

# BOUDICCA'S SECRET MEETING

What is a Druid?

# Preface:

Sometimes the simplest question that a child can ask is the hardest to answer because there are so many different aspects that need to be addressed in the answer.

This story booklet is an attempt to do such a thing and answer the short question; what is a Druid?

It is a good idea for this book to be read several times to or by your child so that they will totally understand and remember the answer; for it will be the basis of their own personal journey!

As with all religious work you may want to skim things and make corrections and/or deletions where desired to fit your 'exact' belief within the Druidry realm.

Enjoy.



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Boudicca is a girl who lives down the road in the blue colored house. Everyone in Boudicca's family is a Druid. They are really nice people who like nature and spend a lot of time outside. Boudicca doesn't tell everyone that she is a Druid but she did tell me, it was one evening a couple of weeks ago. I would like to tell you about Boudicca's momma, auntie, and grandmamma having a secret meeting in her backyard by a small campfire.

Boudicca was told to put on her special nightgown one night and her overcoat. When she got them on she went outside with her momma. There was a small campfire going and her auntie and grandmamma were sitting by it in their nightgowns too. Her momma whispered that this was a secret family meeting and she was to act really good while she was there.

There was a special seat for her to sit in and she really liked it because it was orange, which was her favorite color.

"Bou, you know we are all Druids, but you don't know exactly what that is. We are going to tell you tonight." Spoke her auntie once all the hello's and hugs were out of the way.

Boudicca sat up straight and was excited they were going to tell her this. She hadn't realized that she didn't know what a Druid was. It was strange that she knew all about things and didn't even know something as simple as that.

The quiet time was broken when grandmamma said “a long, long time ago there were tribes of people scattered all over Europe and some of the land around it. In these tribes were really smart people who held many different jobs and they led their tribe in religious matters.”

“Yeah,” auntie broke in saying “and we don’t know exactly what they called themselves. Later people wrote about these people calling them Druids. No one knows if this name was made up with Greek, Latin, or Old Irish words and they argue about it today.”

“We call the people who made up these tribes Celtic. You were named after a famous queen that led a big fight for their freedom from the Romans.” Momma said while she giggled.

“Bou, I want you to know that we are all Pagan’s. Being Pagan means ‘to believe in many’. So there are many male gods and female goddess’ that we believe in. There are a few groups of Druids that aren’t only Pagan but most are.” Grandmamma said as she winked Boudicca’s way.

Auntie gave Boudicca a small stick and told her to play connect the dots using them as dots. Boudicca smiled at such a silly thing to do, but she took the stick and did it.



When Boudicca finished her momma pointed out “See how you made a triangle? Well that can be considered a symbol for a triad. Triads are just things in groups of three and there are a lot of them in our religion.”

“This Triad stands for the three major kinds of Druids. There are the ancient Druids, sometimes called the Paleopagan Druids. They lived back in a time that was long ago. They are considered the original Druids, but not much is known about them because they never wrote things down.” said momma sadly.

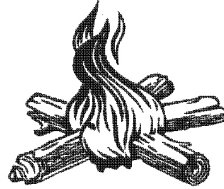
“I’m a revival or mesopagan Druid.” Blurted auntie “Back in the days where women wore those dresses that were shaped like a bell there was a revival of the Druid religion and I believe they way they do.”

“Not me,” interrupted grandmamma “I am a modern or neopagan Druid. I just want to worship as much as possible like the ancient Druids did. I spend a lot of my time learning about history to learn how they lived and worshipped.”

“Well,” momma stated “I believe a little bit from what both of them believe. There are more people that believe the same as grandmamma and auntie do, but I don’t.”

Just then everyone stopped talking for a minute because the fire was starting to get low. Auntie found some old branches on the ground by the shed and put them on it.

Boudicca was happy that the warmth from the fire was back in no time.



“How do I believe momma?” asked Boudicca.

“Oh Bou,” auntie said with a soft smile “you will believe how you want to. When you are ready you will decide what fits you best. But for now, you can learn as much as you want from any of us.”

This made Boudicca smile. She always likes it when she gets to make the decisions, and this was a big one!

“We do believe a lot of things that are the same, we all believe in the ways of the Druids. We are Pagan, as you already know. We celebrate the eight high days, we celebrate by having rituals, we do a lot of research and studying and we all love and respect nature.” Said grandmamma.

“And we are all a member of a Druid group.” Momma butted in.

“Yes we are,” grandmamma said “there is a group for all the different kinds of Druids.”

Auntie blurted out quickly, “There are people that don’t like to be a member of a group or don’t live close to people who believe the same way. They call themselves solitary druids.”

“There are people, though, that don’t believe a Druid can practice alone.” Added momma.

“Do you know Bou that there were only a few Druid groups at first. As people changed the way they believed and thought they branched out and made their own groups. There are many groups today and they have from 20 to over 3,000 members in them.” said auntie as she sat up straight.

“How do you become a Druid, momma?” asked Boudicca.

“Well, I think that you just know you are Druid inside first.” Answered momma.

“Then you get training,” said grandmamma “usually by a person or a group. The training is different according to who is teaching you and it lasts from around one to three years in most groups.”

I can’t remember what else went on during Boudicca’s secret meeting, however, I do know that yesterday Boudicca told me that she wanted to be a Druid too.



I surprised her when I told her my secret: “I want to be a Druid too.”



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