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About EARTH TIDES PAGAN NETWORK

The Maine Pagan community is diverse, independent and geographically distant. We worship in existing groups or as solitaires, but feel a need for contact and a shared forum to express opinions and concerns over issues bearing on the Pagan Community in general. The EarthTides Pagan Network was established in 1989 as a support resource for Maine Pagans

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This newsletter comes out eight times per year around the Sabbats. Literary, poetic and artistic contributions are welcome as well as letters, and opinion pieces. Please keep submissions to no more than two pages, typed and double spaced. Submissions on disc or by e-mail to mugwert@ime.net are preferred

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Midsummer Song

The moon at midsummer belongs to Pan
it shines in his wooded glade.
The initiates drink and dance and play.
Full strength now, both moon and God
his night and day blend into one,
The party never ends.

So dance with him now, 'neath sun and moon
revel in youth
Both his and yours.

Summer King, Summer Lover, Summer Master
burning with the intensity of the sun
And cooling thirst with the frost of the moon.

- Elkwing

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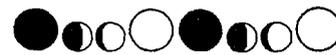
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EVENTS CALENDAR



The calendar section is a service to our members. It is intended for events that are either free or have a nominal donation. Several of these places have more extensive workshops; please call them for info. Support our supporters!

June 21 **LITHA** solstice 10:03 AM

June 23 **New Moon** 11:50 PM

June 27 7:00 PM **Pagan Coffee House** at Silo 7 Bookstore in Bangor. Please bring a small donation to cover costs and/or a donation to the Pagan Pantry. For info call Silo 7 942-5590 or Mugwort 848-2850

July 5 Portland area **Pagan Coffee House**. Call 828-2032 for more information

July 9 **Full Thunder Moon** 12:01 PM

July 11 Free-for-all **Discussion** possible cookout. Tuath nan Sagathan, AACT Dover, NH. Contact Kym at Uathach9@aol.com or call (603)749-7522

July 12 Augusta area **Pagan Coffee House** 1:00 PM Bring a mug and pot luck snack to share. For more information call 377-3967

July 18 WERU **Full Circle Summer Fair**. See EPN News for more info.

July 23 **New Moon** 9:44 AM

July 25 7:00 PM **Pagan Coffee House** at Silo 7 Bookstore in Bangor. See June 27 listing for info

July 25 **Bardic meeting**. Bring songs, instruments, drums. Tuath nan Sagathan, AACT Dover, NH. Contact Kym: Uathach9@aol.com or (603)749-7522

Aug. 2 Portland area **Pagan Coffee House**. Call 828-2032 for more information

July 30-Aug. 2 **HARVEST REVEL** to be held at a public campground in the Freeport area. Contact Lorelei Greenwood 782-8704 or lorelei@exploremaine.com

Aug. 8 **Lughnassadh Ritual**, feast, games. Tuath nan Sagathan, AACT Dover, NH. Contact Kym: Uathach9@aol.com or call (603)749-7522

Aug. 8 **Open Event** at Richmond Sauna. Please see the article on page 4 for more information.

Aug. 9 Augusta area **Pagan Coffee House** 1:00 PM Bring a mug and pot luck snack to share. For more information call 377-3967

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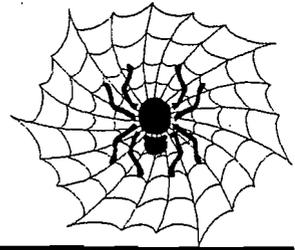
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NETWORKING

NOTE: While all those listed below are EarthTides members, The EarthTides Pagan Network does not screen the contacts listed below. We are not the "policemen" of Paganism in Maine and would frankly resent such an authority. Everyone should be able to follow their own path. But the downside to this freedom is that You must exercise GOOD JUDGEMENT when using this list. Anyone who makes you uncomfortable or asks you to do anything which makes you uncomfortable is probably wrong for you. Individuals who are under 18 years of age must submit written parental approval to attend gatherings or study with members. EPN will aid in establishing contacts between individuals if asked to do so, but accepts no legal responsibility for the results



Augusta Area:

Bill and Johanna Chellis - 685-3860 Pantheists working with the circle, wheel, and labyrinth.

