

# Blue Raven's News

## Store Hours:

Monday  
Thru  
Saturday

10:00am  
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November 2010

## What's New?

# Happy Holidays

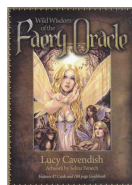
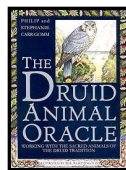
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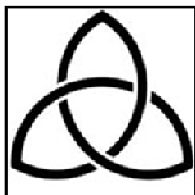
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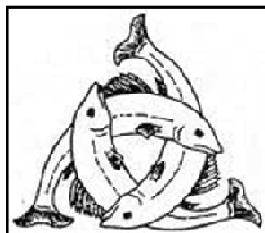
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## What is a Triquetra?



The triquetra (sometimes, triqueta) is a tripartite symbol composed of three interlocked vesica pisces, marking the intersection of three circles. It is most commonly a symbol of the Holy Trinity (Father, son, Holy spirit) used by the Celtic Christian Church, sometimes stylized as three interlaced fish:



The triquetra symbol predates Christianity and was likely a Celtic symbol of the Goddess, and in the North, a symbol of the god Odin. Although it is often asserted that the triquetra is a symbol of a tripartite goddess, no such goddess has been identified with the symbol. Similar symbols do occur in some Norse and Celtic goddess imagery, but most likely represents the divisions of the animal kingdom and the three domains of earth mentioned above. Triplicities were common symbols in Celtic myth and legend, one of the possible reasons Christian beliefs were so easily adopted by the Celtic people. The triquetra makes an ideal Christian symbol. It is a perfect representation of the concept of “three in one” in Christian trinity beliefs, and incorporates another popular Christian symbol, the fish, in its original form of the vesica pisces. It is sometimes enclosed within a circle to emphasize the unity aspect. In Wiccan and Neopagan belief, the triquetra symbolizes the triple aspected goddess (maid, mother, and crone). Some Christians have protested this “appropriation” of the symbol...however, ironically enough, the original Christian fish symbol was derived from an early symbol of venus, one representing female generative organs- making the triquetra perfectly appropriate symbol for a Goddess revival. The triquetra is also considered to represent the triplicities of mind, body, and soul, as well as the three domains of earth according to Celtic mythology- earth, sea, and sky. The triquetra also appears on the television series *Charmed*, probably as a less threatening alternative to the pentacle (the preferred emblem of witches real and imaginary). In the show, it represents the “power of three, acting as one,” which in turn represents the three sisters. Evangelical tract writers and conspiracy theorists like to label the triquetra a ‘satanic’ symbol, claiming it is a ‘stylized’ 666, an allusion to the ‘number of the beast’ in the Book of Revelation. This, however, is simply wishful thinking. The triquetra of interlaced fishes is one of the very earliest of Christian symbols, predating the crucifix by hundreds of years. The purported ‘satanic’ meaning of the symbol is a modern evangelical interpolation.



