



The College of the Crossroads

A Mystery Tradition School

Merry Greet,

Thank you for your expressed interest in receiving material about our unique home study internet course of study in "Italian Witchcraft". Included in this information and registration packet is an outline describing the course, and how it works.

The Italian Witchcraft course you are about to consider is unique in many ways. It has been created and prepared by two practicing elders of the Old Ways of Witchcraft with the combined experience and knowledge of over 40 years. This includes training not only in Italian Witchcraft but also Celtic, Brittic, and Pictish-Gaelic traditions. In the packet you will find personal biographies and a course description.

The purpose of this course is to establish a sound and cohesive understanding of Witchcraft, the Old Religion. The creators of this course have drawn upon the Witch lore of the Aegean/Mediterranean region as well as a specific tradition of Old Italy. This will provide you with a good overview of the foundational concepts of Italian Witchcraft.

Ultimately the intent of the course is to provide you with the spiritual and magical tools that allow for personal transformation. This is achieved by applying the information, techniques, and exercises supplied in this course to a life style of living in "common cause" with Nature. Personal transformation and enlightenment is a lifetime endeavor and process. The course is a guide and map to help you on your personal path.

Now that we have provided an introduction to "Italian Witchcraft" please read through the information packet in the order provided. Do not skim read or you will misunderstand the structure, the way this course works, and the different approaches to taking this course.

Blessings from the Crossroads,
Raven and Stephanie

Italian Witchcraft

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This is a course about Italian Witchcraft, the Old Religion of Witchcraft, which existed long before the modern adaptations and modifications of contemporary witchcraft systems. The old ways of Witchcraft are the root connections to the vital essence of the wisdom and knowledge preserved and passed on by our ancestors. Witchcraft, the Old Religion, is a great ancient tree that bears all that has come before. The fruit it produces is the nourishment of enlightenment that joins one generation to the other. But, like any tree, it is the roots that keep the tree alive and established. The oldest written accounts of Witchcraft in Western Literature are those of the Greeks and Romans. Therefore this course of study offers you one of the oldest traditions of European Witchcraft.

The Italian Witchcraft course is all about alignment with ancient roots. This ancient tree was there before any cultures arose to establish themselves as Greek, Etruscan, Roman, Celtic, Germanic, Nordic and so forth. This course is designed to provide you with the core teachings, beliefs, and practices of the old ways.

The material in Italian Witchcraft is not a rehash of previously published material, but is instead an expanded version that includes new material, charts, rituals and spells. The course also offers a rite of dedication (along with supplies) for those who wish to perform this ritual later in the course. The instructors of this course are lineage Witches initiated and trained in Italian Witchcraft. Therefore the material presented is authentic old Witchcraft as once taught by the hearthside, from master to apprentice.

Instructor Bios

Raven Grimassi has been a practitioner and teacher of Witchcraft for over 35 years. He is an initiate of several Witchcraft traditions including Brittic, Pictish-Gaelic, and Celtic Traditionalist. Raven is a legally ordained clergy of Witchcraft. Grimassi is currently the Directing Elder of the Arician Tradition, a system of Italian Witchcraft. He is also a recognized expert on Italian Witchcraft, and the foremost authority on the works of Charles Godfrey Leland in this particular field.

Raven Grimassi is an award-winning author of over 13 books on Wicca and Witchcraft, including - *Witchcraft: A Mystery Tradition* — *Wiccan Mysteries: Ancient Origins & Teachings* — *The Witches' Craft: The Roots of Witchcraft & Magical Transformation* — *Encyclopedia Of Wicca & Witchcraft* — *Spirit Of The Witch: Religion & Spirituality in Contemporary Witchcraft* — *Wiccan Magick: Inner Teachings of the Craft* — *The Witch's Familiar: Spiritual Partnership for Successful Magic* — *Italian Witchcraft: The Old Religion of Southern Europe (revised and retitled Ways of the Strega)* — *Hereditary Witchcraft: Secrets of the Old Religion* — *Beltane: Springtime Rituals, Lore and Celebration* — *Book of Ways: Volumes 1 and 2* — *The Well Worn Path Oracle Kit (co-author and co-creator)* — *The Hidden Path Oracle Kit (co-author and co-creator)*, and most recently, *Crafting Wiccan Traditions: Creating a Foundation for Your Spiritual Beliefs & Practices*.

Raven has appeared on television and radio interviews nation wide, in several short films on Witchcraft, and was a consultant for the pilot movie film called *Mind Forest*. He is a popular lecturer and guest speaker at festivals and conventions nationwide.

Raven currently lives in southern California with his wife, Stephanie Taylor-Grimassi and divides his time between writing, directing the Arician Tradition, and developing a Fellowship for Mystery Tradition training called the Fellowship of the Crossroads. He is devoted and passionate in preserving and teaching the Mystery Tradition of pre-Christian Europe.