Immanent Grove a fellowship of practicing Pagans of all persuasions. Members pursue their own personal relationships with the Gods. We're interested in corresponding with experienced Pagans who would like to work with us. Contact Harper or Arwen at Immanent Grove, PO Box 233. Readfield, ME 04355.

Wahtonah Grove - A Pagan circle honoring a variety of traditions, newly founded, April 11, 1997. Dedicated to seeking knowledge and understanding, as well as to good friendship. Contact Wahtonah Grove, PO Box 257, East Winthrop ME 04343-0257 or e-mail: QGCY88B@prodigy.com

Bangor Area:

Elkwing and Mugwort - Organic Gardening-arians following the garden path to enlightenment. We can help you locate Pagan happenings in the Bangor area. 848-2850 or e-mail mugwert@ime.net

Clinton Area:

Nemeton Community Center Celtic Spirituality - 426-2964 We are rediscovering and practicing the nature-centered spirituality of the Celtic tribes. We observe and celebrate agrarian festivals, and holy days based on a celestial calendar and lunar cycles.

Jay--Farmington:

Circle of the Jade Tiger - *Kerry Robinson* 645-9570 (after 5:00) - Goddess-oriented Shamanism, with a definite splash of Green Man energy. Simplistic and creative rituals that allow for growth and the understanding of death, change, and personal healing. seeking to start a coven and/or teach

Lewiston--Auburn Area

House O' The Greenwood - *Lorelei* - 782-8704 or lorelei@explore-maine.com Focusing on using our spirituality and Eclectic Wiccan concepts to help us cope with daily life. While there is no formal coven at the moment, Lorelei is available to teach. <http://www.exploremaine.com/~lorelei>

Meditation/Study/fellowship group forming. We're looking for other sober experienced pagans to share, study and hang out with. Send us a letter about your path, topics you wish to study and what you want to commit to. PO Box 272 W. Paris, ME 04289.

Portland--York County Area:

Jane 885-0424 Wiccan Priestess: networking, community, and ritual

LaWRENce and Seshet - We are the Iseum of the Hidden Mysteries and a member of the Fellowship of Isis. We worship the God and Goddess in their many forms. We are an eclectic group focusing on the development of the higher consciousness of the hidden realms. 207-727-5844 or anubis@mix-net.net or <http://maine.home.rr.com/mepagan/iseum>

LunaSea Arts-Khyrohn -772-3381 or PO Box 10786, Portland, ME 04104-6786. Focusing on Pagan Celtic Spirituality in its many forms: Druidism, Shamanism, Wicca, etc. Looking for contacts, especially in the Oxford Hills and Lakes Regions areas. Also looking for informal, day time social/discussion group while children are in school.

Waterville Area:

Dragon of the Mist - Druid/Pantheist Wicca. Contact Dragon of the Mist 9-5, M-Sat., 873-7776, 5 East Concourse, Waterville

Melissa Moon - 873-0528 Eclectic Wicca and Woman's Spirituality - Networking with all in the area online: mmmoon@colby.edu

Cyberspace Resources

The Maine Pagan Mailing List All Maine Pagans with e-mail capability may join in the lively conversation. Send e-mail to pjane@maine.rr.com to sign up.

