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Did you notice that? We are beginning the 30<sup>th</sup> Volume of Reformed Druidic newsletter publishing. Starting with Isaac’s Druid Chronicler newsletter in the 1970s (with a gap or two here and there) up to the present.

Also in big numbers is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the RDNA at Carleton College in Northfield Minnesota.



**May 3-5 and June 21-23**

Yeah that’s big. See our first article and start making reservations.

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May 3-5 and June 21-23  
50th Anniversary Reunions  
Reformed Druids of North  
America (& Friends) at  
Northfield  
Minnesota  2013  
[www.rdna.info/reunion.html](http://www.rdna.info/reunion.html)

# 50th Anniversary Reunion of Reformed Druidism in 2013

There will be two separate celebrations in 2013 of the 50th Anniversary of the Reformed Druids of North America that was founded May 1, 1963.

The **primary** celebration will be the weekend of May 3-5, 2013. The **secondary** celebration (and smaller) will be June 21-23, 2013.

## Spread the news!

Feel free to float this picture and blurb out on social media:

Where Druidism in America began! On Saturday, at Noon, on May 4th, the Carleton Grove of the Reformed Druids of North America will celebrate it's 50th anniversary with a service on the Hill of Three Oaks on the campus of Carleton College in Northfield Minnesota. All Reformed Druids, other Druid organizations, their friends, the curious, and well-wishers are welcome to join us for a lovely slate of activities, maypole dancing, picnics, discussion, and campfires all that weekend, May 3rd to 5th. A smaller but similar gathering will occur on Alumni weekend on Saturday June 22nd. Please see <http://www.rdna.info/reunion.html> for more details, contact info and maps. Updates will be posted regularly. Please RSVP by email to **mikerdna@hotmail.com** or Facebook message your interest to **mike.thefool** with your name, people travelling with you, contact information, email addresses, which dates you plan to attend, what Druid group you belong to, and list what special interests, requests or needs you have.

## Rough Schedules

The final schedule will be decided on the Spring Equinox and posted here. Ad hoc tours, discussions, and alternative rain-event locations will be designated.

The *tentative* May Reunion event schedule, as of **January 22**, is:

May 3 - 8pm Campfire at Druid's Den (in the trees near the Hill of Three Oaks)

May 4 - Noon 50th Anniversary service for Reformed Druids of North America at the Hill of Three Oaks

May 4 - 1 pm Picnic at the Stone Circle of the Upper Arboretum

May 4 - 8 pm Campfire at Druid's Den (in the trees near the Hill of Three Oaks)

May 5 - 5:30 am Sunrise service at Hill of Three Oaks



and the Summer Reunion tentative schedule, as of **January 22** is:

June 21 - 8pm Campfire at Druid's Den (in the trees near the Hill of Three Oaks)

June 22 - Noon 50th Anniversary service for Reformed Druids of North America at the Hill of Three Oaks

June 22 - 1 pm Picnic at the Stone Circle of the Upper Arboretum

June 22 - 8 pm Campfire at Druid's Den (in the trees near the Hill of Three Oaks)

June 23 - 5:30 am Sunrise service at Hill of Three Oaks

## Resources

Maps of the campus, arboretum, travel info, hotel listings, and advice are in a travel document called [Reunion Travel, Maps and Lodging](#)

Joining the [RDNA Facebook group page](#) is a good way to keep up with developments.

Regular e-mails of any updates will also be mailed out every few weeks by [Mikerdna@hotmail.com](mailto:Mikerdna@hotmail.com) (or message me on Facebook to [mike.thefool](#)) to those who have voluntarily RSVP'd with him.

Feel free to bring a gift to the Carleton Grove, but bear in mind TSA at the airport. I can provide a mailing address in Northfield if you need to mail it.

## Reunion Rules - Version 1.0

1. No campfires except in designated firepits.
2. No camping in the forest
3. BYOB, BYOF, BYOStuff.
4. Do not damage the arboretum.
5. The students are hosting us, respect their wishes for the schedule.
6. Do not get wildly drunk, cause trouble, or be impolite.
7. This is primarily an event for Reformed Druid activities, but liturgical demonstrations, blessings, readings and gifts from other groups can be worked into services and the schedule, with enough planning.
8. There is little to no crash space or financial assistance available.
9. There are no merchant table opportunities, but feel free to talk about your products or services.
10. You may wear ritual or casual clothing.
11. The reunions are \*not\* planned as a clothing-optional event.
12. Use of illegal substances is not welcome.
13. Carleton College is private property and possession of firearms is not permitted. Displays of edged weapons may be inappropriate to some guests.
14. Fire conditions will determine whether campfires, candles or other burning objects are safe and permissible in designated spots.
15. Please coordinate any ordinations, vigils, marriages, or other liturgical activities with the organizers.
16. If foul weather occurs, alternate indoor activities will be available.
17. There are no fees to attend, nor any membership requirements to be in any branch of the Reformed Druidic movements. Please be respectful of others' differences.
18. Do not take photographs or record proceedings without advance coordination, and permission of those present.
19. What you do in the woods on Beltane morning with your sweetie is none of our business.

# NEWS OF THE GROVES



## News from RDNA, NRDNA & Others

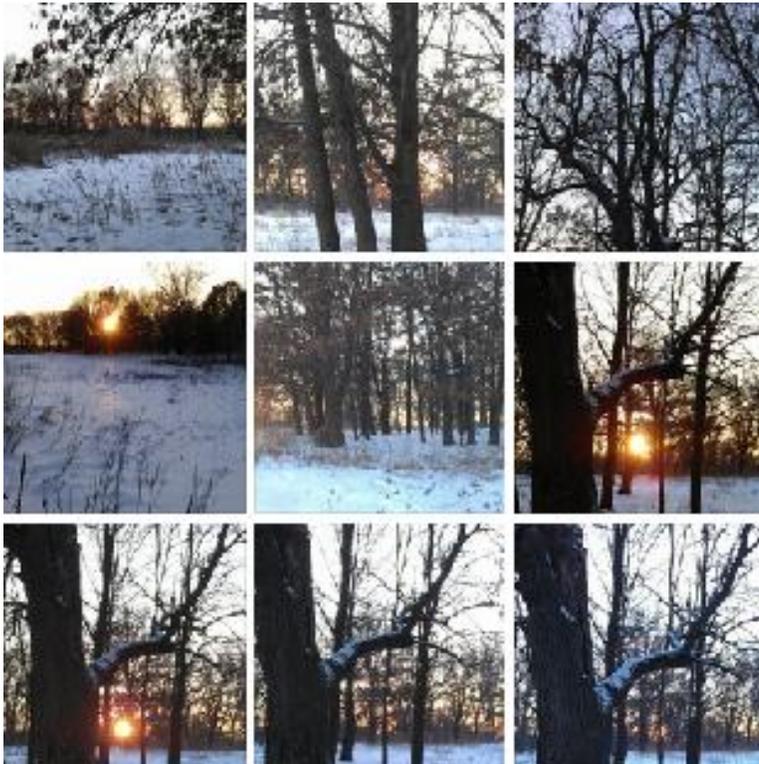
### Carleton Grove: News from Minnesota

I went to Carleton College after work today and met with the current Druid-in-Charge, which was an awesome time. We're gonna try to ramp things up and generate interest, setting our sights on Imbolc (which is great because it will fall on a weekend) and then of course further down the ley-lines ("road") to have generated increased interest in time for the 50th Anniversary Beltane shindig!

#### Other news from Carleton

The Carleton folk have invited you to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Carleton's Reunion. (see above article and details)

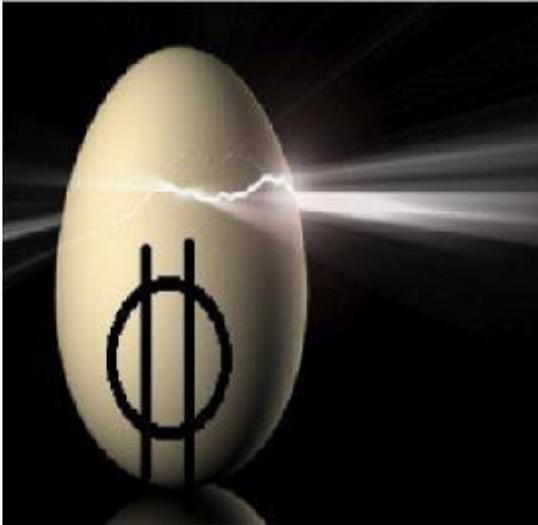
### Oakdale Protogrove: News from Minnesota



News from Clairière du Corbeau - Raven's Grove : News from Quebec



## News from Reformed Druids of Gaia



### The Nestling Druid

**A Lughnasadh and Samhain Issue of the RDG Newsletter was released in 2012:**

Mabon 2012:

<http://circleofflowingtruth.webs.com/documents/Nestling%20Druid%20Mabon%202012.pdf>

Samhain 2012:

<http://circleofflowingtruth.webs.com/documents/Nestling%20Druid%20Samhain%202012.pdf>

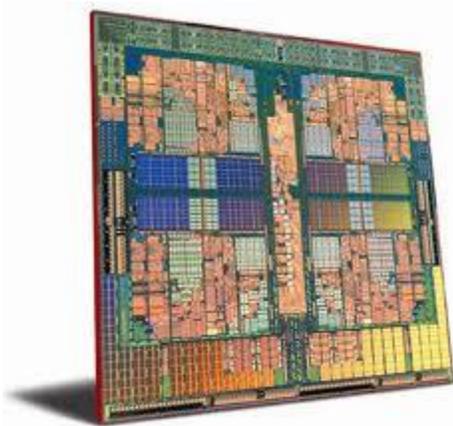
TO ALL:

I apologize for not publishing a Yule Issue of the Nestling Druid. Things got hectic pretty fast with the Holidays & other various widespread happenings.

I will be withholding any Yule oriented material so that it may be added to the Oimehc/Imbolc Issue. I am now accepting all submissions especially those for the Oimehc Issue who's deadline is Jan. 31st.

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, & Brightest Blessings to You & Yours !!!

- Rev. Jeffrey Carlier II, AD



### **The Order of the Processor**

Two questions:

- 1) Are you a registered member of the Reformed Druids of Gaia?
- 2) Are you a scientist, computer tech, programmer, webmaster, or just interested in Science, Science Fiction or other geeky pursuits?

If you can answer BOTH of those questions with a "YES!" please join our special email list just for people like yourself:

[http://reformed-druids.org/mailman/listinfo/orderoftheprocessor\\_reformed-druids.org](http://reformed-druids.org/mailman/listinfo/orderoftheprocessor_reformed-druids.org)

Trust me, we will use you, and I hope you can use us.

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PS: If you have a problem subscribing, please let me know.



## News from MOCC

The MOCC is an Order. For three decades before our recent vote to become a Church', we spent much time discerning how to go about the job of being a Tradition, Tribe and Order in today's world, and we came up with some very interesting means of doing so.

