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## WITCHCRAFT—

# THE FACTS

“Witchcraft is a vile and loathsome thing.”

ALAN J. ELLIS returns to the pages of FATE with another challenging look at the cult of the Wicca.

**W**HAT is a witch? What is witchcraft? The name witch is from the old English masculine noun-substantive *wicca*—a man who practises witchcraft or magic, a magician, sorcerer or wizard. In a Latin Glossary of about 1100, in the reign of King Henry I, the two words *augur* and *ariolus* are just simply translated by *wicca*.

Our own standard authority the Oxford Dictionary, gives: Sorcerer, one who practises sorcery, a wizard, a magician. Sockerery is defined as: The use of magic or enchantment, the

practice of magic arts, or witchcraft. The old English word *wicca* is explained by our dictionaries as: A man who practises witchcraft.

So it would seem that the meaning is very clearly explained.

I well remembered covering a case in the King's Bench Division, April 1934, before Mr Justice Swift. It was a well-known case. The answer given Mr Justice Swift to a question asked of the plaintiff was: “White Magic is that if the will is righteous, and Black Magic

is that if the will is perverse." The full account of this case is reported in the Daily Telegraph, Friday, 13th April, 1934.

But from many years of experiences and from study I have no hesitation in stating that there is no line of demarcation between so-called white and black magic. Both are synonymous. Both are fundamentally evil and depend on Satan!

The word used for a male witch for many years has been wizard. But wizard just means "a wise man". But since the beginning of the Gardner era, the termination "ard" being added to the adjective "wise" did not carry impressiveness or weirdness to suit G. B. Gardner, so he insisted upon his male witches using the name "Warlock". It sounded much more impressive and conveyed the feeling to some that there was some sort of "power" in the use of the name. But warlock is a North Country and Scottish vocable. The old English word "waeloga" means a traitor, a deceiver, an oath-breaker. Which means that the modern warlock is a traitor, a deceiver and oath-breaker since he has transferred his allegiance from God to the Devil.

So we have a true meaning of witches, warlocks, witchcraft, black magicians and black magic. And all are synonymous!

In Britain today there is a small band of men and women who stem from the G. D. Gardner witches. They number less than 80. Some of them have assumed the title of "High

Priestess" and "High Priest". Few of them can boast a regular full coven of 13. The reason for this is because not many can agree on the methods to be used in witchcraft and each one thinks that he or she should be the self-styled "Chief Witch of Britain".

Although this band has a motto: "Perfect love. Perfect trust", they can put the proverbial Billingsgate fisherwives to shame when it comes to flinging curses at one another! Each bunch practises a different type of witchcraft to that of the other. Some lay claim to being clairvoyant. Some to having the gift of healing. Others claim to have great "power" for doing good, while a witch who was initiated only two years ago publicly claimed in the national press that witches had power to do good or evil but that they preferred to do good! This witch declared that she was off to New York to help raise the sum of £20,000 towards the cost of building a "witchy" school of sorts! What amazes me is that every Gardenerque witch seems to have the idea that New York is the Mecca for witches attempting to raise money. Is it because they assume that Americans are much more gullible and superstitious than Britons?

Another small number of the Gardner witches have hit upon the idea of starting a little news-sheet which is called the "Witchcraft Research Association". And from what I have seen of its issues it implies

that the organisers are searching for real witches and would be grateful if any reader could help them find them!

In Brighton we have the self-styled "king-pin" of the witches, "Tudor Keryx", which to the uninitiated means "International Messenger". He claims to belong to the true Wicca, which means the true witches. All others, claims Tudor Keryx, are "loud-mouthed and not of the craft!" And Tudor Keryx, claims that "we of the true Wicca are keeping an eye on these bogus covens and we know what goes on inside them!"

Recently, at a public meeting in Brighton, Tudor Keryx made some fantastic claims that left some people breathless! Among his claims were that Brighton dealers were doing a roaring export trade in items of Black Magic. Specimens of animal horns were in large demand. Shops were selling black candles as fast as they could get supplies. Black Magic books were a sell-out, especially to middle-aged women. And at our stately University of Sussex, students were running a Voodoo sect. And, claimed Tudor Keryx, agents in Denmark had heard of Sussex being a supply centre for black magic items and came over to buy.

