

The Wiccan Rede

A Look at The Wiccan Rede In Portions



"An Ye Harm None, Do As Ye Will."

'The Wiccan Rede' is a rather long bit of words phrased in Old English, the most noted "An Ye Harm None, Do As Ye Will". I will divide this Rede into 15 Sections and attempt to explain each.

The Wiccan Rede is a guideline that aims to advise a person in their practices. Karma exists and The Rede offers a way to have your practice without inviting harmful Karma for poor magickal choices.

Look at it as good advice however not everyone follows this.

I am going over the long version. It will cover the Guidelines and Recommended Practices.

(The green print is The Rede, my explanations are black and white.)

Guidelines & Practices

7 Guidelines : 4 Best Practices to look for.

"Guidelines" found within the Rede:

-"Bide within the Law you must, in perfect Love and perfect Trust. "
-"Live you must and let to live, fairly take and fairly give. "
-"Light of eye and soft of touch, speak you little, listen much. '
-"When you have and hold a need, harken not to others greed. "
-"With a fool no season spend, or be counted as his friend. "
-"Merry Meet and Merry Part, bright the cheeks and warm the heart. "
-"Be true in love this you must do, unless your love is false to you."

"Practices" found within the Rede:

-"Honor the Old Ones in deed and name, let Love and Light be our Guides again.
-"Heed the flower, bush, and tree by the Lady blessed you'll be. "
-For tread the Circle thrice about to keep unwelcome spirits out.
-To bind the spell well every time, let the spell be said in rhyme

First Section The Laws

Bide within the Law you must, in perfect Love and perfect Trust.

Bide=Live: Live in the law = your daily actions / Life choices reflecting the law.

The Law = *"The Crede"* There are 4 laws mentioned, the crede is all of these..

Live you must and let to live, fairly take and fairly give.

You have a right to life, as does all nature. Take what you need fairly, and give back. Let nature/life do the same.

- The top four (4) laws of the rede:
- 1) An Ye Harm None, Do What Ye Will.
- If your actions or magick will harm no one, do what you will. This includes no harm to yourself. This is the last, and the most important - of which all others are under.
- 2) Live in the Law, in Perfect Love and Trust.
- Live your action's defined by The Law. in perfect Love and Trust
- 3) Live and Let to Live, Fairly take and Fairly Give.
- You have a right to life, as does all nature. Take what you need and give back.
- 4) Mind the Three-fold Laws you should, three times bad and three times good.
- The law Karma is introduced. As it says there is 3x's the return of what you do. Always consider these laws before any you do any act or act of magick.

Second Section ✨ Ritual & Spell Casting

For tread the Circle thrice about to keep unwelcome spirits out.

Cast a proper circle. This is up to the tradition of the person or coven. Tread is to walk, thrice about is three times around. Typically you can walk 3 times around with incense or the idea of 1. Marking the circle in SALT, 2. Cleansing with INCENSE 3. Consecrating with WATER.

To bind the spell well every time, let the spell be said in rhyme.

To make the spell work well, speak the desire/spell in a thyme. Words that rhyme as well a tone or flow to the structure of the phrase Rhyme and song add energy. If you aren't that great at rhyme just add a bit of rhyme. This step will help you concentrate on your intent as well and both make your spell stronger and more accurate.

Third Section 🌿 Nature

Light of eye and soft of touch, speak you little, listen much.

Your new nature as a witch should be gentle. All of your actions reflect out into the Universe causing change. If you look judgy onto a person or even a tree that judgement can ripple an energy out that can make a change on that tree.

Just like how your communication can impact a pet or child. Be careful that your eye judges gently or not all, the energy or touch is soft unless you are intending to raise power at that time, speaking only true mindful words, LISTEN from with and with all your senses.

Honor the Old Ones in deed and name, let Love and Light be our Guides again.

The Old Ones can be your ancestors, the ancestors of the path or the Spiritual ancestors: fairies, trees, etc . When deciding to perform a magick act – you should be guided with Love and Light. This was the ways of old.

