



# MODERN WITCHES

## Ten Principles of a Nature-Centred Path

For readers concerned that modern witches are devil-worshippers, here is a summary of the aims and values commonly associated with modern witchcraft.

### 1 Harmony with Nature

A modern witch seeks to live in harmony with nature and the changing seasons of the year.

### 2 The Sacred Earth

Many modern witches regard the Earth as sacred and believe that all living things deserve respect.

### 3 Reflection and Growth

A witch may practise meditation, ritual or personal reflection to encourage spiritual growth and self-understanding.

### 4 The Sabbats

Many witches celebrate seasonal festivals, known as Sabbats, that mark the annual cycle of nature.

### 5 Personal Responsibility

Modern witchcraft generally encourages personal responsibility for one's actions and their consequences.

### 6 Symbolic Practice

Many witches use herbs, crystals, candles or symbolic objects as aids to meditation and ritual rather than as sources of supernatural power.

### 7 Folklore and Tradition

A modern witch often studies folklore, mythology and ancient traditions to gain a deeper understanding of the past.

### 8 Care for Wildlife

Respect for wildlife, conservation and care for the environment are important values for many modern witches.

### 9 A Peaceful Path

Most modern witches reject the historical stereotype of devil worship and instead follow peaceful spiritual paths centred on nature.

### 10 Wisdom, Balance and Compassion

Above all, a modern witch seeks wisdom, balance and compassion while living in respectful relationship with both the natural world and other people.



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*Modern witchcraft is diverse; individuals and traditions may interpret these principles differently.*

