

Some Common Wiccan Phrases and Symbols

Blesséd be is something we can say at the end of a conversation, or as a general blessing. It's short for this longer blessing given in ritual (sometimes with minor differences):


Blesséd be your feet, that walk sacred paths.
Blesséd be your knees, that kneel at sacred altars.
Blesséd be your loins, without which we would not be.
Blesséd be your chest, formed in strength and beauty.
Blesséd be your lips, that speak the sacred names.

So mote it be means "It will be so." **As I will so mote it be** is a variant, most often used in spells.

With harm to none, my will be done is another phrase we often add to the end of a spell, affirming that we do not intend any harm by the magic we're doing.




Huzzah! is like "hurray" and "halelujah" all in one.


Merry meet, merry part, and merry meet again! is something we say at the end of rituals. Usually we mean "may all be well with you till our next Circle," but it can refer to a longer cycle of time to mean "see you in the next life."





 The pentagram is Wicca's most commonly-used symbol. The side and bottom four points stand for Earth, Air, Fire, and Water; different Traditions, groups, and individuals may assign those four Elements to different points, but the top point *always* represents Spirit. It isn't always drawn with a circle around it, but when it's there, the circle represents the Universe.

 The cauldron, is another symbol of Wicca – and, less frequently, of the Goddess.

 This is a symbol many of use for Goddess. For the Horned God, many of us use .

We can also use the Egyptian ankh  for the Goddess, and  or  for the God.

 The spiral is another symbol Wiccans use. It represents the spiral dance of life.


Commonly we use , , , and  for East, South, West, and North.


Normally, we use these symbols in our Books of Shadows; we can use them on altar-cloths, too. (*In this photo, the altar cloth has a few other items on it, such as a paper and plastic cup, sprigs of greenery, shells, and red paper cut to look like fire.*) Sometimes we use them in written copies of rituals, but just as often we write out the words "Goddess," "God," "East," "South," "West," and "North."


These symbols are *not* codes. They are to Neo-Pagan and Heathen faiths as the cross and the fish are to Christianity, and the Star of David is to Judaism.




Some Other Symbols

 This is a Thor's Hammer, a common symbol of Ásatrú. The Hammer is the main tool for Ásatrú rituals; in many institutions, horns are not allowed, and paper or plastic cups must be substituted. There are other Ásatrú symbols, but unfortunately, many have been appropriated by racist thugs, and/or have become gang signs, so we aren't presenting them here.

 This is a stylized version of the wreath and staves that often symbolizes Druidry. (It's modern, not ancient.)

 Here are two versions of the awen, which is also a modern symbol. *Awen* means "essence." Its three rays represent, among other things, male, female, and their balance. The awen also reflects that Druidic lore and teachings tend to be presented in triads – groups of three.

 At left is a triskele (triss-kuh-lay), most often used by Druids, but also used by Wiccans to represent the realms of Earth, Sea, and Sky. The triqueta (try-keh-tuh), at right, is a variation.



Some authors will use other or additional symbols, partly because their publishers want them to come up with something new! But these are the most common symbols used by Wiccans, Druids, and Ásatrú.

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