

QUESTIONS FOR A CANDIDATE

Please provide day, month, year, time and place of birth. If applicable indicate if you were born during DST.

Name:

Birth date:

Birthplace:

Birth time:

Note: This document is to be completed by candidate upon application to the Coven, as an aid to both the candidate and High Priestess/High Priest of this Coven. Please do not skip any question, even if the answer is 'Not at this time' or 'I am unsure'.

Note: There are not necessarily "right" or "wrong" answers. This questionnaire is intended to aid you in determining your own Path, and to assist the Elders of this Coven to know you better. Please answer honestly to the best of your ability. Please do not try to impress us with wordy or flashy answers. We want to get to know you, not read what you think will make you more likely to be accepted for training. **The word Wicca here is meant to be understood as British Traditional Wicca or the Wica, which is the initiatory traditions descended from the New Forest area of Britain.** It is not what you can buy in the bookstore under mainstream authors.

How to fill out this document: This file is in Microsoft Word and should be returned in this file format. If you are unable to open or use Word, please let us know. Please save this document to your desktop with the file name as **YOUR NAME** as you have given it to the coven, and then open it. Type your answers directly under the question. **DO NOT** remove the question; this makes it very difficult to read when it's returned. When you have completed it, simply attach as a document to your email and mail to covenquestions@tradwicca.org.

Basics

1. Should you be considered for the Outer Court with Well of Leaves would your schedule allow meeting 2-4 times a month?
2. Do you have reliable transportation?
3. Can you dedicate 2-8 hours a week to study?
4. Have you studied with other spiritual groups before? If so, tell us about it. If you are accepted into the Grove are you willing to provide us with your former group contact information? If no, can you explain why?

Tell us about you:

1. Why are you drawn to the Path of Wicca? What does it mean, to you, to be a Witch?
2. Why do you wish to study to become one of the Wica rather than with an eclectic group or as a solitary?
3. What is a coven? What is its primary purpose? Any other functions? Why do you want to study with a coven?
4. What outcome or goal do you seek from these studies?

5. How do you believe you have grown spiritually in the last ten years?...in the last five years?
 6. What does the term "self-empowerment" mean to you? Have you manifested this quality over the last few years in your life? If so, how? If not, do you see a way in which you could?
 7. What does sacred mean to you?
 8. Give an explanation of: "Do as ye will an ye harm none".
 9. Explain the Law of Return (commonly called the Law of Three which states what you send out comes back to you three-fold).
 10. Which God/dess is most active in your life right now? When/how did you realize which one(s) it was? Why do you think S/He has chosen to work with you? Describe Him/Her: culture, stories, symbols, correspondences.
 11. What is the purpose, for you, of ceremony and ritual? If you perform one, what is most important about this for you?
 12. Is it important to have a regular daily practice? Why or why not? What is your regular practice? How often? If none, please explain. Is this practice important or helpful for your growth? Why or why not?
 13. How important is meditation? What is its purpose? What, if any, is your regular meditation practice?
- A. Describe your sacred space. If none currently, describe after you set it up. Is it indoors or out? What is on/in it? What does each object mean to you? Are there any working tools? If so, describe them and their use.
 - B. Design and share with me a simple ceremony that you will be able to practice daily. Please discuss and explain it. You may include deities, elements, guides, etc., if desired. Where will it be practiced? What will you wear? What is the INTENT of this ceremony? Describe the parts of your ceremony (there may be one, or more than one parts to it), why you chose it/them, how each part adds to the intent of the whole, etc. How do you believe this ceremony will aid you in your spiritual growth? How do you want to grow, and how do you want it to help you?
 - C. Describe your current life situation – your feelings more than the facts: Are you happy? Does your life have purpose? Have you realized any goals/dreams? What are your future goals/dreams? If yes to any of these, please describe. If not to any, please explain.
 - D. Is it important to be happy? Joyful? Fulfilled? Self-reliant? What do you mean by these terms? Have you experienced these to any degree in your life? How? If not, why not, and how will you bring them about?
 - E. When you die, how do you want to be remembered? (If appropriate, what epitaph would you choose?) Why?

There is excellent knowledge available through books. Have you used any of these? Which ones?

What do you believe you will learn from any HP/s that is not in these books?

More Thoughts for Your Consideration (please share with us):

1. What do you feel is your purpose in life?
2. How do you serve (others/community)?
3. What is your 'Passion' in life? Do you have one?
4. Some coven leaders will not initiate anyone who had not been self-supporting for at least two years. Why do you think this may be a requirement prior to initiation? Do you agree and if so, why?

5. A High Priestess I know requires her candidates to go through therapy before initiation. Why do you think she requires this? Do you agree?
6. Is there a connection between your spiritual life and your mundane life? If 'yes', how? If 'no' how do you keep them separated? Why?
7. How many witches does it take to screw in a light bulb?