

On Pagan Solidarity

Full Comment

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1. Is Pagan community solidarity important? If so, why? If not, why?

Yes. I believe that community and solidarity are very important for any group of people. Pagans are no exception. Pagans as a group want to be recognized and given the same rights as everyone else. We need to work together as a community to achieve that. I've seen firsthand how a situation can turn around completely when Pagans stand together for individual rights.

2. How do you see us building and maintaining solidarity with such a diverse, independent (almost indefinable) faith-based community?

I don't believe that our differences should keep us from working together for common causes. I am a member of several worthy organizations that prove that. Covenant of the Goddess, Circle Network, Church of the Spiral Tree and North Georgia Solitaries all have members with diverse beliefs and yet all of these organizations work every day to help build community by concentrating on the task at hand and respecting each other's differences.

3. A concern was raised about the legitimacy of Pagan Solidarity. Is Solitary Solidarity an oxymoron?

I don't believe solidarity in the Pagan community is an oxymoron at all. Solitaries are no different than any other Pagan or any other person, for that matter. We all need strength in numbers to help protect our rights. And on an emotional level even many solitaries like to come together every once in a while to socialize and share knowledge and celebrate our holy days.

4. Does Solidarity naturally mean institutionalization of our religion?

I do not believe it does. That can be avoided if the members of the groups work together and honor each other's beliefs. A little organization and community doesn't mean we have to lose the ability to practice our faith like we always have.