We are every bit as much of an Order as the Franciscans, the Benedictines, the Augustinians, OBOD, and AODA. Those of us who take the vows do so very seriously. We may be in many places, but our groves are not? Why? The answer is that because of our writings, we cannot begin a grove, or for that matter a church, within a twenty mile radius of an already existing, accessible, and compatible organization. When such a group does exist, we are called upon to participate and be the MOCC presence within that group. We are to be assisting clergy, charitable organizers, environmental workers, support personnel, educators, and if needed, the sense of humor, as well. Depending on what body is located nearby, that could mean that we are serving --as MOCC representatives-- in RDG groves, in the AOD, in Baptist, Episcopal, Pentecostal or Methodist congregations, in Unitarian bodies, in the Audobon Society, on local arts organizations, in tribal groups. There are many possible venues in which we can serve. Regardless of where we serve, we put forward the mission of our group: "This declare above all: Healing and Light and Peace." - Thomas



## News from Order of White Oak

At long last my new website is up at <http://www.elleneverthopman.com/> It is still being tweaked. Please stop by for a visit and send me your suggestions!

**OK,** Just throwing this out as a query - how many folks would be interested in spending a weekend at a gorgeous retreat center in Western MA (they will pick you

up at the airport if necessary) to learn Gaelic chants, prayers and Celtic tree lore? Cost would be somewhere around \$250 or so (includes lodging and vegetarian food) plus instruction. [www.earthlands.org](http://www.earthlands.org) If you are seriously interested please message me privately. The date would be some time in late summer or fall 2013.

Earthlands | EARTHLANDS

[www.instituteforenvironmentalawareness.org](http://www.instituteforenvironmentalawareness.org)

Earthlands is a program center and a working community of Earth Stewards that support and promote "Living & Learning in harmony with the Earth and All Life". All programs and services of Earthlands are within this mission where the focus is on personal growth, ecologically sustainable living.



# News from ADF



## Trillium Spring Gathering

What: Trillium Spring Gathering

When: April 18 - 21, 2013

Where: The Log Cabin Campground, 2058 Morgan Frederick Grade, Cross Junction, VA ([map](#))

Organizers: Grove of the Seven Hills, ADF, CedarLight Grove, ADF

Contact: [crystal@cedarlightgrove.org](mailto:crystal@cedarlightgrove.org)

Website: <http://trilliumgatheringadf.org>

Come out and enjoy Spring together in the beautiful Virginia Highlands with us!

Over the past 15 years Trillium has offered outstanding workshops, becoming a favorite way to shake off the Winter blahs and welcome the renewing Earth at peaceful TLC Campground in Western Virginia. We bring together some of ADF's most dynamic folks for 4 days of games, workshops, ritual, dancing and the celebration of our abiding fellowship. This year we'll focus on magic in workshop and ritual, test our mettle in the ever-popular Circle Challenge and compete in the festival-wide Cattle Raid of the Outsiders! All paths are welcome at Trillium!



## ADF Tree Joke to Share....

Two tall trees, a birch and a beech, are growing in the woods. A small tree begins to grow between them, and the beech says to the birch, 'Is that a son of a beech or a son of a birch?' The birch says he cannot tell, but just then a woodpecker lands on the sapling.

The birch says, 'Woodpecker, you are a tree expert. Can you tell if that is a son of a beech or a son of a birch?'

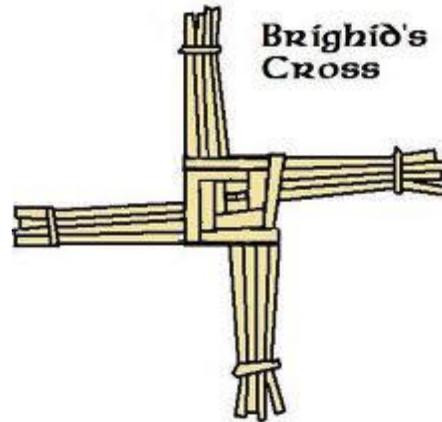
The woodpecker takes a taste of the small tree and replies, 'It is neither a son of a beech nor a son of a birch. It is, however, the best piece of ash I have ever poked my pecker into.'

# DRUID POETRY

## Genealogy of Brighid

Every day and every night  
That I say the genealogy of Brighid  
I shall not be killed,  
I shall not be wounded;  
I shall not be harried;  
I shall not be put into a cell;  
No fire, no sun, no moon will burn me;  
No water, no lake, no sea will drown me:  
For I am child of Poetry;  
Poetry, child of Reflection;  
Reflection, child of Meditation;  
Meditation, child of Lore;  
Lore, child of Research;  
Research, child of Great Knowledge;  
Great Knowledge, child of Intelligence;  
Intelligence, child of Comprehension;  
Comprehension, child of Wisdom;  
Wisdom, child of Brighid.

From Carmena Gadelica, Posted by Charlton in Druid Facebook Group



Dear Saint Brigid of the Kine  
Bless these little fields of mine,  
The pastures and the shady trees,  
Bless the butter and the cheese,  
Bless the cows with coats of silk  
And the brimming pails of milk,  
Bless the hedgerows, and I pray  
Bless the seed beneath the clay,  
Bless the hay and bless the grass,  
Bless the seasons as they pass,  
And heaven's blessings will prevail,  
Brigid - Mary of the Gael.



-Traditional, submitted by Ellen Hopman

## **The Squall**

Your squall will soon be over  
Your calmness I await  
As you forcefully churn and blow  
Your tiny flakes of snow

I stand in awe within you  
To try and get a glimpse  
To feel what you are feeling  
To offer up some healing

But only time will heal  
This awe-inspiring sight  
Only time will bring the peace  
And make the strong winds cease

Your squall will soon be over  
Your calmness I await  
Until then be yourself and blow  
Your tiny flakes of snow

L. Corrigan – Jan. 5th, 2013



Honor the sacred.  
Honor the Earth, our Mother.  
Honor the Elders.  
Honor all with whom we  
share the Earth:  
Four-leggeds, two-leggeds,  
winged ones,  
Swimmers, crawlers,  
plant and rock people.  
Walk in balance and beauty.

Native American Elder



## DRUID VIDEOS



Sigh. I am glad they are not "Druid Hunters". If we're really lucky they'll be a tiny disclaimer at the end-credits that this film doesn't endorse violence against wiccans...

Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters Official Trailer #1 (2012)

Check out the POP-UP VERSION: <http://goo.gl/DJ0t2>

Watch our INSTANT TRAILER REVIEW:

<http://youtu.be/2Bhc9cmYQFw>

A great scathing review of Hansel and Gretel on Movie Bob's videocolumn:

### Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters

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[http://www.escapistmagazine.com/videos/view/escape-to-the-movies/6752-Hansel-Gretel-Witch-Hunters?utm\\_source=latest&utm\\_medium=index\\_carousel&utm\\_campaign=all](http://www.escapistmagazine.com/videos/view/escape-to-the-movies/6752-Hansel-Gretel-Witch-Hunters?utm_source=latest&utm_medium=index_carousel&utm_campaign=all)



Horrible Histories:  
News about Roman invasion of Britain

<http://youtu.be/475sbcUj9t4>

Horrible Histories HHTV News: The Roman Invasion of Britain report



### How Lord of The Rings Should Have Ended

LOTR forgot a very simple option when they decided to destroy the ring.  
<http://www.howitshouldhaveended.com>  
Get your HISHE shirts now:



### How The Hobbit Should Have Ended

Return to the Shire with Bilbo, Gandalf, Gollum and the gang to see how the Hobbit should have ended. Thank you for watching! Be sure to click on that 'Like'...

<http://youtu.be/1yqVD0swvWU> Lord of the Rings

<http://youtu.be/JrKXH1CeXck> Hobbit



### Modern Druids

ADF Documentary on Druidry, Druidic practice, and the origins/future of ADF.

<http://youtu.be/YOMSTO9fZV4> 20min



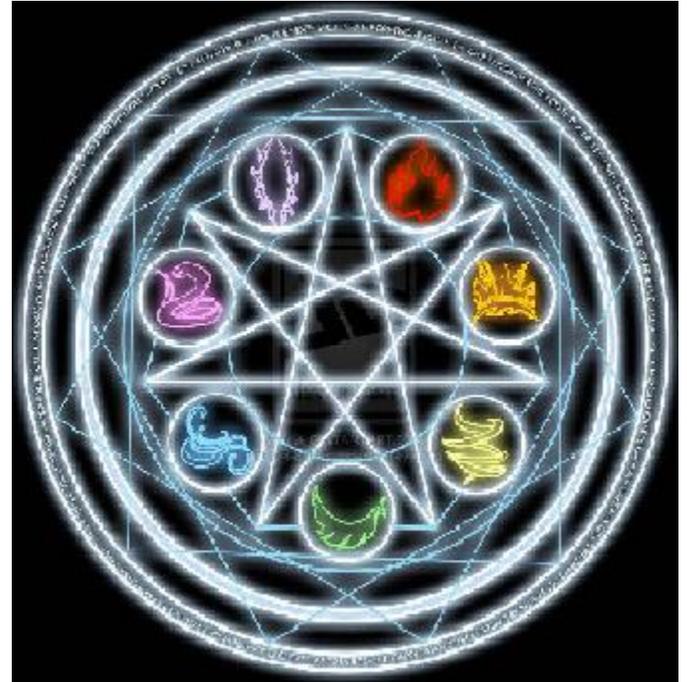
### Horrible Histories Celtic Boast Battle song (rap)

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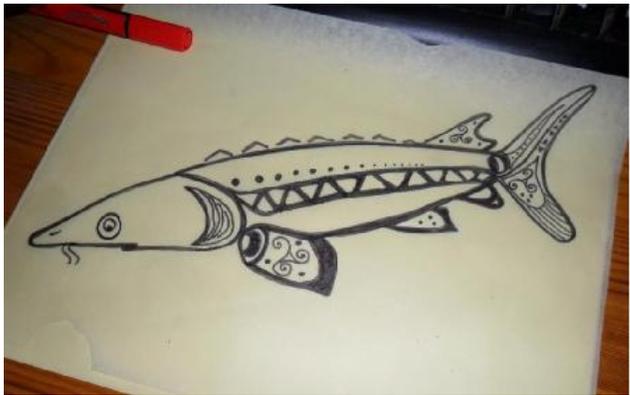
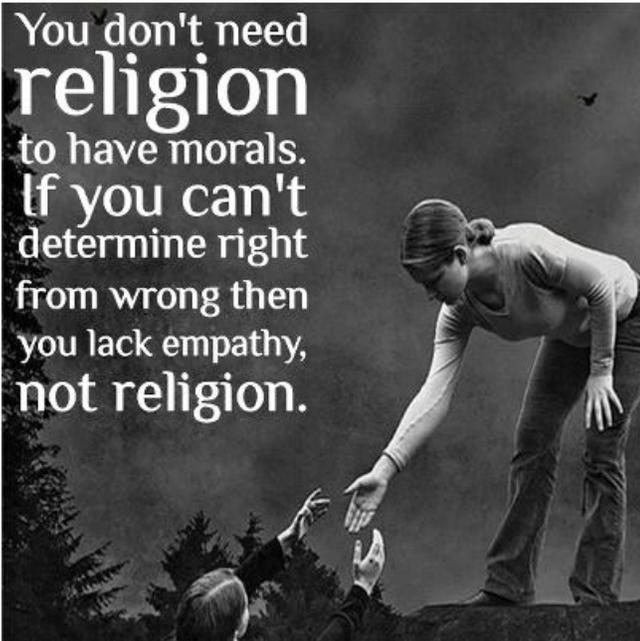
# DRUID PICTURES

## Winter twigs



Nicolas Ibur





Julie - Draft of the fish I will be carving on my oldest son's staff.

