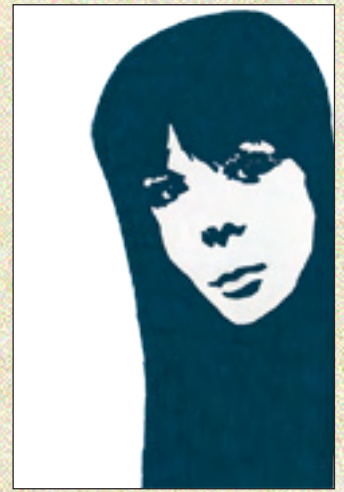




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**Magic Answers & Spells  
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*Did Witches get their magic from the Freemasons?*



No.

The Scope (or, History of Witchcraft) section in my *The Goodly Spellbook* answers this question in detail, but suffice for here that in his book *The Meaning of Witchcraft*, Gerald Gardner (an Initiate of the New Forest Coven in England, and from whence Coven Oldenwilde derives) divulged that during the Renaissance, Witches gave “succor” (safety and shelter) to the Freemasons when they went underground to avoid being burnt at the stake by the Inquisition.

Appreciating at the time that the Masons shared our love of ritual and symbolism, Witches freely shared their magical wisdom and ceremonies with them – which helps explain why Masonic rites include much Witch material in them to this day.

[Pic: George Washington’s Masonic ritual apron, said to have been made for him by Madame de Lafayette. Note the pentagram, lower right. Learn more at [oldenwilde.org](http://oldenwilde.org) – click on the button, below.]

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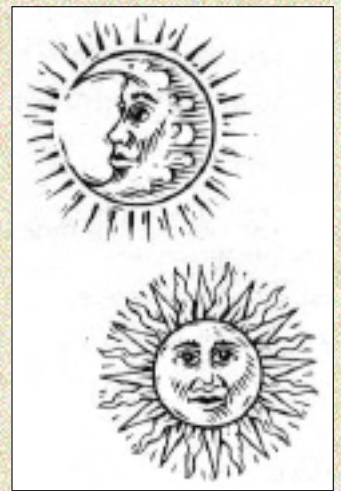
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*Is it true that Witches believe that everything has a soul?*



Yes.

From directly observing the way the universe works, Wiccans believe that everything is composed of either one or a combination of five basic Elements – Earth, Air, Fire, and/or Water.

The fifth Element, Spirit, animates and pervades all – imbuing everything from sub-atomic quarks to galaxies with life force.

Like any indigenous people, Witches are animists. We believe that everything has *some* degree of sentient soul.

So, we intentionally treat everything with respect.

Though Science claims to deny this, they also devise terms for it, such as “gremlins” who supposedly inhabit computers or machinery!

As for Witches, we’ve always understood that even humble stairs should be nurtured – for if ignored, they could rebel and break our necks!

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