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Much love & Unikisses

Andrew

Midwinter '81ce

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ment, but rather focusing our rituals upon healing the Earth, & our energy & discipline in order that she will have well-trained priests, priestesses & healers to serve her & her children in the upcoming times of change & difficulty that lie ahead of all of us on this planet.

Please excuse the change of ink....

The herb shop & catalogue have been passed on to Lucy Brown, whose love for the herbs & devas is exceptional. She is newly moved in order to provide a home for the shop. If you have any questions about mail-order herbs or the catalogue, write to her c/o The Rowan Tree.

As to the rest of our family, Theodore, Nick, & Joseph (dancing, of course!) are all in a great house with Lucy. Loui is Queen of Tarot, & serving the community with her shop; Margie is doing well in Med school; we recently welcomed John & Nell as the newest members... Nell lives with Leo & Robin, of the Golden Dawn Band, who played at last summer's grand benefit blast. Alick is a great joy, & we miss her; Laureli is the best of Moms to us all; Mahr is our constant encouragement; Ray is doing "The Little Prince" in Chicago; Candia is beautiful - she was Priestess at Fallows; Alex recently celebrated a great anniversary; Gawain & Mitch found a Goddess shrine on an expedition to Wisconsin; Artemis has the most beautiful baby that sings on the tapes we exchange; and laughing Michael found for Jim & I our wonderful home.

As I finished vol. 1 - "and life upon earth was good."

Blessed Be,

Paerl



The old places stand empty ~ the Sidhe go there no more.
 Exhausted faces,
 Enchanting music,
 Elusive creatures

grace these halls never again.

Yet somewhere in the deep the pride of Faerie still lives.

Unicorns know the place.

Dragoons and Gryphons do too.

Centuars and Satyrs keep the secret while a Dire Wolf
 guards the door.

Mortals can find the new hall though few seldom do.

Perhaps Faerie prefers it that way. Have you ever
 wondered why?

There was a time once when less anger walked the World.

The Sidhe lived for love.

But the land is dying now - Few mortals hear the cry
 of distress.

Shadows of hate and distrust grow

Where Light and love once prevailed.

It has been sowed amongst some of the loving Pagans.

To those, and all others:

The tide, let us turn ~ United!

And, allow love to flourish.

Then the Sidhe may well come back.

K.L. Weed

WINTER MOON

THE MOON SWINGS SILVER
 IN THE BITTER SKY,
 WREATHED WITH RAINBOW LIGHT.
 THE FOREST GLEAMS BELOW
 IN BARREN COLD,
 WELCOMING WINTER
 WITH A SILVER SHEEN
 OF FROZEN NIGHTS

NOEL-ANNE BRENNAN



BY THE WAY - HERBS TO USE IN
 YULE SABBAT AMULETS ARE
 (OF COURSE) HOLLY, IVY, SPRIGS
 OF THE YULETREE & MISTLETOE.

A DRUIDIC INVOCATION TO OPEN
THE YULE CEREMONY IS:

HAIL TO THE CELEBRATION OF
ALBAN ARTHAN, YULE, THE
WINTER SOLSTICE. MAY MA-AUE
AND PA-AR WALK BESIDE US
IN THE MANY WAYS WE MUST
GO, MAY DALAN LANDU PROTECT
US AND MAKE HIS LOVE TO SHINE
UPON US NOW & FOREVER

MYRODIN

YULETIDE PRAYER

LADY, WHO MAKES THIS NIGHT TO SHINE
WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF NEW LIGHT,
BLESS THIS TREE WHICH WE ADORN
WITH LIGHTS
TO HONOR HIM WHO COMES TO
ENLIGHTEN US.

LET US SEE IN THIS TREE YOUR
BEAUTIFUL SIMPLICITY
AND HUMBLE STRENGTH.
LET THIS TREE REMIND US OF OUR
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE CARE OF THE EARTH.

THEN SHALL ALL THE TREES OF THE
FOREST EXALT
BEFORE OUR LADY - FOR HE COMES.

SING TO OUR LADY A NEW SONG:
LET THE ETHERS BE GLAD AND THE
EARTH REJOICE;
LET THE CITIES KNOW PEACE
AND THE COUNTRYSIDE JOY.

THEN SHALL ALL THE TREES OF THE
FOREST EXALT
BEFORE OUR LADY - FOR HE COMES.

(TO BE USED WHEN LIGHTING
UP THE YULE TREE - BORROWED
BACK FROM THE CHRISTIAN
TRADITION.)

