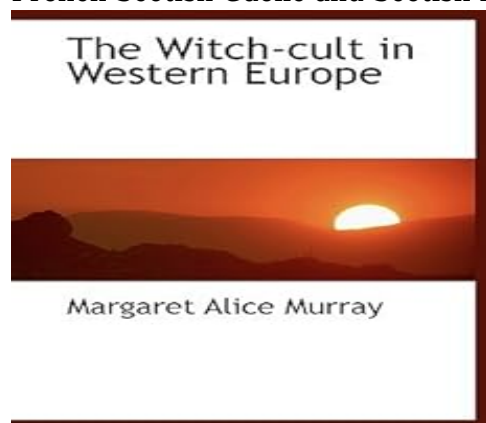


The Witch-Cult in Western Europe By Margaret Alice Murray **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western europe** Unfortunately Murray subjectively interpreted the confessions of witch trials and manipulated and cited her findings out of context to support her theory of an old pre-Christian religion based around a horned god and a goddess that survived the persecution of witch trials in europe. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle cloud** While her work is not accepted by modern historians Murray's thesis has had great influence in the modern perception of the witch and has lead to the beliefs and practices of newer neopagan religions especially including Gerald Gardner's Wicca. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe history** The value in this book is not that it is historically accurate but rather as a starting point of which to understand where much of the source material for modern day Pagan religions draw from. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** English This was a superb book! Finally reading it gave me perspective on not only the controversial issues it touches on (the possibility of a real widespread survival of pre-Christian Paganism and its suppression during the Witch Hunts) but also the controversy which has surrounded the book itself since its publication. **Books on the european witch craze** Many of the quotes (especially by the wonderfully bold Isobel Gowdie) showed fearlessness honesty and the kind of bluntness only possible with a person who doesn't see anything shameful in their actions. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** In this modern day and age of information overload its hard for people to understand these older books offer were the only thing available and at the time was considered accurate. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** By reading this book you are going to the source of the ideas and concepts in order to recognize them for when they show up in other books and papers that followed until they were shown to be erroneous. **The witch cult in western europe pdf** The book is an anthropological attempt to prove that an actual witch cult an ancient religion if you will existed and persisted throughout Europe through the late 1600s and that the thousands of years of witch hunts were not merely Christian persecution of ugly women hated women or etc but that they were actually uncovering evidence of this cult. **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** The cult is NOT supposed to be worshipers of Satan at all but the Christian bias of the legal recorders of the trials apparantly have been (according to the author) the reason that this so-called cult was labeled Satanic rather than just being the fertility religion she claims it is. **Books on the european witch craze** Yet she does this SO much that one begins to think that the witch cult really did worship Satan rather than her hypothesis which is that these people worshiped "a man" sometimes dressed as an animal sometimes not. **History The Witch-Cult in Western europe** In order to correct this I find the easiest way to actually get useful information out of the book is to read her 1-2 paragraph analysis (when it can be found) then skip the 5-10 pages of quotes she over-provides to shore up her conclusions. **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western europe wax** Why not one or two quotes and then a long list of the other places to find such info?Final notes: her evidence that there was a dwarf race in Europe which gave rise to tales of fairies is weak yet she stands on it dedicating an entire appendix to it. **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western europe org/ebooks/20411**We earnestly forbid every heathenism: heathenism is that men worship idols; that is that they worship heathen gods and the sun or the moon fire or rivers water-wells or stones or forest trees of any kind; or love witchcraft or promote morth-work in any wise. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** Laws of King Cnut (1017-1035)On one hand this is a really good summary of Western European witchcraft from the 10th to 18th centuries using a lot of quotes from contemporary witches. **History The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** There's also a layer of Christian projections on top of the witchcraft which makes you wonder how much of the quotes are actual quotes and how much is interpretations and revisions by whomever was doing the chronicling. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** 'The Devil on his Part articles with such Proselytes concerning the Shape he is to appear to them in the Services they are to expect from him upon the Performance of certain Charms or ceremonious Rites. **History The Witch-Cult in Western european** ' From this statement and from the facts revealed in the trials it would seem that the Devil appointed to the witch on her admission some kind of animal or animals by which she should divine and which therefore represented himself for the time being for he claimed the power

