



SRS 1100 lecture notes

Witchcraft, Magic and Occult Traditions (University of Ottawa)

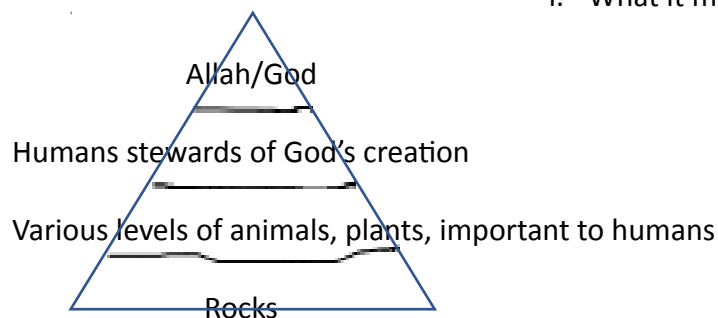
January 8 and 15

1. Axiology

- a. For **indigenous**, it is not about hierarchy, **it is about circle** (everything is interrelated)
 - i. Axiology is the **Value System** (understand that the hierarchy, **you understand the value of things**)
- b. How it is applied:
 - i. Deeply embedded in **people's values** (don't get an explicit explanation how Adam and Eve expressed how they knew the pleasure things, not expressed in sacred texts)
 - ii. Looking at sacred texts/ narratives and how people would follow the teachings and differentiate them from those who don't practice
 - iii. Implement the sacred text (worldwide: God created life as sacred because it is what is in the sacred text) – everything that is alive is sacred: how you live in God's way in Mediterranean, sacred breath could name out people

2. Cosmology

- a. From the word "cosmo", multi-syllabic
- b. A worldview; how you treat human beings, what is acceptable and not
- c. Cosmology study humans interpret the sacred text
 - i. How you understand the world structure
 - Example: Abrahamic is a hierarchy (hierarchal structure)
 - a. Orders from Allah
 - b. Sorting order out, understanding
 - i. What it means: narrative of how things are



3. Culture

- a. View for anthropology and interested in institution of schooling
- b. Created by groups of people
- c. **Focused around geography (place), religion, linguistic (discrimination against a person with their mother tongue)** because it is based on mother tongue
- d. Norm practices that are **agreed upon by a group of people**
- e. **Culture is learned – who we are/ not**
- f. Race – cultural contribution
 - i. Not real/ true: "artificial"
 - ii. Culture come up to divide us

iii. Weaponized against some people

4. Folktale

- a. Always give the signal that they are not true although they have teachings on them
- b. Signal is "once upon a time.."; it has a formula it is formulated
 - i. Embedded in how you should act, know you should respect others
 - ii. Never to be understood as true

5. Immanent and Transcendent

- a. Less opposite, no religion is learning to immanent nor transcendent
- b. Dealing with the location locus of a divine in a religion where people understand the divine figure, primary location would direct towards the divine
- c. They complement each other
 - i. IMMANENT
 - In the world
 - Japanese Indigenous understood that their spirits and ancestors are around
 - Does not have to be one or another because in Christianity, God is not only away since He lives in my life
 - Judaism: God sends angels who are humans beggar could be God or angels and He is testing those who give back (understood as transcendent but could also be immanent)
 - a. Kindness teachings of three religion
 - b. Japanese are very immanent
 - ii. TRANSCENDENT
 - Up in heaven, away from people
 - a. Example: Roman believed that their prominent people lived in higher places, away from the day to day life
 - Outside of the world

6. Legend

- a. Old, usually about why does the river run and turn into Nile River
- b. It is not sacred, but it explains why something in a place is like that or named like that
- c. The great story of people in your place
- d. People who learned them might be true or not true

7. Liminality/ Liminal

- a. Something that is between or is the edge and also the minority and they are considered scary/dangerous
- b. State of being liminality not one and the other (power acquire)
- c. Between two states of being, between two places; in between: neither nor the other (non-binary)

- d. Example: you have an apartment and you recognize the place and its function, none of those are liminal, what is liminal is the hallway (not inside), they are vehicles to get to the other place
 - e. A passage from one place to the other. Hallway is a liminal
 - i. The beginning of the year, the past and the future
 - ii. New Years Eve is a liminal year
 - f. State of being for humans
 - i. Example: being engaged married, not to get involved with other people
liminal point of life is being engaged (off the market, but haven't gone to secular/ religious ceremony)
 - g. From child to adult woman; boys to become man, ritual of passage
8. Magic (k)
- a. Entertainment: hand quicker than eyes
 - b. Crowley – indicate something different than hand quicker than eyes
 - British
 - Added k to magic
 - Some kind of force/energy to natural world
 - If it's used, he's talking about this magick
 - c. Problem – unrelated assumption
 - d. **Two groups of magic under the sleight of hand**
 - i. **Sleight of hand**: magic where you get a prestidigitation “hand quicker than eyes”
 - ii. **Entertainment**: stage magicians and nothing supernatural
9. Magician/ Wizard
- a. Not about wizard coast, not a gamor – wizards have an overlap
 - i. Magician/wizard usually men
 - ii. Classical magicians/ wizards are old
 - iii. The power is through studying learned how to use it
 - Example: Harry Potter they were training – to acquire the power of a magician or wizard was through studying and experimentation
 - iv. There is no female equivalent to the term because it has to do with the origin of magician which come from “magi” – the three wise men or the three wise magi who followed the star to see baby Jesus
 - Magician is someone who is wise/ has knowledge, (knowledge specialist), elderly
 - v. The term magician/ wizard is a descriptor that is “self-identified” learning occulted knowledge
10. Myth
- a. Understood to be time

