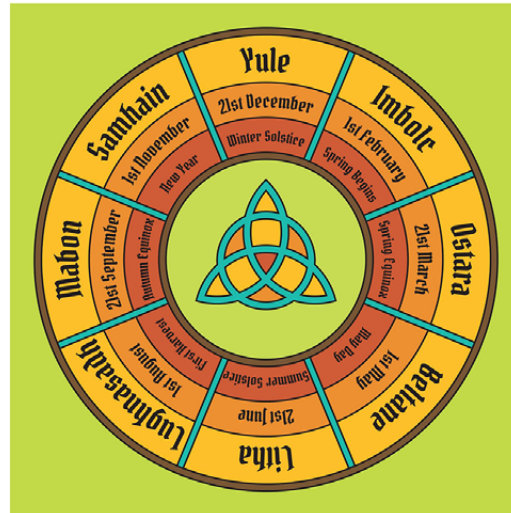


GROUNDING WISDOM CHALLENGE:
Create a Local, In-Person Beltane Ceremony in 3 Easy Steps
with PRIESTESS PRESENCE TEMPLE & SCHOOL OF SACRED ARTS



THE CELTIC WHEEL OF THE YEAR
The Power of Tuning to an Encoded Rhythm



*There is a wisdom path deep inside your woman's body
Just as a flower goes from tiny bud, to full blooming radiant beauty
And back to seed again
So does your life unfold
Each petal of your being opening,
over time unfurling and revealing within
a greater beauty, depth, wisdom and grace.*

I am deeply in love with the cycles of our lives. I love the moon and her moonly ebbs and flows. I love my moon blood time. I love the high holy-days and the never-ending cycles that recapitulate themselves with each in and out breath.

I love navigating the lunar cycle—seeding on the new moon, amplifying and releasing during the full moon, and letting go into the void on the dark moon.

I am dedicated to creating potent rituals (you may have been to some of them!) for each one of the 8 turns of the wheel: Imbolc, Ostara (Spring Equinox), Beltane, Litha (Summer Solstice), Lammas, Mabon (Fall Equinox), Samhain, Yule (Winter Solstice).

**You might be wondering:
Why?**

**How does paying attention to these cycles actually help us to live a more sane,
juicy, and connected life?**

Essentially, it grounds us with soul meaning and purpose.

Personally, it helps me see myself in the present moment, where I have been, and where I am headed. It provides a map that makes sense to my deepest cellular being—an ancient map that connects me to my ancestral imagination and wisdom.

The overlapping lunar and solar cycles feed me in the deepest way possible; it is how I schedule my calendar, how I know when to lean into the curve of manifestation, and return to the womb of creation.

This encoded map of wisdom lies within each one of us and connects us to the heartbeat of the earth and the heartbeat of our cosmos. It is grounded in our daily 3D existence and connects us to the stars.

Having this map has changed my life.

There was a time when I tried to “fit everything” into the way linear time told me it should be; it was like forcing myself into a shape that didn't fit.

Everything felt off and like a huge effort.

I was pushing against the current, was often overwhelmed, and like there was no time. I am wondering if you relate.

Then, I had an epiphany that led me to restructure my life and how we offer all of our programs in the temple.

It was a shift to connect with and honor the lunar cycle AND the wheel of the year.

I scraped all of our existing program structures and synced my calendar with the lunar calendar, deciding that every moon, the temple would dedicate itself to one archetype—in all our programs.

I studied the lunar calendar and began a practice of finding the moon in the sky every night I could. I wrote emails, planned to open programs, took time off—all in alignment with the cycles of the moon and sun. It was and still is revolutionary.

It has been a blessing as I've also deepened into contact with my eternal soul self that lives in another realm; it is as if she sighed relief that I was finally working out how to listen to her.

The marking of the high holy-days for me is actually a practice that keeps me rooted to life and death and rebirth. It reminds me of the ancient part of myself and the alchemy of all life. It is rooted in each one of us. And this relationship forms the basis of all others.

ALL ABOUT BELTANE

Qualities:

Abundance, creation, fertility, growth, love, psychic ability, purification, sexuality, union, building sacred fires, giving offerings, handfasting, protecting plants, animals, people, and possessions, visiting sacred wells, walking the boundaries of your property, working with faeries, elementals

God/desses:

Artemis, Diana, May Queen, Gaia, Flora, Danu, Maeve, Tanet, Herne, Pan, Green Man, Stag King, Dionysus, Bacchus

Animals:

Deer, Stag, Honey Bees, Rabbits, Unicorn

Herbs, Trees, Flowers:

Rowan, Hawthorn, Oak leaves, Oak tree, Dandelion, Crocus, Bluebell, Sunflowers

Gems:

Rose Quartz, Emerald, Citrine

Beltane marks the celebration of freeing of our creative fire—the early blossoming of the beginning of summer.

Beltane is the sacred turning point in the year; we start feeling the abundance of that which is being manifested and birthed within us take shape.

It is a highly potent and fertile time to celebrate and intensify the fire of creative juices.

Its potent celebration honors life and has been a long tradition in my family and culture.

My dad rises early on May 1st morning to welcome in the day with dance and song.

Beltane is also intimately connected with the archetype of the Lady of Communion and heralds the beginning of Summer, as the goddess weds the god, conceiving the holy child and bringing new life and hope to the world.

It is a day that heralds a magical month, when the unseen can be seen, when the sun waxes almost full, and the life-force of nature is at its highest. It is a time of magic, joy, nature, and possibility, and you can feel its vibrations tingling in the air.

We feel Mother Earth as filled with strong and fertile energy. All is being conceived and born from her as we head into summer.

All of life is bursting with potent fertility and at this point in the Wheel of the Year, the potential becomes conception. whether you're looking to conceive a child, enjoy fruitfulness in your career or creative endeavors, or just see your garden bloom, Beltane is the perfect time for intentional ritual and focus related to any type of prosperity.

In ancient tradition, on May Eve, the sexuality of life and the earth is at its peak. Abundant fertility, on all levels, is the central theme. The Maiden goddess reaches her fullness. She is the manifestation of growth and renewal, Flora, the Goddess of Spring, the May Queen, The Stag King or the Green Man, falls in love with her and wins her hand.

The union is consummated and the May Queen becomes pregnant. Together the May Queen and the May King are symbols of the Sacred Marriage (or Heiros Gamos), the union of sacred feminine and sacred masculine within each one of us.

On these holy days, we are called to bring our consciousness together knowing that these are power points in the turn of the wheel. There is a portal that opens that naturally offers us the chance to potentize and amplify whatever it is that we are called to invoke and collectively bring into focus.

This is a potent moment in the Wheel of the Year to celebrate and deepen your intentions dreams you are called to manifest into your life...