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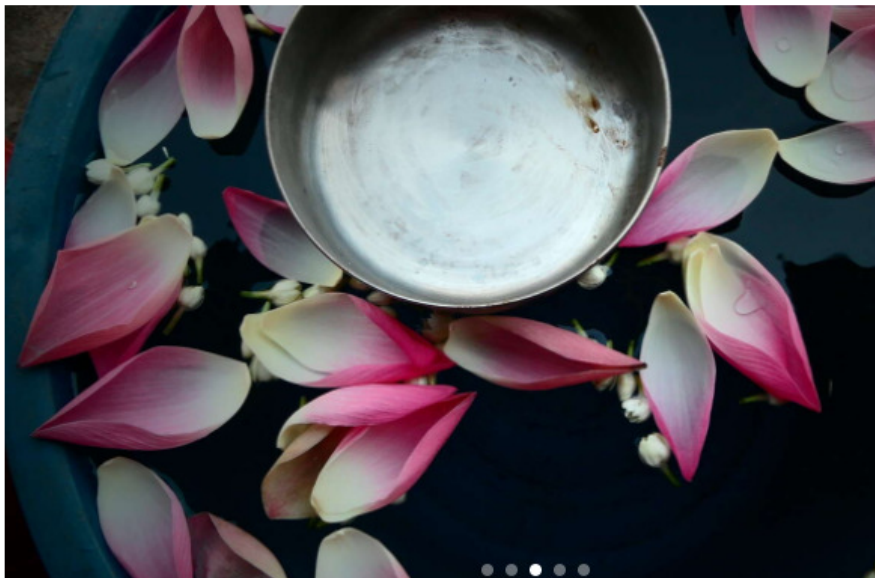
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## Wandering Wiccan Buddhist Water Blessing, Cambodia

**By Rev. Winterghost**

During my time in Cambodia, it was my privilege to be offered a water blessing by Buddhist monks at Wat Arang Pagoda on the outskirts of Siem Reap. Dating back to ancient times, water blessings are a very sacred, traditional part of Cambodian culture. The blessing itself is not Buddhist in origin, but to the older practice of animism.



Animism is the belief that all things have a spiritual essence, including animals, places, objects as well as people. A piece of pottery, a thunderstorm, your hometown, the beetles crawling through the weeds – all have spiritual essence. On an anthropological level, animism can usually be traced back to the indigenous people of any given country. And whilst Buddhism is now a driving force of Cambodian religion, animism is still at the heart of the belief systems of a small percentage of the indigenous population and is still practiced today. As such, the same way as Christianity ‘absorbed’ Yule and Ostara to make Christianity a little more appealing to those following the old ways, Buddhism has taken on board the practices of the minority people of Cambodia and offer their blessings alongside those of the Buddhist tradition.

I started my experience with an early morning tuk-tuk ride alongside the Siem Reap river. The sun had risen early, the air was warm and fragrant, the sun already beating down as we arrived at Wat Arang. On the way, my guide explained the procedure to me, as well as teaching me the relevant responses and the ancient meaning of the blessing. Upon arrival, I was greeted by the head monk who led me into a shady pagoda. By chance, this was a day of retreat, and many monks from the surrounding temples had descended on Wat Arang to listen to the teachings from an elder. Surrounded by the low murmur of a voice reading aloud, chanting and bells chiming in the breeze, I knelt in front of the head monk in my specially-provided sarong and the ritual began.

As the monk chanted in the ancient Pali language I tried to be focused on that moment, to be there in the present, to not let my attention drift from the head monk to take in the musical sounds of the chanting, bells and hypnotic murmuring of the reader, lulled into complete relaxation in the relentless heat of the sun, the scent of orange blossoms and the breeze whispering through the trees.



I was brought back to my senses with a jolting but delicious shock as the first icy cold pitcher of lotus-infused water drenched my head and bare shoulders, like plunging into a cold swimming pool on a hot summers day. The second pitcher did not come as quite a shock as the water ran down my hair, in my eyes, and soaked into the baked, dry earth under my feet. I started to smile, the sense of elation was amazing – until the final blessing when the urn was lifted by two monks over my head and the contents dumped on me bodily.



They found the shocked expression on my face extremely entertaining, pointing and laughing at me, and the joy that I felt at that moment was unsurpassed. I was led back into the pagoda to kneel once more before the head monk. He finished the blessing by tying a red cord of blessing around my wrist, and together we left offerings at the altar.

