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Raymond Buckland — Grandmaster of American Wicca

Ray Buckland was the author of the first American book on the Old Religion — and has since written nearly fifty more.
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SPECIAL SECTION: WORDS OF POWER

Why do we call ourselves Witches?

For most of human history, a “witch” was something other people called you, not a name you chose for yourself. It denoted a worker of ill-intentioned magic, one whose uncanny connection to powers not honored by official religion made people nervous — nervous enough to kill. Even today, in many countries, no one in their right mind would take on the title. So why do we? *By Archer... 20*

What’s in a name?

The Cailleach is a Crone goddess, and not one to be invoked lightly. I imagined that she would not take kindly to a mispronunciation of her name.
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The Notorious N-Word

To a savvy Magician, words of power are not limited to Barbarous Names of Evocation, Aeonie Utterances, or Holy Names. Words which manipulate the group-mind can be far more effective — and dangerous — than anything you will read in a grimoire. *By Kenaz Filan... 26*

A Choice of Oaths

I hadn’t even started medical school yet when I first encountered the difference between my worldview and that of the medical culture I was about to join. I learned that, as part of a ceremony welcoming the entering class, we were all supposed to take the Hippocratic Oath. But no one seemed to be taking it as seriously as I. As a practicing Pagan, the gods of the oath were not long dead to me. I *knew* what the oath said, and I didn’t necessarily agree with everything in it.
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The Divine Magic of Language

Language is one of the more potent forms of magic, and even if you don’t consider yourself to be a writer, you may be surprised at how a little poetry (or prose) can enhance your magical practice. *By Holly Buck... 34*



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The Emerging IndoPagans

IndoPagan: among a growing number of people, this name describes their spiritual path. It is a path that blends the Western tradition of NeoPaganism with Eastern traditions of South Asian origin, commonly with Hinduism. Up until recently the bulk of those following an IndoPagan path believed themselves to be alone. But that's beginning to change. *By Devi Spring ... 40*

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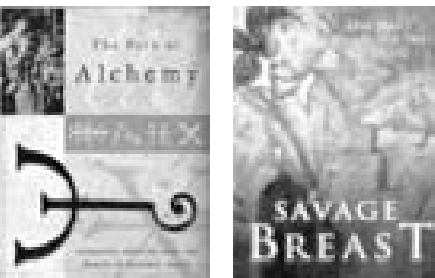
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