Special Interests

I am interested in being a contact for EPN to the deaf community. My youngest daughter is deaf, and I would love to meet deaf adults who are pagan and other pagan parents of deaf children. Ede 725-6767 relay #1-800-437-1120 or ede@clinic.net



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EARTHTIDES' NEWS

Spring Thing

Spring Thing a went off with a bang (as it were). Immanent Grove held a "Thing" ritual, the second annual Lampas to honor Pan, and a wonderfully elaborate Maypole circle. LaWRENce of the Iseum, formerly known as "Gimpy Mailman", is now to be referred to as "Fleet of Foot and Beloved of Pan" for winning the Lampas race. Mugwort and Seshet drew lots to become King and Queen of the Maypole. Everybody supplied great food, and the weather was nice to us, given the season. Thanks to everybody who went and helped out. The Earthtides council got a lot of work done. Aree led a bell-ringing workshop that was really cool, Lorelei did a self-discovery workshop, and there was a bardic circle that included a number of newly crafted verses to Old Time Religion. The M & Ms did a heartwarming closing circle, with a really nifty singing circle-casting to help us all return to mundane head-space. Such a fine time!

WERU Full Circle Summer Fair

Once again, EPN will have a booth at WERU's Full Circle Summer Fair. This is a weekend fair held in Union on July 18 and 19. There are a lot of people that pass through here with craft booths and great music all weekend. We will be vending to help cover the booth costs and help with revenue for the year. If you have Pagan oriented crafts, books, etc to donate or offer on commission, please call. We also need volunteers to work in the booth selling and answering questions. This is a fun fair to attend, and cool people to hang out with! Call 848-2850 or e-mail mugwort@ime.net

Early Call for Common Ground Fair

EPN will again have a booth at the Common Ground Fair. The Fair has moved to Unity this year and the dates have changed, too. It will be held Sept. 25-27. Our sales capabilities are somewhat limited, but if you have donations that relate to our religions, please call and tell me about them. There will be a talk presented by EPN's President and Media committee that can use panel members. We need people to help in the booth all three days. This is always a fun time. To volunteer for any of it, please call 848-2850, e-mail mugwort@ime.net

ADVERTISING IN EPNN

UNCLASSIFIED ADS: Here you can advertise *anything* you want goods and services, personals, etc. Non-EarthTides members may advertise for Pagan contacts here (Members will get their contact listings free on the new "NETWORKING" page - see the notice on page 3). Cost is \$1.00 per 15 words, in \$1.00 increments. i.e. both a 16 word ad and a 30 word ad will cost \$2.00. Maximum ad size will be 150 words.

BUSINESS DISPLAY ADS: Business card size (2" x 3.5") are \$5.00 per issue, excepting the Mabon Issue where the fee is \$10. Annual subscription (8 issues) for a business card size ad is \$35.00 saving you \$10 and includes a business membership in the EarthTides Pagan Network. Larger size ads can be accommodated, write for details.

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Wahntonah Grove will sponsor a Summer Sauna & Ritual at the Richmond Sauna on Saturday August 8. There will be hot tubs and a pool available with the Sauna from 6 PM to 10 PM. Because this is a private Bed and Breakfast we must ask \$15.00 per person for the day with \$5.00 per tent if you want to stay over till Sunday morning. Children accompanied by parents are free. There will be tables and a large grill available for cooking. We are planning a daylight Ritual with a potluck luncheon to follow. If you plan to stay longer bring additional drinks and food. There is NO ALCOHOL allowed, policy of the sauna. Because this will be a family affair we ask that you be especially discreet in the pool and hot tub. After 6 PM the sauna will be open to the regular customers as well with a clothing optional policy. The owners are Pagan friendly so bring drums and music and we will dance the day away. Richmond Sauna is located on Dingley Road just off Rt. 138. From the South take exit 6A off the Maine Turnpike, take Exit 26 off I-95, left on to 197, left onto 138, left on Dingley Road. From the North take Exit 26 off I-95, right onto 197, left onto 138, left on Dingley Road. The Sauna is located on the left side and there is a sign. Bear in mind although this is a family oriented resort children must be closely monitored while there. The Sauna is hot! The Hot tub is deep and there is no kiddie pool. The policy of the Sauna is that children must be in hand and supervised at all time. I hope that doesn't put too much of a damper on the gathering. We do hope to see all of you there if you can possibly make it. The Ritual will honor the male aspect of the year and is open (clothed) to all Earthtides members and their guests. Please RSVP at 207-854-3779 before July 30, just so we have an idea of numbers. You need not pre-pay, we can collect on arrival.