Afterwards, I asked (through my guide) about the origins of the water blessing. I was told that in ancient times, a new king came to the throne in Cambodia, a king who strongly believed in animism.



The minority Hindu population were afraid they would be forced into conversion. To show them that that spiritual beliefs were universal no matter what the religion, he showered his subjects with cool, lotus-infused water to bring everyone together no matter what their faith: the very first water blessing.

The head monk gave me that genuine, spiritually-knowing smile that only monks seem to have, thanked me in his native Khmer and whispered, '*Namaste*'.  
I was blessed.

## January Moon

Next new moon - Wednesday, 13 January

Full Moon – Thursday 28 January

### **January Full Moon**

The very first full moon of the year is known in many cultures as the Full Wolf Moon. It is thought this is because of the deep, ancient ties between wolves and January's full moon. the Gaelic word for January, Faoilleach, comes from the term for wolves, faol-chù, even though wolves haven't existed in Scotland for centuries.

People across Europe, as well as Native American tribes, named the months after features they associated with the Northern Hemisphere seasons, and many of these names are very similar or identical.

The Saxon word for January is Wulf-monath, or Wolf Month. The festival of the Japanese wolf god, Ooguchi Magami, is held in January. The Seneca tribe links the wolf so strongly to the moon, they believe that a wolf gave birth to the moon by singing it into the sky.

Wolves are so well-known for their tight-knit communities that the Sioux tribe called January's full moon the Moon Where Wolves Run Together. The wolf is often seen as a symbol of loyalty and protection in many cultures. The Wolf Moon is the perfect time for you to reach out to loved ones and reaffirm your connections, in preparation for deepening your bonds and taking on new challenges together over the upcoming year.

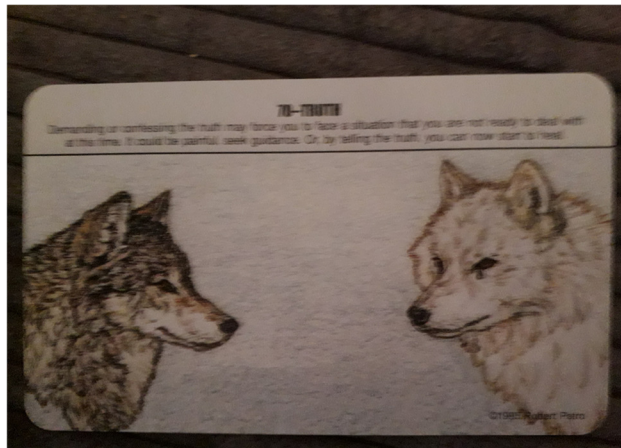
Lone wolves are also entirely capable of overcoming hostile conditions on their own with their resourcefulness. According to Celtic mythology, the wolf is infused with lunar power, which refers to its ability to sniff out hidden insights or knowledge, and to detect unexpected sources of danger. In some legends, the wolf even swallows the sun so the wolf can bask in the moon's overflowing lunar power! The Full Wolf Moon is a great time for you to plan out clever ways to achieve your goals for the upcoming year. Trust your wolfish instincts when it comes to decisions, but also be tenacious in searching for useful knowledge that will help you realize your masterplan.

The full moon for January 2021 comes to us in Leo, and this is the sign of creativity, love, and fun. It is also referred to as the Ice Moon, Old Moon, Moon After Yule, and Snow Moon.



## Tarot of the Month

By Lady WolfCiara



### 70 - TRUTH

Demanding or confessing the truth may force you to face a situation that you are not ready to deal with at this time. It could be painful, seek guidance. Or, by telling the truth, you can now start to heal.

### Prediction for January 2021

For the coming month, you must learn to be patient, as to think that we can think that truth will set us free. This isn't the case, as we are too eager to get information, and don't thinking of the cost of ones soul. You can also, start your road to be more whole within yourself.

### Tarotdeck

The Wolfpack Tarot Deck by Robert Petro

## To Bless Your Book of Shadows

You will need:

- A Blue Candle
- A Purple Candle
- A Red Candle
- A Green Candle
- A Yellow Candle

Directions:

Whether your BOS is a heavy-bound journal, a small personal diary, or a 3-ringed notebook, this spell will guard your book and enchant its pages.

On the night of the Full Moon, cast your circle and place your BOS on your alter.