Stephanie Taylor-Grimassi is passionate and dedicated to guiding and teaching those who seek the Old Ways. Nature has always been an extremely important teacher and part of Stephanie's life experience. She felt the magic and nurturing of Nature around her all of her life. Stephanie is a 3rd degree initiate of a Celtic Traditionalist system of Wicca, and a 3rd degree initiate of Italian Witchcraft (the Arician Tradition). She is a legally ordained clergy of Witchcraft. Stephanie has studied, taught, and used the Arts as tools of transformation throughout her life. She is also a Tarot reader and teacher with many years of experience.

Stephanie is the co-author and co-creator of the divination and teaching systems *The Well Worn Path Oracle kit* (2005) and *The Hidden Path Oracle Kit*, (2007).

Stephanie has owned and operated Raven's Loft since 1998, first as a brick and mortar shop and now as an internet store. She has been a guest speaker on several panels alongside such noted figures as Monty Farber, Amy Zerner, Rachel Pollack. And Ray Buckland. She has also appeared on television and in several short film documentaries on Witchcraft. Stephanie has also worked as a consultant for the movie pilot film *Mind Forest*, in which she likewise appears. She currently lives in southern California with her husband, Raven Grimassi and divides her time between teaching workshops, giving readings, operating Raven's Loft webstore, author management and publicist while running, creating and developing a Fellowship for Mystery Tradition training called the *Crossroads Fellowship*.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Do I have to be enrolled in the College of the Crossroads to take the Course of Study?
No, the Course is offered electronically online through the College.
- Does the Course lead to initiation?
No, the Course itself is not intended as a preparation for initiation. However, other courses will be available to guide the student to deeper levels of training and understanding.
- I thought it was unethical to charge for teaching the Craft, isn't this true?
No. Many people have a misunderstanding regarding teaching and being paid by students. What the belief actually refers to is the tenet that it is unethical to charge for initiations or to charge to teach initiated members of your coven or Tradition. Our Course does not violate this code. It should, however, be noted that not all Witches or Witchcraft traditions subscribe to this modern custom.
- Do I have to pay for the complete Course in advance?
The Course is set up for 13 individual monthly payments by credit or debit card.
- What if I do not like the Course after I sign up?
In such an unlikely event, the student can stop after the third lesson and keep the materials they have received to date. This allows the student a chance to fairly assess the Course. Once a student withdraws, no future lessons will be sent and removed from the internet group.
- Do you offer any free scholarships for financial hardships?
Yes, we do consider this on a case-by-case basis. You are welcome to write to us describing your situation. Unfortunately we cannot offer everyone a free scholarship but we will sincerely consider any and all requests. Please use this option only if truly necessary.
- What happens after I complete this Course?
Upon successful completion of the Course a certificate of completion is mailed to the student. The student is then eligible for future ongoing courses.
- Does the course include magic and spellworking?
Yes, but this aspect of Witchcraft is secondary to the primary focus of the course, which is exploring and understanding our ancestral wisdom and knowledge for our personal growth and expansion.
- Does the course teach/contain any inner secrets?
The Course is a guide and catalyst to the hidden connections and alignments that lie both within and without us all. From the perspective of this course, secrets are connections, alignments and understandings that have yet to be established or realized.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Course is designed for monthly lessons, which include a lesson "question & answer" self test/review. The Course also includes a "membership only" online discussion group where students can obtain additional information and meet like-minded people.

The Course covers a wide variety of topics, which appear in various lessons of this Course:

- Roots of the Old Religion
- The Deities
- Between the Worlds
- Making Contact
- Signs and Symbols
- Raising and Drawing Power
- The Art of Magic
- Aradia: Woman of Power
- The Moon Tree
- Ritual & Magical Gestures
- Folk Ways
- The Tools
- The Rituals

COST OF COURSE

If you are like most Witches/Pagans you no doubt have a collection of books in your personal library. You probably have also taken classes here and there in your community, and have purchased ritual or magical tools along with symbolic jewelry and various supplies with which to practice the Craft. Were you to add up the cost of all these things together, what would be the dollar amount that you've spent to date? Whatever the cost may be, because you have requested information about the course on Italian Witchcraft, you are apparently still seeking more understanding and knowledge.

The value of this course is that practitioners of Witchcraft who have devoted several decades to developing their own understanding and knowledge of Witchcraft in accord with time proven training techniques have prepared it. In addition, they are available to you through the member's online discussion group. Here they can answer questions and offer guidance throughout the time period of your study. This is something you cannot get out of a book, and it is difficult to place a value on an opportunity of this nature.

