

# 1 A Ritual Primer

## Ritual Primer

Here are some simple beginnings of just what we are trying to do in ADF rituals and how you can take an active part at ritual time. The details of some actions and even their names are slightly different in our rituals, and not all the elements described are necessarily part of every ritual.

**Reading assignment:** Read [A Druidic Ritual Primer](#) on the ADF website.

1-1 Only ordained ADF clergy are capable of praying to the gods and goddesses in an ADF public ritual.

☐ FALSE

☐ TRUE

1-2 The people who are in charge of all rituals are the elected officers of the Grove.

☐ TRUE

☐ FALSE

1-3 Which of the following is not a clergy role in ritual?

- A. ☐ The Ritual Organizer who is overall responsible for the ritual
- B. ☐ The Pursewarden who is in charge of finances
- C. ☐ The Seer who is in charge of divination
- D. ☐ The Bard who is in charge of music

1-4 When you make an offering, which of the following is not a part of the suggested formula?

- A. ☐ Say who you are making an offering to.
- B. ☐ Speak softly so only who you are offering to can hear.
- C. ☐ Say what it is you are offering.
- D. ☐ Describe who or what your making an offering to.

1-5 At the ending of a ritual, all that we have invoked or made offerings to will be thanked in reverse order. But, there are two exceptions - the "Outsiders" and the "Earth Mother." The reasons for both exceptions are the same.

- ☐ FALSE
- ☐ TRUE

## 2 The ADF Core Order Of Ritual

The ADF Core Order Of RItual describes the set of elements required to be included so that a ritual may be called an "ADF ritual." In addition, there are a few specific items that must NOT be included.

As a chartered grove of ADF, Raven's Cry is required to present public rituals for each of the NeoPagan high days each year, and those rituals must be "ADF Rituals."

**Reading assignment:** Read the ADF page describing the [Core Order Of Ritual](#).

2-1 All the actions and concepts listed for the Core Order must be present in a ritual in order to call it an "ADF ritual."

- ☐ TRUE
- ☐ FALSE

2-2 Which one of the following detailed elements is not required to be present in an ADF ritual?

- A. ☐ Omen
- B. ☐ Gatekeeper
- C. ☐ Sacred Tree
- D. ☐ Honoring the Earth Mother

2-3 Which of the following is not excluded from ADF ritual?

- A. ☐ Casting Circles in public ritual
- B. ☐ Non-Indo-European mythic and deity motifs
- C. ☐ Calling the duoltheistic "Lord" and "Lady"
- D. ☐ Offering to the Outdwellers

## 3 A Raven's Cry Grove, ADF Ritual

### Imbolc 2013 Ritual

A Raven's Cry Grove public ritual follows the ADF Core Order Of Ritual. Any given one of our rituals might have additional elements to those in the Core Order, and might have some or none of the optional Core Order elements.

**Reading assignment:** Read the [2013 Imbolc](#) public ritual text, especially noticing the elements of the Core Order.

3-1 Which of the following deities is not invoked in the ritual?

- A. ☐ Brighid
- B. ☐ Manannan Mac Lir
- C. ☐ Oghma
- D. ☐ Lugh

3-2 Which of the following elements of the Imbolc 2013 ritual is specifically identified in the Core Order Of Ritual?

- A. ☐ Invoking the Guardian
- B. ☐ Honoring the Earth Mother
- C. ☐ Piacular Offering
- D. ☐ Offering to the Outdwellers

3-3 Match the deities with their descriptive phrases from the ritual.

- 1. Harbinger of Death
- 2. Rocky faced
- 3. Shapeshifter
- 4. Poet, healer and smith

For each, the choices are

- a. Brigid
- b. Mananan Mac Lir
- c. Danu
- d. Morrigan

## 4 ADF Video

### ADF Video Viewing

**Assignment:** Watch the [ADF Video](#). It is about 20 minutes in length.

4-1 What does Ár nDraíocht Féin translated from Gaelic mean?

- A. ☐ Our Own Druidism
- B. ☐ Neopagan Druidic religion
- C. ☐ A Druid Fellowship

4-2 Which of the following best describes the ADF approach to deity?