Situate 5 candles (Purple, green, yellow, red, and blue) around your book in a rough pentagram shape.

If you see fit, you can place the candles in their correct positions:

Purple  
Blue ~ Green  
Red ~ Yellow

Light the candles, starting with the purple and ending with the blue, and say this or another verse:

By the powers of centre (north, south, east, west),  
The forces of spirit (earth, air, fire, water),  
I bless and protect this Book of Shadows From all unwanted forces and beings.

With your power hand, athame, or wand, draw an invoking pentagram on your BOS's cover and say:

May no unprepared eye or hand behold this Blessed Book of Power.  
Ancient Mother behold this book.  
Guard and bless its pages. Ancient Father behold this book.  
Guard and bless its pages.  
By the powers of the Moon and stars above me.  
So shall it be.

With this, the ritual is done. Some chose to bury the candles. Others choose to use them for another spell. It is your choice what you do. It is recommended that this spell is done for the 4 sabbats to mark your progress and increase in power, but it also can be done once a year on that same month's Full Moon.

Source: "Chameleon" (chively@stny.lrun.com)

## Rune of the month

By Lady WolfCiara



### **L – Lagu - Vanaheims rune - Dreamrune – INTUITION**

Sleep, power to control beyond rational thinking, possibility to look under the surface, spiritual guiding, getting access to someone's unconscious, attracting love, for getting rid of limitations and boundaries, cleansing tears and patience.

#### **Prediction for January 2021**

For the coming month, we are experience a time of self-reflection and ability to see with ones third eye. Our mind is open to new thing, and we get the time to stop and pause in what is happening around us.





## [Wolfciara's Wiccan World](#)

By Lady Wolfciara

**Merry meet my fellow Wiccans and Welcome to my little corner of the Wiccan World.**

So have yet another month passed by, and with that, the Yule and New Year, that came and went. I have had my middle brother, who is 6 years younger than me over, during Christmas. We had a relaxed and calm Christmas, and had the normal things to eat, We do had snow for two days during the Christmas, but it didn't come until Christmas-day, so it wasn't really the Christmas-feeling as such.

Although, due to that my brother got sick with Corona, or rather what we thought it was. While he was here with me, which wasn't any life-threatening, but still it could have been Corona. I had to put myself in quarantine for a week, to see if I might develop it, too. I didn't, so that was a huge relief, for me. My New Year, was therefore, spent alone, but I enjoyed it anyways. I have found it rather pleasant to just be alone and have a lot of me-time. I hope and wish for, that we slowly can get back to something close to normal, again, next year that stands before us, and when we have been given the vaccine for Corona.

I have, however, attended the Rituals, online, as I always do. The Yule-ritual was really, nice, and a good boost for the year to come. I feel that I am more and more confident in the Rituals, again, and have the North Quarter calling as my task, when performing them. I have, also, found three of my own written rituals, which I was really excited and happy to find, again. Two Gaia- rituals, and one Healing ritual. I thought that they were long gone, and never thought that I would have been able to recover them, again.

My nieces were happy for their Christmas-present they got from me. This Christmas they had asked for LOL: OMG-dolls, and that is what they got, of course. Have 4 nieces, that are 7, 7, 6, and 3 years. I do, now that it is in Corona-times, chat with them through Face-time. And it is so much fun, when you have them on the line, and all that they are sharing, about what happens in their lives.

Mostly, I talk with to two of them, the older sisters on 7 and 6 years, who is my youngest brother's children. My middle-brothers two girls, who are 7 and 3 years, is more sporadically, as I just recently have been able to take up the contact with them. My middle-brother and I had lost the connection for a while, but he is now back as my sibling, again.

