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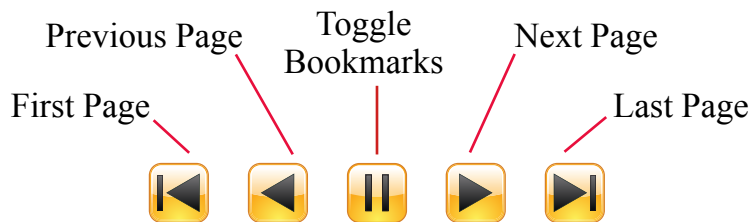


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A PATH BEYOND GRASPING: CONFLICT AND EGO IN PAGAN GROUPS

When a group gathers, essentially, we enter a shared dream. Without some maintenance to the soul of the group, we can instead find ourselves sharing a nightmare. *By Frank MacEowan, artwork by Christine Beetow... 18*

THE FOOL ON THE HILL: DEALING WITH SPIRITUAL EMERGENCIES

People with spiritual problems need help, but not same kind of help that mentally ill people need. In plain English, the spiritual emergency is less like illness and more like muscle cramps that we experience when we work out too much too soon. The last thing you want when you get a charley horse is to become permanently sedentary. But you may want to find yourself an experienced coach or trainer. *By Judy Harrow, illustrations by Christine Beetow... 23*

THE HOLY ORDER OF THE HEMP T-SHIRT Like Buddhist monks, environmental radicals go all the way on behalf of others who aren't willing — or able — to do so. Why not make it official? I propose the Holy Order of the Hemp T-Shirt. *By Caroline Ailanthus, artwork by Christine Beetow... 30*

THE CHARGE OF THE GODDESS AS ETHICAL PRECEPT The Star Goddess says, "Let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence within you." The Charge can be seen as an eight-rayed star or the eight points of the Wheel of the Year, consisting of the active virtues which, we infer, are considered by the Goddess to be the most desirable in Her followers. *By Estara T'shirai, artwork by Christine Beetow... 32*

THE CULTURAL CONTRADICTION OF PAGANISM While many Pagans daintily tiptoe around the question of magic with moralistic appeals to the Wiccan Rede, those outside of our culture often provide a candid reality check. *By Carl McColman, artwork by Christine Beetow... 37*

HUNGRY CAULDRON SYNDROME They think that getting a funny look in the mall over their "Something Wiccan This Way Comes" T-shirt constitutes religious persecution. In other words, the cauldron is on the hearth, but there's nothing in it. These are the sufferers of Hungry Cauldron Syndrome. *By Helen "Bell" Haughey, artwork by Sabrina Underwood... 39*

FEATURES

LOTHLORIEN MAGIC: WHERE THE ELVES LIVE Lothlorien is owned and operated by the Elf Lore Family (ELF), a group of likeminded folks dedicated to environmental awareness and alternative living. The name of the sanctuary comes from J. R. R. Tolkein's book, *The Lord of the Rings*. I wondered if this Lothlorien would live up to its name. *Article and photos by T. Wayne Waters... 41*

CREATING THE PAGAN FUTURE: SUSTAINABILITY Sustainability in organizations is as sacred as sustainability in agriculture or relationships. This is a sacred calling. *By Cairril Adaire, artwork by Gregory Hartman... 45*

MEASURING THE GREAT MOTHER: THE GODDESS AND GEOMETRY Remember those math classes where the teacher droned on and on in a way that guaranteed we'd forget everything as soon as we passed the final exam? Little did we realize that under the jargon was a treasure trove of ancient wisdom. *By Bent Lorenzten, artwork by Gregory Hartman... 48*





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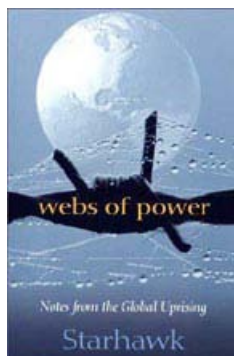
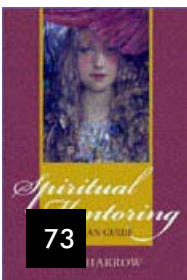
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