- rules*
- i. Koshor – everything that is in sacred text; taboo in the religion
 - ii. Haram – against the teachings
 - b. Rules are derived from the sacred of mythology, which makes it multivocal
 - i. From interpretation of mythology
 - c. **Sacred origin story** (we overuse it in English language) – myth means untrue in English language
 - d. One of the two Greek word. Greek people have two words for word
 - i. **Mythology – muthos (not literal)**
 - ii. **Logos – one of the beginning in Roman Catholic, capital with in word**
 - iii. Muthos and logos are both words in English language
 - e. Logos
 - i. Words are clear, universal words not complicated – **literal words**
 - Table (just a table)
 - ii. Clear unequivocal word of God in old testament
 - iii. Do not have a level of interpretation
 - iv. Religious text not written in logos context/ languages it is rather a mythology because it is sacred
 - f. Myth
 - i. Sacred; given by divine, unquestioned truth
 - Myth is true and sacred to these people
 - g. Muthos
 - i. Core of mythology
 - ii. Muthos words – oral and writing of sacred religious words are many layer, multivocal
 - Sacred origin kanta old testament for Jews; New Testament for Christians
 - a. All religions have added advisory or translations
 - b. Poetry muthos language
 - iii. In the past, other people trusted advisors because they were illiterate
 - iv. Texts are being re-interpreted; Kohran – (PBUH)
 - v. **Mythology does not have to be written, could be verbal/oral, spoken, a sacred text could be sound**
 - Sacred origin story
 - a. Three religions could be called Abrahamic or Peoples of the book because they have different/similar knowledge/context on the book; descended from the prophet Abraham; descended from the same values

11. Occult

- a. Means it's **hidden or is hidden from the general view** and they are **powerful and dangerous** – could **"do it" if trained or they have the knowledge** which created the negative idea that occult is a bad thing
- b. Occult societies/ practices and depends on how they are used
- c. Look for COR210 D or MK – **not supernatural just information**

- i. COR – Council of Orthodox rabbi religion in New York
 - It means it's Jewish dietary, a certification
- ii. MK – Montreal Kosher or Western Kosher (Alberta) and all unrelated

12. Race

- a. Cultural construction, not real, artificial, cultures come up with to divide us between them
- b. The wage of race has been weaponised
- c. Non-white who touched white would go to jail
 - i. Example: Trevor Noah
 - Was illegal, segregation (Canada had race laws)
 - In South Africa, blacks = Indigenous, coloured = South Asians/Asians except Japan, white = Western
 - Japan was not considered coloured because they would trade with South Africa

13. Ritual

- a. South Africa Partaid from Dutch colonists in South Africa
- b. Small group of Dutch ruled by bors, indigenous Africans who lived with their apartheid c race laws
- c. Ritualize; religious rituals
- d. Assumption: evil muscular and religion, not just a religious work, it is a sequence of work and action
 - i. Happens in the same manner to achieve some effect; not everyone recognizes the effect
 - Example: games have ritual before they start and considered a good luck for them because we have our psychological mode activated thing that will result
 - ii. Secular rituals don't realize it becomes a ritual that has been an in-built expectation of results
 - iii. In religions, rituals have created a community of fellowship, it allows your subconscious to dwell more in the divine, less concern on what the leader has to say, the same structure becomes familiar (becomes auto pilot)
 - iv. Reinforcing shared identity, gives us a sense of identity
 - v. Ritual is also a belief, religious ritual
 - vi. Profile (classical image accompanied by occult knowledge)

14. Sorcerer/ sorceress

- a. From the word "sorcer" in Latin which means fate (not a pack of the devil) – it is manipulated fate incorporating the most probability of its outcome
- b. Re-force to bend or change the fate; to alter fate (makes the choice depending on how the sorcerer tells you)

- c. Both male and female, age, does not really applicable, the power is inherited (nature, spirit, celestial)
- d. Being taught by someone, it is narrowly defined as “cook book magic”
- e. Not a rule of accusatory “village wise women”, the mid-wife of the village
 - i. Inherited knowledge is still in the society of today, knows how to read tarot cards or tea leaves
 - Words that sound the same in two different languages that do not have the same meaning