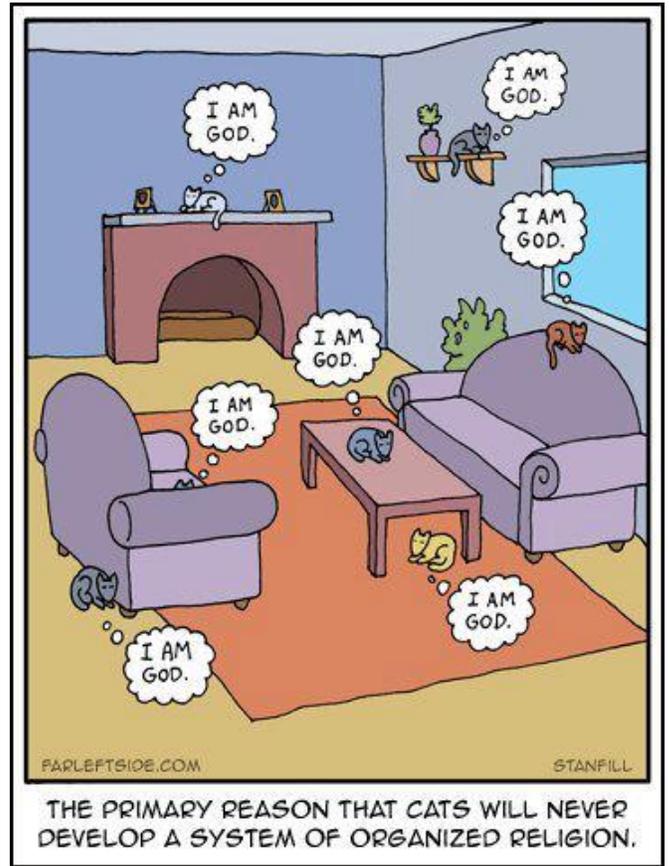




Carleton



**Brandon** - Solstice sun path, 8 exposures taken 30 mins apart - Fairbanks, AK



Rhiannon - This was the first small stone circle I built around seventeen years ago.

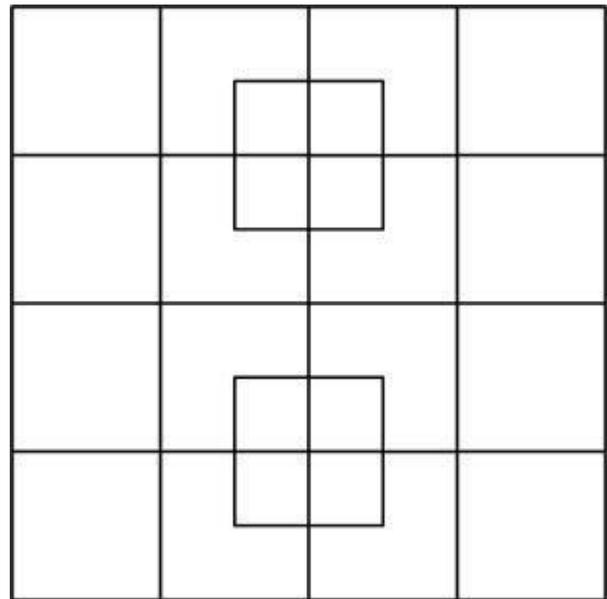


This was the Nemeton for Aelwydd Awenyddion

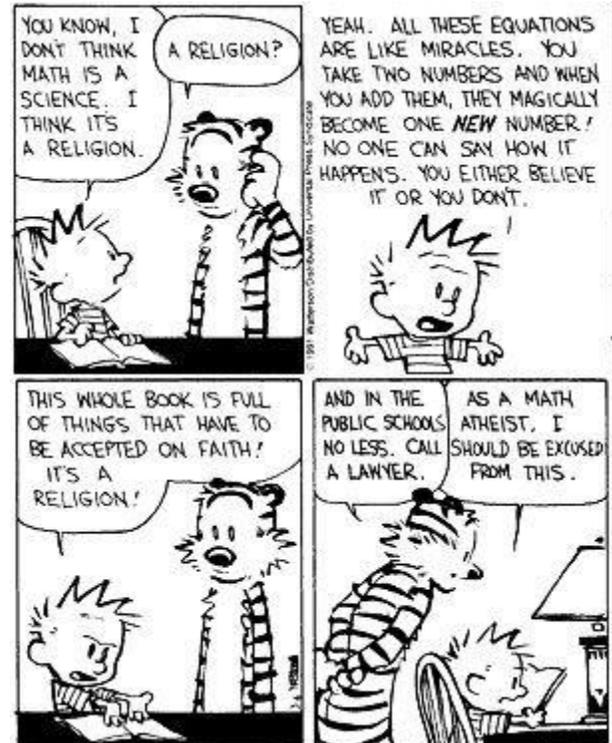


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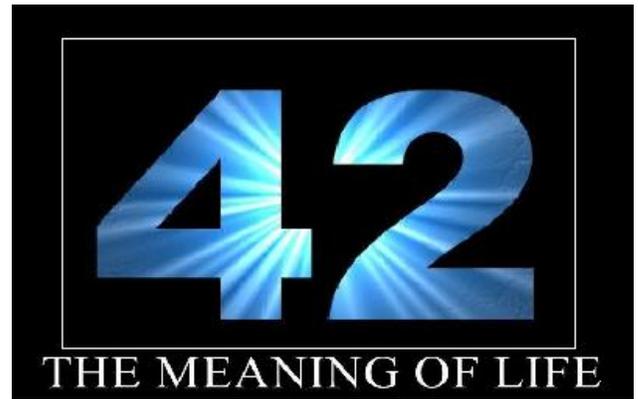
A man once told Buddha,  
 "I want happiness."  
 Buddha replied,  
 "First, remove 'I'; that's  
 ego.  
 Then remove 'want';  
 that's desire.  
 And now all you're left  
 with is  
 H a p p i n e s s ."  
*And now remove that.*



How many squares do you see? - Ellis



-From Lynn



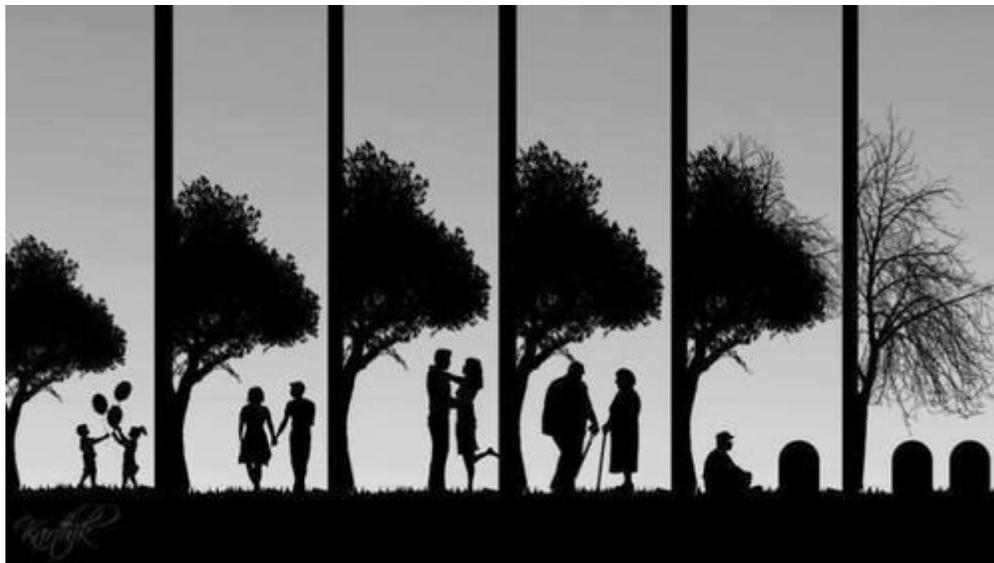
Mike's Birthday. Yes I still don't know the question.



From Sebastien

Druidry 101

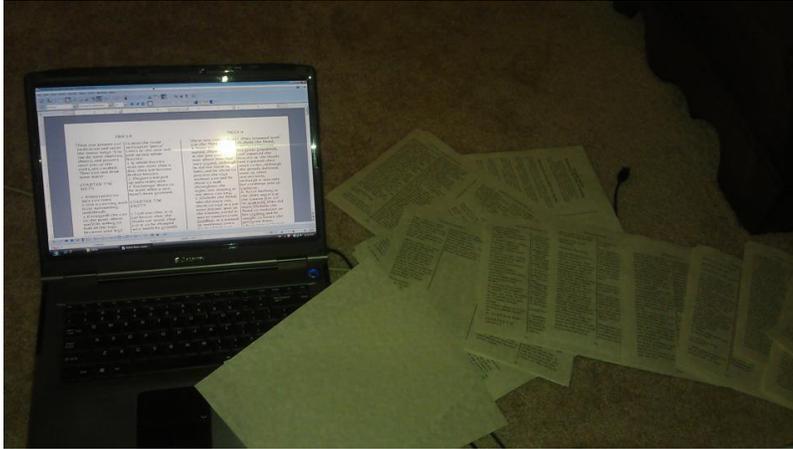
Learn the Basics: RDNA



# RITUALS

## Collating Prayer

-John Martens



Well, I was at it again, printing off a 50th Anniversary Edition of my Condensed & Adapted ARDA to create another leatherbound tome for someone, and I ran out of paper - 6 sheets short of a 198 page book! It's not just any paper, it's Southworth Ivory Specialty Parchment Paper - the brand that Abe Lincoln preferred. But this new 50th Anniversary edition has most of the (found) typos corrected, and I italicized the spoken

liturgical verses.

O, Dalon Ap Landu, descend into my subconscious and remind me to buy new paper on my way home from work tomorrow! By the cost of the sevenfold dollars, with the three ways to pay - and from one wallet, give us to know thy power and the promise that my mind is to return!



## Druidcraft Ritual

by Daniel Williams

Video at <http://youtu.be/TiwpyyzavF4>

This Ritual was inspired by the Book "The Mist of Avalon" by Marion Zimmer Bradley, I wrote it a few months ago, I don't really know if any one would be interested in this rite, but I Thought others may Enjoy..

## Druidic Ritual of the Mist

( A Full Moon Rite in Honor of Kerridwen)

1.Statement of Purpose: I am Here to Keep the Ways of Avalon, and Honor the Moon in its fullness, During this the Height of its Power.

2.Purification of Grove: Sprinkle salt around Circle:

Blessing of the Nature's Fair Folk upon this Grove and all within it  
Sprinkle water around Grove:

Blessing of the Ancestors upon this Grove and all within it.  
Carry Incense Smoke around Circle:  
Blessings of the Shining Ones upon this Grove and all within it.

### 3.Light the Hearth Fire:

I Kindle the Flames of Hearth and Home, I Kindle the Blessing of the Moons Sliver rays, To Join me in Love and Light.. Awen, Awen, Awen.

