

## Crossroads Fellowship Pathways to Knowledge

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, 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 Italy. 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.

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 of how this course works.

Blessings

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# 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 of Italy, 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 (which incorporates the alignment bag sent to you) for those who wish to perform this ritual at the completion of 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.

## 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.

Once the registration is completed, the student is mailed a traditional alignment bag with four small items to be used in future lessons.

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

- ★ 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

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 and the 2 prints from the Well Worn Path Oracle deck. The certificate of completion acknowledges the student has successfully completed a year of study in Italian Witchcraft provided by the Crossroads Fellowship.

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 upon request*.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

★ **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/debit card or PayPal subscription.

★ **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.

## 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 this Course, 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 this 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.

This Course contains 13 monthly lessons at \$25 per lesson. The total for the entire Course is \$325. This is paid monthly by credit/debit card or PayPal subscription<sup>1</sup> depending upon what option you choose.

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<sup>1</sup> You must sign up online via Raven's Loft in order to choose the PayPal option.

## INSTRUCTOR BIOS

Raven Grimassi has been a practitioner and teacher of Witchcraft for over 30 years. 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), ★ Crafting Wiccan Traditions: Creating a Foundation for Your Spiritual Beliefs & Practices and to be released in Fall 2009 Cauldron of Memory: Retrieving Ancestral Knowledge and Wisdom.

Raven is an initiate of several Witchcraft traditions including Brittic, Pictish-Gaelic, and Celtic Traditionalist. He is a legally ordained clergy of Witchcraft. Raven is currently the Directing Elder of the Arician Tradition, a system of Italian Witchcraft and his personal practice. Raven is also a recognized expert on Italian Witchcraft, and the foremost authority on the works of Charles Godfrey Leland in this particular field. 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. Raven is a popular teacher, lecturer and guest speaker at festivals, conventions and metaphysical and Wiccan stores nationwide.

He recently moved to New England with his wife Stephanie and divides his time between writing, workshops, directing the Arician Tradition, and developing Crossroads Fellowship (formerly known as the College of the Crossroads), a Mystery Tradition teaching pathways to knowledge. He is devoted to preserving and teaching the Mystery Tradition of pre-Christian Europe.

Stephanie Taylor-Grimassi is a practicing witch of the Old Ways and is dedicated to guiding and teaching those who seek them. She is a 3rd degree initiate of a Celtic Traditionalist system of Wicca, and a 3rd degree initiate of Italian Witchcraft (the Arician Tradition). Stephanie is a legally ordained clergy of Witchcraft.

Stephanie's life experience has always been intertwined with a very strong connection to Nature and it has been an important influence in her understanding of the world around her. She has studied, taught, and used the arts of the Craft as tools of personal transformation throughout her life experience. Astrology and the tarot called to her at an early age. Stephanie became a Tarot reader and teacher with many years of experience. 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.

In 2005, Stephanie co-author and co-created with husband Raven Grimassi (and artist, Mickie Mueller) the teaching and divination system called The Well Worn Path Oracle kit. And, in 2007, the Grimassis again co-authored and co-created the "next step" The Hidden Path Oracle Kit along with artist Mickie Mueller.

Stephanie recently moved to New England with her husband, Raven Grimassi, and divides her time between teaching workshops, operating Raven's Loft webstore [www.ravensloft.biz](http://www.ravensloft.biz), author management and publicist work, while creating and developing a Mystery Tradition Fellowship via the Crossroads Fellowship (formerly called the College of the Crossroads).

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Course 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 Crossroads Fellowship.

- ★ Another option is registering on line where all of the above paperwork is done electronically through Raven's Loft.

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.

Crossroads Fellowship  
Pathways to Knowledge  
"Italian Witchcraft"

Registration Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 sign this agreement not to reproduce the material contained in this course, and not to allow others to do so. This signed form must be returned along with the registration 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of student

## 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.

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Printed name of student

## Contractual Agreement

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the **Course Description, Course Cost, Copyright Notice** and **Personal Commitment**. I understand that this course of study 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 I may only withdraw from the course after one full quarter, three months of membership, for which I will be automatically charged.

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

I understand that if my debit/credit card is declined or the information becomes outdated that it is my responsibility to correct 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 have read the **Copyright Notice** and will not make copies of the course material or allow copies to be made by others in any form or manner whatsoever. I also certify that I am 18 or older as of the signing of this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of student

## Tuition

I am registering for **The Italian Witchcraft Home Study Course**, 13 monthly electronic lessons @ \$25 per lesson (for a total of \$325).

I understand that my credit / debit card will be charged monthly and that this charge is not based upon my level of participation. To withdrawal I must follow the procedure outlined in **The Contractual Agreement**.

Monthly automatic credit/debit information please provide the following:

Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CVV #** : \_\_\_\_\_ (Last three numbers on back of card in signature area)

I authorize 13 automatic charges to my credit card as outlined in the **Cost of Course** document.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_