15. Witch

- a. Difficulty with the word is 5 distinct unrelated phenomenon/ categories that uses this
- b. There are 3 job description (3 categories of occult, supernatural, practitioners)
 - i. Stereotypes of classification are mean
 - ii. Classical images/ fictional (Western European descendants)
 - Classical image of the witch
- c. Female
- d. Old – has a spell called Glamour, means they look young
- e. Got the power from the devil (Satan) because Satan tricked women more often, which why they are the ones identified as witch
 - i. Male who has the power given by devil is called Warlock on Anglo-Saxon word that comes from waer loga – oath breaker
- f. Do witches chance the designation job? No! it is an accaisatopy
 - i. Someone is being accused of being a witch, classically in European history, someone who was accused of being a witch/ warlock it was a negative thing
- g. Anthropology, historical, religionist, feminist, and Satan
 - i. **Anthropology**
 - misused word used by then
 - Religion practitioner someone who masters spirits/ someone working with spirits
 - Based on old colonial biases
 - Witch doctor: those who practiced it
 - They went to shaman (since they were degraded – tungus people)
 - a. Indigenous people from Siberia
 - b. “small scales religion” were witchcrafts
 - ii. **Feminist**
 - Welcomes goddess worship
 - Fused with 1970’s or 1980’s women’s movement where there is “nothing in mainstream religion for me”
 - Something woman based
 - Kind of ties with religionist but ties with feminist and men are not allowed
 - Consciously created and started in the US

- iii. **Historical** – packed with devils/ witch craze: haunting down with all witches
 - Not Medieval European do not come back but only until 1400 – 1500 in Western Europe which is a cultural phenomenon (250 years)
 - Problem: literate Europe – printing press
 - a. A lot of people were exposed
 - b. Women (misogynistic where men held power, so most were women/ lower class)
 - c. Something that you were occulted with – Roman Catholic Church if based from the pope
- iv. **Religionist** – people who say that it is their religion (Pre-Christian)
 - Religion practice is based pre-Christian in Western Europe/ **Wiccan**
 - They are practicing Pre-Christianity
 - They do not believe in just one God (polytheism)
 - “This is my religion/ belief” ...
- v. **Satan** – categorized with historical but is talking about modern (1960s) in the US
 - They use Satan as metaphor and do not see him as anti-God
 - Some focus and study of discuss chaotic figures and few only for trickster figures (coyotes, ravens, etc)
 - Teach us to be humble because they are tricksters

January 22nd

1. Hunter Gatherers

- a. Less evolved, less sophisticated than urban
- b. Also small scaled society
- c. Their core is defining societal factor, their lifestyle is based on hunting and gathering
- d. Community is 1 or 2 extended families: can be 20-30 families
 - i. Extended family – nuclear family in Western (small families, depending on country)
 - Much larger, most often 2 parents (not always), other cultures have 4 wives
 - 2 adults, grandparents (basement flat built for grandparents to live in most especially in Asia not so much in Canada), nieces and nephews living, not usually or named brothers/sisters, and other older people living by blood
 - a. Can be 20 people or more
- e. Hunters and gatherers are nomadic or semi-nomadic
- f. Don't just wonder (as nomadic) – hunting range maps show who's allowed to hunt and where

- g. Semi-nomadic people have advantage, the environmental imported foods can just move forward hunting is impacted, could ask impacted family and they ask permission to hunt other's area (trade between the ranges)
 - h. Lived in affordable homes (common for them)
 - i. For nomadic, there is no word for art unnecessary things or just objects
 - They have aesthetic view but express in functional way
 - Can be seen in daily clothing because it is functional (beautiful gets worn out)
 - Food is hunted and gathered; other technologies get preserved and processed
 - ii. Nomads have the advantage to move when the weather was not right
 - iii. Knowledge and technologies are different for those groups of people, especially in this century not that it is not better or advanced
- *** 2 parents (2 adults just like 1960s family in TV) and their offspring whether biological or adopted

2. Religion

- a. Small scale society: has direct relationship between individual and spirit
- b. Primarily shamanic modality: one to one; includes the awareness or spirit; equal rights to humans to exist
- c. Hunter and gatherers always a ceremony or ceremonies are required before hunting
 - i. Not just to protect them but to ask specific animals to allow them to be taken to feed their families: humans are not in hierarchy with other things in the world
- d. Prays to take care of the hunters; take the conscience including the other natural things (the animals can say no)
 - i. Ceremonies before hunting are not supplicated to ask the gods, not generalized one to one: it is face to face
- e. Small scale societies don't take surplus, a commodity for trade that benefit the family (no commercial volume because the animals are taken voluntarily, but they honour the animals in the ceremony): ceremony and relationships are equal to equal; depends on relationship and what they define living things
- f. No hierarchy but interrelated circle (core concept that everything is interdependent and not interconnected): circular rather than hierarchal
 - i. Example: Algonquin people talking to spirits or souls (alive things) no literal translation for alive but they are aware
- g. Shamanic – have responsibility and interdependent
 - i. It is a monotheistic relation
- h. Monotheism:
 - i. One singular divinity that created things
 - ii. Hunter and gatherers societies are always never monotheistic, they are animist
- i. Animism:

- i. Not worshipping the spirit but they have relationship with things
 - ii. Ceremony: getting permission from place to place when hunting
- j. **Polytheism:**
 - i. Many people who believe in many gods and goddesses
 - Example: romans were polytheist since they had their gods and goddesses
 - ii. They would adopt the gods and goddesses (they encountered and felt comfortable)
 - ISIS was an important goddess (inclusive)
 - Roman soldiers worshipped nithorus (flexible)
 - Flexibility if there are other divinity you acknowledged with (religiously)
- k. **Pantheism:**
 - i. Both flexible and inclusive
 - ii. Is a subset of many gods and goddesses
 - iii. All pantheist are polytheist (not vice versa)
 - iv. Worship their own pantheon (own ancestors of divinity, collection of gods and goddesses): they don't have the flexibility since it's exclusive
 - v. Greeks were pantheist (they were not worshipping other gods and goddesses because they were theirs)
 - Romans had the cosmology to allow other/themselves to worship gods and goddesses
 - Scandinavians and Germanic people were pantheist, did not bring other gods and goddesses (not their own)
 - a. Did not give up their Nordic gods and goddesses

3. Agrarian/ Agriculturist

- a. Had big changes, it did not mean that their families/communities did not hunt; they also domesticated animals, semi-domesticated animals
 - i. Can be hunters and gatherers and semi-domesticate animals
 - ii. Can move the animals through extended families; not domesticating in a way they were selling it
- b. They changed the whole extended family-(ies) planning corn. The output; can't just take/ grab the corns, they have to be taken care of
 - i. Has catastrophic circumstance
 - Some people in the community still hunts and gathers
- c. Long house: related families lived in one long house (one extended families in a long house) putting one structure no longer hunter and gatherer
 - i. Example: corn/ horses become the source of living
 - ii. Can support a longer community for a small geographic (not gendered in this society) - depends on their ability
 - Not just able to take something and move, your life is based on a bigger portion

- a. Semi-agrarian only move when catastrophic circumstance happened
- b. Larger community, still related to most of them
- c. The important factor is weather (temperature affected the living)

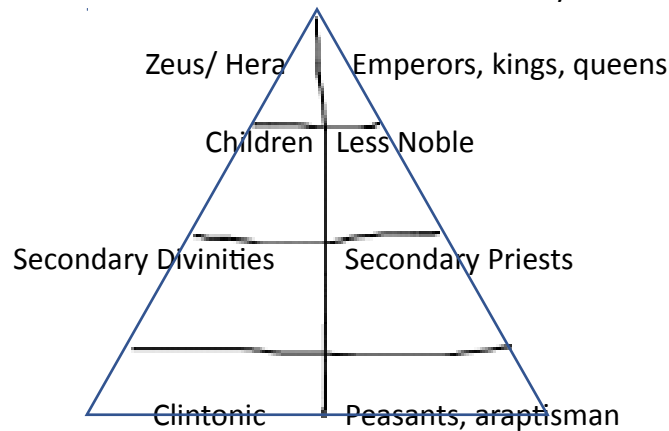
d. Religion:

- i. Not having own control on things such as environment
- ii. Start moving from animist to beginning of polytheist and start getting more symbolic and cultural to ask gods and goddesses to ask protection; getting symbolic faces, specializations, ceremonies when needed, pray to divinity, has relationships but more symbolic feature; includes the divine level (divinity and the person instead of the other living things)
- iii. Trading and still hunter and gatherer but gets specialization, getting one or two people who do certain kinds of ceremonies
 - Trading other things to other people because they have more than enough
- iv. Started to value things (starting to get symbolic divinity can pray directly to divines)
- v. Hunter and gatherers 1 to 1: agrarian/ agriculturist symbolic

4. Urban (Symbolic Economy and Specialization)

- a. 3000 people, no longer village sized
- b. Shift in cultural circuit
 - i. Not necessarily related to everyone larger numbers not related
 - ii. Don't close relationship, personal to the other people you live; it demands specialization and symbols
- c. No value except the community put something on it
 - i. Example: coin from other countries don't have values in Canada)
- d. Would get value if people agree to put value to it (bitcoin) but they don't have real value (symbolic)
 - i. Example: can no longer repair own shoes because community have specialists on those things
- e. Dollars are concept, money becomes symbolic (there are job descriptions, people have their own specialization)
- f. Specialists to pray for you (or your behalf), they know the right words who to pray for you
- g. In cities that were governed:
 - i. People who were literate to read and write for people
 - ii. Divinity also understood or specialized, understood to be family units (they were all powerful and family oriented)
- h. Power focused on professional priesthoods
 - i. Divine world echoes the humans
 - ii. Urban there is hierarchy
- i. Who came first? Divine?