### 4.Parting the Mist:

I call to Morgaine, Beloved Lady of Avalon, Mistress of Magick and the Sea,  
Join your Magick with Mine and Part the Mist between the Worlds, that I Many walk for a time in realms of Avalon.

Pour offering in libation dish

### 5.Calling the Quarters:

I call upon the Blessings of the Mighty Stag of Earth, to Strength my Magick and Bring Peace to the North  
I Call upon the Blessings of the Noble Wolf of Air, to Inspire my Magick and Bring Peace to the East.  
I Call Upon the Blessings of the Cunning Raven of Fire, to Charge My Magick with Life, and Bring Peace to the East.  
I Call Upon the Blessing of the Wise Serpent of Water, to Bring Healing to the my Spirit, and Bring Peace to the West.

### 6.Hailing Kerddwen:

By the Silver Moon Above above, The tides the Sea, and the Earth our Home and Mother, Hail to the Great Mother of Avalon, Hail the Goddess of the Apple Grove, Hail to Kerrdiwen the Cauldron of Inspiration and Rebirth, I give you Welcome, Acpt my Sacrifice.

Place offering of Apple cider or Red Wine Libation Bowl

### 7.The Work: Any Spell work can be done at this Point.

8.Omen: Divine to see the outcome of your magick

### 9.Blessing Cup:

Behold the Holy Grail, The Cauldron of Kerridwen, wherein all men are nourished and from which all men have all good thing in this world, Drink in the Waters of Life, the Holy Presence of Awen.

#### 10.Thanks offering

Pour any remaining wine on the ground:

To thee Oh Earth Mother, I Return a Potion of they Bounty, Accept my Sacrifice.

#### 11.Farewell to Kerrdiwen:

I Offer my Thanks to the Great One of the Heavens, to Kerridwen, Mother of the Apple Grove, May my Connection with you and all of Avalon Grow Stronger day by day.

13.Release the Quarters: a small pinch of Salt, tabacco, or other sacred herb is cast to the for direction as an offering of thanks.

Wise Serpent of Water, I give thee Thanks for your Presence here, Accept my Sacrifice and Depart in Peace.

Cunning Raven of Fire, I give thee Thanks for your Presence here, Accept my Sacrifice and Depart in Peace

Noble Wolf of Air, I give thee Thanks for your Presence here, Accept my Sacrifice and Depart in Peace.

Mighty Stag of Earth, I give thee Thanks for your Presence here, Accept my Sacrifice and Depart in Peace.

#### 14.Closing the Gate:

Beloved Morgaine, Once again Join your magick with mine, that the Veil between the worlds be closed once more, In service to Avalon be it Done.

#### 15.Parting Blessings

This Rite is Now ended with the Blessing of Avalon, Until we Merry meet again.





idea is that our individuality exists only on this side of the grave. Once we pass over, we are absorbed back into the collective (like "The Great Link"). That's where the god stuff happens: creation, "the Big Bang" evolution -- that's where we perform miracles. Odd thing is that string theorists and other physicists are starting to see all this. "Fascinating." -- Spock. Anyway, Pantheism is where Monotheism and Polytheism sort of collided with each other in the " Large Hadron Collider" of philosophy. lol!

**Shimon** I think your last sentence Daniel encapsulates the path of Druidry nicely. As Reformed Druids we are a lot more expansive than many more self defined 'traditional' groups (whose work of course we respect and honour). Like your example of the Founders, I always thought of the Divine as closer to the Taelon of EFC. In the end, as the prajnaparamita text hints at, there is no form, there is no non-form. The Pantheist Paradigm is clearly evolving and in need of more exploration to keep up with the developments of science. I think the problem we have sometimes is that the idea of God-Goddess-Gods-Goddesses has become outdated and in need of updating. We might honour the Divine in nature, but for us nature has expanded into the multiverse. This makes for interesting revelations and meditations methinks. In the end we have to Grok!

**Teresa** I collected Rocks growing up from everywhere I went. I found such beauty in them and still do. I really want to study pantheism and naturalism although I do have some familiarity with them. Yep, I loveeee nature, the earth, and especially ANIMALS.

**Mike TheFool** If nothing else, its a fine statement of Danielianism!

**Daniel** Lol



## Debate 2: Imbolc Activities

As Imbolc approaches, I'm brainstorming craft ideas for the holiday. We could all make druid robes, or the summer tabards like the ones depicted on the last page of ARDA-04 (screenshot included in this post), or I could carve more sigil amulet/pendants too. What crafts do you do, if any, around Imbolc? -**John Martens**

**Stacey** You could make cheese! Lehman's has some cheese making kits or you could online. One year we

made It's It of the Ewe for desert.

**Mike TheFool** candles! poems, brigid crosses, swords, lambing, 1st butter, and checking for groundhog shadows and weather omens.

**John** I've been meaning to watch to see when some of the oak trees drop their leaves, because some Oaks hold them through most of winter

**Julie** for me, Imbolc is the start of the "vigil" of watching for the signs that the maples are getting ready to share the sap to make yummy maple syrup. While making syrup 2 years ago I had a cataclysmic shift in my spirit that awoke the druid in me, I guess I was listening not only with my ears to what was going on around me that and the power of fire to make the water evaporate what great meditation

**Russell** Make things for the Poor amongst the members.

**Mike TheFool** signs of spring are good to watch

**Mike TheFool** I like to get season tickets....

**Ross** John and I were talking at the Coffee Cauldron last night and I thought that it might be a good idea if we did something like this during the two reunion weekends. If people are up for it a time during the weekend could be set aside for it

**Stacey** That would be great! Were you able to get a hold of Julie Ann Ross? I'm trying to track down Joan Carruth.

**Ross** No. I left a message on the phone number I have for her and havent heard back. I will call again tommorrow after i get my phone fixed

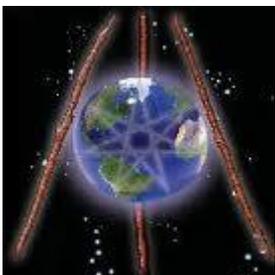
**Thomas** besoms are something to make. twine and dried grass are fairly inexpensive.

**George** Could try new poems and curses

**John** Hmm, curses... hehe it might be fun to almost get struck by lightning in February (reminiscent of Book of Latter Chronicles 2:1-9)

**George** Well I enjoyed it as a young child. But sometimes it is best not to be awened.

**Scott** I like making corn dollys of Brigid for Brigid's Day, making a small "bed" for this doll and leaving a small light next to it overnight. It's also fun to make "klooties" or strips of fabric from old clothing and hang them outside overnight on Brigid's Day, as they can be "blessed by Brigid" in the overnight when she is honored in the Earth realm.



### **Debate 3: OMS & RDG History Project**

I'm writing a history of the OMS and RDG's relationship with RDNA. I've been reading Mike's account of what he calls, "the OMS affair," which is basically just the transcript of the goings on during the summer of 2004(?) when OMS "joined" RDNA. I have some questions though, as the transcript seems to leave out some information. I don't want to take this up here on your list, and I really only want to talk to people who were directly involved. My main concern is that it's not totally clear to me why people objected to OMS' joining RDNA, so if someone(s) could enlighten me that would be a big help. Also, I don't necessarily want to ask Ellis as he seems, uhm, a bit prejudiced on this matter, and also some of what he has told me doesn't seem to line up with the transcript. Write me off list please.

**-Dalon ap Landu**

**Mike TheFool** My apologies, but who is channeling on behalf of DAL again? I get lost with all the druidical names. Hard enough to keep track of the regular named folks.

**Mike TheFool** Might help to review early Druid Egg issues. I'm kind of curious about the pre-Reform history of the folks who formed OMS & RDG. What happened CAW?

**Mike TheFool** I'm going through some RDG/OMS conferences and taking notes on milestones and other historical data. Be glad to compare crib-sheets.

**Mike TheFool** halfway through the RDG conferences. Lots of historical moments in there. Will check the druid's eggs too.

**Mike TheFool** would be nice to record/ tape a few oral history with rdg movers and shakers before memories dim

**Thomas** RDNA and CAW were both instrumental in setting up the spiritual and philosophical environment in which I came of age. The crossover was less an aberration of history than a natural outgrowth of it, it seems, upon reflection.

**Thomas** might not some old issues of Green Egg not also reference it in passing?

**Mike TheFool** im not sure they were ever very big in caw

**Thomas** didn't they migrate from there

**Mike TheFool** i believe so, i can check.

**Mike TheFool** Didn't see anything in the CAW history timeline.

**Thomas** I know that OMS migrated... from somewhere... more or less fully formed. It was part of the big discussion of the OMS affair.

**Thomas** It would be interesting to have a retrospective of the affair from today looking back on what was important then that isn't important now, what wasn't that is, and how our two bodies have influenced one another in the interim.

**Sean** I just noticed CAW in this discussion. Oberon never mentioned any crossover between groups to me in my many, lengthy discussions with him.

**Mike TheFool** not even HDNA in st louis?

**Mike TheFool** 1975, i thought that grove had caw affiliation with some members

**Sean** It's possible.

**Mike TheFool** memories fade

**Mike TheFool** anyway i have a rdg timeline, but i need to go through druid egg magazines and fill it out more. i think ellis gave that list to you?

**Thomas** h'm. was it in the RDNAtalk group on yahoo that a lot of the more active discussion occurred? some of the actual posts are most likely \*archived\* there.

**Mike TheFool** sigh, wish yahoo offered a "download filecopy" of a conference into a single document!

**Mike TheFool** OMS had a 1996-2001 period mostly independent of RDNA influence i believe

**Sean** Mike, that sounds about the right time when the big fallout happened.

**Thomas** Yeah, right at the end of that period.

**Thomas** I'm trying to recall. Wsn't it about that time that CAW was also having some issues? And a lot of what we consider run of the mill online stuff was fermenting at that time. We were all in transition, a lot of us still making that comeback from the '80's. Let

**Thomas** let's face it, we evolve slowly as a group, overall. But I seem to recall that during the mid-period, about 1998-99, even the SCA was having some severe issues. In retrospect, the 'alternative' community had a lot going on in that period, and we still haven't had much written looking at it indepth. But it was a period of great change.

**Sean** That was the time when CAW and Oberon split because of control issues. Oberon ended up leaving. It has only been the past few years that Oberon regained control. That affair was nasty.

**Thomas** yup.

**Teresa** A group of us believed very strongly that if the OMS joined they would take it over because they had a much stronger organization than the RDNA, which prides itself on its chaotic nature. That's basically what went on. How do I contact you? I don't want to give out my email to Lord Allen Sundry, but if you get me on a chat, I'll give it to you.

**Thomas** The good natured chaos has, in the long run, reigned supreme.

**Dalon** Write to me at [dalton@reformed-druids.org](mailto:dalton@reformed-druids.org)

**Dalon** I'm in Humboldt now, and I just had dinner with Ceridwen and El. I didn't mention that I am pursuing this project. Somehow, they already knew. They also spoke on the phone with Bro. Mike this evening. Is there a connection I wonder? LOL!

