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What does it mean to be a *Druid*, circa 2020 c.e.?

BOOK DESCRIPTION

What does it mean to be a “Druid” in modern times? Is it just fantasy cosplay, or is there really such a thing as a modern-day Druid? If so, who are they? Where are they? What are their theological beliefs? their ritual and devotional practices? their celebrated holidays?

World Druidry provides definitive answers to these questions, and more. Based on the results of the first rigorous, large-scale international study of modern Druidry, and richly illustrated with hundreds of direct quotations from 725 practicing Druids in 34 countries, and 147 Druid groups around the world, *World Druidry* delves into the global variations and universal themes in the beliefs, ritual practices, holiday celebrations, and home-lives of real live Druids in the 21st Century.

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KEY IDEAS

- Modern Druidry is a new religious movement that has been growing rapidly since the early 1990s. As of 2020, an estimated 60,000-100,000 Druids resided in 34 nations, across 6 continents.
- Druidry is a spiritual, wisdom tradition defined by shared spiritual practices rather than theological beliefs – which might be animistic, polytheistic, pantheistic, atheistic, or monotheistic/Abrahamic in nature.
- All modern Druids venerate the divine essence of Nature, and they work hard to cultivate honorable relationships with that divine essence, through a variety of ritual and devotional practices.
- The five universal ritual & devotional practices among modern Druids are:
 1. A meditation or visualization practice to cultivate calm, focus, and concentration.
 2. Regular prayer, or conversation with deities and/or spirits of nature & place.
 3. Extra-sensory techniques for seeking wisdom (e.g.: divination, seership, spiritual journeying, or shapeshifting).
 4. Nature-based ritual framework (Air, Fire, Water & Earth; or Land, Sea & Sky).
 5. Nature connection & environmental stewardship work.
- Druids observe a cycle of seasonal festivals, known as the “Wheel of the Year,” which vary with the local ecology. They include solstices, equinoxes, and agriculturally or ecologically notable moments, such as:
 - first flowers appearing after winter
 - first rain after seasonal drought
 - times of planting & harvest
 - times of peak fertility in nature
 - fallow times of death, dearth & dormancy
- Druid culture is defined by an ongoing process of seeking wisdom wherever it may be found — in nature, in relationships with god(s) and spirits of nature & place, or in writings from diverse cultures, and religious traditions from around the world.