It will surprise Tudor Keryx to know that there are in Britain real practising white and black witches with covens conducted on money-paying systems. Whether you call them witches or black magicians they are of the same kidney. But

Tudor Keryx would not know of a single one! I am in a position to know that!

Two or three years ago there was in Britain a resurgence of witchcraft. This resurgence came from West Germany. And many of the German practitioners in the evil cult came over here to help the British covens. It is from a back-street printer and publisher that the ritual books used in black magic come. Such books, to name a few, as: "The Sixth and Seventh Book of Moses", "The Veritable Fiery Dragon", "The Heavenly Manna of Azoth and Ignas", "The Rites and Ceremonies of the Goat", "Pluto's Book of Hades". And this back-street publisher lives in Brunswick, West Germany.

And in a shabby street in Hamburg, West Germany, is an herbalist who supplies the British covens with such foul-smelling medicaments, to give a few: "Devil Dirt", "Blood of Goat", "Balm of Azoth", "Salve of Satan", "Sex Pills of the Grande Maitresse", "Lucifer's Lotion" and a strange heady concoction known as "The Devil's Cocktail".

And the name of these evil practitioners is: "Brothers and Sisters of the Fraternity of the Goat".

And from Nuremburg come all the tools of the loathesome craft and the various garments, from those of the "Grand Master of the Goat", to the "Grande Maitresse", or the "Queen of the Sabbat", to the various grades of the Heiro-

phants, down to the newest members who have just received their Satanic "baptism". This has always been the case. The real covens have no need of supplies from Brighton or anywhere else outside of West Germany! I am of the opinion that if Brighton dealers depended upon doing "a roaring export trade" in such items, they would soon be applying for National Assistance!

In West Germany, Professor Johannes Kruse, of Hamburg, three years ago, after investigating the big increase of witchcraft in such places as Hamburg, Brunswick, Nuremburg, Mailach, and in the province of Lower Saxony, in the neighbourhood of the Harz Mountains, reported to U.N.E.S.C.O., the United Nations education authority: "There are more than 10,000 practitioners of Black Magic who are bedeviling millions!"

In Brunswick, West Germany, in June 1961, Professor Willi-Erich Penckert, discovered a centuries-old formula for a witch's brew. In order to test it the Professor had the lotion made up. He rubbed the lotion on his arms and legs. Within minutes the Professor was in the grip of a delirium identical to that described at ancient witchcraft trials!

Not long ago Sussex was in the grip of a spate of black magic. The so-called black magicians were supposed to have struck five times at churches in six weeks! Out of those five acts committed, only

two could be laid at the door of the "Fraternity of the Goat". And those two were two new initiates of the Goat carrying out their "Oath of Desecration" accompanied by older members as is always the case. When one set of three members were nearly caught in the 12th-Century parish church of Westham, Sussex, one spoke with a strong guttural foreign accent, like a German!

The other three cases were the work of silly young hooligans who had copied symbols out of books in the library hoping to get a giggle out of laying the blame on the Satanists or the witches. This has happened quite frequently all over the country.

The cult of Black Magic or Witchcraft is a very vile and loathsome thing, and even if the Government brought back the Witchcraft Act, it would not prevent the vile cult from continuing its evil rites. It would still go on like some evil octopus reaching out its slimy tentacles to grasp the unwary in its death grip. For once one enters the coven of hell's playground one is doomed for life!

The silly Witches of the Gardner mob are not to be feared but laughed at. Their childish quarrels and world of fantasy are somewhat pathetic! No one takes their claims seriously except themselves. It was one of the late G. B. Gardner's fears which he repeated several times: "The persecution of centuries has

left its mark. The cult is doomed. And people today are just not interested. The time is not far off when there will not be a witch left!"

But he did once make a powerful plea for the advantages of his craft which would have done him credit on the television commercials!

He said: "Witchcraft is not a

cult for everybody. Unless you have an attraction towards the occult, a sense of wonderment, a feeling that you can slip for a few minutes out of this world into the other world of faery, it is of no use to you. By it you can obtain peace, the soothing of jangled nerves and may other benefits, just from companionship."

You can say that again, G.B.!



## DAY OF DISASTER

**H**AVING lost his job, Menno W. Voth, 37, a maintenance worker, returned to his home in Brooklyn, New York, to find his wife hysterical with fear that their eight-month-old daughter had smothered to death. As he tried unsuccessfully to revive the infant by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, his wife went up to the roof of the four-story building and leaped to her death.