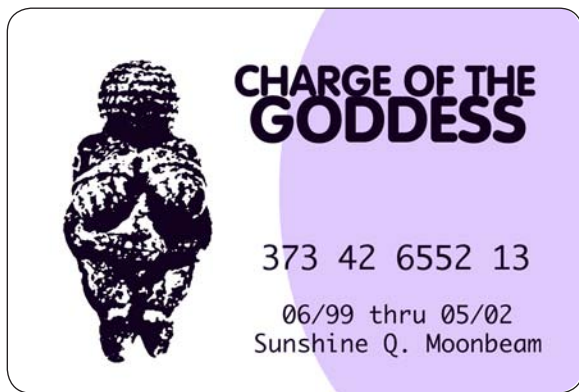


The Charge Card of the Goddess

by Flame RosaNegra, with apologies to Doreen Valiente

Listen to the words of the Great Shop Keeper,
Who of Old was called MistressCard, Vasa-VISA, Dine-a-Club-A,
and by many other names:

Whenever you have need of anything,
more often than once a month, and don't wait for a full moon,
you shall succumb to the Spirit of Shopping.
You shall be free from slavery, and as a sign that you be free,
you shall get into debt shamelessly.
Sing, shop, feast, shop, make music, shop, have sex, and shop!



For my Law is to shop with all beings.
Buy cosmetics that open the door of youth,
which at least give the appearance of immortality.

I give the knowledge of a monthly bill eternal,
and beyond death,
all debt will be erased from your credit history.

Nor do I demand sacrifice, for behold,
I am the Mother of Charging Things,
and my shopping is poured out upon the Earth.

Hear the words of the Platinum Card Goddess,
whose feet are all the coins of Heaven,
whose body is a huge wad of bills that encircles the Universe:

I who buy all the earth and the moon, and the stars,
and I'll take two of those mysteries of the waters, please,
I call upon your money to arise and come unto me
for I am the soul of Shopping that gives life to the
Universe, the IMF, and the World Bank!

From me all purchases are transacted
and unto me they must be returned
according to the return policy.

And you who seek to know me,
know that all that buying and
shopping will avail you not,
unless you know the Mystery:

You must use the Charge
Card of the Goddess!!!

*Written for a mummer's
play at California
Witchcamp.*

Special Initiatory Offer

For a limited time, the Charge of the Goddess card is available at an initiatory APR of just 13.13%. Accepted at all finer rituals, witchcamps, boutiques, and amusement parks, including Reclaiming's own RitualLand.

Grace Period

Holders of the Charge of the Goddess card are eligible for a grace period of up to 30 days, during which time they will know themselves to be completely loved by the Goddess.

Late Fees

Cardholders who are late to three consecutive rituals will be charged a late fee.

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The Worst Book Ever

As part of our Magical Writing class, we got in the creative spirit by coming up with candidates for the worst book of all time – preferably one that we could personally write! Here are a few favorites.

A Comprehensive Guide to Do-It-Yourself At-Home Circumcision

This full color, lushly illustrated coffee table edition shows handy men how to use readily available power tools and kitchen cutlery to “forgo the foreskin.” Heartily endorsed by Hedwig Schmidt who says: “it’s worth every inch!”

– by Feather

Victoria’s Tome

A dry account of all topics the author has studied, passionately, for the last 20 years, Victoria’s Tome is the one you’ve been waiting your whole life for.

Witness the extensive footnotes on each and every page! Revel in the detailed punctuation!

Envy her meticulous adherence to the Chicago Manual of Style as she perseverates over all-things-learned during the span of her life, now well-composed, fecund with interpretation and richly layered with *meaning*.

Bonus! The recently-released Deluxe Edition features graphs and charts in teensy tiny font. Accompanied by obtuse b/w drawings that explicate the author’s *very interesting* findings!

– by Victoria Alegre

I Am Grout: My Side of the Story

Have you ever wanted to know the mysteries of re-nishing a bathtub? Have you ever wondered how you could quickly make your bathtub a place of repose and rest?

In this 1000-page book, we’ll dive deep into how you can prepare for a week-long odyssey into making plastic shine. Prepare for a process that quickly outlines the 500 steps to take your tub from terrible to terrific.