- A. ☐ Duotheistic - Lord and Lady deities
- B. ☐ Polytheistic - many distinct deities
- C. ☐ Monotheistic - one single deity

4-3 ADF is a religion.

- ☐ TRUE
- ☐ FALSE

4-4 Certain elements of ADF are secrets known only to initiated members.

- ☐ FALSE
- ☐ TRUE

4-5 ADF is reconstructionist, so the goal of ADF ritual is to recreate accurately the rituals of our Ancestors.

- ☐ FALSE
- ☐ TRUE

4-6 The Outdwellers represent an ultimate evil deity.

- ☐ TRUE
- ☐ FALSE

## 5 ADF Ritual Underlying Cosmos

### ADF Ritual Tenets

Behind the Core Order Of Ritual are a number of concepts upon which the whole execution of ritual depends. Understanding these assumptions is important toward understanding why our rituals work.

**Reading assignment:** Read [Nine Central Tenets of Druidic Ritual](#) from the ADF website.

5-1 The "Nine Tenets" are fundamental to ADF ritual, so they are required beliefs.

- ☐ FALSE
- ☐ TRUE

5-2 The concept "ghosti" does not include which of the following ideas?

- A. ☐ It is a guest-host relationship within an IE cosmos.
- B. ☐ It is a source for both English words "guest" and "host."
- C. ☐ It exemplifies the idea of reciprocity.
- D. ☐ A "gift for a gift" is a one-to-one exchange.

5-3 For our rituals to operate in the vision of the cosmos we have, hard polytheism is a central assumption.

- ☐ TRUE
- ☐ FALSE

5-4 Which of the following are not ADF ritual centers?

- A. ☐ The center of our individual beings.
- B. ☐ The place in the middle of those Grove members gathered that the energies and the focus of the ritual are centered.
- C. ☐ All the hallows are a center, and they combine to form the center.
- D. ☐ The center of the local town or city.

5-5 The Nine Pagan Virtues are important to an individual Druid but not to group ritual.

- ☐ TRUE
- ☐ FALSE

## 6 Magical Skills in Druidic Ritual

### Magical Skills

You've looked at the underlying concepts and the details of performance of ritual. Now you will look at some of what makes a ritual not merely a performance but a religious experience.

**Reading assignment:** Read [Magical Skills in Druidic Ritual](#) from the ADF website.

6-1 The concept of "trance" is inherently a dangerous practice and should be avoided in ADF ritual.

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TRUE

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FALSE

6-2 The two intentions of Grove Meditation, typically the "Two Powers" meditation early in ritual, are to set aside mundane concerns and to connect each of the worshippers with the primal Powers of Earth and Sky.

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TRUE

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FALSE

6-3 Druidic invocation has as its intention the commanding of a god or goddess to be present.

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FALSE

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TRUE

6-4 The omen is taken in ritual to determine the type and quality of blessing the Powers offer the grove as a whole, not the individuals attending.

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FALSE

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TRUE



# Further Exploration Of ADF Ritual

## More ADF Articles On Ritual

Having read some of the ADF articles on ritual, explore any or all of the other articles on the ADF website.

**Reading assignment:** Read at least one additional article listed at the [Explanations of ADF Ritual](#) page. Some of them you have already read in the previous lessons.

# **Answer Key**

## **1 A Ritual Primer**

- 1-1 F
- 1-2 F
- 1-3 B
- 1-4 B
- 1-5 F

## **The ADF Core Order Of Ritual**

- 2-1 F
- 2-2 C
- 2-3 D

## **3 A Raven's Cry Grove, ADF Ritual**

- 3-1 D
- 3-2 B
- 3-3 1d, 2c, 3b, 4a

## **4 ADF Video**

- 4-1 A
- 4-2 B
- 4-3 T
- 4-4 F
- 4-5 F
- 4-6 F

## **5 ADF Ritual Underlying Cosmos**

- 5-1 F
- 5-2 D
- 5-3 T
- 5-4 D
- 5-5 F

## **6 Magical Skills in Druidic Ritual**

- 6-1 F
- 6-2 T
- 6-3 F
- 6-4 F