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REASON FOR HOPE

By Lady Alyce

What does the Goddess have to say about recent events, political and otherwise, in the world she has entrusted to us? This is what She has been telling me. She would like Friday, the Day of Frigg, the Day of Venus, to be Her Holy Day. And She would like her day to be celebrated by women everywhere by dancing, singing, feasting and finding the Divine within a within another person and recognizing their Sacred Essence by sharing your Love.

For the woman whose voice cannot be lifted up in song, we will sing for you until you can sing with us. For the woman whose feet cannot take the steps of the dance, we will place one foot in front of the other for you, until your heart is again joyous and your feet light on the Earth. For the woman whose meal is nothing but dust and air, we will take one mouthful for you and know that the time is near when all shall share in their rightful bounty of

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YULETIDE FAIRE

Celebrate Yule at the San Jose Book Shop on Saturday, December 4, from 11 AM to 6 PM.

Shop for gifts made by local vendors.

Enjoy traditional holiday music and refreshments.

Treat yourself to a psychic reading or Reiki treatment.

How is your Aura holding up with all of the seasonal stress? Visit the Aura camera and find out.

San Jose Book Shop is located at 1231 Kentwood Ave. #E, San Jose, CA, off De Anza Blvd. one block north of Highway 85.

There is no admission fee. Psychic readings and Reiki treatments are affordably priced.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to BAPA.

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GAIA'S GATEWAY

Gaia's Gateway is a monthly open ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by practitioners of the religion presented. We request a \$5.00 donation from non-members. Gateways are held on the last Sunday of the month from 6pm-9pm in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC, 505 East Charleston Road).

Directions: from Hwy 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West. Turn right on East Charleston. The building is about a mile down on the right-hand side of the road. As soon as you cross Middlefield Road, start looking for the church entrance on your right.

Upcoming Gateways

*Sunday, November 28; 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Magic, Role Playing Games and Spirituality with the Momerath Troupe.*

Learn how live action role playing can be used to create your own Spiritual Mysteries. Role Playing Games (RPG's) are not only a simple and fun form of entertainment, they can also be pathways to profound transformative experiences. The Momerath Troupe plays Deliria, a roleplaying experience which combines art, magick, short stories, setting material, and roleplaying rules.

NO GATEWAY IN DECEMBER

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the Earth. In this polarized reality a woman must find the God in a man or her partner and celebrate those wild ways and a man must find the Goddess in a woman or his partner and celebrate that love of peace.

On Friday morning She would like all women to go outside and look up into the sky past the blue, and realize what a small planet this is, and how blessed we are to have it be our home. There is nowhere else to go, not for a long, long way, and we must take care of what it is we have been given. This all about the Celebration of Life. As women that hear Her voice, we must kindly and gently take back our home and pry the fingers of fear from around the hearts of men. We want peace and we must tell them that we will lead and that we love them so much that they have nothing to fear from us. It is for the sake of our very existence.

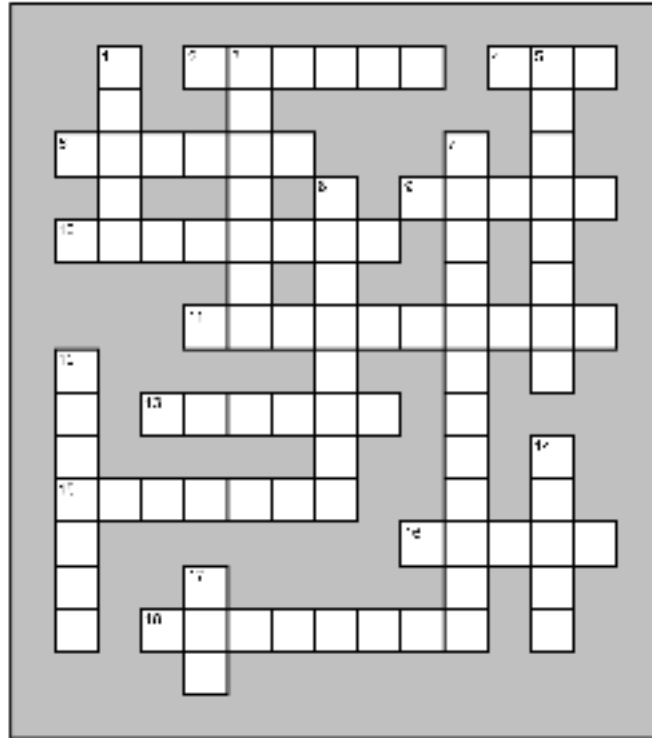
This message is not a threat to the men of Wicca or those who love and understand the Goddess. The resources to do this task lie with the enormous number of women world wide who are sick of this mess. I don't know how to reach those men who feel that another fighter jet bombing another house hiding another terrorist is the right thing to do. I know that the Goddess can reach the women of the world and the men that know Her, trust Her enough, and, hopefully, us enough, to let us take over and restore the Joy that is Her wish for all Her Children.

