

## Occult FAQs

The FAQs below are a combination of e-mails and general questions I've been asked over the years from those new to the occult as well as those trying to understand it a bit better. These FAQs will be updated when new questions come to mind or as new e-mails come in asking about the occult.

Q: Do occultists hurt or sacrifice babies or animals?

A: NEVER! No sane, rational or civilized genuine Western occultist would ever bring harm to a helpless baby, child or animal EVER! Santeria and Voodoo are some of the VERY few existing occult sects that still practice animal sacrifice and those who practice generally eat the animal afterwards. The only thing that differs between those few sects and the average Joe is ritual before killing and eating an animal.

Q: Do occultists go around "cursing" others at will?

A: Most who are naive to magic but find out someone practices it, thinks we run around killing anyone who looks at us weird or says something we don't like, they are grossly mislead. All genuine magic works with nature via justice and justification, for more information on this please read "The scales of balance and Justice" that I wrote for the occulterrarium. Also cursing someone requires a great deal of energy and time, something that would be better put towards improving our own lives and not wasting on someone unworthy of it being wasted on.

Q: Jim so and so has a lot of books on the occult and calls himself a Priest, he even runs his own group!

A: This is a common plague in the occult, Jim so and so is just following the rest of the lot lice that he thinks are occultists. I can call myself a can of tuna; even have tons of books on tuna fish, however obviously I am not. Books are not genuine instruction in anything and can NEVER replace learning under a skilled occultist who learned from someone else in a long-standing tradition. As for running a group, Jim so and so is just feeding off of the fact that 90% of people are both blind followers and ignorant. The whole want for a title or want to start up a group out of thin air stems from the want of Jim so and so to feel like a somebody.

Q: Do occultists worship Satan?

A: Nope, "Satan" and "Satanism" were a myth created by Christians to cause fear and bring people to the pulpit on Sundays. Modern Satanism as created by Anton Szandor LaVey, is nothing more then Ayn Rand, Might is Right and Neitzsche with ritual.

Q: What is the "left hand path"?

A: The occult is separated into the "Right hand path" and the "Left hand path" each with their own distinguishing characteristics. The right hand path is generally a path requiring members to follow a strict moral code of helping everyone to make himself or herself feels like better people. The right hand path also sees the world as a happy, caring place that is filled with people who are all good at heart. The right hand path also strictly forbids doing any harm to anyone for any reason. The left hand path allows practitioners

to develop their own moral code and to help themselves and their loved ones only. Those in the left hand path see people as generally dull, lazy, ignorant and stupid and the world as a cesspool of mediocrity where it's "Dog eat dog" and "Survival of the fittest".

Q: What is magic?

A: There are two forms of magic, lesser magic and high magic. To put it simply, lesser magic is the use of energy and will to change probability for the will's desire in the magicians favor irregardless of how improbable. High magic is magic used to change the self and remove mental obstacles that may prove detrimental to personal progression. Most believe ritual is needed in magic when in reality magic can be used nearly everyday and at any time without any magical peripherals or ritual. Ritual is only good when a group is working towards a mutual goal or celebrating a religious holiday.

Q: What's the difference between the "occult" and "a cult"?

A: As defined by [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com) a cult is:

1. A religion or religious sect generally considered to be extremist or false, with its followers often living in an unconventional manner under the guidance of an authoritarian, charismatic leader.
  - 1b. The followers of such a religion or sect.
2. A system or community of religious worship and ritual.
3. The formal means of expressing religious reverence; religious ceremony and ritual.
4. A usually nonscientific method or regimen claimed by its originator to have exclusive or exceptional power in curing a particular disease.
5. Obsessive, especially faddish, devotion to or veneration for a person, principle, or thing.
  - 5b. The object of such devotion.
6. An exclusive group of persons sharing an esoteric, usually artistic or intellectual interest.

Occult is a Latin word meaning "Hidden" and is used to describe the hidden wisdom or a path of wisdom (i e. the occult).

Q: Do I have to dress or act differently?

A: Yes, you have to be yourself and dress accordingly!

Q: Do occultists brainwash people?

A: NEVER! Brainwashing as defined at [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com) is:

brainwash

- 1: persuade completely, often through coercion; "The propaganda brainwashed many people"
- 2: submit to brainwashing; indoctrinate forcibly"

No true occultist would impose their own personal perceptions on another, let alone force them to believe in what another does. Christianity and other mainstream religions

however fall directly under the category of a cult who brainwash even the youngest of children. Throughout history there's been thousands murdered in "Gods name" for being infidels and not worshipping and believing in what they want them to. Murder in "Gods name" was written and approved of in the bible where it says:

"Deuteronomy 6:15 (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth."

and

"Deuteronomy 7:5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire."

Q: You must not have read the bible, qu ran or torah and that's why you're not a [insert religion here].

A: Wrong, I actually have read all three in depth and that's exactly why I am not one!

Q: Who is an occultist?

A: There is no real classification, style of dress, occupation, race, age or any other factor in who exactly is, or can be an occultist. Your friends, coworkers, politicians and local officials, family members, neighbors all might be occultists without you really ever knowing.