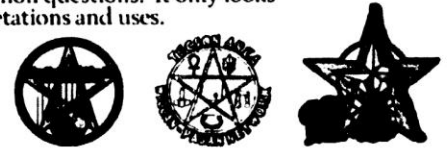


Some ways of looking at the Pentagram:

The pentagram is the best-known symbol of Wicca, and of other "occult" religions. Many Wiccan groups, including Mother Earth Ministries-ATC, TAWN, and Adventure, incorporate the Pentagram into their symbols. O' created this flyer first for MEM, to answer some common questions. It only looks at a few of its interpretations and uses.

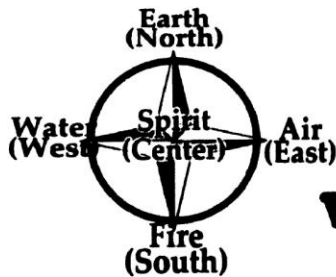


The points of the Pentagram do not correspond exactly to the points of the compass, but we usually orient the top point toward the North. In some cases or in some Traditions, the top point might face East.

The spaces between the points have different meanings in different Traditions of Wicca. This is one way to relate them to the seasons, the Moon's phases, and Spirit (center).



When we associate the elements with the compass directions, it's usually done like this: One reason that these correspondences don't "translate" intact to the Pentagram is that the compass works with physical Directions and the Pentagram works with metaphysical Directions.

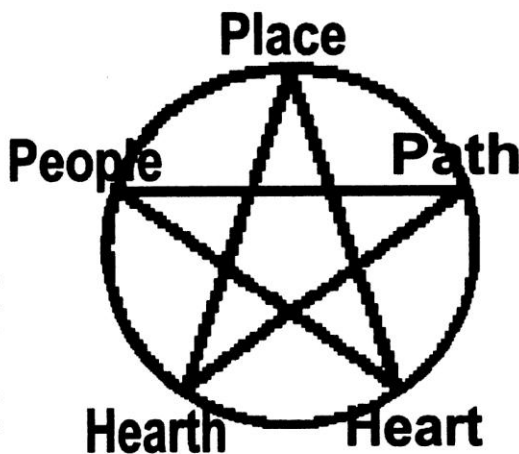


The Pentagram is best known as a symbol of the five elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water, and Spirit. Different Traditions of Wicca assign the five elements to different points of the Pentagram, but almost all Traditions associate the top point with Spirit. Here is one correspondence of points to the elements

Whatever thoughts you have about the Pentagram should go in your Book of Shadows.

This example comes from the Adventure Tradition.

Place refers to your geographical landscape. Path refers to your travels, in the mundane world or in the spiritual world, and includes your passage through both time and experience. Heart refers to your attitudes, your hopes and dreams, your deepest desires and fears. Hearth refers to the way you interact with other people in individual relationships (family and friends) and includes the idea of hospitality. People refers to community, and your attitude and obligations to society.



One way to use the Pentagram as a tool for meditation is to think about the relationships between the values you assign to each point. In this illustration, you might think about the relationship of Place to Heart, or the relationship of Place to Hearth, because Heart and Hearth are connected to Place by the lines of the Pentagram. Other pairs to consider are Heart and Path; Heart and People; and People and Path. Thinking about these concepts as steps around the circle and as part of a whole are additional options for meditation.

(The idea of meditating on ideas that are linked by the lines of the Pentagram was introduced to Wicca by Starhawk in *The Spiral Dance*.)