CELEBRATE THE DAY OF THE GODDESS

On Friday, the Day of Frigg, the Day of Venus, celebrate the Goddess by dancing, singing, feasting and finding the Divine within a within another person and recognizing their Sacred Essence by sharing your Love. To learn more, visit DayOfTheGoddess.com.

JACK SKELLINGTON'S CROSSWORD

By Crystal Black



Across

2. Any supernatural being, good or bad
4. Greeks and Romans made it the emblem of wisdom, and sacred to Minerva
6. Season known for foliage and harvests
9. Native of the northern part of Europe, Asia and America, and is noted for its sagacity
10. Don't let this cross your path
11. Place of departed souls
13. Grotesque elfin creature of folklore, thought to work mischief or evil.
15. Reanimated body of a dead person
16. Broom made of twigs tied together on a long handle
18. Large vessel used for boiling

Down

1. Bony or cartilaginous framework of the head of vertebrates, made up of the bones of the braincase and face
3. Coarse trailing vine (Cucurbita pepo) widely cultivated for its fruit.
5. Willow's boyfriend in Buffy the Vampire Slayer
7. Also known as ignis fatuus (3 words)
8. Large outdoor fire
12. Gathering of a ripened crop
14. An evil spirit or demon in Muslim folklore believed to plunder graves and feed on corpses
17. Idiom: have --- in (one's) belfry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bay Area Pagan Assemblies (BAPA) does not support or sponsor any of these events or contacts unless specifically stated. Please use your own discretion when attending these events or connecting with people you do not already know. This list is intended as an information resource only, and is non-promotional.

November 14 - Women's Sweat Lodge Ceremony - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn will host a Sweat Lodge Ceremony for Women; Fire at 9:00am, Lodge at 12:00pm. The intention is to create a safe, sacred space for healing, and to honor each person's process. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Help before the Lodge is appreciated. Potluck follows (nutritious foods please). Cost: \$20 suggested minimum donation; work exchanges available. Information: 831-338-2996 or charlynn@weavingunity.com

November 14 – Ritual and Potluck Social for Families – East Bay

Scarlet Cord (A member of the Fellowship of the Spiral Path) hosts a brief ritual followed by a potluck and social for families with young children on the 2nd Sunday of every month, beginning at 11:00am. Information: Mary at 510-526-1008.

November 14 – Open Circle – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to an open ritual at The Unity Temple of Santa Cruz, 407 Broadway, from 2:00-4:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month. We recognize and honor both the male and female aspects of deity, call elemental guardians, cast circle, and make magic together for the good of all. The intention of this circle is to provide a regular meeting place for Pagan worship in Santa Cruz. Please bring: Yourself, your open heart and mind. Cost: small sliding scale donation to cover the costs of the hall rental (\$4-10). No one will ever be turned away for lack of money. Information: 831-469-0336, community_seed@mindspring.com or visit www.communityseed.org/wallflower

November 15 - Toltec Wisdom: Recapitulation - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts Toltec Wisdom: Recapitulation at 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of every month. Learn powerful tools to transform all areas of your life, from work to relationships, health to abundance. This class focuses on recapitulation, a dynamic way to reclaim and increase your energy. All are welcome. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, info@spiritweavers.com, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

November 16 – Rune Workshop – San Francisco

The American Vinland Association hosts a Rune Workshop on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:00pm at 22 Terra Vista #C-1. Information: Prudence@freyasfolk.org or visit <http://www.freyasfolk.org>

November 16 - Pagan Lunch Hour - Capitola

Let's do lunch! The Black Cats invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Fresh Choice restaurant, 3555 Clares St (off 41st Ave, next to Kinko's). Kids are welcome with parental supervision. Look for the Black Cat on the table. Information: 831-479-9873 or Index@cyprian.org.

November 17 - Songs of Gratitude (Women) - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts Women's Sacred Song and Chant Circle: Songs of Gratitude, with Deborah 'DJ' Hamouris from 7:00-9:00pm. Come Sing with your Sisters. Women have always joined in song, singing of our lives and traditions. Sitting in a circle we will exchange our sacred songs, learn from each other, and celebrate the turning of the seasons. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-595-3915, info@ChangeMakersForWomen.com or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

November 17 - Wiccan Wednesdays - Concord

Arborvitae Grove and The Witches of East Bay host a Wiccan Wednesday, Open Study Circle, on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be studying Wicca in a once-a-month meeting. We welcome any and all to participate. Meeting topics will be contingent on the needs and interests of the group. Bring pen and paper. Contact for location and registration. Cost: Free. Information: i_fly_brooms@yahoo.com

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or visit www.arborvitaegrove.com.