## What is Reiki? - By: Seshmet

Reiki (ray- key) is a Japanese healing technique that was developed by Mikai Usui in 1922. Dr. Mikao Usui, is the founder of the Usui System of Reiki. He was born August 15, 1865 in the village of Yago in the Yamagata district of Gifu prefecture, Japan. Usui Sensei had an avid interest in learning and worked hard at his studies. As a sensitive spiritualist, Usui Sensei had previously spent much time meditating at power spots on Mt. Kurama on this mountain and retreat he developed the the ability to give healing to others without depleting his own energy. It is the way of using the universal energy or life force to induce a healing reaction. To explain this little better there is energy within us and energy around us what the reiki practitioner does is a process of channeling that energy throughout their own body down their arms and out at the palms. The energy is passed on by laying on the hands on the client's body in various places. All clients are clothed and aura healing (hands above the body) can be used too. The energy is absorbed into the client's body which promotes healing. The energy flows can normally be felt as a warm sensation or tingling in the body. Reiki relieves pain, promotes natural self-healing, aids meditation, promote positive thinking, relaxes you, reduces stress, treats illnesses, strengthen immune system, balance the body, clears toxins, erase addictions, and can release blocked or suppressed feelings. It promotes health and is a good preventive technique. Reiki will enrich your life and give you happiness and health on all levels. Reiki is safe and does not harm anyone. (Reiki should never be used instead of medical treatment, it should be used as a compliment and a way to become and remain healthy.) Here is some examples Reiki can benefit or improve Anger, Anxiety, Arthritis, Asthma, Burns, Cuts, Cancer, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Energy blocks, Gastric, Heart ailments, Hemorrhoids, Hypersensitivity, Hypertension, Impotency, Insomnia, Intoxication, Leukemia, Menstrual, Migraine, Pains, Parkinson, Poor memory, Respiratory, Rheumatism, Skin disorders, Spinal injuries, Sports injuries, Stress, Tension, Ulcer, Vision and so much more. Anyone can learn Reiki and it is easy to learn. Reiki practitioners are taught by Reiki Masters (ones that have completed all levels of reiki). There are 3 levels to reiki levels 1-3 possibly 4. Level 1 is the physical side of reiki here you learn how to heal yourself, plants, others and even pets (anything alive). You learn the hand positions, history of reiki and about universal energy. Will do lots of practice on hand positions and feeling the energy. Attunement is the ceremony initiation into being a reiki practitioner. It is a way of giving the student the access to the universal energy to use. All levels attunements are done on the Reiki student. If the student is ready then they go on to level 2. Reiki level 2 is the mental/emotional side of Reiki here you learn the Reiki 2 symbols the names, meanings and purpose. There are three Reiki symbols taught here and memorized. Here you learn how to use the symbols plus learn how to heal from a distance without being with the client or person in need of a healing. Level 3 is the Master level you learn 2 more symbols to memorize. This is the level of service so student should be dedicated to Reiki as a Master Teacher. To take this class you should know level 1-2 well, have given Reiki to other people and even done distance healing, too. You learn how to give attunements with this level. You learn the fundamentals to do a class on Reiki. Level 4 is optional it is a split up of Reiki 3 into another level that mainly its concern is how to be a teacher and how to set up a practice might be included.

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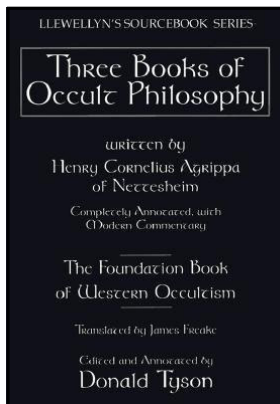


## CURRENT CLASS OFFERINGS



### Sundays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 - Guided Meditation – 5:00-5:30pm -

**\$Free/Donation** - What is meditation? What does meditation do? Who can meditate? How does one meditate? The way I like to explain meditation is a cleansing of the mind. Meditation can do many things. It can make you aware, make you happy, or make you sleepy. It has many effects. Meditation occurs when you give the mind a focus. By keeping the mind on the focus it becomes effortless, and very relaxing. Anyone can meditate if blessed with the time and commitment. Using visualization, sound, breath, chanting, nature, it's easy to get the mind in a meditative state. The important thing to figure out which form of meditation works best for you!



### Thursdays, November 4, 11, 15 - Three Books of Occult

#### Philosophy Discussion Group - 6:30-8:30pm - \$10.00/week

The Three Books of Occult Philosophy is the most complete repository of pagan and neoplatonic magic ever compiled. This book is packed with material you will not find anywhere, including extracts on magic from obscure or lost works by Pythagoras, Pliny the elder, Cicero, Ptolemy, Plato, Aristotle, and many others. It provides extensive insight into the foundations of all western traditions, and is the ultimate HOW TO for magical workings. It describes how to work all manner of divinations, natural and ceremonial magic in such detail that it is still regarded as the guide for modern and classical techniques. Please join me in exploring this magical masterpiece.



