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Episode 14: Witchy Terms

Patriarchy:

General Definition:

A system of society or government in which the father or eldest male is head of the family and descent is traced through the male line. A system of society or government in which men hold the power and women are largely excluded from it. A society or community organized on patriarchal lines.

Definition by Author Tanishka:

A mindset and culture which taught that the divine had an exclusively male expression, while simultaneously casting the feminine as an evil temptress who ought not be trusted. This perspective impacted all layers of human experience, and resulted in women being valued primarily for their attractiveness to men and their ability to bear sons.

Book by Tanishka: Goodess Wisdom

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Pagan: is the umbrella term all Wiccans and most Witches fall under. Pagan is a term created by Christian Church to ostracize earth worshipping, polytheistic people. The term began being used during what we know as the Renaissance (1500s) and the Reformation (1600s). But Pagans as a belief in the earth, planets, multiple gods dates back to the beginning of time.

Wicca: is a modern, pagan religion introduced to the world in 1954! It was created, honed,

and practiced in the 40s and 50s.

Sabbat: A seasonal festival celebrated by modern day Pagans

Wheel of the Year: The annual cycle of festivals. Like a calendar for witches.

Magic v Magick: illusion and tricks versus ritual and craft

Witch: reclamation of the word. A woman who spoke her mind without our permission or apology.

Virgin: "of herself" or "one in herself" - it meant an unmarried woman who lived without a man. It was a term of independence.

Vagina: Latin for "sheath" like the holder for a sword

Gossip: archaic word for a woman past middle age. Godsib meant "related to the gods" and it's where the term godmother came from. So originally a group of woman was called, respectfully, gossips. It was then meshed with the term "old wives tales" which then became known as people talking behind others back. It went from being a term for beloved older women to being used as a term for spreading rumors and lies.