



Tidbits From the First 100 Days

art: "Faery Star" by Aspen Moon

Elfinkind Digest

Date: Fri, 20 Apr 90 17:04:54 EDT

Subject: Elfinkind Digest #17

Magic: I don't do "magic." "Magic" implies actions/reactions for which there is not and cannot be a solid explanation and understanding thereof. I don't buy this. Some may have special abilities, which they may and may not be particularly good at using; others may have them and not even know about it. However, this isn't "magic;" this is simply a capability one has, just as one has the ability to see, smell, or touch.

From my limited experiences, elves seem to be more likely to have this type of talent. I've never seen a human repeatedly and reliably be able to demonstrate such a thing - however, that does not mean it doesn't exist. It means I've probably run into the wrong class of human spellcasters. :-)

Date: Friday, 27 April 1990

Subject: Various comments on [X]'s post.

Seriously; I want to quantify this ["magic" or "abilities"] with hard, cold, facts. If we ever intend to do anything as dangerous as going public, I personally want to be able to prove that we're not just a pack of lunatics.

TirNanOc

Date: Sat, 06 Dec 1997 14:26:11 -0600

Subject: To My Siblings Among the Sidhe (A Post)

This post is directed mostly towards my brothers and sisters among the sidhe/elves. [...]

We are creatures of Legend--we seek the Mythic in all the things we do. The other fae who exist, generally speaking, are more earthy folks. [...] Who are the rabble-rousers? The sidhe. We see demons in the darkness; we speak of grand destinies; we speak of a unified fae.

[...] Many among us speak of reviving and living our traditions here on Earth. [But] We hail from disparate realms: "Aelfheim", Tir Nan Og, Abrahor (in my case), Greyhawk's Realm, Alfheim, among others. [...] What traditions are we to use? [...] Are we to be reduced to dwelling in separate communities? Tir elves in Tir communities; Tulari (light elves of Aelfheim) in Tulari communities?

TirNanOc

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It seems obvious that Earth is to be a (I don't want to use the word "the") focal point for something on a multiversal scale. Why are all these fairly distinct elements of Fae in the multiverse coming together at this time on this rock? [...]

[...] As I stated in my essay on the elven star, we are creatures of Connection--our connections to the Land, the Dream, and each other define us and gives us our power. [...] The Sundering tore us from the Dream and the Land and each other, and we became hollow shells who were filled with the Dreams of Humanity. [...] We are only now, for whatever reason, reforging that connection and striving to live our own Dreams as we choose, by Ka and Deshtai.

SidheList

Date: Thu Sep 3 05:13:24 1998

Subject: Re: A Question of Balance

How is balance important to the life of an Otherkin? It seems to me that our lives here are a constant balancing act. We have the human part of our nature, and we have the fae side of our nature, and it is necessary to find a middle ground to allow ourselves to express who and what we are involving both sides of our nature. We are not one or the other... we are a combination of the two. And it is sometimes difficult to keep from being too human and betraying our fae side, or to keep from being too fae and betraying our human side.

Elven-Realities

Date: Tue Apr 13 14:42:52 1999

Subject: [elven-realities] Re: Dream-walking

That brings me to another question, about Elves and magic, and if there are elves who don't use any. Well, I know one who seems to have pretty much turned his back on his elven heritage, and now chooses to live entirely as a human. He did use a little magic before, but never very much, at least in this reality. Most elves I know, including myself, use a combo of ritual and non-ritual magic. I wonder, though, whether the ritual stuff is a human thing. I don't recall ever using ritual in Elphame.

KinFrontiers

Date: Wed Nov 10 08:50:37 1999

Subject: Hi, and welcome!!

I was thinking something along the lines of: "You know you're well beyond your awakening when--"

"--you've just returned from another trip on the Dreaming, and healed another rift in the time-space continuum, after which you whipped out your cosmic embroidery floss and sewn your sigil there to show off your handiwork."

Otherkin

Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 14:07:48 -0500

Subject: Signatures (was intro and hello and such)

See, the way I read signatures is FOR ME a lot like reading your email....just like each word emits a little of the concept you're trying to get across, each bit of email, or the sum totals of emails by you, give a little of the concept of YOU. I don't like *SIGNATURE* blasts....people try to push (I imagine) some part of their BE-ing into the space of electrons that carry the typed word...so that others can, when they read those little electron-words, interpret the energyfeelings that come with them. It works a little for me....a little.