### Tuesday, November 9 - Elemental Series - Earth - 6:30pm -

**9:00pm - \$20.00** - Come and uncover the wonders of the Element of Earth. Discover what it is, how it works, and the way in which it acts as the foundation of all the elements and the receptacle of all celestial rays.. Join me in a fun exploration into all aspects of Earth: Astrological, Magical, Healing, Manifestation, Stones, Herbs, and Oils.



### Tuesday, November 16 - Energy Protection Workshop– 6:30pm-8:00pm-

**\$20.00** I will explore popular modes of protection, for the beginner, intermediate and advanced practitioner. Various traditional forms will be discussed and performed. The importance of protection to any magician, healer, or paranormal investigator is paramount. It is a subject which most resources either overlook, or take much too lightly an approach to. This workshop will introduce you to many different styles of which you will be able to incorporate into your everyday life. You will also learn protection forms which are more intense and can be employed as needed. Some of the forms are: White light coating; Lower banishing ritual of the pentagram; Banishing ritual of the hexagram; Aetheric shields; Dispelling unwanted energy; Psychic shields; And more...

**More Classes to be offered soon. Please check our website  
often for an updated class listing. [www.blueravenimports.com](http://www.blueravenimports.com)**



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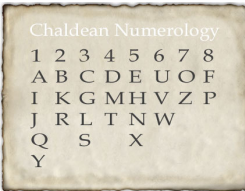
### Monday, November 22 - Spirit Guides & Teachers - 7:00pm - 8:30pm - \$10.00 “Who are they and how do we contact them?”

This class/lecture will focus on spirit guides, teachers, helpers.....Things like who they are, where they come from, what they do, and why they’re in our lives. We will also learn how to contact them and how to listen to the advice that they give.



### Tuesday, November 23 - Crystal Workshop I - 7:30pm - 9:00pm - \$20.00

This is a hands on practical lesson on the energetic application of crystals and stones. This session will focus on: What crystals and stones actually are; The energies which form them; Their dualistic nature; Their elemental differences; Acquiring crystals or stones; Cleansing; Awakening; Pre-programming; Programming; and Attuning. Join us in this introductory exploration into the power of the mineral kingdom.



### Wednesday, November 24 - Chaldean Numerology - 7:00pm - 8:30pm - \$20.00

One of the basic laws of the universe is that everything vibrates at a specific rate. In Chaldean Numerology each letter vibrates at a specific rate and is given a numerical value. This system dates back to Chaldea and is the oldest, most accurate and reliable system in use today. In this class you will be taught this system and how to construct and read a chart using it.



### Wednesday, November 24 - Monthly Runestone Class - 7:00pm - 8:30pm - \$20.00/Month

Our class follows a system developed by Diane Paxson from her book “Taking Up the Runes”. We will systematically work from the beginning of the futhark. The runes energies are studied in pairs. This course runs for 14 months consecutively. Study includes: Ancient Interpretations; Phonetic Meanings; Modern Interpretations; Norse Lore; Old English Interpretations; Affirmations for Individual Runes; Meditations for Individual Runes; Individual Interpretations; Group Interpretations; and Energetic Connecting to the Runes, for magnified results.



### Tuesday, November 30 - Intermediate Ritual Workshop- 6:30pm - 8:30pm - \$20.00

This is an in depth workshop on the preparation, tools, scripts, protection, needed to receive the actualized results intended for any ritual. You will learn not only what you need for a ritual, but why it is necessary. This workshop will teach you recipes for creating scripts specific to your intended result. You will learn how to integrate crystals, herbs, metals, and animal energy into your rituals. The contributions they make to rituals and a process for determining which individual ones are needed and why. This workshop is not particular to any path, and can be used for any tradition.

**[More Classes to be offered soon. Please check our website often for an updated class listing. www.blueravenimports.com](http://www.blueravenimports.com)**