November 18 - The White Goddess Book Study Group - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts The White Goddess Book Study Group with Kitty Crowe and Deborah Bender on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 7:30-9:30pm. For tonight's meeting, please read chapters X and XI on the Tree Alphabet. This study group is sponsored by NROOGD and is open to the public. The discussion will be taped. Please bring your book to the meeting. Cost: Free; donations welcome. Information: 510-845-0433, dbendr@aol.com or visit www.ancientways.com

November 18 – Pagan Pizza Night – Modesto

You're invited to a Pagan Pizza Night hosted by local Pagan groups every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza, 2401 E Orangeburg in the Century Shopping center, beginning at 7pm. Join local Pagans / Wiccans / Witches and others for fun and fellowship. Each person will be required to buy his or her own food and drink if desired. Information: DragonHawk at 209-549-1727.

November 18 - Magickal Discussion Group - Santa Cruz

The Sacred Grove, 924 Soquel Ave, hosts a Magickal Discussion Group from 7:00-9:00pm, on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Join a bunch of folks getting together and discussing things of a magickal nature. Bring your insights, knowledge and an open mind. All experience/skill levels generally welcome. Information: 831-423-1949, sacredgrove@onebox.com or visit www.the-sacredgrove.com.

November 19 - Peace Tree Ceremony - Palo Alto

Traditional Siberian-Mongolian shamaness Sarangerel Odigan presents a Peace Tree Ceremony to bring blessings and healing to the spirits of the land at the location of our new school at 1069 East Meadow Circle. Gather at 5:00pm in the atrium. Cost: Free. Information: 650-248-8917 or danielfoor@yahoo.com

November 20 - Shadow Masks - Boulder Creek

Copper Persephone presents a Shadow Mask workshop from 10:00am-9:00pm. Come, cast a light and dance into your soul. Masks have been used for thousands of years as a way to honor the goddess in all of her faces and to create a deep way to connect in with a spirit or deity. In this full day workshop, held in sacred space, we will be making masks in the form of a shadow part of ourselves, a part that feels too dark or too bright to accept as a part of our true selves. Prerequisite: Elements of Magic or equivalent. Cost: \$30-\$90, sliding scale. Information: 831-246-2907 or Copperpersephone@aol.com

November 20 – Drumming Circle – Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream, 1437 N. Broadway, hosts a drumming circle every 3rd Saturday from 6:30–8:00pm (except December). Bring your drums and rattles or use theirs to beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within where the heartbeat dwells. Cost: Free. Information: 925-933-2342, info@dolphindream.com or visit <http://www.dolphindream.com/>

November 20 – Bardic Circle – Palo Alto

Bardic Circle usually meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00pm, with potluck dinner between 6:30-8:00pm. We sit around in a circle and take turns "pick, pass, or play". You can pick someone to do something, pass your turn, or play by singing, reciting stories or poetry, drumming etc. We have people bringing instruments as diverse as guitars, flutes, drums, didgeridus, to bagpipes. Most music is pagan related but funnies, folk songs, etc. are all welcome. For location and information: richard@imagecraft.com

November 20-21 - Foundations of Mongolian Shamanism and Mysticism - Palo Alto

Traditional Siberian-Mongolian shamaness Sarangerel Odigan presents a two-day intensive in Siberian shamanic practice at 1069 East Meadow Circle from 9:30am-6:00pm. Sarangerel will share practices for healing, empowerment, and strengthening our relationship with the unseen worlds. The only prerequisite for this workshop is a basic familiarity with shamanic practice and a willingness to learn through direct experience. Cost: \$200. Information: 650-248-8917 or danielfoor@yahoo.com

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November 21 - Body Mind & Spirit Night: Past Lives – Boulder Creek

Air and Fire, 13155 B Highway 9, hosts Body Mind & Spirit Night on most Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm. Ever have memories of things you can't explain or felt like you've been here before? Have you ever met someone for the first time and have a strong feeling you already know them? Come explore some of your soul's patterns. Discover how to access these memories by delving into the subconscious mind to help you gain a deeper understanding of who you are today. Please bring an open heart and open mind. Cost: \$5-10. Information: 831-338-7567, fireflower@airandfire.com or visit <http://www.airandfire.com>.

November 21 – Radical Fairies Ritual – Santa Cruz

The Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz gather on the 3rd Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Join them for a potluck at 6:00pm, and ritual at 7:00pm. Information: 831-335-5861 or 831-429-1388.