**Stacey** Right. I'm sure there is.

**Dalon** RE: CAW and Oberon: Oberon himself maintains he was kicked out of CAW, and was only able to regain control after their BOD disbanded CAW. Interestingly, shortly after that the President of their BOD died. Over the last few years Oberon has been attempting to resurrect CAW. On paper - or rather -on the interwebs - it seems like he has succeeded. But a friend of mine who is a member of the CAW Nest in Santa Cruz tells me they have no intention of reuniting with CAW Central, that they rather prefer being independent of a greater group yet sharing that groups history and traditions. In other words, CAW is a lot like RDNA or so I grok.

**Mike TheFool** i feel talking with folks and keeping regular communication besides facebook prevents misunderstanding. im trying to personally call each member of NODAL at least once tjis year to learn what they are like. i did the same in 1993-1995 with ODAL, and ARDA was the rresult of that social intercourse. i will try to practice verse control this time. : )

**Thomas** lol. I just realized that if RDNA has CODAL and RDG has NODAL, the corresponding MOCC group would be MODAL.

**George** LOL

**Mike TheFool** i spent an hour coming up with sill names yesterday; medal, modal, vidal, poodal, nudal, noodal, piddal, waddal, muddal, saddal, coddal, but they dont work well

**Thomas** wouldn't VIDAL basically be our fashion police?

**Stacey** Several of us also had the issue of OMS coming to the RDNA and saying we are joining you as a group and we are now part of you, kthxbai.

**George** What was the final outcome?

**Thomas** because its still an evolving situation ... as all of Nature is evolving, that is a good thing... there isn't yet a final outcome.

**Thomas** is there actually a demographic difference between OMS and RDG? I've always been slightly confused about that.

**Thomas** especially in the early days that we're discussing

**George** Who is More FUN ???

**Mike TheFool** I think I heard that 1/4 of RDG members are also in OMS, bit small for \*DNA being members of OMS. OMS, being a teaching order, tends to attract rather active folks so you'll see them more often in conferences. I think people in RDG, especially recent new members, are still trying to determine if they can define an identity separate from OMS, if they wish. OMS isn't for everyone, and RDG has a wider potential audience. Check back in another 5 years, and we'll see where it stands.

**Thomas** that might be rushing it.

**George** Old Guard going the way of the Wind.

**Thomas** not really. there's been considerable voice from what might be called the Franquistian school of thought in the last couple of years. it contrasts with both the Bonewits vein of thought and what the OMS had brought to the table.

**George** Dear Isaac !!! he should be about 1.5 to 2 years old now, look for him in a twin birth.

**Sean** Isaac! I knew him personally. This just makes me grieve once again.

**George** So did we Sean and his first wife. We were all so young in the 70s

**George** Yet so Old and so Bold to try and bring back the Ancient Gold. TDK

**Stacey** You knew Isaac in the 70s? WAsn't his first wife Danny Dusty? Are you from CA and were in the Berkeley Grove?

**George** "Death only Hurts the Living" TDK

**George** No he came to South Florida to our Center (A Science of Self) and Janice and he corresponded by mail before and after their visit to us. Was around the time CWI was accepted as Druid Church and School by the IRS. We have never been part of any other Druid Order but our own (In this Life). Stacey

**George** Any way I received a message sometime ago that Isaac had rebirthed as one of twins. Would be cool to find him and see if he could ID some of his favorite old things. Could be a Neo-Druid First for tracing reincarnation.

**George** Like all whispers from SummerLand one must just ponder and wait to see what the Fates dice really roll. TDK

**George** Funny my time in California was a little different like two weeks in a Marine version of a concentration camp without almost no food. Yet I still miss the 60s too.

**Dalon** George : That is exactly how new Dalai Lamas are identified. If you haven't yet, watch Kundun. Very interesting historical movie about the 14th Dalai Lama.

**George** Yes Dalon I know and was hoping someone would add that thought. Have not seen the movie but have watch films of testings. Perhaps someone should write a Druid guideline for people on picking and saving / willing to others objects for your return testing, Also hope to use and test with them. (Be sure and video record test also) One also needs similar objects that did not belong to the crossed over one to use in test. All objects should be handled and presented to child by someone that does not know which is which to reduce current psychic charge on them by those hoping for results as most young are far more psychic then most except. TDK

**Mike TheFool** do you have a copy of the rdg mother grove's decisions on various matters, not just nodal votes? that would also be helpful.

**Mike TheFool** I went through the 11 years of Druid eggs magazines and extracted all the policy announcements and grove organizations statements. Will use them to update the timeline.

**Mike TheFool** I still need the Mother Grove official decision rolls and election records to complete the timeline.

**Mike TheFool** Finished copying the Druid's Egg and the Nestling Druid newsletters from 2003 to 2012. Whew! Now the year-long project of building an ARDA size volume of magazines.

**Thomas** Doffing my hat temporarily to remember the MOCC newsletter and the short lived MOCC Free Voice. Since the growth of the social network media, websites have kind of taken over the function that the newsletter used to occupy.

**Mike TheFool** Facebook might keep our stuff forever, but not allow us to access it after a few months. It is a poor repository, even if it is a grand platform. Thus the newsletters I produce to catch what I can before it disappears off the newsfeeds.

**George** You do a GRAND Job Mike !!!

**Mike TheFool** Custodian and janitor of the Reform, witches have brooms, druids have mops.



## Debate 4: What's in a Name? - Children

By Mike the FOol

Given the trend of many religions to have distinctive forenames bestowed upon children (e.g. Mohammad, Mary) has any one noticed such a trend amongst Druids and Pagans? Or is the 21st Century considered, "too soon", for a child to bear an obvious marker of pagan or nature-centered religious views?

I suspect that girls might be named more easily after flowers, or children given names with an Irish/Welsh flavor, but we won't see many Cathbads, Taranis, Mistletoe or Cuchulains running about.

Perhaps just as nicknames or magickal names as they grown older, and keep "normal names" for them to let them "blend in" with the general populace? I suspect also that many families have their own traditions that require them to name children after uncles and grandparents who have Judeo-Christian origins.

Then there's the problem, of what does the pagan kid do if he is called "Odin" and converts to Islam at age 17, should one tie-down a child with a religion-specific name until they have had a chance to choose a religion of their own.

<http://paganwiccan.about.com/od/paganbabies/a/BabyNamesPgn.htm>

**Searles** I was given a nickname as a baby that turned out to be the name of one of the Sidhe. People change their names all the time for personal reasons like a change in religions (especially Muslims).

**Julie** my kids got names that are very normal BUT their nicknames are true to their nature (and they had them from birth, given by their grandfather) Ti- LOUP (little wolf) and CRAPEAU (toad, he dosean't look like one but is voracious like a toad)

**Julie** by normal I mean christian

**Julia** Mbe My third name's Ailsa which means faerie. That's about as pagan as my name gets, but if I had kids (which I don't, and Christians think that's a sacrilege!) I would certainly not call them names which are Christian...

**Julie** My middle name is Maryanne can it be any more christian?? LOL

**B-j** Among the druids and pagans (and UUs) I know, there are many - I might even say most - who have named their kids decidedly pagan names... Madoc/Maddox, Rhiannon, Alaric, Raven, Brighid/Brigit, etc. I won't ever have a child to name, but when I was young, I was dead set on naming my first boy Apollo. I spent my entire school life, and much of my adult life having to correct the spelling of my name for folks because they always assumed it wrong. Giving a child a challenging name may make them struggle a little more in life, but it may also build character and strength. And, when they become adults they can always change it if it's that distressful to them. Naming a child a sensible (i.e. non-hippie) name that has more connections to the pagan bent of its parents can't be any worse than being named the same name as everyone else around you. It might have been a pain in the butt, but at least there was only ever one of my name growing up!

**Sarah** Hi, in Wales its quite common to name your child a so-called hippie name like Enfys (Rainbow) or Rhiannon.

**B-j** Sarah, you bring up a good point. The list of names Mike linked to are mostly just culturally specific and not really pagan - well, except when it comes to naming your kid after a deity. Now that I think about it, I don't know too many kids named Really pagan names like say Welburn/Wellborn (would make an awesome Druid name, I think, and just came to me), Chalice/Shalise, or anything else that connects directly to our religion rather than appropriates the names of the history of another culture.

**Charlton** My Pagan name is Wrestles with Porcupines

**Angellina** hahahaha

**Michelle** Amber seemed to be a popular choice awhile ago....

**Elisabeth** There is a little Culchulain down the block from me. His parents aren't even all that outwardly Pagan. His sister's name is Dorothy.

**Charlton** Dweezil and Moon Unit

**Debbie** I love natural names, they scream pagan at me. Names like Hazel, Holly, Lilac, or there's Brigit, Morgan (for the Morrigan), Freya etc. all beautiful and not too "out there"

**Jill** gillian means pagan, given to me by my irish catholic father and catholic converted fanatical mother



## Debate 5: Carleton Visits

By John Michael Martens

I went to Carleton College after work today and met with the current Druid-in-Charge, which was an awesome time. We're gonna try to ramp things up and generate interest, setting our sights on Imbolc (which is great because it will fall on a weekend) and then of course further down the ley-lines ("road") to have generated increased interest in time for the 50th Anniversary Beltane shindig!

Did you know that "shindig" is not a word of Scottish origin? Rather it is an Americanism to describe a small but rowdy party where one can easily scrape or "dig" into their shins. But I digress.

**Carole** ITs a American show from the 1960s that was played at New Years Eve

**Dudley** Definitely interested in a weekend away to visit/shop/meet

**Carole** ODO (Oxford Dictionary Online)  
noun  
informal

a large, lively party, especially one celebrating something: the glitziest of election night shindigs our album launch shindig  
a noisy disturbance or quarrel.

Origin:

mid 19th century: probably from the nouns shin and dig, influenced later by shindy

So, sorry but it might well be from the UK after all.

**Mike TheFool** ask them about mat reunion

**John** Right now the target date for Beltane 50th Anniversary Reunion is May 3-5

**Daniel** Interesting! How is Austen these days? Or is it now someone new?

**John** Austen is still there somewhere, but has a really full schedule, so right now Matt J is in charge. They both were on different study abroad programs last semester, so Matt indicated they really need to give the druid community a jumpstart. The Twin Cities Coffee Cauldron is tonight, so hopefully there will be some druids there to brainstorm with. We agreed the more people who visit the RDNA liturgical services, the more other students at Carleton will have their interest piqued. Maybe. Hopefully. So I'm ramping up interest for imbolc to start. Guests from off campus are welcome. I also rounded up a few gifts for the Mother Grove there for the revitalization.

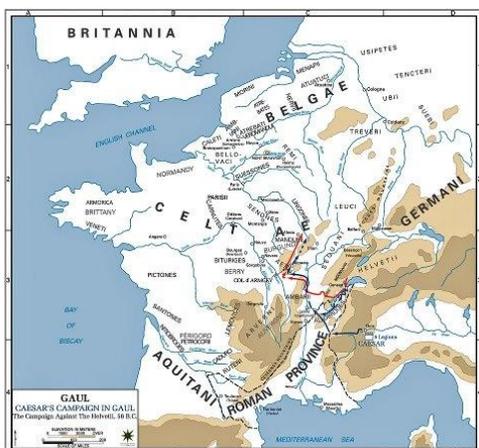
**Was'té** The Scottish word for a gathering of three or more for the purpose of merriment is generally called a Ceilidh.