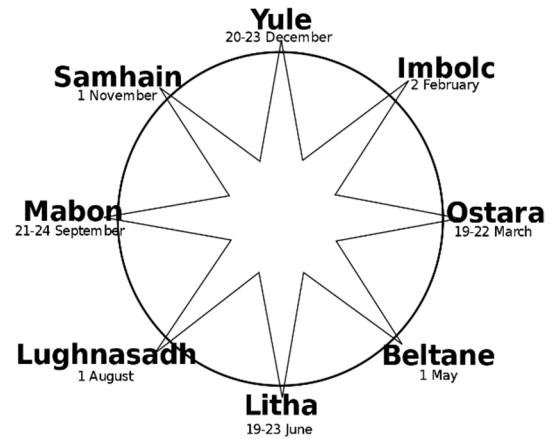
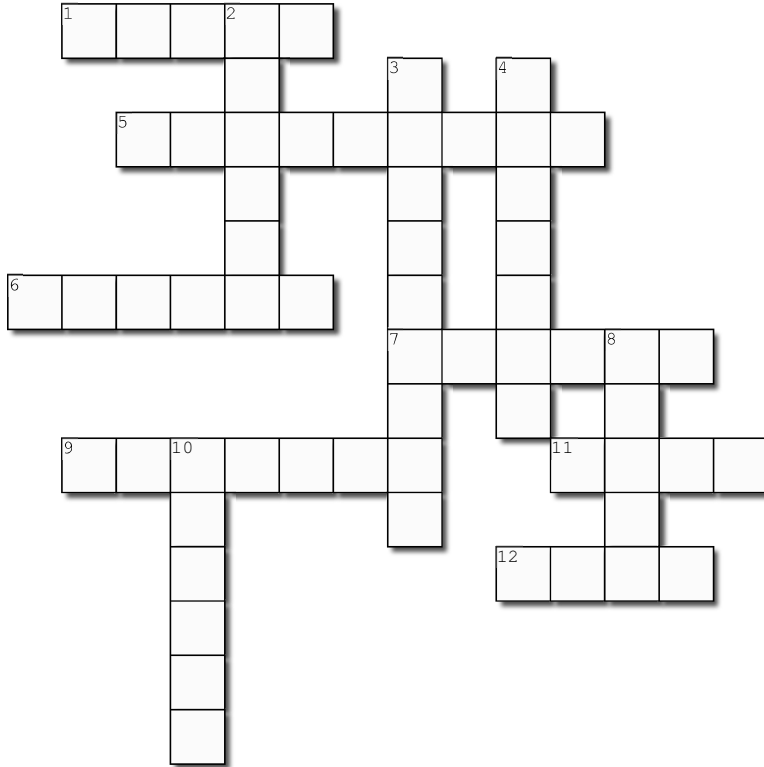
I have also, started with taking courses at WitchSchool, again. I'm taking it slowly and enjoy my time when I find the time to educate myself. Have a lot of different classes, that I'm attending, and also a lot that I look forward to start with. When I have learned to find my way round in the application that is, as it is a labyrinth to go through to find what you want and look for. Anyway, that will sort itself out, the more I got logged in there.

So, in whole the Old year came with a lot of restrictions, and many things were put on hold. With our combine strength, and also with our prayers and healings, that the World should be recovered, yet again. We, all, had, and have to step back and learn from what Our Mother Gaia, was, and is still telling us, as human, as to that we need to start to take good care of what we have, and learn from Her lesson. From now on, and in the future.

Take care until next time. Blessed be all of you. Love and light, hugz and blessings.

WolfCiara

# The Witch Holidays



## Across

1. Another name for the Summer solstice
5. Oimeic, the feast of Bride and.....takes place around 2 February
6. The colours of this festival are yellow and light green
7. During Beltane, the Goddess takes on this role
9. second most important festival in the Wheel of the Year
11. Lammas is also the festival of which Celtic sun god betrayed by his wife and slain by her lover?
12. This festival celebrates the sun's rebirth, the lengthening of days and the return of the Oak King

Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

## Down

2. During Samhain, we visualize the Goddess as the Crone and the God as the .....
3. Mabon falls in this month
4. there are 8 of these seasonal festivals
8. Mabon - a time when day and night are .....
10. This festival is also the feast of the sacrificial God

## Correllian Meritorious Awards

### Fall 2020 Cycle Service Awards Winners

#### **Order of the Iron Pentacle**

Rev. Jeffery Boyd

Rev. Raven Ric (Eric Moser)

#### **Order of the Round Table**

Rt. Rev. Ser Ed Hubbard

#### **Order of the Copper Athame**

Mylinda Whiteley

#### **Order of the Thurible**

Rt. Rev. Ser Angela Munn

#### **Order of the Golden Wand**

Rev. Chad Blackman

Rev. Bowen Barrs

Rt. Rev. Ser Laurie Denman

Rt. Rev. Alyssa Maxon Kemp

Rt. Rev. Ser Angela Munn

Rev. Lori Blackman

Lorie Jordan

Rev. Diane Lavendowski

Rev. Meranda Favro

Rev. Katie Gunn

Ser MaryAnn Kay

Rev. Mary Miller (Moonwolfspider)