Fourth Section 🌙 Ritual & the Moon

Deosil go by the waxing moon, chanting out the joyful tune.

Deosil: is Clock-Wise, or the direction the clocks hands normally move. Waxing: is a phases of the moon as the moon grows full. There is probably a specific tune that the old ones chanted, but I do not know it.

**Widdershins go when the moon doth wane,
and the werewolf howls by the dread wolfsbane.**

Widdershins: is Counter-Clock-Wise, or backwards/opposite direction the clocks hands normally move. Waning is also a phase of the moon, going toward Dark. Widdershins is the direction you use your wand when bannishing or sending something away from your life. Wolfsbane is a poisonous herb. There is some lore that goes with this that I don't remember to know to share.

When the Lady's moon is new, kiss the hand to Her times two.

The Lady is the Goddess. Kiss on the feminine hand or right hand 2x's . This act is respect & honor & thanking her for magick. New Moon is the phase of the moon at 1% heading to full.

When the moon rides at Her peak then your heart's desire seek.

At Her peak = the Full Moon! This moon is full & grants your wishes! This is when you ask for increase or desires to come into your life.

Fifth Section 🌀 Winds • Season's • Sabbats

Heed the North winds mighty gale, lock the door and trim the sail.

Winter. Winds mark the start of the change of each season. North winds blow when winter is arriving, gale is strong wind. When strong winds blow from the North farmers know winter is coming.

When the Wind blows from the East, expect the new and set the feast.

Spring. East winds blow in new life to trees, plants and livestock. Expect the new buds & life even if you don't see it yet when these winds arrive.

When the wind comes from the South, love will kiss you on the mouth.

Summer. South winds bring hot weather and love romance.

When the wind whispers from the West, all hearts will find peace and rest.

Autumn. West wind brings fall harvest and night grows longer than day. With the short days, work ends earlier and earlier giving people and nature time to rest each day.

Sixth Section 🌀 Nine Woods • CAUTION

Nine woods in the Cauldron go, burn them fast and burn them slow.

(Birch, Oak, Rowan, Willow, Hawthorn, Hazel, Apple, Grape Vine, & Fir = 9)

✓ *Birch* in the fire goes to represent what the Lady knows.

✓ *Oak* in the forest towers with might, in the fire it brings the God's insight.

✓ *Rowan* is a tree of power causing life and magick to flower.

✓ *Willows* at the waterside stand ready to help us to the Summerland.

✓ *Hawthorn* is burned to purify and to draw faerie to your eye.

✓ *Hazel*-the tree of wisdom and learning adds its strength to the bright fire burning.

White are the flowers of:

✓ *Apple* tree that brings us fruits of fertility.

✓ Grapes grow upon the VINE giving us both joy and wine.

✓ *Fir* does mark the evergreen to represent immortality seen.

*Elder is the Lady's tree, burn it NOT or cursed you'll be.

DO NOT BURN! This is sacred to the Lady and is not burned.

Seventh Section 🌀 Major Sabbats

Four times the Major Sabbats mark in the light and in the dark.

Sabbats are Holi-days

In the light = light half of the year, Spring - Summer; In the dark = the dark half, Autumn - Winter

As the old year starts to wane the New begins, it's now Samhain.

Wanning is decrease. The Sun has same phases as the moon but are not monthly, they are annually. When the year is not full it is wanning the New (Year) Begins, it's now Samhain or Fall - Samhain/Halloween = witches New Year. November 1st.

When the time for Imbolc shows watch for flowers through the snows.

End of winter. These flowers are named "Snow Drops" and they grow up through the snow. A sign that life is in the earth and coming forth. Significant of Rebirth.

When the wheel begins to turn soon the Beltane fires will burn.

May 1st. A fire Sabbat.

As the wheel turns to Lamas night power is brought to magick rite.

