



FAQs about Dianic Tradition*

1. What is Dianic Tradition?

Dianic Tradition is a Goddess and female-centered religion focused on Women's Mysteries, revived by the author and activist Zsuzsanna Budapest in the early 1970's in the United States. Dianic Tradition combines the spirituality of the matriarchal religion of the Great Mother with modern witchcraft and feminist politics.

2. Which is the main Divinity of Dianic Tradition?

Dianics believe and worship the *Goddess (or Great Mother) of ten thousand names*. The Goddess is conceived as "one in three", in Her aspects as Maiden (bright and dark), Mother and Crone, as well as the most important passages of women's life, these archetypes are also linked to the principle phases of the Moon (crescent and waning Moon, full Moon and new Moon).

In the cosmology of the Tradition the Goddess is the source of life and universe with many characteristics of Herself which are all the Goddesses archetypes. Specifically, the icon-archetype of Dianic Tradition is the latin Goddess Diana (Artemis for Greeks), Goddess of animals and wildlife, moon, witchcraft and also guardian of women and children.

The Divine is perceived as "female being" because she is the primordial creative matrix. She created Herself through the process of parthenogenesis (impregnation and creation without sex), thus emanating divers life forms (terrestrial and galactic) from the center of Her spiral-self.

The dualism between man-God and Divine Feminine, introduced by the patriarchal ideology, it is not part of the dianic cosmology. The male sex is considered a variation of the Goddess, a part of the primordial "One" that is the Goddess Herself.



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3. Which are the bases of Dianic Tradition?

Dianic Tradition is an initiatic path based on female blood mysteries and women's creative power. Dianic practices and rituals are developed mainly through the physical, spiritual, cultural and social experience of womanhood from birth to death.

The Main purpose of Dianic Tradition is to make women free from patriarchal conditioning and the return of the Divine Feminine through a process of deep knowledge of themselves, an individual sovereignty and the recognition of the divine within and around us.

Dianic Tradition aims at awakening of feminine consciousness in order to raise human beings awareness and achieve a spiritual maturity which can contribute to improve societies and future generations.

4. Is there a hierarchy inside Dianic Tradition?

Within Dianic Tradition is possible to distinguish three main categories: Initiated witch, Priestess and High Priestess. Despite this division dianic groups have a circular and not a pyramidal structure.

5. Who can join Dianic Tradition?

Only female-born individuals (in many cases intersexed women raised as females are welcome), of any culture, race, age, sexual orientation and political faction, can join Dianic Tradition.

6. A woman who has had a hysterectomy or with fertility problems can join Dianic Tradition?

The feminine creative power resides inside cells of female beings and into the womb space, so even women who have had a hysterectomy or cannot have children can still join Dianic Tradition.



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7. Why men or transgender cannot join Dianic Tradition?

Dianic practices and rituals have been created by women for women's needs, based on female mysteries and womanhood experience from birth until death.

Dianic Tradition believes that body, mind and spirit are all closely related to spirituality and only through their interaction and experience we can deeply become aware of ourself and our inner power (see also question 1 and 3).

For these reasons males and transitioned males who gender identify as women cannot join into Dianic female mysteries. Both of them indeed for biological reasons are not be able to experience women's mysteries in addition to differences in socialization, consciousness and energy. Women who transition to a male-gender identity do not consider themselves as women, so Dianic Tradition can't satisfy their spiritual needs.

It is important specify that Dianic Tradition isn't a spiritual path based on misandry or discrimination, the exclusivity of the biological female factor is not related to other spheres of our life (social, familiar and work environment) and does not imply any idea of superiority regarding other genders but only a different spiritual and energetical experience. The Dianic Tradition was simply created by and for female individuals.

8. Can a woman born female be initiated into Dianic Tradition if she is a follower of another religion or initiated into another pagan tradition?

Patriarchal religion is not compatible with Dianic Tradition with its focus on the Goddess and women. Some other spiritual traditions are not compatible due to its sexist orientation, and beliefs about women. So most often women who initiate and claim a new religion with the Dianic Tradition, release their previous religious orientation or commitments.

9. Can a woman born female who follows another religion o pagan tradition join a dianic ritual celebration?

Yes. Dianic Tradition has also been created to offer rituals and celebrations that can empower and support women of any culture, race, age, social status, sexual orientation and political faction.

The only secret ritual which can be officiated exclusively by initiates into Dianic Tradition is the initiation ritual.

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10. Can dianic witches (initiated into the Tradition or not) share events or celebrations with brothers and sisters of other genders and spiritual paths?

Yes. Dianic Tradition leads you to a path of sharing, love, dialogue and mutual knowledge. You can celebrate in perfect love and perfect trust with sisters and brothers of any gender or religion without bring them inside female mysteries and Dianic Tradition. These kind of rituals, indeed, are not considered dianic rituals.

11. Do exist established rules for practicing Dianic Tradition?

Necessary and sufficient condition for joining women's mysteries is to be a woman born female. There are specific correspondences regarding the fundamental structure of a ritual and practice of magic, but Dianic Tradition is mainly a divine inspirational and creative tradition which invites us to fully express ourself. It is a guide to exploration and understanding of our nature, potentialities and inner power which provides the opportunity to honor the Great Mother within and outside us in all Her aspects and archetypes, represented by all the Goddesses of any culture and traditions.

For more informations about Dianic Tradition you can visit tour home page www.dominalunae.org or contact us by email at info.dominalunae@gmail.com.

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