Rev. Ed Carr

Rev. Corri Boyett

Rev. Judy Hamilton

Rev. Anastasia Allen

Rev. Emairelhd Eartheart

Rev. Dianne Fogel

### **Order of the Obsidian Mirror**

Rev. Pamela Maxwell

Rev. Ravenwolf Greefield

Rev. Deej Fortney

Rev. Chad Blackman

### **Order of the Silver Chalice**

Rich Donahue a.k.a. Cloud the Pagan Rapper

**Order of the Crystal Heart:** The Order of the Crystal Heart is awarded to Non-Correllian members of the wider community that have performed noteworthy acts or achievements in the realms of service, rituals, teaching, academics, media, the arts, or work with animals. We believe it is important to recognize achievements, not only of Tradition members but of all those who are worthy of distinction.

### **Order of the Crystal Heart**

Voodoo Priestess Lilith Dorsey

**For the complete list of past award recipients go here:** <http://correllian.weebly.com/awards.html>

## Chartered Bodies of the Correllian Tradition

### Newly Chartered January 2021

#### Witan Shrines

- **Nova Aedes Iani, Witan Shrine**  
PA, USA  
Shrine Head: Lady Elizabeth Hamilton  
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**Witan Shrines** are the first level of the Temple-Making Process. Witan Shrines are created by Charter of the Tradition and may progress to Full Temple status over the course of several years or remain at Witan Shrine status indefinitely.

A list of current Witan Shrines may be found HERE: <http://correllian.weebly.com/witan-shrines.html>

**Proto-Temples** are groups which have progressed beyond the status of Shrines and are on their way to becoming Full Temples but have not yet achieved that status.

A list of current Proto-Temples may be found HERE: <http://correllian.weebly.com/proto-temple.html>

**Full Temples** of the Correllian Tradition have completed the Temple-Making Process and, if headed by a Third Degree, have representation on the Witan Council. A Full Temple can perform all of the functions of a Temple and may in some cases have multiple branches.

A list of current Temples may be found HERE: <http://correllian.weebly.com/temple.html>

**Formal Shrines** are Shrines that are dedicated to specific activities of a limited nature. Formal Shrines may exist as an aspect of a larger group or may stand alone in their own right.

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**Personal Shrines** are an aspect of an individual Correllian member's personal piety, and are not bodies of the Tradition as such. Personal Shrines exist wholly at the discretion of the member, however the Tradition does acknowledge them upon request.

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**Orders** are associations within the Tradition dedicated to specific skills, tasks, or interests. This sort of Order is not to be confused with the Meritorious Orders which are awarded in recognition of service.

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**Houses of Contemplation** are established to facilitate the temporary or permanent practice of the contemplative religious life. Depending upon the rules of the specific House of Contemplation guests may come for spiritual retreats of designated length, or to pursue a life of permanent contemplation in the manner of a Monastery.

A list of current Houses of Contemplation may be found HERE: <http://correllian.weebly.com/houses-of-contemplation.html>

**For information on how to start a Shrine Order or Correllian Study Group or for an application form contact the Witan Herald: [witanherald@gmail.com](mailto:witanherald@gmail.com)**

## **Membership Groups**

### **Outer Court Department**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/265398186909862>

This is a social group for all the members of the Outer Court of the Correllian Tradition. Feel free to share, discuss, and enjoy with all our wonderful Correllian family around the Globe!

### **Correllian Membership Hub**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorrellianMembershipGroups>

Correllian membership group for all Correllian members

### **Correllian Clergy**

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Group for all members of Correllian Clergy

### **Witan Herald's Office**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WitanHeraldOffice>

This is where general membership and clergy may directly contact the Witan Herald

### **Correllian Herald - Newsletter**

[www.facebook.com/groups/correllianherald/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/correllianherald/)

Correllian Herald Publication Group. This group is for the distribution of the Correllian Herald Newsletter.

### **Correllian Prayers**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2112247592362824>

To provide a supportive venue where all Correllians, friends and family may post prayer requests.

### **Correllian Elder's Office**

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This Facebook group is for ALL TRADITION members to enter and submit a comment.

### **The Correllian Temples, Shines, Groups and Project Keepers**

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