STARCAT'S CORNER:



Wow, I can hardly believe its Midsummer already! Lately I've been thinking about employment, and how it fits in with a Pagan lifestyle. I hope you'll take a moment to share your thoughts by filling out the survey below.

In this culture, our personal worth is often judged by what we "do" for a living. "What do you do?" is a frequently heard question when meeting someone new. It is implied in the question that your answer won't be something like "well, I do a lot of hiking, and I read a lot." They want to know about your career, profession, or job.

I've been struggling with the concept "do what you love and the money will follow." I am certain that it works, but the timeframe is often different that we might wish. Getting your own business off the ground, if that's what you'd love to do, takes time and usually a financial investment. Some of the things we'd love to do require a degree or further study, and that can cost quite a bit in both money and time. Some fields are difficult to break into, such as writing books for a living. Meanwhile, we may feel stuck in a job that is not really what we want to do, or find ourselves looking for work that will help us "get by."

In the meantime, even if you live a fairly simple life, there are always expenses involved. Everyone needs to

buy food and clothing (though it is cheaper if you grow and make your own), to pay for a place to live, and usually to cover the cost of transportation (and if you have your own vehicle, insurance and registration are required). There are expenses involved with health care, whether alternative, mainstream or some combination. If you are responsible for children it gets more expensive; even public education and home-schooling have their costs. Most of us have the luxury (considered a necessity in modern life) of a telephone, and many folks have computers with on-line access. Add to that the occasional luxury items you may enjoy (books, a movie, a night out dancing, or even bagels & coffee), and you have a pretty hefty monthly budget.

How do you reconcile the need for money, which we use in our culture to fulfill our material needs, and the desire to do only what you love, what you feel is your true work in this lifetime? And how does your work fit into your belief system? Please take a moment to answer the survey questions below. I'll include a summary of responses in my next column. Thanks, and Blessed Be!

-Starcat

Please return surveys to Starcat, 609 Ocean Ave. #18, Portland, ME 04103. Or you can e-mail them to nshields@mpbc.org

What do you do "for a living?" Do you work for others or for yourself?

Is this your "True Work" or do you do it just to pay the bills?

What other types of work have you done?

If you could do whatever you wanted, in terms of a job, what would it be?

Are you open about your paganism at work?

Do you feel your current job is compatible with your belief system?

Any other comments:

Your name:

Do you want me to withhold your name when I publish the results?

Your town:

SOLITARY VOICE

As solitaries, we might well ask ourselves, "What's the point of joining EarthTides?"

After all, it is a Pagan group, and I'm a solitary." Of course, your answers to the question will vary, due in part to the reasons why you are solitary. As a Solitary Representative

to the EarthTides Pagan Network Council, it helps me to know what my constituents want of the organization. So, to get the wheel turning, I will offer you a few of my own reasons for being a member.

First off, there's this fantastic newsletter which keeps me informed of Pagan affairs in Central Maine. There are EPN sponsored public rituals and Pagan retreats, which give me a chance to connect with fellow Pagans. There are coffee houses which do the same in a more relaxed, informal setting. But in many ways, the major benefit to me of membership in EarthTides is less easy to describe. I call it a "spill-over benefit": the effects of an active, public Pagan organization working to educate the wider community about Paganism and to promote and support Pagan rights. The results of these activities are bound to spill over into my life whether or not I even know that EarthTides exists. Such educational, advocational, and yes, legal actions makes it a little easier for all Pagans throughout the state of Maine to practice our religion and be who we are.

That's my list; yours may look rather different. In fact, I hope that it does, and that you will share those differences with me, either through e-mail or via your own letter or article to the newsletter. Each of us is a solitary voice -- that doesn't mean we can't sing in chorus on occasion! (Listen! What's that lovely melody I hear in the distance?)