ALEX



The Unicorn Rambles

Andrius sends love and health to Bobbi
and her son Eric... Scott Cunningham
will be at the Goddess Rising
Conference in Sacramento in March
1982 - anyone else going?... Bless
you Lady Phoenix for the "Roundtree
family crest, "Tenacity in Adversity",
does sound wonderful... Special
blessing to Michael of Long Island
for the little extra gift we so
needed at this time... wishing
you a Unificent Yule Noel-Anne,
thank you for the card... Flowers
sends love and cheery hello's to
Tokya and family, thanks for
the support... Hi to Diane in
California, hope you've settled in
now... Congrats on the new job
Kathy, wishing you much love and
prosperity... Oh Alice, thank you,
thank you for the wonderful story
book... Ringmaker says send gossip..

Oh Grandfather,
Hear my song
"I smoke this sage
and willow bark for
the dreaming, for the
children and the people."
Oh Grandfather
Hear my song.



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THERE ARE MANY METHODS OF DREAM INTERPRETATION SUCH AS FREUDIAN, JUNGIAN, INTERPRETATION VIA TAROT, AND THE MANY "DREAM DICTIONARIES" ON THE MARKET TODAY. ALL OF THESE METHODS HAVE THEIR MERITS, BUT THERE'S A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE INTERPRETATION CAN BEGIN. WAS THIS A PROPHETIC OR NON-PROPHETIC DREAM? BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

THERE ARE A GROUP OF DREAMS WHICH ARE COMMON TO ALL OF US. THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED PROPHETIC ONLY WHEN THEY CANNOT BE LINKED TO OUTSIDE INFLUENCES LIKE TELEVISION, ILLNESS, OR RECENT GRIEF. THEY ARE:

1. FALLING
2. BEING PULLED HELPLESSLY INTO DANGER.
3. BEING ALMOST OR COMPLETELY NUDE, AND UNABLE TO FIND CLOTHES.
4. FLOATING OR FLYING THROUGH SPACE.
5. BEING UNABLE TO CALL FOR HELP.
6. BEING UNABLE TO RUN FROM DANGER.

FOR GREATEST SUCCESS IN DREAM INTERPRETATION, REMEMBER TO ELIMINATE OUTSIDE INFLUENCES AND KEEP IN MIND THE LIST OF COMMON, NON-PROPHETIC DREAMS. THIS SHOULD CLEAR THE WAY TO UNDERSTANDING YOUR TRUE PROPHETIC DREAMS.

LILLIAN CHAMBERLAIN

The Pegasus Story



For Goodness sake, I've been in a tizz, wanting and writing you, about the Magic of Pegasus...

Yule Jide is coming near and at this time of year, I gather all the Pegasus and put them in a warm and magical home.

At the right time of Night, when there is No one around and there's magic in the air, we galloped across the sky near and far, with the magical lantern of old..... We circled the Earth and the heavens, then the Pegasus go back to their homes and I come back being Reborn.

There was Raphael and Michael and Venus and Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, Playing with stars

There was the Great Pegasus with her Aura aglow and in the dark corner of the Darkness, a Birth of a Pegasus, was born. Was the tiniest, snuggliest Pegasus of all... So soft and cuddling, like the new falling snow.

Of course I can't bring her home this time around cause she's so small.

But she wishes you, Good Cheer and Good Joy of the New Comming Year.

Blessed Be Alice

"CURSE OF THE VALKYRIE HOUSE"

THE OTHER NIGHT I HAD THE TOTALLY DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE OF READING SCOTT CUNNINGHAM'S NEW BOOK (HE WRITES UNDER THE NOM-DE-PLUME OF CATHY.) SCOTT IS ONE OF OUR READERS WHOSE INVOCATIONS & WRITTEN WORKS HAVE BLESSED MANY ISSUES. IN HIS MUNDANE LIFE, HE WRITES LIGHT FICTION—THE TYPE WE OFTEN GLANCE PAST... BUT RAISED TO ENJOY READING AT AN EARLY AGE, I HAVE A SPECIAL LOVE FOR THE BOOK YOU READ EASILY IN AN EVENING, & CAN BE CARRIED AWAY AS IF IN THE MOVIE THE CURSE OF THE VALKYRIE HOUSE WAS WONDERFUL, FOR THE CAST INCLUDES A SCIENTIST, HEAVILY INTO NORSE MYTHOLOGY, WHO FIRST APPEARS IN ARMOR, WITH A SWORD POINTED AT THE HEROINES HEART (ALMOST INITIATORY FOR THEM BOTH); HIS SISTER, A WHITE WITCH WHO LOVES TO PROTECT HER LOVED ONES WITH CHALK CIRCLES & AMULETS; AND THE HEROINE, WELL-VERSED IN COMPUTERS, SCIENCE & WHO FALLS IN LOVE & APPEARS OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY TO DISCOVER STORY INVOCATIONS (WHICH WORK!) WHAT A FUN BOOK. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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Blessed Be,

Paul

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To those, and all others:
The tide, let us turn - until !
And, allow love to flourish.
Then the Sidhe may well come back.
K.L. Weed

Winter Moon

The moon swings silver
in the bitter sky,
Wreathed with Rainbow Light.
The Forest Gleams Below
In Barren Cold,
Welcoming winter
With a Silver Sheen
Of Frozen Nights
By the way- herbs to use in yule sabbat amulets are (of course) holly, Ivy, sprigs of the yuletree
and mistletoe.

