

Witch: Unleashed, Untamed, Unapologetic

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Witch, a term that has previously been used to demonize, stigmatize and repress women, is now being reclaimed.

① The Witch is Waking

We're living in "interesting times"

- there's a quickenning → from the Divine Feminine
- A call
- A remembrance → to rise, fully rooted in the truth of who we are

TRUST

our gut
our intuition
our power
our innate wisdom

that asks us to trust ourselves

This remembrance is waking the witches

It's a remembrance of who you were before patriarchy put all your fierce and feminine powers into the darkness and taught you to be afraid of the dark.

THE WITCH IS =

A woman fully in her power

Represents the part of each of us that has been censored, ignored, punished, or demonized.

It's a part that wants - no, needs - to be accessed & fully expressed.

It's the part of us that's in touch with the dark.

She questions EVERYTHING

She feels connected to everything - to the earth

She hears the whispers of those who have gone before her, and she feels the ancient secrets that are in her bones

She is the one who knows without fail that there's more to this life than actually meets the eye.

She causes hierarchical power structures to shake in her wake.

THE WITCH =

- She knows that at any given moment, she can be a hot mess, a woman of grace + beauty, angry + grief struck, loved and pleasure satiated, tired + soft or raw + vulnerable.
- She knows that sometimes she can be all of these at once
- She's WHOLE
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- She reintegrates all the parts of herself that have been dis-membered
- We carry the stories—the pain and the fear—of the women who've gone before us.
- Is WILD—a reflection of Nature
- Is a powerful force
- Is a powerful source
- Is passionate, creative, deeply intuitive
- Has a knowing that's older than time itself.

TO BE a witch is to:

- Be a powerful woman in a world where women have, for thousands of years until now, felt really bloody powerless
- Be a really bloody scary threat to anyone who's not in full integrity, not fully aligned with the truth of who they are and what they stand for
- Be ready to deal with everything that comes with it
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- Take fierce responsibility all that the word "Witch" represents + symbolizes
- Re-member, re-write, and re-tell HER Story (not "His Story")

This is the greatest story NEVER told. It's OUR story.
- Trust yourself and to trust each other
- Restore the balance in ourselves and on the planet.

I didn't decide to become a witch. I remembered I was one.

To BE a witch is to:

- Call back my power—a calling up and a calling in of the ancient feminine wisdom and power.
- Remember who you were before you forgot
- Reconnect—over and over again to your forgotten knowing

FORGET EVERYTHING
You've EVER been told
about witches

Don't get too caught up in the details

→ It's what you decide to do with what you remember that makes the real magic happen.

A Witch is:

- An unapologetic woman
- She alchemizes experiences and emotions
- She is a woman with power, agency, and sovereignty—and she has it on her terms.
- She creates and manifests.
- She is self-sourced.
- She freely communes w/nature/spirit
- A woman in her power.
- She trusts her inner authority, and doesn't look outside herself for validation or approval.
- She uses her own personal magic to navigate and negotiate the environment she finds herself in.
- Comes in many different forms + flavors
- She is every woman, regardless of whether she knows or not.
- She is magic, cyclical, powerful.
- The STANCE you take in life.

Calling yourself a witch
at this moment in history
is a very big deal.

- We have been told/taught
to hold back our power, hush
our voices, and stay small.
We've been told that being
powerful is unsafe.

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OUR WORK WITCH WORK:

IS TO MAKE IT SAFE TO BE
POWERFUL AGAIN.

While you're in your cage, you
stay tame — don't wait until
↓ ↓ ↓ you feel strong
enough or brave enough
You can only find your power
when you give yourself back
into the motherboard → EARTH

Witch Work:

- Daring to express our fullness
- We must bring it ALL. rage + laughter
- Be MORE of everything. beauty + strength
- Hold back Fierceness + Grace
- Playing the roles/game Vulnerability + force
- Push down the scream or teeth Compassion + passion
- Scared of our own power
- We must trust ourselves

Let it all be seen and felt.

Dare to take up space

Trust your own inner feminine
Authority to nurture you and those
around you.

Walk into the fire

Practice being the
most powerful

being you can be.

Have to get comfortable with a lot
of discomfort — mess.

and burn over
and over — the
stories, beliefs
You've been
told, lies that
have bound you

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* WITCH WORK:

- FEEL EVERYTHING - be willing to feel it all, the whole freakin' world
- Disappoint people in order to be true to yourself.
- know that you are chained to nothing + no one
- Breath deeply - right down deep in your womb.
- Find fierceness + healing and peace in those places of yourself that seem hard + closed off.
- Let the feminine parts of yourself lead the masculine - (you need both), but let the wild nature and chaos and softness of the feminine inform the harder edges of your soul.
- Love yourself - even the most wild + crazy parts.
- [* it's intense and powerful, but so good + worth it!]

How ← walking the
WITCH PATH

- ✓ Get still - ideally in nature
 - FOLLOW YOUR URGES

Tell the truth

- Listen to your body, don't lie to yourself, even if your voice shakes

Step Beyond Fear

- know that you can turn it around
Words have power: when we name our fears, we can begin to witness + overcome them.

Be kind (but take no shit)

- be powerful and kind

Notice What's Around You

- be respectful + follow the bread-crumbs

Experiment

- Make your own way

Expand Your Awareness

- Commune
Know That You Know

Why do we have to remember?
Why have we forgotten?
Why do we remember, then
forget all over again?

PATRIARCHY

- ∅ Man bashing
- ∅ Christianity bashing
- ✓ We've ALL been played
 - [and have been participating in]
 - ⑪ by patriarchy - men + women

This can't be intellectualized.
It must be felt.
Fully
In your body.

