

A Year & A Day: Personal Pagan Paths



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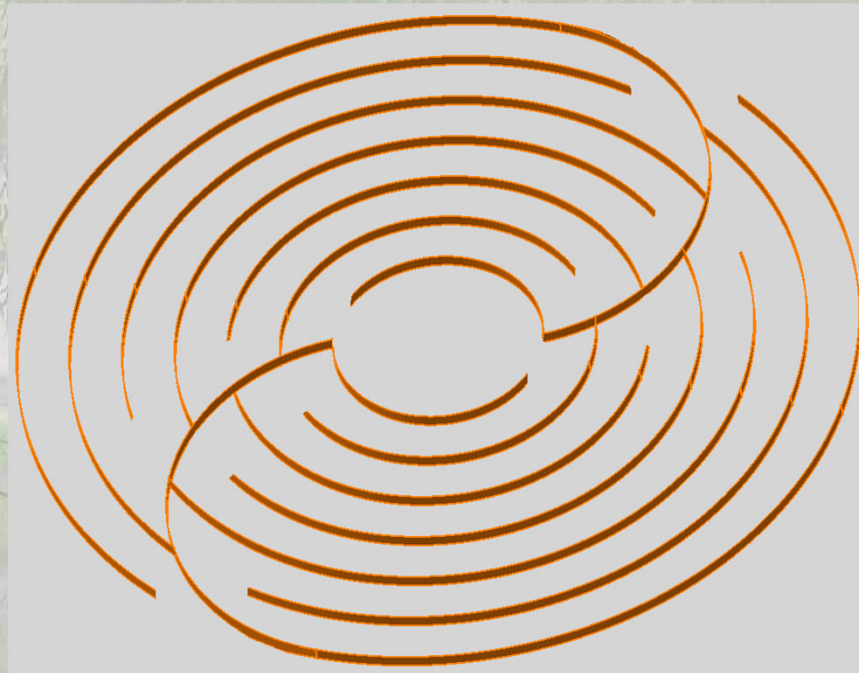
After the Videos



- ◇ Welcome
- ◇ Opening Blessing
- ◇ Celtic Tree Month
- ◇ Lughnasadh Sabbat
- ◇ Tools of the Craft
- ◇ Altars
- ◇ Your Next Step
- ◇ Things to Come
- ◇ Closing

Video Preludes

Heilung (2017) Krigsgaldr
<http://youtu.be/oKgpSsmHyAM>



T. Thorn Coyle (2013) Make Magic of Your Life
<http://youtu.be/FIWeTN8ZkhA>

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"Coming Home"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbJ32h-YpQA>

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-- Your ASIC Guides

Opening Reading

Holy Mother,

in whom we live, move, & have our being,

from you all things emerge
and unto you all things return...

Open our hearts this blessed day,
touch our bodies & our minds.

Walk with us through the gates of power:
in shadow & starlight, in fire meeting earth,

in the wind on the ocean,

& the sweet kiss of life.

Blessed be our journey.

Tree Month - Holly

July 8th - August 4th

Twin king with oak, holly rules the half year of light & represents immortality. In winter, folk took holly inside to shelter fairies & elves no one cared for. The Irish mother goddess, Danu, symbolizes the creation of the cosmos, seasons, life-giving rain, & fertility. Her children are the Tuatha Dé Danann, the fairy folk. The unicorn represents magic, strength, & purity.



The Wheel of the Year



Lughnasadh - Lammast



- ◇ August 1st
- ◇ Goddess turns control over to the God
- ◇ First of three harvest sabbats celebrating the abundance of summer
- ◇ Make corn, bread, and baskets filled with fruits
- ◇ Bake bread with "corn god" symbolic figure to sacrifice and consume

The Journey Ahead

◇ *What is 'A Year & A Day' about?*

- Teaches the essentials of modern Paganism so you can validate your spiritual yearnings
- Delivers critical knowledge, insight, & inspiration of living in harmony with sacred, local Magic
- Enables you to cooperate, share your values, and earn respect, even from those of different beliefs