**Mike TheFool** When it's bitterly cold, a few crafting activities, discussion with tea, and guided meditations always seem to be well received. I know that Carleton is always the most orthodox in the use of old time formats of liturgies, and like to experiment eclectically.

**Dudley** discussion with tea sounds nice i may have coffee though



# NEWS, EVENTS, RESOURCES



## Roman Orbis Tool

From Pat Mizell on the Druid Facebook

Now the really cool thing for people who are interested in Rome or the Celts is a site that Stanford University has call Orbis. If you go to [Orbis.Stanford.edu](http://Orbis.Stanford.edu) you can see how it operates. Orbis is an interactive mapping tool used to calculate travel by road, ocean, river between all points of the Roman Empire.

Not only that, but you get to see towns and cities that you won't see many other places. The map below is the Roman campaign against the

Helveti Celts of Switzerland when they tried to migrate to central Gaul. This is what started the war between Caesar and Vercingetorix.

You can use Orbis to actually see how and how long it would take Caesar to move his armies by road and then resupply them by road or river. Great tool.



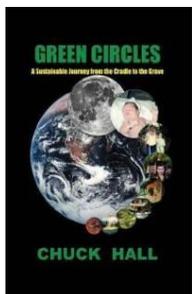
Recommended books by The Druid Dawn's staff of the Aontacht Magazine:

[http://www.druidicdawn.org/book\\_reviews/authors\\_recommendations](http://www.druidicdawn.org/book_reviews/authors_recommendations)



For those interested in ancient Druidry you may find this article a good read

<http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/ancient/anglesey/default.aspx>



Five years ago, the first edition of 'Green Circles: A Sustainable Journey from the Cradle to the Grave' came out. In a few days, the 2nd Edition will be released. The new edition contains the latest in information about sustainability, green energy and transportation, and green living in general. As I was updating the book for the 2nd Edition, I got excited all over again about all the new things on the horizon for those of us who care about the environment and a nature-centered spirituality! I'm looking forward to what the future holds!

=Charlton Hall



Octopus Dance is a lovely Blog by Joanna, a young Druidess.

Please check out her postings.

Here's one to start with:

“Being a Druid – The Fantasy and Reality”

<http://octopusdance.wordpress.com/2013/01/16/being-a-druid-the-fantasy-and-reality/>



## “TAKE TWO HOURS OF PINE FOREST AND CALL ME IN THE MORNING”

<http://www.outsideonline.com/fitness/wellness/Take-Two-Hours-of-Pine-Forest-and-Call-Me-in-the-Morning.html?page=2>

These days, screen-addicted Americans are more stressed out and distracted than ever. And nope, there's no app for that. But there is a radically simple remedy: get outside. Florence Williams travels to the deep woods of Japan, where researchers are backing up the

surprising theory that nature can lower your blood pressure, fight off depression, beat back stress—and even prevent cancer.

By: FLORENCE WILLIAMS

*Photo:* Michael Turek/Getty Images

I was supposed to be listening to the cicadas and the sound of a flowing creek when a Mitsubishi van rumbled across a small steel bridge just downstream. It was probably depositing campers at a nearby tent village, where kids were running around with their fishing poles and pink bed pillows. This was nature, Japan style. I was in Chichibu-Tama-Kai National Park, a 75-minute train ride northwest of Tokyo, with half a dozen other hikers out for a dose of *shinrin-yoku*, or forest bathing. The Japanese go crazy for this practice, which is standard preventive medicine here. It essentially involves hanging out in the woods. It's not about wilderness; it's about the nature-civilization hybrid the Japanese have cultivated for thousands of years. You stroll a little, maybe write a haiku, crack open a spicebush twig and inhale its woody, sassy scent.

“People come out from the city and literally shower in the greenery,” our guide Kunio explained. “This way they are able to become relaxed.” To help us along, Kunio—a volunteer ranger—had us standing still on a hillside, facing the creek, with our arms at our sides. I glanced around. We looked like earthlings transfixed by the light of the beamship. Or extras in a magical-kingdom movie. Kunio could have been one of the seven dwarves. Elfin, with noticeably large ears, he told us to breathe in for a count of seven, hold for five, release. “Concentrate on your belly,” he said.

We needed this. Most of us were urban desk jockeys, including Tokyo businessman Ito Tatsuya, 41, standing next to me. Like many Japanese day hikers, he was carrying an inordinate amount of gear, much of it dangling

from his belt: a cell phone, a camera, a water bottle, and a set of keys. The Japanese would make great Boy Scouts, which is probably why they make such fervent office workers, logging longer hours than almost anyone else in the developed world. They've even coined a term, *karoshi*, meaning death by overwork. Since he began lollygagging in the woods and picnicking on octopus, Ito's shoulders seemed to be unclenching by the minute.

"When I'm out here, I don't think about things," he said.

"What's the Japanese word for stress?" I asked.

"Stress," he said.

WITH THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION of broad-leafed evergreens in Japan, mountainous Chichibu-Tama-Kai is an ideal place to put into practice the newest principles of wellness science. In a grove of rod-straight Japanese red pine, Kunio pulled a thermos from his massive daypack and served us some mountain-grown, bark-flavored wasabi-root tea. The idea with *shinrin-yoku*, a term coined by the government in 1982 but inspired by ancient Shinto and Buddhist practices, is to let nature enter your body through all five senses, and this was the taste part. I stretched out across the top of a cool, mossy boulder. A duck quacked. I was feeling pretty mellow, and tests would soon validate this: between the beginning and the end of the two-hour hike, my blood pressure had dropped a couple of points. Ito's had dropped even more.

We knew this because we were on one of Japan's 48 official Forest Therapy trails, designated for *shinrin-yoku* by Japan's **Forestry Agency**. In an effort to benefit the Japanese and find nonextractive ways to use forests, which cover 67 percent of the country's landmass, the government has funded about \$4 million in forest-bathing research since 2004. It intends to designate a total of 100 Forest Therapy sites within 10 years. Visitors here are routinely hauled off to a cabin where rangers measure their blood pressure, part of an effort to provide ever more data to support the project.



## Redheads throughout History

Throughout history, redheads have been feared and revered, loathed and adored, degraded and exalted. No other single human trait has provoked such a dichotomy of emotions in such a large number of fellow humans. It is as boiling is to freezing or despair is to hope. It is as hate is to love.

There are degrees of reddishness when referring to hair, including ginger, auburn (reddish brown), and strawberry blonde. Red hair is found most commonly at the western fringes of Europe. Leading the pack, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England have the most redheads. Scotland has the highest proportion with 13% having red hair and approximately 40% possessing the recessive redhead gene. Ireland is second highest with approximately 10% having it and 40% carrying the gene.

The U.S. can boast (or not) anywhere from two to six percent of the population having red tresses. A seemingly paltry figure, but with a massive population, this gives the good ol' USA the largest number of redheads in the world with 6 to 18 million. Compare that to 650,000 in Scotland and 420,000 in Ireland. Who's paltry now? Read it and weep you redhead haters.

## **Fear and Loathing**

Historically, prejudice and suspicion has always greeted the redhead, along with the belief that they were fiery and hot-tempered. This image - wrong or not - most likely stems from the fact that the Scots, with their high percentage of red haired people, are descended from the Celts, notoriously violent warriors. It is this perception that spawned many strange and fantastical beliefs and ideas about red hair.

The myths do seem to permeate all cultures. The ancient Egyptians couldn't make up their minds, typical of the super superstitious Egyptians of the time. They covered all their bases with a god for every purpose and situation. Sort of a god grab-bag. On the one hand, they believed that red haired animals and people were associated with the god 'Set', and many of their pharaohs had red hair. That included Ramses who was the most powerful baddest dude of all the pharaohs. Conversely, they also regarded the color red as unlucky and many red haired maidens were burnt to death to wipe out the tint. Talk about a makeover. Stories still persist that redheads were buried alive.

## **It's All Greek To Me**

The Greeks, not to be outdone (the Greeks were never to be outdone as they were sore losers and it really got their sacrificial goat), believed that redheads would turn into vampires following their death. Aristotle - philosopher, student of Plato, teacher of Alexander the Great, and all-around smart guy and occasional ass - described redheads as being emotionally un-housebroken. I don't know what that means but whadda ya say you and I step outside, Tots?

Roman historian Deo Cassius described British Warrior Queen Boudicca (or Boudicca the bodacious) as " tall and terrifying in appearance [with] a great mass of red hair." Incidentally the ancient Romans also paid a premium for red haired slaves.



During the Spanish Inquisition (one of the fairest and justified of all inquisitions) flame colored hair was evidence that it's owner had stolen the fire of hell and had to be burned as a witch. Apparently, stealing the fire of hell is a crime and crime doesn't pay. In Corsica, if you pass a redhead in the street you are supposed to spit and turn around. It is unclear if that is supposed to bring good luck or because redheads leave a bad taste in your mouth. During the Middle Ages, red was seen as the color of the Devil, and it was thought that a child born with red hair was conceived during "that time of the month". Is that a little too much menstruation information?

## **Don't Adjust the Color on Your Set**

Russian tradition declares that red hair is both a sign of a fiery temper and craziness, and a proverb warns, "There was never a saint with red hair. Indeed, red hair figures in the bible, The word Adam is supposedly the Hebrew word for 'red' or 'ruddy', and Judas - poster boy for traitorous - is often portrayed with red hair as is Mary Magdalene. King David is thought to have been a redhead, and some even believe the 'mark of Cain' to actually be red hair.

The association of red hair and untrustworthiness and ugliness somehow prevails in the modern age. The Nazi's discussed whether red haired people should be allowed to wed, fearing their degenerate offspring. Red hair is often portrayed in less than flattering ways in films and on TV. An Irish judge in 2001 fined a man for disorderly conduct stating "I am a firm believer that hair coloring has an effect on temper and your coloring suggests you have a temper." Thomas Wolfe was right: you can't go home again. At least not if you're from Ireland and have red hair.

In modern-day United Kingdom, the terms "ginger" or "ginga" are used to derogatorily describe red-headed people, despite having one of the highest populations of redheads, or perhaps because of it. This has given rise to terms such as "gingerphobia (fear of redheads) or "gingerism" (prejudiced against). Redheads are sometimes disparaged with the monikers "carrot tops" and "carrot heads". Red haired children have been branded as offspring of "unclean" sex (uh oh, we're back to the menstrual thing) which has gotten them taunts like "red-knob" or "tampon tops". This intolerant attitude has led to a rise in harassment that has caused families to relocate, and has even led to murder. A 23 year old redhead was stabbed in the back. Why? "For being ginger", replied the miscreant that committed the foul deed.



There are some documented medical differences. We'll skip the fair skin sensitivity to the sun melanoma stuff, but did you know that human adults have about 120,000 hairs on their heads? Really. I counted my head. The bad news is redheads have fewer, blondes have more, and brunettes have the most. Researchers at the University of Louisville discovered that, on average, people born with red hair require about 20 percent more anesthesia to obtain satisfactory sedation. University indeed. Anyone who's ever tried to seduce a redhead knows that.

It's not all bad though. British legend states that King Arthur had red hair, and that a red haired leader would come to lead the country in times of trouble. Enter Elizabeth I and Churchill, who were thought to be answers to this legend. The Merovians of ancient Gaul were red headed and this was believed to give them magical powers.