- i. Human world echoes the divine world human beings pray to any of those divine
- ii. Depend on who you pray to or through
- iii. Parallel that is exclusively hierarchal
 - Example: Roman Catholics have
 - a. Symbolic put in place not related
 - b. Cultural structure has impact on how human beings interact with divinity



- 1. Zeus/ Hera (parents, they were old gods and goddesses – overthrown)
- 2. Children but still important
- 3. Secondary activities (for river/mountain; local)
- 4. Way back to ancient gods, couples that did not matter

- 1. Rules have ownership
- 2. Dukes, princess, still rich and powerful
- 3. Priests and bishops, religious officials (higher rank) mayor
- 4. Ordinary people

January 29 – Historical Witchcraft

1. Emic

- a. Oneself
- b. Explains why I do what I do
- c. “my religion say I am not allowed to do this..”
- d. Subject’s point of view
- e. Emic voice is our opinion

2. Etic

- a. From church, based on my own understanding
- b. I, as an observer, what the people are doing: religious practices
- c. Analyzing something
- d. Etic point of view
 - i. Example: my sister is feeding the cat

- e. Essentially an “it” = observer/ object point of view
3. Religious modality of witches: mode on understanding since there’s different relationship for all 3
- a. **Supplication**
 - i. To beg, negotiate, ask beings
 - ii. Shamanic doesn’t have one
 - iii. Christians, Judaism, are shamanic and supplication: ask/bargain
 - 1. There’s a powerful that can save us
 - iv. Predicted in hierarchal and asks the most powerful for power
 - v. Example:
 - 1. Praying to God to ask for something
 - b. **Magical**
 - i. Difference with supplication is where understanding from the viewer that supplication has God as final say
 - ii. My actions and what I do that will change the situation: your own ritual
 - 1. If it doesn’t work, it is your own fault and the reason why your fate would change
 - 2. It’s about you while supplication is asking, and God is the only one that can make things happen
 - iii. Has a hierarchal relationship: begging and asking is hierarchal
 - c. **Shamanic**
 - i. Small scales society
 - ii. All things are equal
 - iii. Not asking beings for the things to happen
 - iv. You hunt something to be able to feed your family
 - v. Balance and equality is life
 - vi. No hierarchy
 - vii. Example:
 - 1. Very practical if there’s no moose found
 - 2. Not depleting or exploiting animals and randomizes where you are hunting
 - viii. Shamanism: religious with different understanding interaction
 - 1. Not just one
 - 2. There’s a pattern

Historical Witchcraft

- Witchcraft/ craze happened during renaissance and reformation in Western Europe
- Depended where in Western European during renaissance (1460) and it is very frizzy and has a lot to do with religious of evil
- Reformation is between Roman Catholic and Protestant revolution and goes into 1700
- About 300 years that they were satanic/evil

- We don't call that anymore but we still have inquisition until now
 - a. Heresy: the reason/ blasphemy
 - b. Speaking and against religious inquisition. Inquisition is if you talk of disapproval with church
 - i. Example: LGBT and you could get executed

** Jews, Muslims were targets because they didn't believe in Roman Catholic institutional beliefs

- They still monitor heresy and the birth of protestants revolutionized
- Owning a few books was a status to so people didn't know what was written in the bible (reformation)
- Women hating during that time: 9 million was a metaphoric number
- Since bible was not available, the way people could get the information from bible was through Priests
 - a. Example:
 - i. French Martin disclosed number (reading) of witches who have passed away
- There was a plague happening and killed millions so they blamed it to evil witches by the pope and they are evil and papal bul
- The main targets were Paegans
 - a. Not just idol worshipper and evil person because you didn't follow the church
 - b. They lived in the country so their cultural statements were behind the time
 - c. When a person becomes accuse, they get dragged in
- This was a political battle between Roman Catholic and Protestants
- Why were witches killed? Tortured until they say that they are witches
 - a. Malleus Macarum
 - i. Hammer used against witches and guide to know who were the witches
 - b. What stopped is because of the scientific revolution but not abruptly

Film: The Burning Times

- Celtic goddesses named Sulis was presided at bath
- Minerva is a goddess of goodness and wisdom
 - a. The spring offered different types of things: even Roman and goddess were alive in all things
- Women at the time were very knowledgeable and were condemned as worshipper of the devil