As you are considering the cost of our Course, please bear in mind that most people will spend more money monthly on Fast Food than the cost of each monthly lesson in the Course of Study! In order to keep the Course affordable for the average person, instructor involvement is limited to simple reviews of the Question and Answer sheets contained in each lesson, emailing back the "master answer sheet" for comparison and possible correction, and availability of the instructors through online discussion group.

Following the thirteenth primary lessons the student receives a course comprehension exam sheet. Once this exam is completed and mailed back, the student receives a "master" comprehension answer sheet and a certificate of completion. The certificate of completion acknowledges the student has successfully completed a year of study in Italian Witchcraft provided by the College of the Crossroads.

The Course of Study contains 13 monthly lessons at \$25 per lesson. The total for the entire Course is \$325. This is paid monthly via PayPal subscription. Upon successful completion of this Course the student will receive a certificate acknowledging a successful year of study in Italian Witchcraft, under the personal guidance of author Raven Grimassi and Stephanie Taylor, through the College of the Crossroads.

COURSE OF STUDY STRUCTURE

The Course of Study is comprised of thirteen lessons, and operates in the following manner. The information packet includes a registration form, personal commitment and copyright notice. This is filled out and returned along with tuition payment authorization to the College of the Crossroads. Once the registration materials have been received and processed the student is sent a letter of acceptance, which includes a personal questionnaire. Once the registration is completed, the student is mailed a traditional alignment bag with four small items to be used in future lessons. For students who wish to dedicate to this path, an Old Ways alignment ritual will be emailed at the end of the Course of Study. Prints from the Well Worn Path will be sent after the third lesson is completed.

Each lesson is emailed between the first and tenth day of the month along with lesson questions for the self test. The student is welcome to send the answers to the questions by email for review (although physical mail is also acceptable). Each subsequent lesson will include the answers for the previous lesson.

The lesson material is open for discussion online in our Cyber Community. Each month the instructors monitor the online discussion group. Private emails to the instructors are also available as part of the membership. This process continues until the Course is completed, upon which a certificate is mailed to the student.

Course: 13 monthly lessons. This option requires monthly payment of \$25 through Paypal subscription.. The basic Course includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- * Unique set of thirteen primary monthly lessons, each with a question and answer review sheet.
- * Training and personal development exercises.
- * Online "Fellowship member only" discussion group
- * Illustrations, graphics and tables/charts.
- * Certificate of Completion (suitable for framing).
- * Rite of Dedication (upon completion of Course)
- * A set of prints from the Well Worn Path Divination deck by Raven and Stephanie.

My Personal Commitment

I accept membership in this Course of Study with the intention to study monthly and to complete the Course in 13 months. I have considered the financial commitment in this decision and feel I am in a financial situation that will allow me to take this Course without interruption. I understand that a period of commitment between student and teacher is traditional in the study of Witchcraft, and I intend to honor this tradition.

In consideration of the teachings of the Old Ways, we value your word which speaks to the character and integrity of the individual giving it. Although we do understand that circumstances and events arise in everyone's lives, please communicate with us to keep us informed of any changes that would shift your life focus or incur a financial burden.

All we ask is you honor your agreement and if you cannot please communicate and explain why.

Copyright Notice (And As It Harm None)

Please note that the writings of any author are considered to be "intellectual property." This means that it is his or her creative production. Authors make a living off of their writings just as anyone does from the work they do or the things they produce. When someone copies an author's work in any manner and either gives it away to someone else or resells it, the author is therefore denied his or her rightful payment for the product. In effect this equates to robbing the author of his or her earnings. Such an act is called "intellectual theft" and is harmful to the author because it decreases his or her ability to make a living.

In consideration of this fact, the student must enter their name into the PayPal subscription form and in so doing agree to not reproduce the material contained in this course, and to not allow others to do so.

By typing my name into the PayPal subscription form, I certify that I have read the copyright notice and agree not to make copies of the course material or allow copies to be made by others in any form or manner whatsoever.

Contractual Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read the Registration package. I understand that this course is intended to be a monthly electronic lesson format with payment made in advance of receiving each monthly lesson.

I understand and agree that I will continue to be charged for lessons until the course is completed or I formally cancel my enrollment with a 30 day email /written notice. In the event that I cancel my enrollment I may keep the materials I have already received but am not entitled to any refund for not completing the course.

I understand and agree that as a monthly student I may only withdraw from the Course of Study after one full quarter (three months) of membership, which I will be automatically debited for.

I understand and agree that I must give a 30 day email/written notice of my intention to cancel.

I understand that if my subscription payment is declined or the information becomes outdated that it is my responsibility to correct it immediately. If I do not attend to this after being notified, I understand that I will be put on inactive student status, which means I forfeit receiving lessons and I cannot participate in the group list discussions until I reconcile the matter.

I certify that I am 18 or older as of subscribing to this course.