Written from the perspective of grout, you will learn how to work from the inside out and finally finish a project you’ve been nervous to start.

– by Irisanya Moon

Witches Grill Top Recipes from the Burning Times

In a world where Witches have overturned the patriarchy and reclaimed the grill comes a blockbuster spell/cook book necessary for the truly magical practitioner: Witches Grill.

Hereditary Salem witch Charlene Coal discovered the tome in an ancient attic trunk covered with the mystical tongs and marinated meat sigils crucial for a good sear. Written by her ancestor Garlica Thyme, who evaded the fate of her unfortunate sisters, this Book of Shadowy Recipes is a must-read for the Kitchen Witch.

Learn the moon phases for harvesting the healing herbs to create the magical marinades and runic rubs. Transform your meals into mouthwatering rituals that will entrance your coven and community.

Char Coal’s recipes will transport you to the astral with every bite. Witches Grill includes pairings with vintages shared with her in trances to the DiVine Dionysus.

Fulfill your destiny, embrace the sacred fire, let Char Coal be your muse on this savory adventure.

– by Georgie Craig



The Complete & Unexpurgated History of Cottage Cheese (Illustrated)

Deluxe Scratch-n-Sniff Edition

We are delighted to announce the completely revised and updated 2020 edition of this classic text, which restores the many passages deleted by puritanical editors in the 1980s.

Pop-up 3D color illustrations make this a must for connoisseurs of le fromage de chalet.

The deluxe edition features scratch-n-sniff panels. This reviewer found them somewhat disappointing, but they apparently have become de rigueur for the genre.

– by George Franklin

Prehistoric Zoom Goddess Unearthed Near Gimbutas Site

Archaeologists led by Reclaiming priestess Sunshine MoonBeam, digging at a Neolithic site near those made famous by Marija Gimbutas, have excavated fragments of an ancient goddess dedicated to the service of good Zoom connections.

Although the remains date from thousands of years prior to the invention of writing and hence are a bit difficult to precisely interpret, the goddess is depicted thrusting above her head an object that bears a striking resemblance to the camera icon used by today's reigning internet deity.

In her other hand she grasps what was initially interpreted as a lightning bolt, but now is recognized as the letter "Z," providing further evidence that the statue depicts a prehistoric Zoom deity.

Ancient Rites Recreated

Applying the latest tools and techniques of archaeo-social extrapolation, researchers have painstakingly recreated the magical practices associated with the newly-discovered goddess.

Initiatory rites included assignment of a secret "password" which allowed access to the inner secrets of comm-

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RPWV Archives Now Online!

This is issue #39 of the RPWV, the all-purpose satire page created around 1998 by RQ. Complete reprint of all 39 editions of the RPWV, along with other satirical features from our back issues:

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Reclaiming Transcends Material Realm

Actualizing the dreams of our gnostic ancestors, Reclaiming has transcended the material sphere and moved its magic into the ethereal realms.

No longer will priestesses be taxed with mundane initiatory challenges such as renting halls or parks, schlepping gear, wiring sound systems, or building and disassembling elemental altars on the same day.

Never again will organizers face nagging existential questions like: "Who's going to buy, measure, cut, and tie 100 ribbons on the maypole and get it to the park by noon on Saturday?"

Wheel of the Year Testing

For the past six months, Reclaiming priestesses have experimented with the latest developments in magical communications technology.

Early attempts to establish contact

with ancestors failed until priestesses realized that you need a Pro® account to reach the Isle of Apples.

And it took a while before folks learned that invoking Milli Vanilli and lip-synching to recorded chants works better than singing with the zoom-delay.

Spiral Dance Moves to the Ethereal

Satisfied with test results, organizers for the 41st annual Spiral Dance have taken the leap into the virtual. On Sat-

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Witchcamp Rugby Finals Delayed

Reclaiming's BIRCH council has announced that due to health concerns the Witchcamp Rugby League will postpone its championship match. Witchlets' Fighting Faeries were favored to take the Crystal Cup over Spanish Winter Camp's Brujas Grandes.



In a striking display of the magical power of the annual Spiral Dance ritual, hundreds of participants simultaneously volunteer for the clean-up crew. Photo by RPWV staffer Michael Rauner.