- a. Known by village as wise women (Christians condemned them as evils)
- Witch or healer, strong women in nature, at the edge of wisdom contrary to what we perceived
- Date back to renaissance, witch craze, women's power associated with darkness
- Halloween, a time to remember the ancestors, we were taught to fear witches but drawn to her power
 - a. Fear witches because of women's power was seen as negative which came up from the word witch
 - b. Their conical hat meant power
- Society of Alaicho were African ancestors and they were called heathens so they were persecuted
- Peru Margarita
 - a. People (women) were gathered witches
 - b. Currender is a Mexican witch
 - c. Most witches relied on God but their origin "witch" which is wick is events in your life and developing within yourself through chanting and meditating
- 85% of killed for witchcraft were women
- 15 and 17th centuries, thousands were burned (women holocaust) were killed because of church's inquisition
- An example of Paegan shown in the film
 - a. During spring, people (men) people go to a hill in England and they wake up the Earth and queen once has resided with them
 - b. Were targeted as witchcrafts
 - c. Paegan vs Church: had appropriate goddesses and lived in certain areas
- Many was a nun and political women and people started building shrines for Mary who bears Pagan ancestors. She was considered to be "lady of the world" and "Mother of God"
- 2 religion: elite (Catholic) and normal religion (spirits, etc)
 - a. If we have direct pipeline, we wouldn't need the church but only spiritual – which made church be threatened
- By 15th century, women have been physicians: birthed and understood anatomy which fumed church because of God's work (political inquisition: used blades) for midwives and was against God and labelled as witch
 - a. Women continued in practice but was scared: women were banned from university so there was a rise in men
- Witch burning: control for women's reproduction, contraception, bitch, etc (domestication of women)
 - a. Women were "against" God so they were enemies of God

- b. Husbands were told to beat their wives
- In 14th century, black plague lasted for 200 years as God's punishment
- Male numbers decreased said women were bad immunity and don't marry (interdependent)
- Many reasons were witchcraft: old, held on to properly, sacred (children, and not old)
- Renaissance and Reformation: Historical birth
 - a. Scientific revolution was to find inquisition of worse torture (witch): profitable and costed for escorting/ meals/ guarding and every step was given (her property and such): employment opportunities for lawyers and judges
 - b. Accuse, jailed, tortured (strip of clothes because of spell), shaved (hair was power and women braid were men's braid) walk backwards to inquisitor (no evil eye at the church)
 - c. Torture: enclosed maiden: the mindset was to torture to confuse and by 3 levels. By second people would confess because it would eventually kill her
 - d. People (women) were forced to keep this going
- It took 200 years for the church to carry this on
- Pagan's culture was secular and were heresy – their God was seen as devil since women were sexual, it was that they were evil

*** considered as devil's agent because everything they touched dies

*** women singled out was because of misogyny: women were temptress and women were unholy to men

***rise of Christians had been the reason of million of lives

- People who didn't believe heresy were criminals

*** in City of Trier, the entire village was terminated and another. Only two people were spared and still gathered at some place

*** women had the same answer when interrogated: interrogator had questions

- Book: repression, highly sexual, projection of men to other fear of night, women and influential
- Malleus (book) was used to single out women as witchcraft

February 26

1. Satanism

- a. About post-1960 modern neo-Pagan
- b. Neo-Satanic movement push back, hippie, commus, more than Jesus + God
- c. Not a literal concept

2. Feminist Witchcraft

- a. Goddess worship
 - i. Leader: Modern Paganism in Post WWII

- ii. Very well educated, upper class of society
 - 1. Modern pagan moved from England outward
 - 2. Russian Pagan: leaving orthodox and going back to pre-Christian, Russian
- iii. Wicca has spread in many languages
 - 1. new religions movement, less than 100 years old (1930-1940 Wicca)
 - 2. claims ancestral narrative
 - 3. inspired by pre-Christian, but they were feminist/ Goddess Worship

3. Feminist/Goddess Worship

- a. Comes out in United States
- b. Are formed in North America and spread out in Britain
- c. Both are distinctively; 1930 (less than 100 years); very new in New Religious Movement
- d. Social Changes
 - i. Post WWII, bulk of men to fight for the country were gone, women were ought to stay at home
 - 1. Women were taught to build war-like products, but when men went back, everything went back to normal
 - 2. They had been out of the house, they socialized with other women; they were able to be independent (in the west)
 - a. There were culture clash
 - 3. Women then wanted to start working; pushed in conservation home: it back fired in society
 - a. Went from one income (men provider), it became dual-income (the spouse have to work so children put in daycare)
 - 4. End of WWII, women were networked, feeling empowered, wanted to work
- e. Vietnam Conflict direct result of the end of WWII
 - i. Countries allied with Hitler... Germany and Japan did well; France war is changed of Indo-China: used a lot of rubber: it was administered by France, use for colonial power of French
 - 1. Became the North-South Vietnam (for France), so they backed out (Australians, New Zealand and US administered Vietnam)
 - ii. In the US, there was a draft
 - iii. They thought they were fighting the “red evil communist”
 - iv. Communism was viewed as the evil
 - 1. Accusation of communist led to suicide 7 killing
 - v. Situation with Americans in Vietnam, they did not have the choice (thrown out)