The simple act of looking at,
studying, and exploring what
happened in history changes it.

the facts may have been written
down ... but what was the agenda
of the man who wrote them?

History was-and still is-written
by the victor. And who was the
victor in the witch hunts?

If certainly wasn't the women.

Remember: women were rarely
allowed to write until the 19th century.

My agenda in writing this book
and telling you everything in it
is simple:

I want you to take back
what's rightfully yours as a woman

ALL OF IT.

The challenge - specifically for
women, whose story has been
censored, silenced, repressed, and
burned over the last 3,000 years
is to QUESTION EVERYTHING

For centuries now, we've been living in a society that has no respect or love for womankind.

➡ But it wasn't always like that

"witch" used to be used interchangeably with wise woman or healer, women who had

completed their bleeding years

She had arrived in the seat of her power, (crone = throne) from which she'd teach ancestral knowledge. (13)

"Hag" - used to refer to a woman who refused to conform or bow down to expectations. Hags were willful + badass.

Now - despite their power - they have been reframed to represent the undesirable

Why?

Society: Men make the

Witch hunts = A Healer Holocaust
A "witch" for the church, was any strong woman - Patriarchy couldn't control a woman's "magic" or her ability to create through her sexuality or female power - so they demonized women + their power,

To doctors, women were a major threat - men wanted absolute authority - and not to be questioned by women who were healers and, in most cases, had much more experience, yet no official standing (14)

* 13 Million women were killed *

→ It was femicide ←

The more we fear the witch, the more we fear our own power - which was and still is - exactly the point of patriarchal propaganda

Because independence, willfulness, and badassery are not qualities men have found attractive in women and that's what defines a patriarchal system - women are unassuming participants

There are 5 witch entities—archetypes—that are present in each & every one of us.

And experiencing and feeling them fully will wake the witch in every woman.

the Golden ratio → symbolize 5 elements

(15) (human body)

planet Venus makes this path

The 5 ↓

The Force of Nature: She who cannot be controlled

The Creatrix: She who dreams, manifests and makes magic

The Oracle: She who trusts her intuition and sees all things

The Healer: She who heals herself and heals the world

The Sorceress: She who is charmed dangerous + not afraid of the dark

The Force of Nature: She who cannot be controlled

I am WILD

I am designed to be inconsistent

I am inconsistent on purpose—like nature

I move in cycles

I have deep roots

I honor the truth of who I am.

It is safe for me to be wild.

Our roots have been pulled away from Mother Nature

(16) As a witch, your job is to return to the ways of the Earth—the cycles + seasons with complete remembrance + reverence. Kali Ma Carnelian

Being connected to the cycles of the Earth is an integral part of being a witch.

Tools + Practices ← Times to work our magic

→ The Wheel of the year—Celtic
• Sabbats (8)—Solar Festivals (2 equinoxes, 2 solstices)
• Esbats—13 full moon cycles (Imbolc, Spring Equinox, Lughnasadh, Samhain, etc.)

The Creatrix: She Who Dreams, Manifests and makes magic

I dream, manifest + make magic
 Every word I speak is a spell
 I am always creating - it's who I am
 I ritualize my intention to create
 I harness the power of my desire
 Internal + external forces
 It is safe for me to be powerful.

(17) A spell is simply a prayer in action - it's an active way of manifesting.
 Brigid

Jade → A spell ritualizes intention and commitment to create my desires.

Tools ~ Practices → Alters Casting a circle
 → Book of Shadows (aka Grimoire) is a place to keep all spells, rituals, secret notes on herbs, crystals, oil properties
 → Correspondences - lists of days of week, colors, oils, goddesses used
 → Elements - earth, air, fire, water, spirit/ether together

The Oracle: She who trusts her intuition and can see all things

I trust my intuition and see all things
 I see, I sense, I feel all things
 things seen + unseen
 I tell stories and communicate thru divination
 I believe in the mysteries
It is safe for me to trust myself

When you talk about the witch, what you're really talking about is the mystery.

(18) Isis
 It's about enhancing the fact is: clear your sensitivity & No one can quartz and response & teach you this - towards both. It takes time, attention random thoughts + practice + direct, loaded truth bombs. ♥
Tools ~ Practices

Divination → Tarot → times the root of most. Divination is open. Divination is Scrying - crystal, tarot, etc. DIVINE Rest - when water we bleed/Dark of Moon all you need to connect is you

The Healer: She who heals herself and heals the world

I can heal myself and heal the world
It is in my nature to heal—I know how to do this.

I make medicine

I am medicine—I'm a midwife.

I have everything I need

I possess ancestral knowledge

It is safe to trust my knowing

(19) When we remember our Hildegard power to heal, we can change Mary Magdalene up our role on this planet

Black Madonna Trust: the final ingredient we have everything

Amethyst we need to heal

Tools + Practices:

→ Breath

→ Essential Oils

→ Herbs

→ Crystals



This book is a HUGE resource to learn about these!

The Sorceress: She who is charmed, dangerous, and not afraid of I am charmed + dangerous dark I make magic happen I am not afraid of the dark My power lies between my thighs

I am an alchemist

I have the ability to change things

I am worthy of calling in what I need and desire

It is safe to trust my desire to

"Where there is woman,

there is magic." —Ntozake Shange

Pandora" literally means: "giver of all gifts"

She knows when she serves herself

She is FULL and WHOLE and able to serve SHE and the world.

She is comfortable in the dark—she knows it is the only way to serve the SORCERESS → Reminds you light.

→ DESIRE care the source body Tools + Practices → PENTIC BOWL, PLEASURE, TALK

* It is safe for you to unravel

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Hecate

Black Obsidian