



FAQs about Dianic Tradition*

1. What is the Dianic Tradition?

The 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.

The Dianic Tradition combines the spirituality of the matriarchal religion of the Great Mother with modern witchcraft and feminist politics.

2. Which is the main Deity/es of the Dianic Tradition?

Dianics believe and worship the *Goddess (or Great Mother) of ten thousand names*. The Goddess is conceived as triple in Her aspects of Maiden (light and dark), Mother and Crone, as well as the most important passages of women's life. These archetypes are also connected to the main Moon phases (waxing and waning moon, full moon and new moon).

In the cosmology of the Tradition the Goddess is the source of the universe, the web of life itself, with many characteristics of Herself which are all the Goddesses archetypes. Specifically, the icon-archetype of the 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 different life forms (terrestrial and galactic) from the center of Her spiral-self.

The dualism between a man-God and the Divine Feminine, introduced by the patriarchal ideology, is not part of the dianic vision and cosmology.



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3. Which are the bases of the Dianic Tradition?

The 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 the Dianic Tradition is to free women from patriarchal conditioning and influences, and the return of the Divine Female through a process of self-knowledge, individual sovereignty and by acknowledging the divine within and around us.

The Dianic Tradition aims to awake the female consciousness in order to raise women's awareness and achieve a spiritual maturity which can contribute to improve societies and future generations.

4. Is there a hierarchy inside the Dianic Tradition?

Within the Dianic Tradition we can find three main categories: Initiated witch, Priestess and High Priestess. Despite these categories dianic groups have a circular and not a pyramidal structure.

5. Who can join the Dianic Tradition?

Only biological female women (in some cases intersex females raised as women as well), of any culture, race, age, sexual orientation and political faction, can join the Dianic Tradition.

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

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



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7. Why men or transgender cannot join the Dianic Tradition?

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

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

For these reasons males, included the ones who self-identify as women (transgender women) cannot join the Dianic mysteries. Both of them for biological reasons are not be able to experience female mysteries in addition to differences and influences in socialization, consciousness and energy. Females who self-identifies as men (transgender men) do not consider themselves women, so the Dianic Tradition can't satisfy their spiritual needs.

It is important to specify that the 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 energy experience. The Dianic Tradition was simply created by and for female individuals.

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

Patriarchal monotheistic religions are not compatible with the Dianic Tradition with its focus on the Goddess and females. Instead some other spiritual and pagan traditions might not be compatible due to their sexist orientation, beliefs about women, or for acknowledging and celebrating the Divine as a duality/polarity of a Goddess and God. For these reasons, most often women who are interested, or decide to be initiated into the Dianic Tradition, release their previous religious orientation or commitments.

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

Yes. The 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 the Dianic Tradition is the initiation ritual.

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

Yes. The Dianic Tradition approves and encourages sharing, love, dialogue and mutual support. You can celebrate in perfect love and perfect trust with women and men of different spiritual paths without bringing them inside female and Dianic mysteries, rituals and celebrations. These kind of rituals, indeed, are not considered dianic.

11. Do exist established rules for practicing the Dianic Tradition?

The only necessary and sufficient condition to join the Dianic Tradition, and its rituals, is to be a biologically female woman.

There are some specific ritual and magical practices, principles and correspondences, but the Dianic Tradition is mainly a divine-inspiration and creative tradition, which invites to fully express ourselves. It guides us toward the exploration and understanding of our true nature, potentialities and inner power, and to honour the Great Mother within, and outside ourselves in all Her immanence forms, and archetypes represented by all the Goddesses of any culture and tradition.

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

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