- vi. In 1960s, huge culture shock, people from the “lower class”, being drafted, did not speak the same language, different religion – Protestant; they were different
- vii. Manjuana (Vietnam for to cope)
 - 1. Never really declared as war
- f. After women’s networking, they were exposed to different religious world views
- g. US contacted with India; all of it was exotic for Americans
 - i. Causes shift and people questioning their religion, they would seek understanding and embracing Buddhism and Hinduism
- h. Changes in position of women, embracing Buddhism
 - i. “consciousness raising” movement
- i. Applying Buddhist theory and placing them in Christian framework
- j. Come up with different understanding
- k. The change of society frozen food allowed family to watch dinner in front of TV, with war being broadcasted
 - i. Domestic and foreign network
 - ii. Feminist and Goddess worships melting pot: consciousness raining
- l. 1970s meditation
 - i. Women questioned their position in society, mean consciousness awareness
 - ii. Mixed with feminist movement
 - iii. Wanted to have their own religion: Feminist Witchcraft
- m. Wicca and Witch had political movement in 1970s when they were looking for powerful women in history for role models
 - i. Wicca
 - 1. Women who are in constant creative action
 - 2. Political movement of empowering women, not to rely on men independence
 - 3. Welcoming and started by non hetero women, not put in a box of women
 - 4. Equal jobs and pay, not working in house
 - 5. Women were not allowed to do men’s jobs: Canada hired women in RCMP until 1970
 - 6. There is few histories about feminist role model or goddess (until 1970)
 - 7. Reaching out towards images for power
 - ii. Witch
 - 1. Women’s international terrorist conspiracy from hell
 - 2. Political movement where members were dressed as witch chanting about “evil patriarchy”, included brooms as a riffle
 - 3. Consciousness raising looking at spirituality (From Buddhism and Hinduism)

4. Morijo Gimbutas

- a. The first one, never called self as witch but rather a feminist scholar
- b. From Eastern Europe, mainstream archeologist from prehistoric digs
- c. Fertility goddess saw the patterns in pottery and temple representing as feminist goddess (they were illiterate so no record of anything, pre-written language)
- d. Comes up with patterns to represent goddess (pregnant, giving birth, large women = enough leisure and food to gain)
 - i. Fat women represented fertility
- e. The time for women looking at role model
- f. Archeologist but women (students) growing up in social change so they were structuring new spirituality (embracing the new theory presented)
- g. 1970 – starting printing books
- h. Ended up being in the forefront, were able to present goddess worship
- i. Marks goddess worship than feminist witchcraft; in goddess worship, all faces of goddess were back to one image
 - i. The women's bible
 - 1. Radical, took the new testament and presented new pronouns to women's pronouns
 - a. Because it is gendered
 - 2. Used Gimbutas' theory as manifestation of goddess from one imagery

5. Mary Daley

- a. Called himself a feminist witch, radical witch because of the shock of the word
- b. An academic, a Roman Catholic
 - i. Started her research on women in religion (Boston University, Catholic)
- c. Looked at women leaving the faith (tenure University, teaches to fill position)
 - i. Tenure: write something, in contract cannot fire for protection and freedom
- d. Become more radical, women don't have position or place in religion (Christian and Protestant)
- e. Challenging to read the book, used subtext, metaphor so hard to read for scholars
- f. Hyphenate words to make you pause (to make you think in the state about the words)
- g. Wrote 2 books: *Beyond God and the Father: The Church and The Second Sex*
 - i. Encapsulates her love theory
 - ii. If you took misogyny in the bible, left with really small place for women, not redeemable for women
- h. Called herself a witch because she was untamed and uncontrolled by men
- i. Big proponent of all goddess imbedded into one
- j. Goddess worship deep fusion of political movement (Civil Movement) and Women's liberation movement