◇ *Is it for you?*

- There is only one way to be find out



- Follow the path you create... for a year & a day

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- Invocations ◇ Spells ◇ Outdoor Circles ◇ Rites
- of Passage ◇ Divination ◇ Self-Dedication ◇

Tools of the Craft

◇ *Athame*

- Elemental tool of *Fire*
- Black handle, double edged
- Usually represents an element
- Tool of *force* but never cuts anything



◇ *Boline*

- White handle, single curved edge
- Traditionally used to harvest herbs
- *Cutting tool*, candles, ropes, anything



Tools of the Craft



◇ *Wand*

- Elemental tool of *Air*
- Wooden, metal, or crystal
- Plain or adorned



Tools of the Craft

◇ *Chalice*

- Elemental tool of *Water*
- Symbol of *containment*
- *Opening* represents receptivity to spiritual energy
- *Base* symbolizes material world
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◆ *Pentacle*

- Elemental tool of *Earth*
- *Pentagram inscribed in circle*
- As disk, typically wooden, metal, or stone
- Magical platter for charging or to present ritual objects & offerings to the four quarters

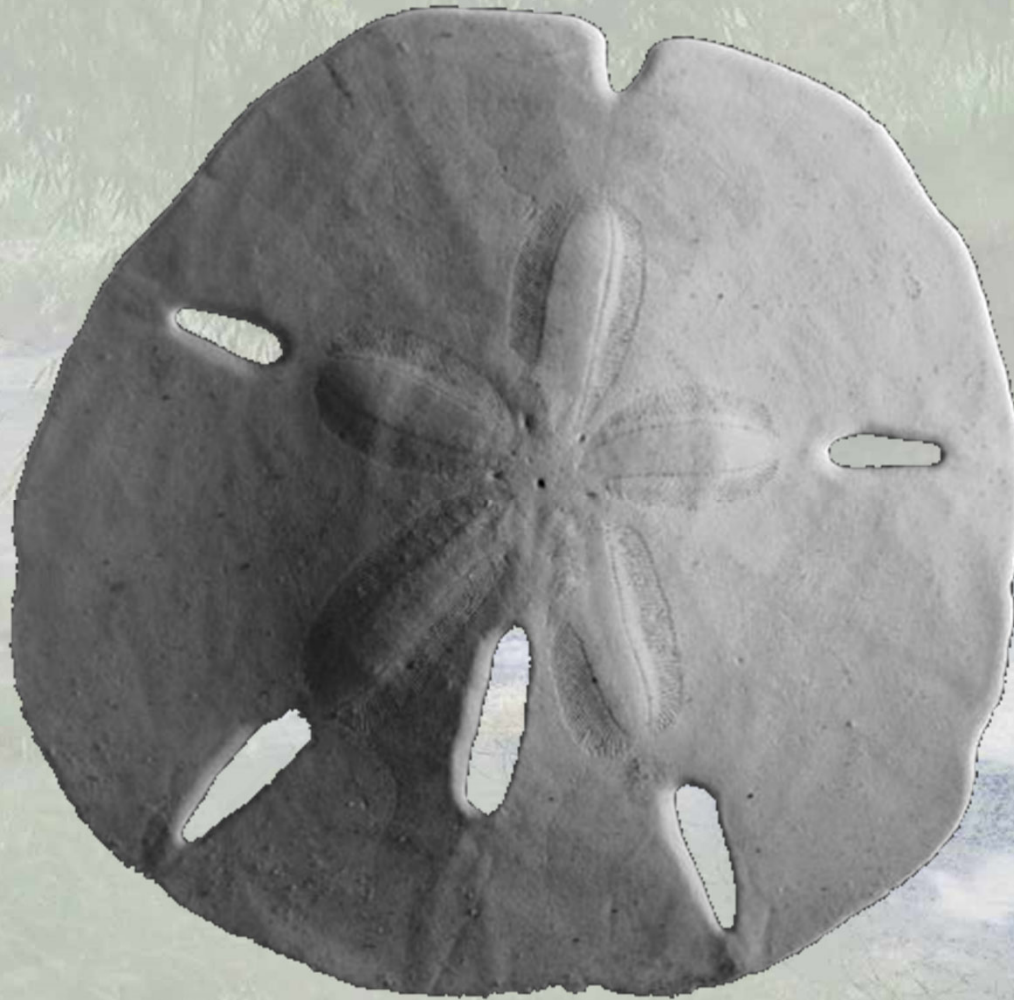
