

## WHAT WICCA MEANS TO ME

Spirituality has always been a personal and deep journey for me, one that has led me to seek a real connection with the divine and with the world around me. I grew up in the Catholic faith and received the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation. However, despite years of catechism and my best efforts, I never truly felt connected to the beliefs or practices of this religion. I don't want to go into the details of my dissatisfaction because that's not the point of this text. What matters is that my spiritual search led me to a different path, one that now guides me toward Wicca. I chose to unbaptize myself years ago to make a clear break, as I needed to distance myself from a faith that no longer felt like it truly represented me or spoke to my heart.

For me, Wicca is a choice that aligns with my desire for freedom, connection to my inner self, and a more personal and inclusive spirituality.

The spiritual journey Wicca offers is first and foremost about connecting with myself. It helps me explore my deeper being, accept all parts of myself—even the ones I don't fully understand. This path gives me a chance to grow, evolve, and embrace myself without fear or doubt. Every ritual and practice helps me connect with my true self and align with who I really am. Wicca doesn't require me to follow an imposed set of beliefs; instead, it encourages me to find my own truth, listen to my intuition, and walk through life with a better understanding of who I am and what I want. So, this journey isn't just a spiritual search; it's also about self-awareness and acceptance. Every step I take helps me find balance both within myself and in my relationship with the world. Wicca teaches me to recognize and embrace the forces that move within and around me, to live more peacefully, and to be in harmony with my body, mind, and spirit.

Wicca celebrates individuality while also fostering a sense of community and belonging. Each practitioner is free to explore their own spirituality and connect with

the divine in their own way, but they are also part of a coven, a group of people who share a similar path. This doesn't mean losing individuality; in fact, each person is encouraged to contribute, share their experiences, and celebrate their authenticity. In a Wiccan circle, the collective energy amplifies everyone's spiritual experience, creating something greater than the individual. It's different from a religion that imposes strict rules and unchanging beliefs. In Wicca, individuality isn't seen as isolation but as a part of a bigger whole— a piece that joins others to form something larger. The community of practitioners is a space of mutual support, growth, and exchange, where we celebrate ourselves on a shared journey.

In this spiritual path, the divine isn't something distant. It's a force that resonates within us, an energy that connects us to everything around us. The connection to the divine isn't just a mystical experience or an abstract idea; it's a reality that shows up in our daily lives, in our actions, and in how we treat the world. Every step we take, every choice we make, brings us closer to a deeper understanding of ourselves and our connection to the universe. Wicca reminds me that what's within us is reflected in the world around us. We are a microcosm that mirrors the macrocosm, and living with this awareness helps us experience the divine as something that doesn't just guide us, but lives within us— in every thought, in every action.

Lastly, another aspect of Wicca that draws me in is its focus on the feminine, which is celebrated and valued. In Wicca, femininity is recognized as a sacred and powerful force, honored in every practice and ritual. Wicca doesn't limit femininity to the role of mother or traditional woman but embraces all the different aspects of being female, without forcing it into rigid roles or narrow views.

Wicca, therefore, teaches me to live with awareness, to recognize the importance of every stage of life, and to be in harmony with what surrounds me and the people around me. Every day is an opportunity for growth, evolution, and exploration— a journey that helps me become more in tune with myself and the world I live in.