A druidic invocation to open the Yule ceremony is:

Hail to the celebration of Alban Arthan, Yule, The Winter Solstice. May MA.AVE and PA.AR
walk beside us in the many ways we must go, may Dalan Lanou protect us and make his love to
shine upon us now and forever.

Myrodin

Yuletide Prayer

Lady, who makes this night to shine
With the brightness of new light,
Bless this tree which we adorn with lights
To honor him who comes to enlighten us.
Let us see in this tree your beautiful simplicity
And humble strength.
Let this tree remind us of our responsibility
For the care of the Earth.
Then shall all the trees of the forest exalt
Before or lady- for he comes.
Sing to our lady a new song:

Let the ethers be glad and the earth rejoice;
Let the cities know peace
And the countryside joy
Then shall all the trees of the forest exalt
Before our lady for he comes
(To be used when lighting up the yuletree - borrowed back from the Christian Tradition)
Alex

The Unicorn Rambles

Andrius sends love and health to Bobbi and her son Eric... Scott Cunningham will be at the Goddess Rising Conference in Sacramento in March 1982 - anyone else going? ... Bless you lady Phoenix for the Rountree family- crest, "Tenacity in Adversity", does sound wonderful... special blessing to Michael of Long Island for the little extra gift we so needed at this time... wishing you a unificent yule Noel-Anne, thank you for the card... flowers sends love and cheery hello's to Taky and family, thanks for the support... HI to Diane in California, hope you've settled in now.. Congrats on the new job Kathy, wishing you much love and prosperity... Oh Alice, thank you, thank you for the wonderful story book... Ringmaker says send gossip...

Oh Grandfather,
Hear my song
"I smoke this sage
And willow bark for
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Dreams: Prophetic or Not?

There are many methods of dream interpretation such as freudain, Jungian, interpretation via Tarot and the many 'dream dictionaries' on the market today. All of these methods have their merits, but there’s a question to be answered. Before interpretation can begin. Was this a prophetic or non-prophetic dream? Believe it or not, there is a difference.

There are a group of Dreams which are common to all of us. They can be considered prophetic only when they cannot be linked to outside influences like television, illness, or recent grief.

They are:

1. Falling
2. Being pulled helplessly into danger
3. Being almost or completely nude and unable to find clothes
4. Floating or flying in space
5. Being unable to call for help
6. Being unable to run from danger

For greatest success in dream interpretation, remember to eliminate outside influences and keep in mind the list of common non-prophetic dreams. This should clear the way to understanding your true prophetic dream.

Lillian Chamberlain

The Pegasus Story

For goodness sake, I've been in a tizz, wanting and writing you, about the Magic of Pegasus... Yule tide is coming near and at this time of year, I gather all the Pegasus and put them in a warm and magical home.

At the right time of Night, when there is no one around and there's magic in the air, we galloped across the sky near and far, with the magical lantern of old... we circled the Earth and the heavens, then the Pegasus go back to their homes and I come back being reborn.

There was Raphael and Michael and Venus and Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, playing with Stars
There was the Great Pegasus with her Aura a glow and in the dark corner of the Darkness, a Birth of a Pegasus, was born. Was the tiniest snuggliest Pegasus of all... so soft and cuddling, like the new falling snow.

Of course I can't bring her home this time around cause she's so small.

But she wishes you, good cheer and good joy of the new coming year.

Blessed Be

Alice

"Curse of the Valkyrie House"

The other night I had the totally delightful experience of reading Scott Cunningham's New Book (he writes under the no-de-plume of Cathy.) Scott is one of our readers whose invocations and written works have blessed many issues. In his mundane life, he writes light fiction - the type we often glance past... but raised to enjoy reading at an early age, I have a special love for the book you read easily in an evening, and can be carried away as if in the movie. The curse of the Valkyrie House was wonderful, for the cast includes a scientist, heavily into the Norse mythology, who first appears in armor, with a sword pointed at the heroine's heart (almost initiatory for them); his sister, a white witch who loves to protect her loved ones with chalk circles and amulets; and the heroine, well versed in computers, science and falls in love and appears out of the university to discover story invocations (which work!) What a fun book. Highly Recommended.

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