- Marilyn

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OTHER PAGAN PUBLICATIONS

EarthTides Pagan Network News has subscription exchanges with the following Pagan publications. They are all worth your interest

Di Veteres: The Kin of the Old Gods Newsletter, 497 Cumberland Ave. Apt 5, Portland, ME 04101

Horns and Crescent P.O. Box 540622 Milieu, MA 02054

Our Pagan Times New Moon New York P.O. Box 1471 Madison Square Station New York NY 10159

PAEAN P.O. Box 635 Farmington NH 03835

The Northern Grove P.O. Box 5363 Portland ME 04101

BOOK REVIEW

The Rotting Goddess: the Origin of the Witch in Classical Antiquity, by Jacob Rabinowitz, Autonomedia Press, New York, 153 pages.

My main interest in religious reading has been with Greek mythology and related material for a couple of years now, and I've reached a definition for a "good book on Greek myth": It has to have a narrow focus, on one deity, one festival, one classical source, or one site. It must have a solid bibliography, with plenty of good additional books for me to add to my "to read" list if I want to explore further, and must be footnoted professionally, even interestingly. Finally, it must somehow answer my question, "So what?" This book does all these things, and while I feel that the conclusion has some holes in it, it absolutely provides a good lens through which to view Hekate and Witches (both classical and medieval).

Rabinowitz begins by surveying early depictions of Hekate before She appears in the literature, and then traces the changes in classical literature's treatment of Hekate, from Hesiod's glowing hymn to Hekate in the *Theogony* and in the *Hymn to Demeter* through to the *Greek Magical Papyri* (guess how quickly that was added to my "to read" list). Postulating the the classical Witch (narrowly defined here as those private female practitioners of Hekate magic mentioned in classical texts) was an invention of the writers, and gradually took on the attributes of an increasingly demonized Hekate, he then traces this long transition. He shows that the central and positive attributes of Hesiod's Hekate were all gradually turned to show their darkest aspect, and were attributed to the Witches themselves as the goddess became ever more attenuated.

Finally Rabinowitz concludes that the reason for this whole process (very much simplified here) is that there was an elemental stratification in Greek society between the "indigenous-Mediterranean and Indo-Aryan invader cultures...cthonich popular worship, and...the aristocratic-ouranian cultus." (p. 116) The author compares the resulting demonization of the earlier earthy deity to several similar cases, notably the Witch of Endor/Ashtoreth and the Elder Edda's Gullveig. While I don't see any glaring problems with Rabinowitz's conclusions, he seems to have missed a primary factor in his stratification theory, namely that women and female deities seem to be predominant on the losing side of the process, while men and to some extent male deities often come out the winners.

Written in a scholarly yet accessibly chatty style, and generally spare while still presenting plenty of supporting material, this book is at once entertaining and enlightening. Rabinowitz provides much detail, extends his conclusions well into "the real world" (speculating, for example, about his subject matter's effect on the Witches of the inquisition as discussed by Ginzberg), and isn't afraid to go against accepted theory or the big guns of classical thought. I recommend it to anyone interested in the roots of witchcraft as we know it today, and to anyone who has an interest in the Greek gods.

- Harper Meader

THE HERO FOOL

The Hero and the fool have a close relationship that we do not always acknowledge. In many ways the Hero is simply a fool. In sacrificing his own interest for the sake of the common good he goes against the bulk of common wisdom. He risks or even gives his life for others. He doesn't take advantage of his position or fame to advance his own interest. Errol Flynn gives the sword back to the Basil Rathbone rather than hack down the unarmed opponent. To the jaded and worldly the fool is a dreamer and idealist and a simpleton (i.e. fool).