November 21 – Womens' Spirit Circle – San Rafael

Womens' Spirit Circle meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 5:00pm at the Marin Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael. A light to heavy potluck will follow, depending on participation. This is a circle open to all women, whether interested in UUism or not. Information: Marina at 415-893-9999 or songster@cmc.net, or Wendy at 415-892-6983 or foxglove@slip.net or visit <http://www.mindspring.com/~uucm/> Church phone: 415-479-4131.

November 23 - Witches Meetup - San Jose, Santa Cruz

Meet up with other witches in your town. Exchange lore, legends and learning at a vote-determined location near San Jose on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Visit <http://witches.meetup.com/> to sign up, and Meetup.

November 24 - Tribal Community Gathering - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts a Tribal Community Gathering from 7:00-9:00pm on the last Wednesday of every month. These Community Circles provide an opportunity for individuals to connect with their divine and creative self as a community. All are welcome. Cost: Free; Donations accepted. Information: 510-649-0352, info@spiritweavers.com, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

November 24 – Linking Circles – Santa Cruz

The Sacred Grove, 924 Soquel Ave, hosts an open meeting, Linking Circles, on the last Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00pm. This is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and solitaires can meet solitaires. Information: 831-423-1949 or sacredgrove@onebox.com.

November 26 - Full Moon Gathering (Women) - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Full Moon Gathering from 7:00-9:30pm. All women and girls are invited to share an evening of nourishment and sisterhood. Please bring drums, rattles and a potluck dish to share. Festive moon attire encouraged but not required. We can manifest our dreams together. Cost: Free. Information: 510-655-2405, info@ChangeMakersForWomen.com or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

November 28 - Women's Networking and Empowerment Circle - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn invites all women to join her Women's Networking and Empowerment Circles at her home, 20200 Big Basin Way. Potluck begins at 5:30pm, at which time we network our businesses, new events, books, or whatever. At 7:00pm we have circle; to include stringing the beads, meditation, intentions for our goals and future and more. Let us honor the season, the full moon and our unique place in the world through the empowerment of Self. Cost: \$7-15; sliding scale. Information: 831-338-2996 or charlynn@weavingunity.com

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November 28 – Open Goddess Service – Berkeley

Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) invites you to an open Goddess service on the last Sunday of every month at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church, 1606 Bonita at Cedar, starting at 7:30pm. Information: 510-658-6033 or HDGDPC@aol.com

November 28 - Dancing with the Divine - Berkeley

ALAYA: the Shaman Supply Store, 1713 University Ave at McGee, hosts Dancing with the Devine: A Sacred Interfaith Movement and Dance Circle with Ouida Joi on the 4th Sunday of each month from 10:30am-12pm. Come experience the joy, freedom, creativity and fun by dancing with the Divine. No previous dance experience required. Information: 510-548-4701, alayabr@earthlink.net or visit <http://www.angelfire.com/ca7/interfaithceremonies>.

December 3 - Womansong Circle - Berkeley

Betsy Rose invites you to Womansong Circles: participatory singing for peace, healing, joy and transformation on the 1st Friday of each month at First Congressional Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way at Dana. Potluck at 6:30pm - Singing from 7:15-9:30pm. Drop-ins are welcome. Come sing, and experience your voice as a sacred and joyful instrument to awaken body, mind and spirit, and bring healing and renewed power to the wider world. Connect with your deeper self, other women and the earth. All women's voices are welcome. Cost: \$8 donation requested to cover basic event costs. No one turned away for lack of funds. Information: 510-525-7082, betsy@betsyrosemusic.org or visit www.betsyrosemusic.org.

December 4 - Yuletide Faire - San Jose

Gifts. Psychics and Clairvoyants. Music. Cider and Snacks. No Admission Charge, Inexpensive Readings. 11AM - 6PM. San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop, 1231 Kentwood Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129. Call 408-446-0590 or write sjbookshop@mindspring.com..

December 4 - The Magical Isles - Santa Cruz

Mara Freeman invites you on an exhilarating tour of the ancient sites of the British Isles and Ireland from 10:00am-5:00pm at the UCSC Extension, 1101 Pacific Ave. Use code EDP 042W26 to enroll. Cost: \$95 (\$105 if registering after Nov 20), plus \$12 registration fee. Information: 831-427-6600, mara@celticspirit.org or visit www.ucsc-extension.edu

December 7 – Open Ritual - Berkeley

Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) hosts an open ritual for men and women on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church, 1606 Bonita at Cedar, starting at 7:30pm. Information: 510-658-6033 or HDGDPC@aol.com

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