

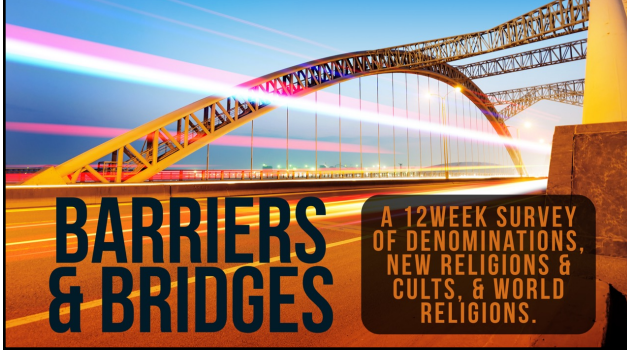
TONIGHT...MAY 10...  
Neopagan, Wiccan, New Age, & Humanism



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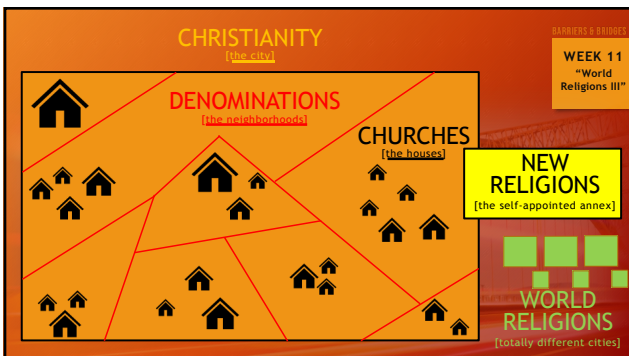
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**Wicca**

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- The name Wicca is the old English word for wizard.
- Wicca is an attempt to revive the pre-Christian nature and fertility religions of western Europe. It is a neo-pagan religion that believes in supernatural magick, worships a male and female deity, and practices rituals that revolve around the cycles of nature.
- Wiccans often claim a historical connection with the ancient religions of the pre-Christian pagans, the movement actually started in the mid-twentieth century.
- Since Wicca is both antidogmatic and antiauthoritarian, it has no central leadership or organization.

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- A conservative estimate for the number of Wiccans would be about 250,000. However, some Wiccan groups claim that there are as many as 5,000,000 people practicing their religion in North America.
- Many of the beliefs of Wicca are also found in the New Age Movement. Wicca accepts an occultic understanding of reality. Wiccans worship a mother goddess and a male horned deity (her consort). Three major beliefs of Wicca are animism, pantheism, and polytheism.


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**Kidz Kwik Reference Guide**  
a handy (and) visual guide to the differences between the two most prominent modern Satanist/Organizational Satanic (or several religion people) groups

	The Satanic Temple	Church of Satan	The Satanic Temple	Church of Satan
Founding Dates	2013	1966	1966	1966
Officially recognized as the primary church by the IRS	✓	✗	✗	✗
Open membership for any individual who is 18 years of age or older	✗	✗	✓	✗
Belief in Magick	✗	✗	✓	✗
Foundational Belief	Non-Liturgical Satanism	Use imagery of Satan, Satanism	Use imagery of Satan, Satanism	Use imagery of Satan, Satanism
Ritualistic Views	Non-Liturgical Satanism	Use imagery of Satan, Satanism	Use imagery of Satan, Satanism	Use imagery of Satan, Satanism
Rights for Secularists	✓	✗	✗	✗
Religious Representation Rights	✓	✗	✗	✗
Has a Physical Headquarters	✓	✗	✗	✗
Has Local Chapters	✓	✗	✗	✗
Actively Growing	✓	✗	✗	✗

- 1) Satanists
- 2) Devil Worshipers
- 3) Church of Satan
- 4) The Satanic Temple (700,000 members)

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<b>Founding Dates</b>	2013	1966
Officially recognized as the primary Church by the IRS	✓	✗
Recognized by the State as a religious organization	✓	✗
Headed by an actual Satan	✗	✗
Based in Mexico	✗	✗
Foundational Beliefs	Has Literary Canon	Has Liturgy of Satan
Political Views	Has a Political Ideology	Has a Political Ideology
Rights for Secularism	✓	✗
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We have publicly confronted hate groups, fought for the abolition of corporal punishment in public schools, applied for equal representation when religious installations are placed on public property, provided religious exemption and legal protection against laws that unscientifically restrict people's reproductive autonomy, exposed harmful pseudo-scientific practitioners in mental health care, organized clubs alongside other religious after-school clubs in schools besieged by proselytizing organizations, and engaged in other advocacy in accordance with our tenets.

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### New Age

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### Humanism

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- Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism or other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good. - *American Humanist Association*
- Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance which affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. It stands for the building of a more humane society through an ethics based on human and other natural values in a spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities. It is not theistic, and it does not accept supernatural views of reality. - *Humanists International*

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