Like most witches here, he melds European and native traditions in his work, a special brew of occultism he learned from his uncle.


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New head of voodoo brings on the charm

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti: The goat tethered to a tree outside of Max Beauvoir's home is doomed.

Beauvoir, tall and majestic with closely cropped white hair, is a voodoo priest who was just named the
religion’s supreme master, a newly created position that is aimed at reviving voodoo.

His grand residence on the outskirts of the Haitian capital serves as a voodoo temple for practitioners and a late-night hangout for those paying customers eager to take in an exotic evening of spiritual awakening.

Called the Peristyle de Mariani, it is where Beauvoir and his followers dance around a giant totem to the beat of drums. It is where they light bonfires to summon the spirits. And it is where they drain the blood of animals like that scrawny white goat to, among other things, heal the sick.

On a recent night, Haiti’s voodooists convened for a special ceremony. With music blaring and devotees dancing with all their might, two children threw white rose petals on a red carpet. Then along came Beauvoir.

Popular in Haiti even among many of those who attend Christian churches, voodoo lacks the formal hierarchy of other religions. Most voodoo priests, known as houngans, operate semi-independently, catering to their followers without a whole lot of structure.

But many of Haiti’s houngans recently came together into a national federation and named Beauvoir, 72, as their public face. He is now the spokesman for a religion that followers believe too often gets a bad rap and is in dire need of an image overhaul. (Think “voodoo economics.”) Even before he got the job, Beauvoir was
a voodoo promoter extraordinaire. With his own Web site, www.vodou.org, and a following among foreigners

intrigued by voodoo, Beauvoir is criticized by some purists as too much of a showman.

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The white priestess of 'black magic'

By Andrew Walker
BBC News, Osogbo, Nigeria

Bent double by age, the high-priestess of Nigeria's Yoruba spirit-world shuffles forward from under the trees, reaching out a white, blotchy hand in welcome.

Half a lifetime ago, Susanne Wenger dedicated herself to reviving the traditions of the pre-Christian Yoruba gods, "the orishas", and left Austria to make Nigeria her home.

The frail 94-year-old artist, with one seeing eye, has been a driving force in Osogbo town, where she is in charge of the sacred grove, a place where spirits of the river and trees are said to live.

In an upstairs room of her house, surrounded by carved wooden figures of the gods, she receives well-wishers and devotees, who she blesses in fluent Yoruba.

When she arrived here, she found traditional culture in abeyance, all but destroyed by missionaries who branded it "black magic" or "juju", a word Mrs Wenger reviles.

Friends paint a picture of a dedicated, tough and far-sighted leader who has helped revive a culture thought destroyed by Christian and Muslim evangelists, and secured protection for one of the Yoruba tradition's most sacred sites. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7595841.stm

Mrs Wenger resurrected the traditions of the river-god Osun

Good Luck Pieces

http://www.calastrology.com/goodluckpieces.html
Heresy in the Hood II: Witchcraft among Children and Teens in America

It’s a different America today from the relative innocence of 1999, when I first wrote about witchcraft among American youth.

That was the year Harry Potter burst upon the American scene. The year before, Teen Witch: Wicca for a New Generation by Silver Ravenwolf was published, offering how-to instructions specifically to curious adolescents about the beliefs and practice of sorcery. The book has sold over 150,000 copies, according to its author.[1]

Harry Potter was just an imaginative story, advocates claimed, and few kids were seriously drawn to witchcraft. Any alarms were pure hysteria.

Well, here we are three years later, and a review of current TV shows, children’s games, the latest titles from mighty Scholastic Books, a visit to any local Borders or Barnes and Noble bookstore, or a review of popular youth Web sites, should more than confirm our initial warnings. Sorcery and witchcraft have become the hottest themes in youth culture and education for the first time in modern Western civilization.

It’s past time for alarms; if we care about the spiritual integrity of our children, the hour may have come for panic.

http://www.leaderu.com/theology/teenwitchcraft.html

WHISTLEBLOWER MAGAZINE
THE NEW PAGANISM
How Christianity is being replaced by 'green' religion, goddess worship, globalism

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Relentless attacks on America’s Christian churches – not just from without, but from within – which are steadily remolding institutionalized Christianity to serve
a new, non-Christian, globalist agenda, are the focus of August's eye-opening edition of WorldNetDaily's popular monthly Whistleblower magazine.

Editor's note: Through Labor Day, WorldNetDaily is making an unprecedented free offer as a subscription incentive to those WND readers who don't yet receive Whistleblower each month. See "SPECIAL OFFER" at end of this story.

Titled "THE NEW PAGANISM," the August issue is subtitled "How America's Christian churches are being invaded by radical environmentalism, goddess worship and global government."

For years, Christians have stood by helplessly as their once-dominant religion has been increasingly scoffed at, marginalized and demonized. They have watched a dizzying succession of outrageous court decisions – outlawing the 10 Commandments in schools and courtrooms, forbidding acknowledgement of God in graduation speeches, and most recently, declaring public recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional.

And they have reeled at prosecutions that criminalize conscientious Christians, such as that of the Canadian printer fined $5,000 for refusing to print materials
for a "gay rights" group. Or the shocking revelation that the Swedish parliament is pushing to amend that country's constitution to ban speech or writing opposing homosexuality – even within churches themselves – violations of which could result in prison sentences.

But while these are the conflict's familiar flashpoints, the real fight lies elsewhere. Indeed, the biggest war of all is that raging within the churches themselves.

The Catholic Church's devastating clergy sex scandal – with its seemingly endless revelations of predatory homosexual priests molesting boys, and the stunning failure of their superiors to put a stop to it – is the tip of the iceberg. As August's Whistleblower shows, the fierce battle for control, not only of the Catholic Church, but of many of the mainline Protestant denominations as well, is the real story.

The combatants range from the familiar front-line storm troopers – homosexual activists, ACLU lawyers, atheists – to the exotic – environmentalists, the United Nations, globalists, New Agers, witches, occultists and many others almost too strange to believe. But all are engaged in an ultimate fight – a battle to the death, winner takes all – for control of the major institutions of the Christian religion.