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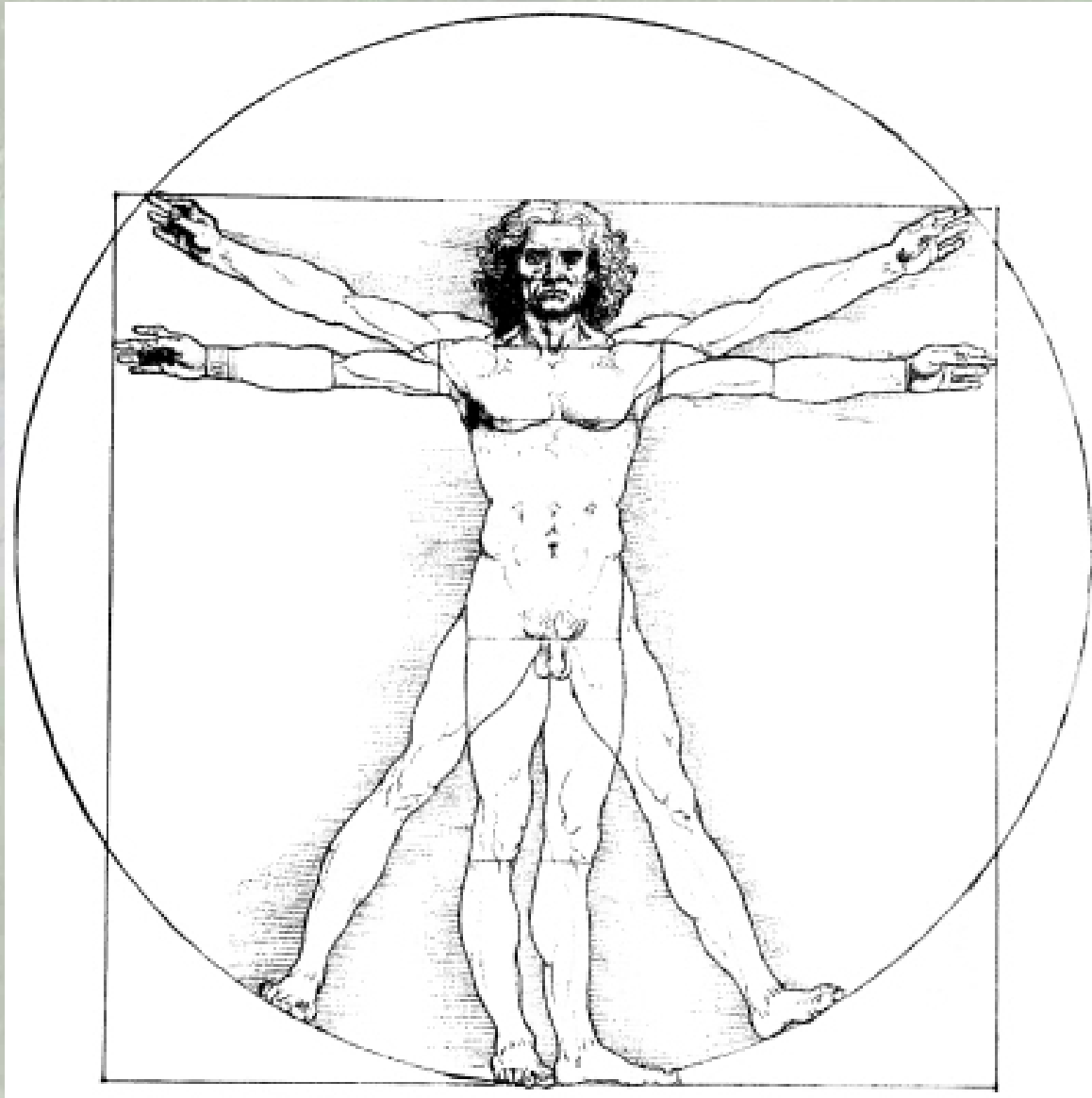
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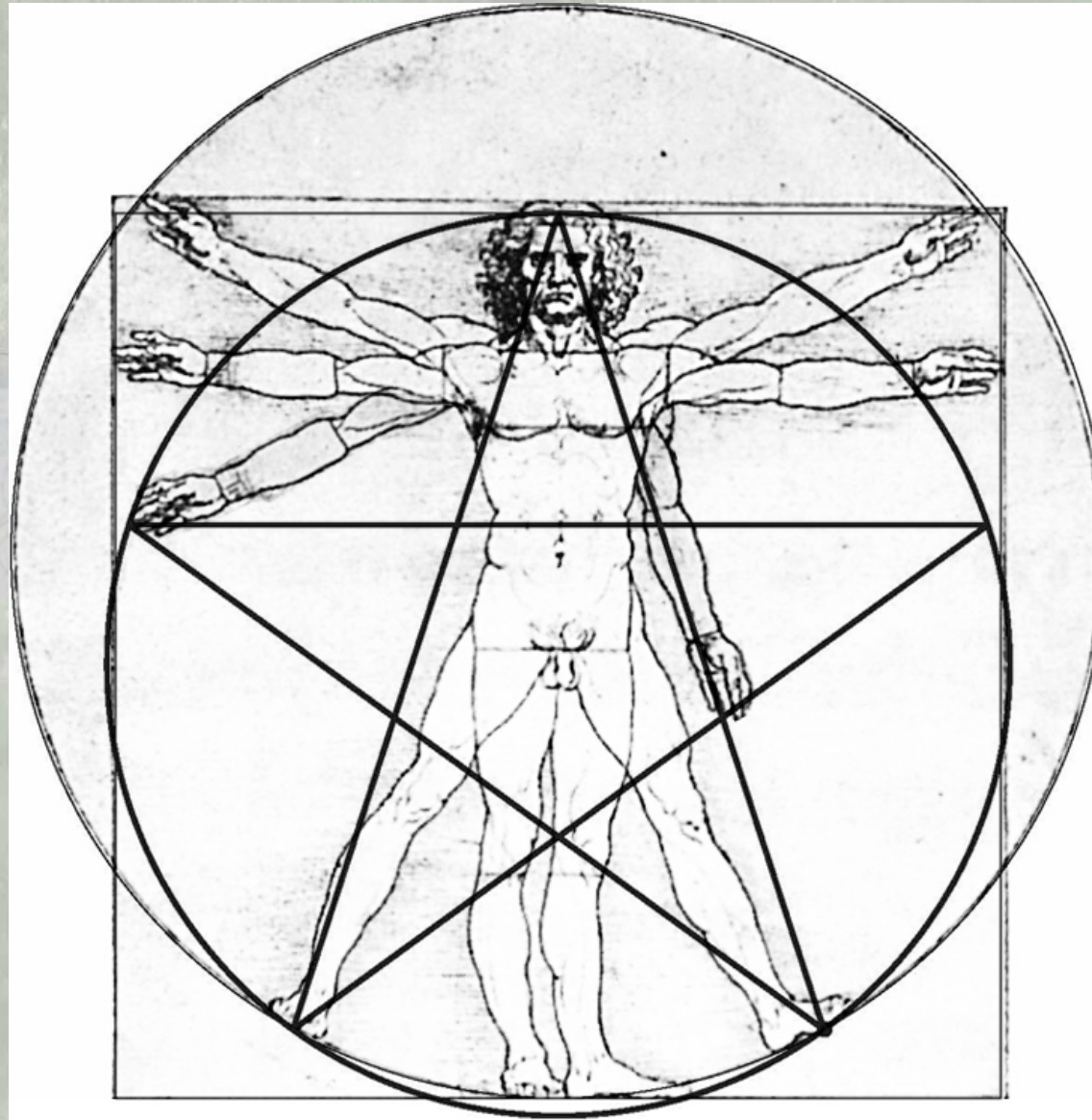
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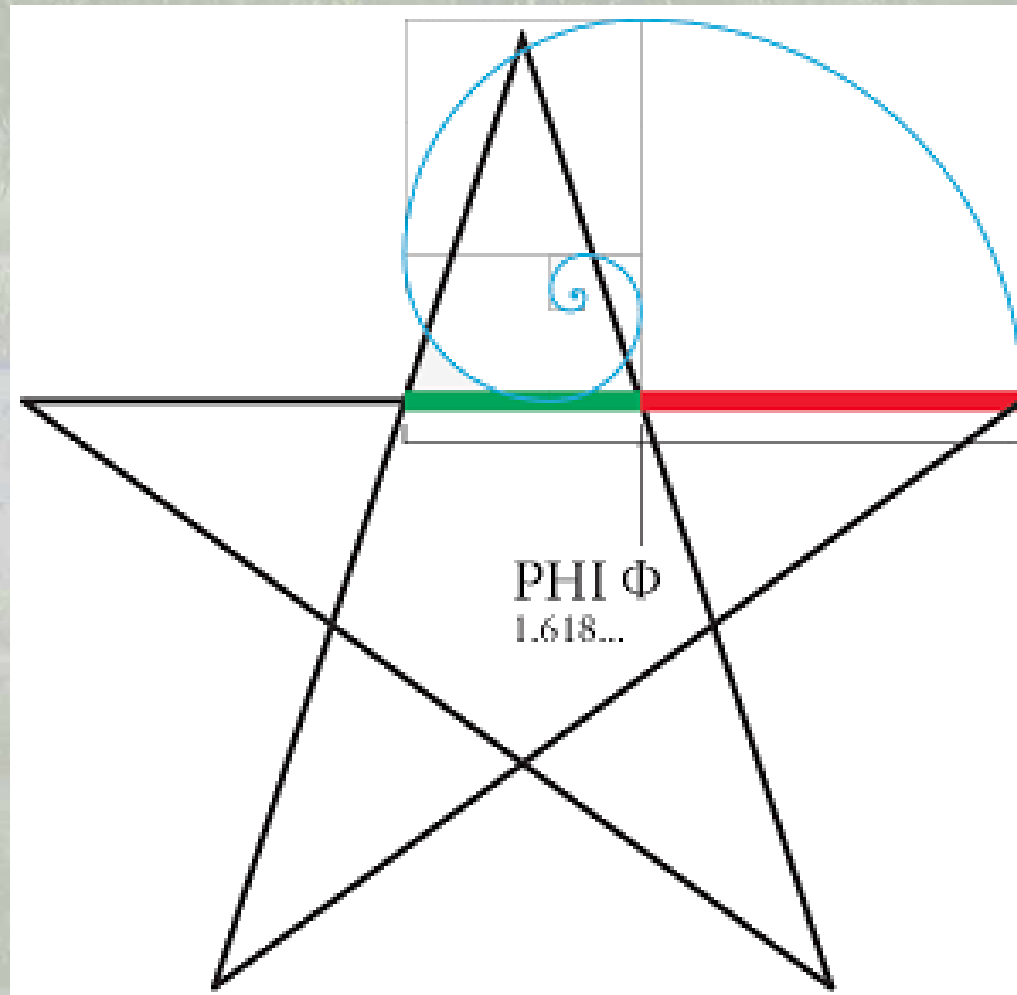
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Staying Balanced



A Symbol of Balance



Spirit

Earth

Air

Water

Fire



Power

Truth

Love



Wisdom

Knowledge

Pentacle



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Your Next Step

Review these resources, then create and bless your own altar:

Make a God/Goddess Altar

<https://www.learnreligions.com/create-a-god-altar-2561555>

How to Set up a Simple Pagan or Wiccan Altar

<https://www.wikihow.com/Set-up-a-Simple-Pagan-or-Wiccan-Altar>

Setting up Your Magical Altar

<https://www.learnreligions.com/setting-up-your-magical-altar-2561940>



Things to Come

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Closing



Closing

May the benefit of our gathering
& all our work, through space & time,
be dedicated unto the complete
liberation & supreme enlightenment of
all beings, everywhere.

So mote it be.

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