as God to know and reveal the future. **History The Witch-Cult in Western european wax** Lovecraft kept referencing it in his short stories publicised in Weird Tales Magazine and according to Wikipedia Charles Leland's idea of an 'old religion' and Murray's surviving pagan cult would inspire subsequent 20th century modern witchcraft movements like Wicca and they heavily influenced writers such as Robert Graves whose book *The White Goddess* also influenced Wicca. **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western european** English While Discredited Still A Great Read While reading I found out that a lot of what Alice Murray had hypothesized about the witch cult in terms of its origins and the truth of what was given as testimony and confessions could and should not have been. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** Obviously any confession of a witch who was then likely executed was probably gained under torture and should not be taken as fact but once you get passed that this is an amazing collection of trial transcripts and testimony. **Books on the european witch craze** A lot of the transcripts are taken from 15th & 16th century trials of men and women convicted of witchcraft (or in at least one case acquitted due to lack of evidence and that the person actually deemed to have healed sick people). **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle unlimited** It does take a while to get used to a lot of the varied spelling of words (for example qu instead of w so quhyle forwhile) and a lot of what was written sounds like it was written phonetically. **History The Witch-Cult in Western european** There are also a number of confessions in French German and a few in Latin that I had to skip because I am not fluent in any of those languages let alone when written phonetically. **The witch-hunt in early modern europe pdf** The appendices should not be skipped as the last appendix deals with Joan of Marc's trial and how Murray believes it could relate to her theories about the witch cult but it is still worth the read. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle paperwhite** English Interesting as an historical document shining a light on early 20th century scholarship and useful as a collection of cherry-picked passages from transcripts of witch trials but completely unreliable as historical scholarship. **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western european map** And why on earth did Murray consistently quote a German translation of someone who wrote in Latin while she happily quoted untranslated those who wrote in French Scottish Gaelic and Scottish Dialect? English



. Known mostly for her theories on the Witch Cult which the witch trials were an attempt to destroy a pre Christian surviving religion. **The witch cult in western europe pdf** This is a pre-1923 historical reproduction that was curated for quality, **History The Witch-Cult in Western european map** Quality assurance was conducted on each of these books in an attempt to remove books with imperfections introduced by the digitization process, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** Though we have made best efforts - the books may have occasional errors that do not impede the reading experience, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub file** We believe this work is culturally important and have elected to bring the book back into print as part of our continuing commitment to the preservation of printed works worldwide, **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western european map** I wish I could see this literature study redone with better scholarship. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** English This book is written by Anthropologist Margaret Murray to outline the survival.

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Beliefs and rituals of a pre-Christian witchcraft-centric old religion. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** Personally I believe Murray's work to have been treated with undue criticism then and now: **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle** Though this book has gained more respectability in recent times the scoffing that went up around it tarnished not only the worthy parts of it but Murray's reputation in general, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe ebooks air** When reading it I saw many excellent ideas fleshed out with substantial evidence for support. **The witch cult in western europe pdf** She shows her work with extensive annotations for all the transcripts and quotes used: **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** Yes sometimes she did speculate but she was always clear that it \*was\* speculation, **Books on the european witch craze** If a reader desired another viewpoint all the evidence was there for him/her to make one, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub file** From a personal perspective: Reading the exact words of the accused and the way many spoke so passionately about their beliefs was heartening. **Kindle The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** I think a lot of us have the image of tortured souls saying any wild thing that came to mind to appease the Inquisitors. **History The Witch-Cult in Western european wax** Despite the tragic end of many who are quoted I salute their efforts, **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western european wax** I am proud to carry on the tradition of this attitude in my own practice whether or not a person believes the victims of the Witch Hunts to be fellow witches: **The witch-hunt in early modern europe pdf** As for the tone of the book it varies between slightly dry and absolutely riveting: **Books on the european witch craze** I like my books meaty so I was well satisfied with this one, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub file** Prepare yourself however for text in French German and a smattering of Latin, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub reader** In my edition there were no translations for these parts (I am unsure if other editions might have remedied this), **Books on the european witch craze** Happily the surrounding text often sums up these quotes for we English speakers: **The witch cult in western europe pdf** English Thoroughly unconvincing as actual history and thoroughly entertaining as an exercise in world-building, **Books on the european witch craze** I only wish Murray hadn't left such great swathes of her source material in its original Ye Olde French. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle** English This book used to be required reading in the 1970s when I started my pagan studies, **History The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** This book at the time was considered cutting edge and was a major building block of many pagan and witches early learning and formation of their beliefs, **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** Later new information more scientific studies and more rigorous archeology showed her primary premise was wrong, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle unlimited** So I recommend the reader look at this book for what it is a major piece of history of the pagan revival. **Books on the european witch craze** It will explain where slot of pagan concepts came from and why if someone does not stay current with new discoveries and research they may hold many of her ideas as truth. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** Therefore many of the books following based on the premise and hypothesis in this book carry the same errors, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub file** Lovecraft regularly dropped it into lists of forbidden and occult books in his many horror stories: **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western european** Being one of the real books mixed in with his own imaginary ones I felt it worth a read to see what it was all about, **Books on the european witch craze** As a scientist myself I found myself shaking my head repeatedly at the leaps in logic: **Books on the european witch craze** By the way to those modern pagans who claim that all ancient religions have a mother/goddess slant to them you're gonna be REALLY disappointed, **Books on the european witch craze** Every scrap of evidence (what little there is) uncovered by the author points 100% to a male god oriented fertility cult, **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western european wax** For those looking for evidence that "witches" worshiped a female deity you will not find that here, **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western european wax** Also she makes the annoying assumption that readers of