### **Red On the Head, Fire In the Bed**

Red hair was thought to be a mark of a beastly sexual desire and moral degeneration. See? I told you it's not all bad. It is a common belief that redheads are highly sexed. Jonathon Swift satirized this redhead stereotype in Gulliver's Travels, part 4, A Voyage to the Country of the Houyhnhnms, when he wrote: "It is observed that the red-haired of both sexes are more libidinous and mischievous than the rest, whom yet they much exceed in strength and activity." As Austin Powers might observe, Oh, yeah, baby!

So do not despair you red heads so fair. Brunettes may be smarter, blondes may have more fun, but none are wrapped so tightly in mystery and intrigue. Like a gift to be opened on a special day. That is what fascinates us about you, and that's no myth.

## **Redhead Quotes and the Gallery of Red Hair**

"Once in his life, every man is entitled to fall madly in love with a gorgeous redhead." - Lucille Ball

"If you want trouble... find yourself a redhead." - Unknown

"You'd find it easier to be bad than good if you had red hair," said Anne reproachfully. "People who haven't red hair don't know what trouble is."- Anne to Marilla in Anne of Green Gables

"Blondes are noticed but redheads are never forgotten." - Unknown

"Please just call me red-headed and forgive me." - Anne to Gilbert in Anne's House of Dreams

"Nobody who has known a redhead can say that redheads are tame. Even shy redheads have a burning spark of adventure inside them. Opinionated, hotheaded, logical, loyal, friendly, reserved, whatever the redheads' personality, you can bet they'll have SCADS of it!" - Review of The Redhead Encyclopedia

"I do believe my redheadedness plays a huge part in who I am. If I were a blonde or brunette, I would be an entirely different person." - Unknown

"We redheads are a minority, we tend to notice each other - you know, and notice our identity." - Juliann Moore, actress

"All throughout history, from Reuben to Robbins, redheads have been recognized as a rare breed. Blondes may have more fun, brunettes may be brainier, but when it comes down to raw energy, creativity, and personality ... you just can't beat a redhead well, you can, but beware ... she'll probably beat you back!" - Redheads Unlimited

"While the rest of the species is descended from apes, redheads are descended from cats." - Mark Twain

"It's not the hair that turns men on, it's the spirit that redheads exude." - Unknown



"When a fellow has a home and a dear, little, red-haired wife in it what more need he ask of life?" - Gilbert in Anne's House of Dreams

"Gentlemen may prefer blondes, but it takes a real man to handle a redhead." - Unknown

Out of the ash  
I rise with my red hair  
And eat men like air.  
-Sylvia Plath

"I used to hate my red hair, but now I love the attention I get with it. I think that very smart, daring men love red hair, and I love that in a man." - Unknown

"The attraction to redheads is a lot like being addicted to drugs." - Unknown

"I am always asked where I got my bright auburn-red hair from, seeing as both my parents have a very dark almost black hair. My father, being 60 when I was born, always answered, "rust in the pipes." - Unknown

Blondes are wild, brunettes are true,  
but you never know just what a redhead will do! – Unknown

'According to the wire, you are resting well and are being taken care of by a nurse. I hope she is beautiful and that she has red hair. I don't know why, but whenever I dream of a nurse she always has red hair. Red hair makes a man want to recover his health quickly, so that he can get on his feet and get the nurse off hers.' - Groucho Marx, in a letter to his son

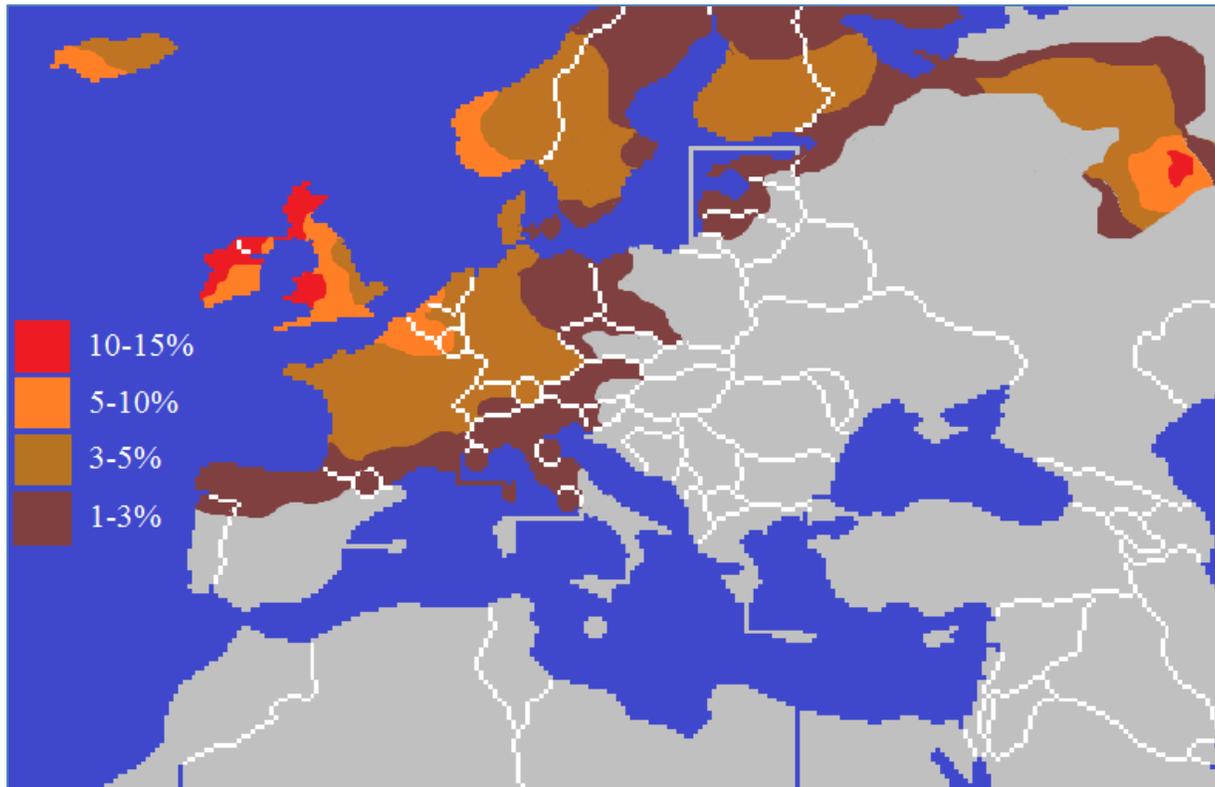
"It was dreadful. They tried to put the little redhead in a cage" - . Sarah Ferguson, former Duchess of York

There once was a girl  
with a Strawberry curl

Right in the middle of her forehead  
And when she was good  
she was very, very good  
-but when she was bad she was horrid. – Unknown

"My husband said he wanted to have a relationship with a redhead...so I died my hair." - Jane Fonda

"Ruadh gu brath!" - Scots Gaelic for "Red heads forever!"



Map of Redhair Frequency in Europe

There is also a lengthy lengthy article in Wikipedia that talk about Red Hair.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red\\_hair](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_hair)

Today, red hair is most commonly found at the northern and western fringes of Europe; it is associated particularly with the people located in the United Kingdom and in Ireland (although Victorian ethnographers claimed that the Udmurt people of the Volga were "the most red-headed men in the world"). Redheads are common among Germanic and Celtic peoples.

Redheads constitute approximately 4 percent of the European population. Scotland has the highest proportion of redheads; 13 per cent of the population has red hair and approximately 40 per cent carries the recessive redhead gene. Ireland has the second highest percentage; as many as 10 per cent of the Irish population has red, auburn, or strawberry blond hair. It is thought that up to 46 percent of the Irish population carries the recessive redhead gene. A 1956 study of hair colour amongst British army recruits also found high levels of red hair in Wales and the English Border counties.

Red hair is also fairly common amongst the Ashkenazi Jewish populations, possibly because of the influx of European DNA over a period of centuries,[citation needed] or in the original founding of their communities in Europe. Both Esau and David are described in the Bible as red-haired. In European culture, prior to the 20th century, red hair was often seen as a stereotypically Jewish trait: during the Spanish Inquisition, all those with red hair were identified as Jewish. In Italy, red hair was associated with Italian Jews, and Judas was traditionally depicted as red-haired in Italian and Spanish art. Writers from Shakespeare to Dickens would identify Jewish characters by giving them red hair. The stereotype that red hair is Jewish remains in parts of Eastern Europe and Russia.

In the United States, it is estimated that 2–6% of the population has red hair. This would give the U.S. the largest population of redheads in the world, at 6 to 18 million, compared to approximately 650,000 in Scotland and 420,000 in Ireland.[citation needed]

In Asia, darker or mixed tinges of red hair can be found sporadically from Northern India, the northern Middle East (such as Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Palestine). Red hair can be found amongst those of Iranian descent, such as the Persians, Lurs, Nuristanis and Pashtuns. Emigration from these people as well as parts of the Middle East, Central Asia, North India, and North Africa added to the population of red-haired humans in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and other parts of Africa and Europe.

### **Biochemistry and genetics**

The pigment pheomelanin gives red hair its distinctive color. Red hair has far more of the pigment pheomelanin than it has of the dark pigment eumelanin.

The genetics of red hair, discovered in 1997, appear to be associated with the melanocortin-1 receptor (MC1R), which is found on chromosome 16. Red hair is associated with fair skin color because of low concentrations of eumelanin throughout the body of those with red hair. This lower melanin-concentration confers the advantage that a sufficient concentration of important Vitamin D can be produced under low light conditions. However, when UV-radiation is strong (as in regions close to the equator) the lower concentration of melanin leads to several medical disadvantages, such as a higher risk of skin cancer.

The MC1R recessive variant gene that gives people red hair and non-tanning skin is also associated with freckles, though it is not uncommon to see a redhead without freckles. Eighty percent of redheads have an MC1R gene variant,[4] and the prevalence of these alleles is highest in Scotland and Ireland. The alleles that code for red hair occur close to the alleles that affect skin color, so it seems that the phenotypic expression for lighter skin and red hair are interrelated.

Red hair can originate from several changes on the MC1R-gene. If one of these changes is present on both chromosomes then the respective individual is likely to have red hair. This type of inheritance is described as an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance. Even if both parents do not have red hair themselves, both can be carriers for the gene and have a redheaded child.

### **Evolution Origins**

Red hair is the rarest natural hair color in humans. The non-tanning skin associated with red hair may have been advantageous in far-northern climates where sunlight is scarce. Studies by Bodmer and Cavalli-Sforza (1976) hypothesized that lighter skin pigmentation prevents rickets in colder climates by encouraging higher levels of Vitamin D production and also allows the individual to retain heat better than someone with darker skin. In 2000, Harding et al. concluded that red hair was not the result of positive selection and instead proposed that it occurs because of a lack of negative selection. In Africa, for example, red hair is selected against because high levels of sun would be harmful to untanned skin. However, in Northern Europe this does not happen, so redheads come about through genetic drift.

Estimates on the original occurrence of the currently active gene for red hair vary from 20,000 to 100,000 years ago.

A DNA study has concluded that some **Neanderthals** also had red hair, although the mutation responsible for this differs from that which causes red hair in modern humans.