The Key to the fool is that he is "not all there". He is a permanent resident of that gray area between this world and the next, the boundary that he may always leap over or straddle at will or at random. Like a jester in Shakespeare he might rebut another character with "and you speak in blank verse" or like Count Menenius he might save himself from a fall by grabbing his hair and picking himself up. In the same way the hero, larger than life is in fact playing outside the rules of reality, "superhero" is indeed just a modern redundancy the very nature of the hero is that s/he is more than normal.

We see modern renditions of Hercules as being not only strong but intelligent, yet to the Greeks he was an embarrassing imbecile. It was part of the joke that almost unconquerable strength was welded in good natured but often reckless hands. Hercules was known to threaten to shoot arrows at the sun when he was too hot and constantly break things (often heads) by accident. Even before Hercules there was Vikram, the Hindu King Arthur and Hero of the Beatal-Pachisi (25 tales of the beatel/vampire). In this tale (which was the basis of both *The Golden Ass* and *The Arabian Nights*) The mighty Vikram, Raja, grandson of Indra and blessed with the strength of a thousand male elephants is tricked into serving for one night his own worse enemy. His first task is to fetch a body which conveniently is inhabited by a beatel. The rather good natured bat like creature submits to Vikram persistency but then proceeds to make a fool of him. He tells tales, each one asks a question, Vikram must stifle his pride and refuse to answer, remain silent or the creature will escape forcing Vikram to begin again having to go back and capture him once more. (note the title, the 25 tales is a long night for our hero).

The Vampire points out that Vikram is too proud and vain, he is one who could not be taught what he didn't learn as a child. To him what is true is not new and what is new is not true. He is a strict patriarch, a strict ruler a strict parent. The proud Vikram is too dull to realize the extent to which the vampire plays with him, slipping from his grasp at will, invulnerable to his most powerful blows, yet Vikram still thinks it is he who is the captor and constantly tries to dictate and discipline the creature, perhaps never realizing the creature's goal. For this Beatel is not just spending the night taunting the powerful king but he is training him in how he may overcome his opponent. At the end Vikram has swallowed his pride and will play the fool before the enemy

he has promised to serve. Vikram approaches the alter of Kali of the cemetery as a potential sacrifice, but proclaims his ignorance of how to perform the eight point reverence before her (touching knees, hands temples nose and chin to the ground). Well we have all seen how Punch outwits Jack the hangman in the old puppet show and with the same sell the Mighty Vikram outwits his cunning adversary.

So Vikram plays the fool involuntarily until he learns to play one intentionally. In so doing he like Hercules ends human sacrifice by sacrificing the sacrificer (a common theme in Hercules dramas). The Vampire disappears into the night free to follow his own ends.

Praising Folly
Robin Whitethorn

DRAGON FLAMES

Circles can take strange paths. I discovered one of those surprising circles while reading Jackal's *Notes From The Underworld*, in the Beltane issue.



Jackal claims that he began to identify with his Pagan path after finding *What Witches Do* in my personal library. The strangeness comes when I consider that I first began my pagan identification after attending a ritual at the Circle of Trianon with Jackal. I didn't read or know the book was there until sometime after that.