6. Feminist/Goddess Worship Second Half (both happening historically)

- a. 1960s/1970s feminist witchcraft
 - b. Z Budapest (Zusana)
 - c. Eastern European moved to America
 - d. She has huge impact in contemporary feminist
 - e. Feminist, witchcraft, clear in every version that it is no trying to revive
 - f. Goddess worship trying to revive worshipping (in Gimbutas no figures of God – specific)
 - g. Goddesses figures (goddess figurines) divine female has many faces
 - i. They represent power, metaphor (god having one penis); every stone has one penis and one testicle, pointing in water
 - ii. Represented power and fertility
 - h. Not trying to build temple, they are creating religion in which it is women centred
 - i. Gynocentric – focused on female
 - ii. Natrofocal – focused on mother
 - i. Feminist witchcraft creating new worship and empowerment of women
 - i. Creating religion for contemporary women based on their needs
 - j. One of key author, philosophist of feminist spirituality
 - i. Mother: mother of feminist witchcraft
 - k. Drew women of a like mind
 - l. Gerald Gardner: created secret text she knows about Gardner
 - m. In the beginning, there was a goddess, sad so she began to dance, sweat flew up her body so she danced the universe: metaphor
 - i. Feminist book of light and shadows, no need to validate their claims (creation narrative)
 - n. The goddess danced and the world began
 - o. Impacted by social changes, collective (worked in an egalitarian)
 - p. Looked for powerful goddess, controlled by men to name spirituality
 - q. Came with diaries (dianic witch)
 - i. High priestess the person to do the next ceremony
 - ii. In charge of making it together, non-hierarchical, no ranking
 - r. Budapest and dianics did not allow transwoman (because they were born men and acquire male privilege) then it took 30-35 years to accept them; gay men wanted to join
 - i. She had a boy (so there is a men's group of Dianics)
 - s. Each woman who run has the final editorial, last say, they used to be lesbians
7. Mark Roberts
- a. Came from social change, communal environment
8. Morgan McFarland
- a. Women's movement
 - b. M and M
 - i. Started their spiritual in Texas

- ii. Created possible society which there is equality among both men and women
- iii. Looking for strong powerful women historically
 - 1. Called them Dianics, to differentiate McFarland Dianics
 - 2. Male and female (pantheist and poly) used many goddess
 - 3. Monotheist female goddess
- iv. Wrote their own ceremony, focus on gods and goddesses
- v. Not a cult, can leave the group
- vi. McFarland was a spiritual advisor
- vii. Hyperborion religion: created hypermasculine
- viii. Religion goes away when they don't fill the social need
- ix. McFarland dianics: want to change the social structure

9. Starhawk

- a. Grew up in Jewish family; interested, one of the founders and influencers of feminist learning, egalitarian witchcraft called Reclaiming: social activists epitome of what happened
- b. Budapest, an occult and feminist stuff, she did fortune telling (moved from LA and met Starhawk)
 - i. Starhawk was already studying wicca when she walked in Budapest shop
- c. Use of feminism, turned it into hybrid, created synthetic hybrid of feminist Budapest and wicca into something that is egalitarian with the use of old goddesses (Reclaiming)
- d. Write their own ceremony (wicca and feminist witchcraft hybrid)

10. Satanism

- a. During 1960, scholars looking at allegations of Satanism, came up with system to explain how they identify themselves as Satanist
 - i. 3 classification of identification
 - 1. Solitary Satanist**
 - a. they work alone
 - b. did look at the allegations of crimes related to satan
 - c. usually from 15-19 years old, teens most often males, rarely people would be called as cool kid
 - d. they self-portray (read books, written by
 - e. Young wannabe Satanist, that stealing a book that contains power
 - f. Oral folclore: interested in which fulfillment, they are smart but socially awkward kids and did not fit in
 - i. Read the spell, like a cookbook, no sacrifice like blood
 - ii. Some information not a lot because they drifted away
 - iii. All modern Satanism font do blood sacrifice

2. Outlaw

- a. Small groups who are drawn by charismatic old people
- b. 13-17 and old like 23-25 old are the one who follow
- c. Exclusively male there is a pressure to achieve to be certain kind of guy so they are drawn to it
 - i. The two are young men
- d. Do spells to get things they want, made them what to do was because of demonic

3. Neo-Satanic Church

- a. They are large organization international not breaking the law
- b. Started in 1966 (new religious movement) not an accident because in 1960s (not being with the one you love – gold driven)
 - i. Reaction to nipple, Civil Rights Movement
- c. Men and Women, not just young (see a lot of young men and young women)
- d. Not view satan as anti-Christ, they are using it as a metaphor
 - i. Dressed in an immaculate way, they dress to influence to where they want to go
- e. There is a push back
 - i. Council meeting do prayer, open to deny religion

b. Church of Satan

- i. Founded in 1966 by a man Anton Szandor Lovey
- ii. Supported his family by using Satan Satanic stuff
- iii. Church of Satan, never viewed Satan as anti-God, did believe Satan exist
 - 1. It is a metaphor to get what you want – manipulate
- iv. Wrote in an era it is different (Lovey)
- v. Claimed that he got a message – do it, never viewed as real, just a metaphor
 - 1. People got involved about buying their books and he used it for profit
 - 2. Got involved
- vi. Alice Copper, associated him with Satan just rode the ride of metal (he was actually an Evangelic
- vii. Lavey: 2 daughters and son (1 daughter disowned him, grew up in Satan life)
 - 1. “unfather” because he was not serious enough of Satan
- viii. He had two books where he got 7 satanic
- ix. Don't waste
- x. Me, myself, and I as important figure
- xi. Satan is the best friend of church and never had because they keep them in business