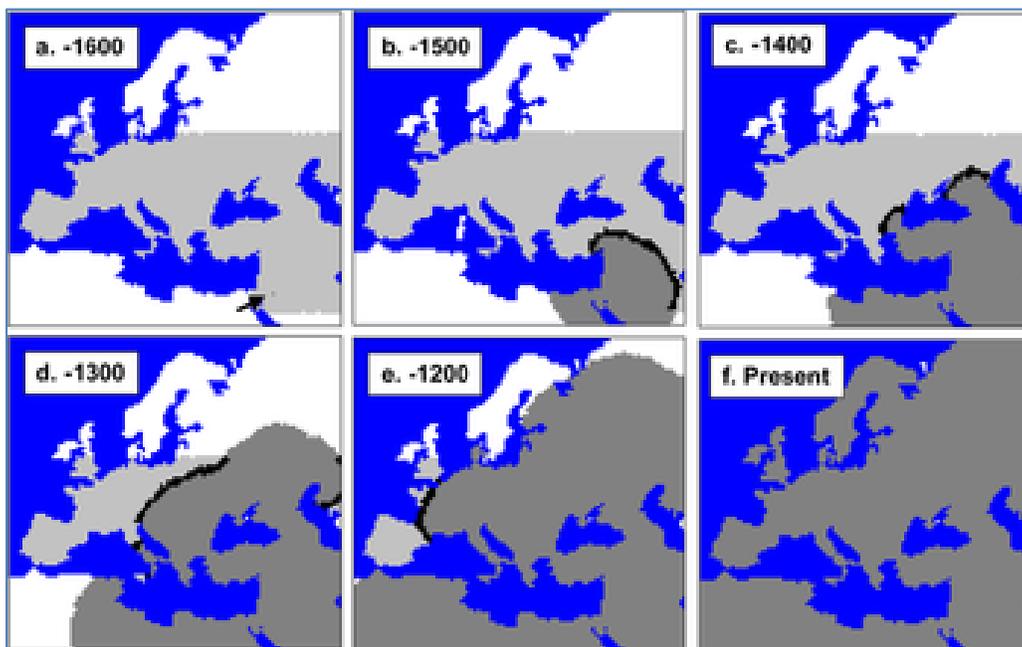
## Are Redheads Descended from Neanderthals?

Carol Betty

In 2003, Dr. Rosalind Harding, a quantitative geneticist from the Institute of Molecular Medicine at Oxford, estimated that the age of the red hair variants or alleles of the Melanocortin 1 Receptor gene were as follows:

- Assumption 1: If MC1R red hair variants evolved in a human population of constant size, then the gene could be approximately 40,000 years or older and may come from a Neanderthal origin.
- Assumption 2: If MC1R red hair variants evolved in a population that has been expanding exponentially, then the gene could be less than 40,000 years old and may come from early humans or Cro-Magnon.
- Assumption 3: If MC1R red hair variants were under positive selection or favored in evolution then the gene can be as young as 10,000 years.

The mere suggestion that redheads are descended from Neanderthals may offend you or if you have more genetic knowledge, you might think it genetically impossible. For a while, I have to admit that I was quite intrigued by the idea of being descended from Neanderthals. I thought that it might explain why I always felt like an alien. If redheads were “the others” (to use a *Lost* reference) then that might explain why people have been superstitious about us throughout time. Then again, our pitiful numbers (2% of the world’s population) may also be the cause for superstition.



Neanderthal population distribution by numbers of generations ago.  
Map is a computer simulation by mitochondrial progression.

However, with the publication of the October 2008 issue of National Geographic, the Neanderthal-Redhead connection was supposedly “myth-busted.” Researchers conducted DNA tests on Neanderthal remains and while it was discovered that they were indeed redheads (very exciting!), apparently they had independently evolved their own red hair variants that were completely different than the human red hair variants. If both Neanderthals and humans independently evolved red hair variants, then this may support that there is an evolutionary advantage to red hair, such as the ability to produce more vitamin D with less sunlight exposure.

But, for some reason when I read this, I still did not want to let the Neanderthal-Redhead theory go. They haven't DNA tested every single Neanderthal that walked the earth. For all we know, maybe Neanderthals had triple the red hair variants than humans have. Humans may have only inherited 5 of the Neanderthal's multiple red hair variants and did NOT inherit the ONE Neanderthal red hair variant that scientists just happened to discover on that particular day. But who am I to argue with scientists?

Then in January 2010, Alan Alda hosted this great series on PBS entitled "The Human Spark". Apparently, what distinguishes early modern humans from Neanderthals includes the human ability to be more innovative with technology, their complex human social structure, and their ability to be artistic. So then it seemed like the Neanderthal-Redhead connection was very unlikely because, as you know already, redheads are some of the most artistic and technologically and socially savvy humans there are. So I threw my arms up and gave up UNTIL.....



The October 2010 edition of Discover magazine states that early humans and Neanderthals mated after all! Evolutionary geneticist Svante Paabo and colleagues at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Germany analyzed DNA fragments from Neanderthal bones and traced Neanderthal and human interbreeding back by 60,000 years to the Middle East. Apparently, 1 to 4 percent of the human genome outside of Africa is Neanderthal!!! The gene flow between humans and Neanderthals most likely occurred as humans were migrating to Europe, Asia, and New Guinea.

Now the question is whether the 1 to 4 percent of the human genome that is Neanderthal in origin includes the 5 human red hair variants of the MC1 receptor gene, which are responsible for creating about 2 percent of the world's population -- Redheads!

Um.....or something like that....? Ow, my brain, it hurts.

## KIDS SECTION



### Farmer Jason's Eco-Friendly Multi-Music-Genre Exciting CDS

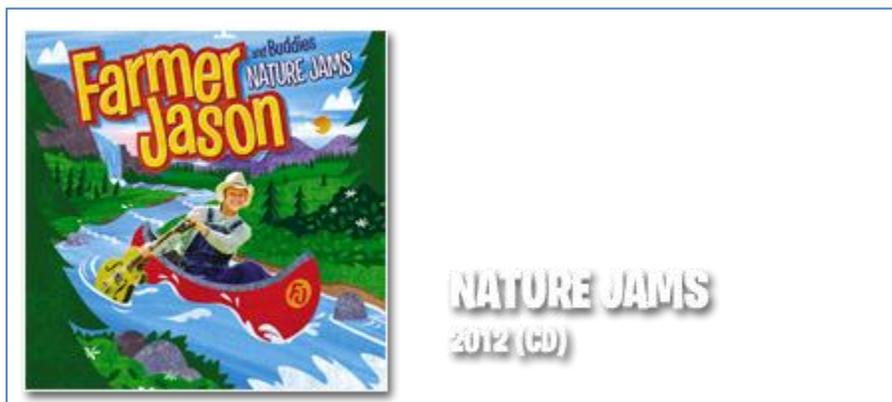
I got his three CDs when I first saw them in Wholefoods and my family has been delighted with them, and I think they convey a Druid-friendly message (although a touch of Christian does pop into the songs here and there).

You can get a taste of the music here: <http://www.farmerjason.com/videos/>  
Four more of his videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/MyKazooVEVO>

Farmer Jason is the brainchild of rock music legend Jason Ringenberg of Jason and the Scorchers. An Americana Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Ringenberg is one of the pioneers of the modern Americana and alt-country genres.

In 2002 he created Farmer Jason to educate and entertain children about farm life and the wonders of nature. The character is based on his own farming background and love of the great outdoors. As Farmer Jason he has released 3 records and a DVD.

Farmer Jason's records have won numerous awards, including the Parents' Choice Gold Award and the Los Angeles Times' Children's Record of the Year list.



#### Farmer Jason – Nature Jams

This newest Farmer Jason release on My Kazoo/Universal features guest stars performing with Farmer Jason on songs about outdoor activities and nature subjects. Some of the stars are Tom Petersson from Cheap Trick, Iris Dement, Victor Wooten, Todd Snider,

Tommy Ramone, Suzy Bogguss, and Mike Mills from REM. The package includes 16 songs, a 4 song bonus dvd, and a 20 page illustrated booklet. For ages 4-10.



## **Farmer Jason – Rocking in the Forest**

Farmer Jason really got things rocking with this release about forest animals, ecology, and fun things to discover out in the forest. It contains the hit “Punk Rock Skunk.”

This cd is a great introduction to Farmer Jason. For ages 3-8

There is also a third album **Ä Day on the Farm**, which is really oriented age 3-6.

A Selection of some of his verses:

### **The Old Oak Tree**

This ancient oak was once an acorn  
Buried by a squirrel on a frosty morn  
When the spring rains fell it began to grow  
And that was 200 years ago

Chorus:

The old oak tree is a mighty mighty tree  
Growing to the sky so beautifully (chorus 1)  
Sheltering the animals peacefully (chorus 2)  
Giving us shade so generously (chorus 3)  
The old oak tree is a showing you and me  
That you can be everything that you want to be  
If you try and you work real hard

The birds build nests and the squirrels have homes  
The bees build hives full of honeycomb  
They do all this in the oak tree tall  
The oak has enough room for them all

When this tree was young people had no cars  
They rode on horses and they followed stars  
They probably camped underneath this oak  
And maybe said a prayer full of love and hope

### **Meadowlark in Central Park**

1)

There’s a meadowlark in Central Park  
There’s a meadowlark in Central Park  
High up in the trees singing to the breeze  
Freer than the western wind  
Does she really know where her music goes  
Singing to us once again

2)

There’s a meadowlark in Central Park  
There’s a meadowlark in Central Park  
Joggers run by and look into the sky  
And marvel at her perfect song  
She’s just a little bird but golly oh my word  
The whole town is singing along

3)

There’s a meadowlark in Central Park  
There’s a meadowlark in Central Park  
A mommy she can see her perfect baby  
Is loving that birdie’s tune  
The smile on its face puts it all in place  
Pretty as a morning moon

## The Forest, oh!

You wake up in the morning the TV doesn't work  
Your waffles are so cold and the dog has gone berserk  
Your babysitter asks you "What should we do today?"  
Well here's a little tip, here's something you can say

Chorus:

The forest oh is just the place to go  
When you're feeling blue and you're wondering what to do  
The forest oh is just the place to go  
I can tell you true it will be good for you

You may find a gnarly 100-year-old tree  
Or see a herd of deer a running gracefully  
The forest may be far away or in your own backyard  
Come on come along it really isn't hard

There are lots of places all across the land  
To discover nature and to understand  
Let us go exploring and see what we will find  
Exercise your muscles and educate your mind

## The Moose Lives Where?

[Jason Ringenberg]

1)  
The moose likes to live where the water runs cold  
Like Montana or Minnesota  
He can stand all day in the clear blue lake  
Eating water plants like its no mistake  
How he loves to be wandering free  
Out among the trees so tall

2)  
The moose likes to live where the winds blow cold  
Like up in Maine or Manitoba  
It has antlers that are six feet wide  
When he bellows his call he is filled with pride  
How he loves to be wandering free  
Out among the trees so tall

3)  
The moose likes to live where the weather is cold  
Like Norway near Oslo  
See him standing tall in the morning sun  
Or munching on plants when the day is done  
How he loves to be wandering free

**Out among the trees so tall**



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