Elfinkind

Date: Fri, 22 Jun 90 19:24:56 EDT

Subject: the sunshine in mountains sometime lost

I'm afraid I'm going to stand by my earlier statement about diversity. I have not seen from the list that the Elves thereon have more interests or "mores" in common with one another than they have with me, or the dragons, or the goblin cat. Just an observation....on the other hand, I will say that list-members have more in like with one another than with the generic masses-at-large.

And just what do we have in common? To put this in my own terms, we share an aspect of our personal mythos. We are fantasy creatures to ourselves; we internalize our magics; we know, or in some cases wish we knew, that we are the kinds of people that others don't believe in.

SidheList

Date: Mon Oct 26 04:43:49 1998

Subject: Shamanic Faerie (Was Magick and Depression)

great idea! I've thought that perhaps some fae are angels of the earth, performing the same functions for Gaia that angels perform for God. Angels are emissaries and messengers. Most faerie I know believe they are here for a purpose and have two great task: Awakening and Mission. [...] yes, we are the ambassadors of Earth. In my tribe, we believe our job here is to move energy, to amplify and damper. There are so few places in the multiverse for souls to incarnate and experience mortality. We are emmanations of the spirit of this Place, of Gaia, and we're here to maintain the connection to the Gaeian consciousness.

SidheList

Date: Thu Oct 29 20:25:53 1998

Subject: Re: Digest Number 59

[...] "But how do i KNOW?" and i always answer one of two things... You Just Do ... or You Never Will... depends on the person... and to be honest BOTH are usually true...

We all KNOW what we are... and most of us dont give a dam wether other people THINK we are or not... but how many of us can honestly say that theyve never had the all encompassing FEAR of waking up and realizing that this was all make believe... that none of it was real, and you dont really know who you are anymore... <sigh> at least from all the private and onlist convos ive had with people THAT fear seems to run true...

so to answer your friend... tho the answer just leads to more questions.. You Just Know, and Youre Never Really Sure....

Elven-Realities

Date: Fri May 28 19:19:44 1999

Subject: [elven-realities] Perceptions of magick

One of my main magickal studies is along the lines of magick as a symbiosis, of the interplay between two (or more) entities working in synergy. It dovetails very well with my magickal environment work, with the focus on encouraging magick in an area rather than in a specific spot, and the ideas of the magickal hearth and ward ecology (seeing magickal defenses as an ecosystem that can interact with itself and develop in reaction to environmental pressures.)

KinFrontiers

Date: Thu Dec 23 13:10:49 1999

Subject: Re: Re[2]: Starchildren

I'd always "just known" known, but kept burying it...I fully Awakened at a time in my life when I was in such deep shit that I guess my "true self" had to come out to keep me sane and alive. A recent Reiki attunement helped reconcile the angelic, sidhe and human parts of me. Before I fully Awakened, I was a practicing witch and ceremonial magician; I think that being my believing in, and being involved with, magick was a huge help for me because I'd already had an inkling that Reality As Generally Agreed Upon By the Masses is basically a crock. So I wasn't as willing to write my awakening off or rationalize it away as I might have otherwise been. A lot of it, in the end, boiled down to things I "jusy knew", things that simply felt right to me.

Otherkin

Date: Sat, 27 Nov 1999 07:18:27 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Re: psi stuff

You're not too far off. Its an unmaking of sorts, and a remaking with whatever is left over. Will explain briefly what came to me elsewhere: I have recently aknowledged merging my male and female sides. I noticed a day or so ago I now have, instead of 7 'chakras', 12.

Some General Thoughts

- Elfinkind and TirNanOc are generally on topic in the period.
- SidheList had a lot of side ventures into Irish myth and the like and also posts that were people just playing around and sharing poetry
- IMO it's the one that felt most like a place and is definitely the place where people most often (not quite exclusively, but close, actually) emoted actions like "::sits at the fire::".
- Elven-Realities, KinFrontiers, and Otherkin all actually had little "elven" or otherkin-specific content right at the beginning
- Magic and energy manipulation were far more dominant especially on KinFrontiers (where there was also a long thread about gender, being trans, and similarities of that to being "transspecies") and Otherkin.
- There's very little attention paid to Tolkien, despite what certain writers of academic papers might tell you.