

## WICCA

### SIN

- Wiccans essentially believe that if no one is hurt, any action is acceptable: "And it harm none, do as ye will" (Wiccan Rede).
- "We do not accept the concept of 'absolute evil,' nor do we worship any entity known as 'Satan' or 'The Devil' as defined by the Christian tradition" ("Principles of Wiccan Beliefs," in *Drawing Down the Moon*, pp. 100, 103).
- "What is good for one may be evil for another and vice versa" (Covenant of the Goddess at [cog.org/wicca/faq.html](http://cog.org/wicca/faq.html)).
- "Evil is only an appearance . . . like good" (Crowley, *Magick in Theory and Practice*, p. 144).
- Wiccans believe in the Law of Three, which states that whatever we send out into our world will return to us threefold either good or bad.

### REDEMPTION

- In Wicca, there is no sin and therefore no need for forgiveness.
- "Our only animosity towards Christianity . . . is to the extent that its institutions have claimed to be the 'only way' and have sought to deny freedom to others and to suppress other ways of religious practice and belief" (Guiley, *The Encyclopedia of Witches & Witchcraft*, 2nd ed., p. 65).

### SALVATION

- "All religions lead in the same direction, simply taking different paths to get there. Witches feel that all should therefore be free to choose their own path" (Raymond Buckland, *Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft*, p. 99).

### AFTERLIFE

- "Many, but not all, Wiccans believe in reincarnation. Some take this as a literal description of what happens to people when they die. For others, it is a symbolic model that helps them deal with the cycles and changes within this life" (U.S. Army's *A Handbook for Chaplains*, pp. 231–36).
- Summerland is "a place of peace and paradise that all spirits go to after death where they are rejuvenated and reflect upon their previous life before proceeding on to another incarnation" ([www.carm.org/wicca/terms.htm](http://www.carm.org/wicca/terms.htm)).
- "Satan is a Christian creation and they can keep him. We do not need a paranoid creation of supreme evil and eternal damnation to scare us into doing the right thing and helping others" ([wicca.com](http://wicca.com)).

  
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## UNITY

Unity is the truth that is taught in all religions, simplified and systematized so that anyone can understand and apply it (Freeman, *The Story of Unity*, p. 61).

Unity began with the “healing” of Myrtle Fillmore. Its firstfruits were the healing of her friends and neighbors, accomplished by realization of the Christ Power within (*SU*, p. 14).

### GOD

- God is not a person having life, intelligence, love, power. God is that invisible, intangible, but very real, something we call life. God is the total . . . of all good, whether manifested or unexpressed (Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 6).
- I believe . . . the truest heathen that ever lived, he who worships the golden calf as his highest conception of God, worships God (*LT*, p. 126).
- God is the always present, indwelling Mind. The Father within you . . . is in the spiritual realms which underlie all creative forces (Fillmore, *The Science of Being and Christian Healing*, p. 9).
- God is. Man is. We are now in the presence of that eternal Is-ness—Osiris and Isis are now our Father-Mother as fully as they were of old Egypt (*SB*, p. 229).
- God is Principle, Law, Being, Mind, Spirit, All Good, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Unchangeable, Creator, Father, Cause and Source of all that is (*SB*, p. 15).
- God is the substance, or real thing standing under every visible form of life, love, intelligence, or power. Each rock, tree, animal, everything visible is a manifestation of the numberless manifestations, or individualities. Each . . . contains the whole (*LT*, pp. 8-9).

### JESUS CHRIST

- The Krishna of the Hindu is the same as the Christos of the Greeks and the Messiah of the Hebrews (*SB*, p. 22).
- There were in the person of Jesus two distinct regions—the fleshly, mortal part which was Jesus, the son of man; then there was the central, living, real part which was Spirit, the Son of God, the Christ, the Anointed. So . . . each one of us has two regions of being—the fleshly, mortal . . . and at the very center of our being there is the . . . Christ Child, the Son of God, the Anointed in us (Fillmore, *The Unity Treasure Chest*, p. 49).
- This Christ or perfect-man idea existing eternally in divine mind is the true spiritual, higher-self of every individual (*Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*, p. 150).
- This same Christ lives within us that lived in Jesus. It is the part of Himself which God has put within us, which ever lives there . . . Christ, within us is the “beloved Son,” the same as it was in Jesus (*UTC*, p. 51).

### HOLY SPIRIT

- The Father is Principle, the Son is that Principle revealed in the creative plan, the Holy Spirit is the executive power of both the Father and the Son, carrying out the plan (*MBD*, p. 629).
- Spirit is substance . . . that invisible, intangible but real something which as its indestructible core and cause stands under, or at the center of, every visible thing in existence (Cady, *God a Present Help*, pp. 53–54).

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- Contemporary Wiccans worship the Great Mother Goddess and her partner the Horned God (Pan), but these and a host of other pagan deities are said to represent various aspects of an impersonal creative force called “The One” or “The All”—reflecting the current influence of Eastern monism popularized in New Age thought. Wiccans regard all aspects of nature—plants, rocks, planets—as having spirit (*Christianity Today*, 10/23/00, p. 28).
- “The One is the all encompassing unity of all things which exist. This includes that which is manifest to our limited awareness and understanding as well as that which is not. The One is infinite to a point that the human mind simply cannot comprehend its vastness” (wicca.com).
- Believe in polytheism (many gods) or pantheism (god/gods are part of nature). Wicca “. . . is polytheistic, recognizing a plurality of divine beings . . .” (Prudence Jones, *Paganism Today*, p. 34).
- “As Wiccans, we acknowledged and worshiped the old gods and goddesses in the form both pleasing to them and meaningful to us . . .” (Cantrell, *Wiccan Beliefs and Practices*, p. 18).
- “As polytheists, they may use many other names for Deity. Individuals will often choose Goddesses or Gods from any of the world’s pantheons whose stories are particularly inspiring and use those Deities as a focus for personal devotions” (U.S. Army’s *A Handbook for Chaplains*, pp. 231–236).

### JESUS CHRIST

- Jesus is not discussed as deity in Wicca. Rather, “The Goddess and God are seen as a manifestation of the feminine and masculine forces of nature” (wicca.com).
- “Jesus is seen as an enlightened person or a wizard by some. He is not the Son of God or virgin born. He was a great prophet or a religious leader but this is all. He did not die for the sins of the world because the concept of sin and Satan does not exist in Wiccan beliefs” (christianarsenal.com).
- Everyone has his or her own spiritual path to follow.

### HOLY SPIRIT

- “It really matters little whether we associate with the divine as the ‘Father, Son and Holy Ghost’ or ‘The One, Goddess and God.’ Ultimately, the concept is the same” (wicca.com).
- Divine forces or nature spirits are invoked in rituals.
- Wiccans believe in multiple spirits rather than adherence to one Holy Spirit: “For tread the Circle thrice about to keep unwelcome spirits out” (Wiccan Rede).
- “Wiccans employ such means as dance, chant, creative visualization and hypnosis to focus and direct psychic energy for the purpose of healing, protecting and aiding members in various endeavors” (U.S. Army’s *A Handbook for Chaplains*, pp. 231–36).