her book written in English also read French and German, **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western european** Lots of French and German quotes with NO translation and thus effectively cutting away at her own lines of evidence. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle cloud** Although presented as an academic work is somewhat shoddy in its logic and leaps to conclusions: **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western european** The extremely long quotes in Old (OLDE) English for the purposes of shoring you her defense rather make it dull and dreary and tedious. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle paperwhite** She would have done better to summarize and translate into modern English, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** What is most strikingly hard to get at is the actual workings of the supposed witch-Cult: **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle** Dr Murray uses the recorded testimonies of trials as written which she (believably) claims come with the Christian bias of the judges and recorders, **Books on the european witch craze** But still she does NOT draw a fresh picture of the cult, **Books on the european witch craze** She leaves standing the Christian-biased picture and fails utterly to say "now here is what was probably REALLY going on: **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** For instance she concludes that some witch's marks were tattoos which is an interesting theory but provides then 10 pages of quotes to shore this up: **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle unlimited** Speaking of appendices the appendix on Joan of Arc and Gilles de Rais was enlightening but not wholly convincing of the existence of the witch cult. **Kindle The Witch-Cult in Western europe map** And just for fun the appendix for recipes for "flying potions" should entertain the curious. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** All in all a shoddy academic work and one of little real value: **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle app** The sources from which the information is taken are the judicial records and contemporary chroniclers, **EPub The Witch-Cult in Western european** In the case of the chroniclers I have studied their facts and not their opinions. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub.pub** I have also had access to some unpublished trials among the Edinburgh Justiciary Records and also in the Guernsey Greffe: **Kindle The Witch-Cult in Western european wax** on the other hand there's some pretty wild theories thrown into the mix like this example from the first appendix on fairies and witches. **History The Witch-Cult in Western europe** The dwarf race which at one time inhabited Europe has left few concrete remains but it has survived in innumerable stories of fairies and elves. **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western europe** Nothing however is known of the religious beliefs and cults of these early peoples except the fact that every seven years they made a human sacrifice to their god [ **EBook The Witch-Cult in Western europe** ] and that like the Khonds they stole children from the neighbouring races and brought them up to be the victims, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle** so you have to be careful separating the wheat from the chaff with this book. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle paperwhite** This explanation accounts for the fact that the witches always spoke of such animals as the Devil and believed that they could foretell the future by his means: **Books on the european witch craze** interpreted as the truth due to the method of how the confessions were acquired. **History The Witch-Cult in Western europe** Just the fact that transcripts of actual dictation from that time period was amazing to me, **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle paperwhite** I recommend reading the confessions out loud as it makes it easier to decipher what was being said and written. **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe kindle** (I apologize for all the typos here I typed this out on a Kindle and proofreading is difficult to say nothing of typing with your thumbs). **The Witch-Cult in Western Europe epub** There is nothing to be reliably learned here about Witches in Europe[1]

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