

So is this pamphlet about how Naturalistic/evidence-based Paganism is superior to other types of Paganism?

No. It's just to share this one path among many. Though we don't believe in the supernatural, we have no problem with Pagans who see things differently.

We like joining with other Pagans in many rituals, including many with the goddess, gods, etc. – that's not the time nor place for discussion about how they are seen. If we were to kick back and discuss our beliefs, perhaps then we would explain why a naturalistic path speaks to us.

In any case, if you join us in working for a just, healthy and sustainable world for future generations, and accept evidence, then your metaphysics – how you see goddesses, gods, the afterlife, or whatever, is OK with us.

This pamphlet does show, as an example, a couple of the ideas that some Naturalist Pagans find spiritually important. Other Pagans with an evidence based worldview may focus on other metaphors/aspects of our world.

Naturalistic Paganism:

The evidence-based, Pagan celebration of our Universe and our Web of Life.

(Includes Atheopaganism, Humanistic Paganism, etc.)



Pagan Information:

Naturalpagan.org

Humanisticpaganism.com

Thegreenwolf.com/blog

Atheopaganism.wordpress.com

Naturalpantheist.wordpress.com

Spiritualnaturalistsociety.org/what-is-naturalistic-paganism

Ehoah.weebly.com

Naturalistic_paganism yahoo group

Celebrating our Universe (not Pagan)

Thegreatstory.org, especially "Cosmala"

Both the New & Classic Cosmos series

Symphonyofscience.com

Timetrace.com

Epicofevolution.com

....and other websites that celebrate our Universe.

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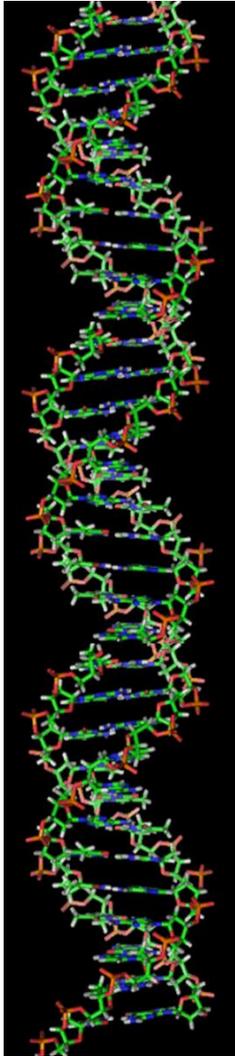
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Celebrating our Universe

Ancestors

I marvel at my family tree, which goes back though innumerable life forms, through amazing stories of survival, hope, courage, and parental love. What other origin could possibly give my life more meaning? My Ancestors help connect me to all life through links of love. How can I ever pay them back? The same way they helped me & their children – by working to raise their kids and make the world a better place.

So every day I take a moment, often before sunrise, to stand in my stone circle – as so many of them have done over millennia - and thank them. Though Ancestors receive special attention at Samhain, I feel connected to them year ‘round. -Jon Cleland Host



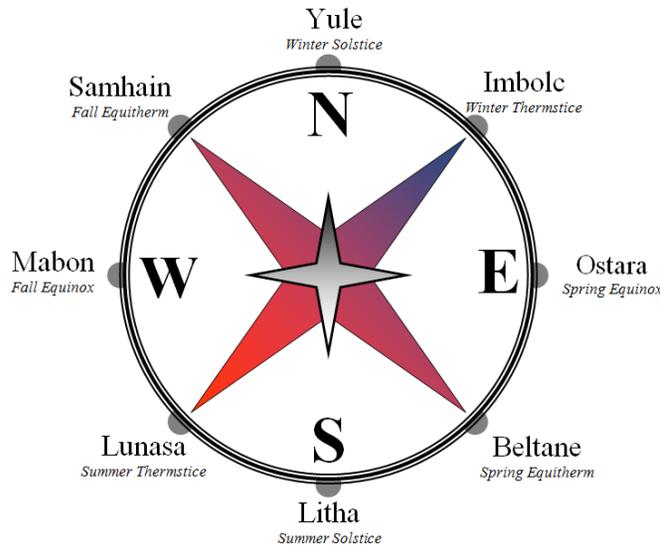
The Wheel of the Year

The Wheel of the Year is one example of yearly holidays celebrated by Naturalistic Pagans. It connects us to distant Ancestors, who celebrated many of these same holidays millennia ago, while also connecting us to the rest of our Earth. The Winter Solstice, in particular, was my gateway onto this path.

My family spirituality based on the Wheel of the Year brings order to many other ideas worth celebrating, such as the human lifespan and our deep time history, which can be mapped onto the Wheel.

The details of how my family celebrates each of these holidays are being posted this year on the Humanisticpaganism blog.

It would take a lot more to describe how this Pagan approach fills my family with meaning and joy, but hopefully this small glimpse was helpful. -Jon Cleland Host



Lupa's Story

As a child, I loved our natural world. I spent many hours playing in the yard and the woods beyond; these were my first sacred places. As a teenager, I discovered Paganism and the idea that nature could be central to spirituality.

Almost twenty years later, I am a Naturalist Pagan. I work with totems and other beings as emanations of living beings and natural phenomena, but I'm not invested in proving whether they exist outside of a collective, eclectic mythos. That my relationships with them enhance my understanding of and connection to the world around me is enough.

Nature is my church; hiking is a sacrament; and donations to environmental nonprofits are my tithes. It's a simple path with few formal rituals, but I walk with what is sacred to me every day. -Lupa

TheGreenWolf.com
thetarotofbones.com,
curiousgallerypdx.com