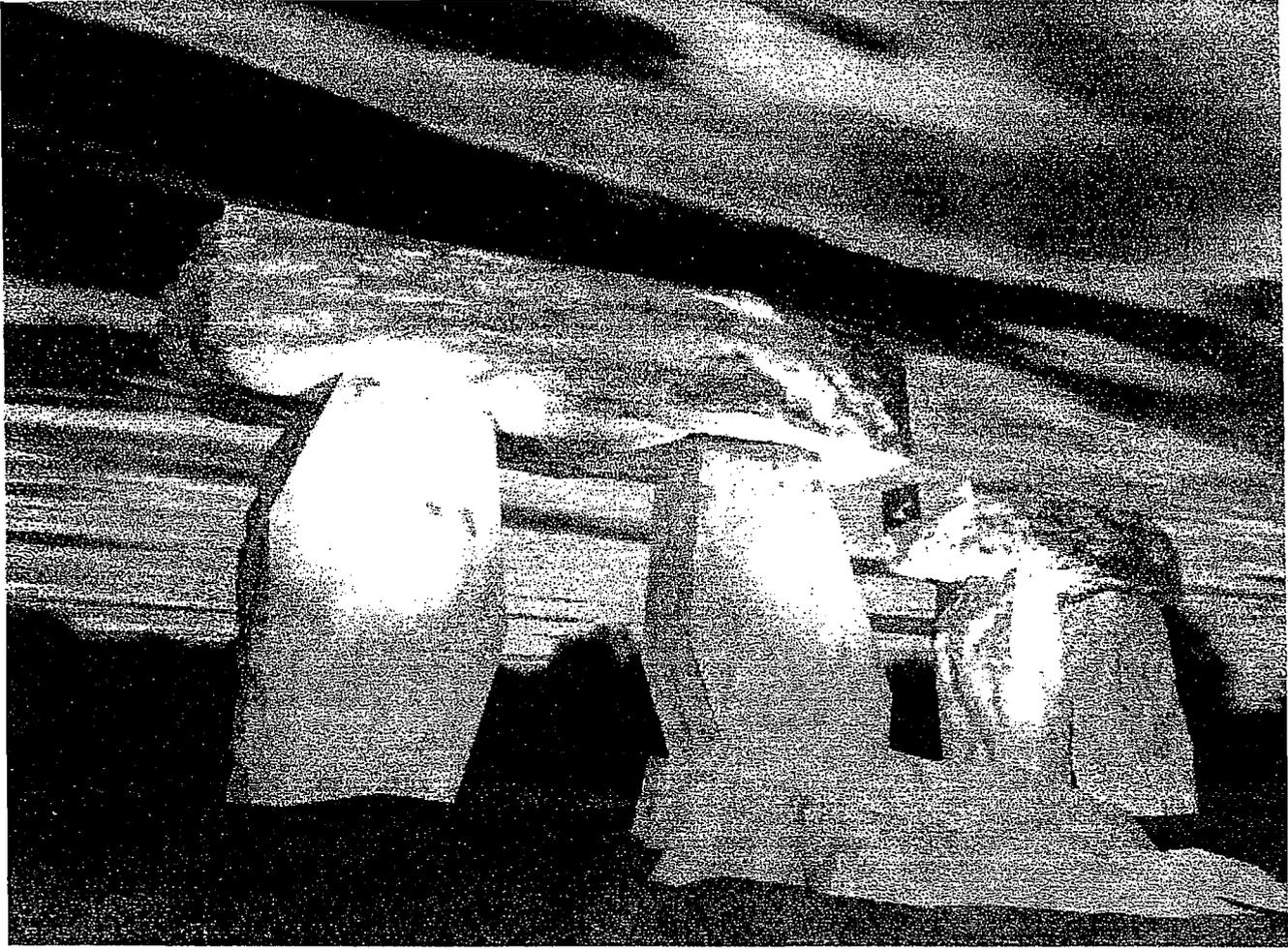
We follow many paths. Yet almost all of us, can admit to have a power animal, totem, fetish figure, familiar, or other ally. I would like to share some thoughts and ideas found in many readings.

After acquiring an ally you need to get to know it. What is its natural life? How and when does it move, eat or act? What are the spiritual powers that it will bring to your life? Once you have figured this out, live with your friend.

As we continue to work with our allies, there is a need to have representations of them. Some of these images come to us as gifts, feathers in our path, stones or bits of wood of the right shape, or gifts from others. All my Bison images came from friends, who had had a feeling that I needed them. Draw or model them. A very easy and inexpensive medium for carving is a bar of Ivory soap. You will rarely need to buy, but if something calls to you, go ahead.

For more reading on the power of our allies, locate books and articles by Hal Zina Bennett, and Ted Andrews. See also the art of the late Susan Seddon Boulet.

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