Also known as Lughnasadh, August 1st wheat harvest. Celebration of the Night becoming longer than day is part of the ritual.

Eighth Section 🌀 Minor Sabbats

Four times the Minor Sabbats fall, use the Sun to mark them all.

There are Four main Sun occasions – 2 Equinox: Fall & Spring, and 2 Solstice: Winter, Summer.

When the wheel has turned to Yule, light the log the Horned One rules.

Winter Solstice - December 20-23rd. The Horned God is reborn and now rules this half of the wheel.

In the spring, when night equals day, time for Ostara to come our way.

Spring Equinox - March 19-22nd. Balance and fertility. Celebrated with eggs, and bunnies and candy. Equal day and night, day will be longer until Autumn Equinox.

When the Sun has reached it's height, time for Oak and Holly to fight.

Summer Solstice - June 21st-22nd. Sun appears to reach a high point in the sky and stand still. The Holly king fights the Oak king and wins to rule for the summer or dark half of the year. The Oak king will regain his reign after his rebirth in the Yule/Winter Solstice.

Harvesting comes to one and all, when the Autumn Equinox does fall.

Autumn Equinox - Sept. 20-23rd. Time of equal day and night where the night will be longer than day after this until Spring Equinox.

Ninth Section 🌿 See the season

Heed the flower, bush, and tree by the Lady blessed you'll be.

It is wise to know the season by the stage of the plants throughout the year. However this is also talking about knowing the health of the plants and the earth. The ancients were not only potion makers, but they were caretakers of the earth and the plants. In return the earth gave up secrets and wisdom which is why they were blessed.

Get to know some earth science and then go out into nature for a day or a couple of hours and notice the earth and the plants and trees.

Tenth Section 🌀 Divination

Where the rippling waters go cast a stone, the truth you'll know.

Referring to divination using a river and stone casting.

This was a popular way of divination in the past. I have known it to be done, but I do not do this as of now.

Eleventh Section 🐦 Nature • Greed

When you have and hold a need, harken not to others greed.

Don't be greedy, but supply your needs with what nature & Goddess has provided minding the laws of the rede.

With a fool no season spend, or be counted as his friend.

You are known by the company you hang around. Spending a season around a fool that is not wise to nature can interrupt the ways you keep with nature. Others will judge you to be like the fool, not judge the fool to be like you.

Merry Meet and Merry Part, bright the cheeks and warm the heart.

Merry is Happily. Happily gather and happily dispurse. Bright the cheeks and warm the heart, partaking in libations and sharing laughter & genuine love and kindness to one another.

Twelfth Section 🌀 Three Fold Law

Mind the Three-fold Laws you should, three times bad and three times good.

This is the three fold law of Karma. This means that 3x's will be returned to a person for their actions. If you do a good, 3x's good will return; and same if you perform a bad or harmful action.

This law is also helpful to use in our protection magick. Send back bad karma & action's allows you not to not have to wish any harm just reverse what has been sent to you.

Thirteenth Section ✨ Protection Magick

When misfortune is enow, wear the star upon your brow.

In any misfortune visualize the pentacle and manifest your cone of power.

You can also actually wear a pentacle from jewelry or makeup when performing ritual.

Fourteenth Section 🌹 Marriage

Be true in love this you must do, unless your love is false to you.

In love it is not ok to be untrue to your commitment – but you do not have to stay with someone who has been untrue to you.

This is because relationships are contracts. When a contract is broken by one party being untrue it is null or void. It is open to leave. Do so as the law in your land states to move on if you wish.

Fifteenth Section ☞ The Law

These Eight words the Rede fulfill:
"An Ye Harm None, Do What Ye Will."

In your actions and magick Harm None, this includes not harming yourself, others or nature.

Do magick or action as you 'will - so long as it harms 'none.

Think about this, there is more than one way to accomplish any goal. Look for a way that is non harm. You can even end all your words of power with this phrase, 'and it harm none, so mote it be!'

Blessed be!