

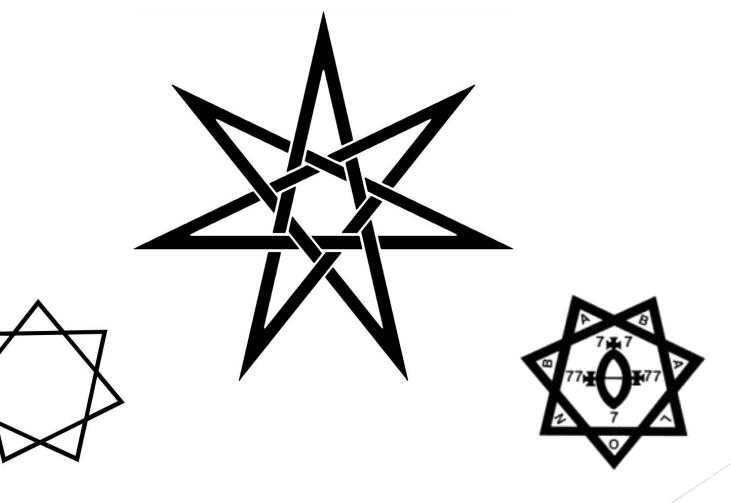
Early History and Meanings of the Elven Star (a.k.a. Faery Star)

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# What's it look like?





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Fairy Star of
Enchantment Wood
Carving Seven Pointed
Elven Star Tarot
Wizardry Fae Feri
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Elven Star (Faery Star, Heptagram, Septagram)

**The Faery Star Amulet** 

Fairy Star Diamond Pendant Necklace

What's Elven or Faery about it?

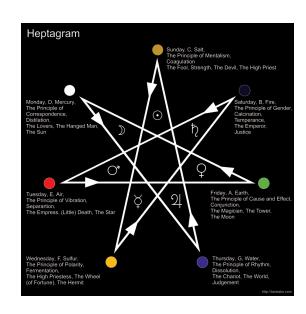




### Meanings in various traditions

- Hermetic and Kabbalistic magical correspondences
- Pleiades/Pleiadians
- ► Blue Star Wicca
- ► "Faery Wicca" / "Faery witchcraft"
- Anderson Fairy / Faery/ Feri

(image sources: <u>Hermetic</u>, <u>Blue</u> <u>Star</u>, <u>Lemniscate</u>, <u>Black Heart</u>)





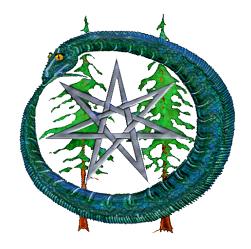




## Order of the Mithril Star / Reformed Druids of Gaia

- ► 7 Characteristics of the Reformed Druid
- ► The Druid's Egg newsletter Samhain 2007
- ► In 2002, their <u>FAQ</u> mentioned the borrowing of "mithril" from Tolkien's depiction of Elves









### Exploring the Faerie or Elven Star (Faerie Store, 2019)

It is known as a gateway symbol, a gate or entrance between our world and that of the Faerie Realm. The unbroken form gives the star its identity as a symbol of Eternity and has a long history.

It is said to represent a gift from Faerie to humans to bridge the understanding between the mortal human realm and that of Faerieland. [...]

The seven points are said to correspond to the following connected principles..

- The Sun (Fire)
- The Woods (Earth)
- The Sea (Water)
- The Wind (Air)
- The Moon (Divine Feminine)
- Magick (The magical realm that is the faerie realm itself)
- Connectedness (Spirit-The interconnected of all things)



Origins: To quote Treebeard, "Elves began it..."

## Elf Queen's Vaughters, mid-1970s

WE'VE GOT TO GET DOWN, SISTERS . . . .

have a lot of pride; and we've a right to it. Pride in the old biblical sense meant vanity, uselessness, affectation. We know it as a joyful confidence in one's own self-

ROCK IN YOUR LONG GREEN ARM O MOTHER





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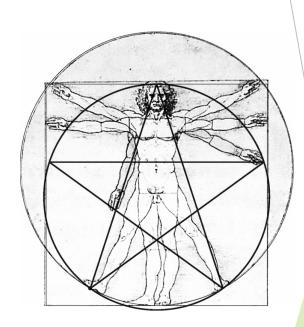
### The Winged Star (excerpt)

THE ELVEN STAR IS WINGED, FAIR KINDRETH ... for the elves, the seven pointed elven star contains foci that are quite unique to the elves as well as universal focus points [...] Our winged-star focuses the elves upon 7 planes of being (physical, astral-sensual, mental, buddhic, atmic, para-nirvanic, nirvanic), which it activates 7 chakric and/or sensory centers (vision, homing, auric, auditory, touch, taste, smell). Men and wimin are not functionally interested in the "6th and 7th senses" [...] For the elven-kindreth the auric-proprioceptor and the homing senses are of equal value and/or significance relative to the "other" five senses. Tis our ancient peoples that now begin to evolve together, rather than separate. Seven senses, Seven Chakras, Seven Stars, Seven planes of being are our destiny and fate! [...] We find the combination of seven completes an inner cycle true to our individual and mutual elven nature (singular). Tis our tao that "demands" that we make SEVEN our communion within our-own-selves.

# <u>Is it the Elf Star or the Faerie Star?</u> (Silver Elves, 2017)

Our sisters Arwen and Elanor first conceived (in this life-time) of using this star for the elven and put them upon the EQD letters on numerous occasions. Since the five-pointed star represented Mankind (inspired in Arwen's mind by Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man), Arwen Eveningstar added wings to that figure [...] and thus came up with a 7 pointed star to represent the Elves and the evolution of humankind into the Angelic Realms. Obviously, due to the wings, it represents our faerie kindred as well. [...]

Arwen had all her deep esoteric reasons for the 7 points as we have said [...] Arwen felt it represented the elven and faerie world and the Ancient Future. She was so well versed in occult knowledge that she also of course knew all the spiritual meanings of the number 7 (as well as how the 7 pointed star had been used by past occultist) and its relationship to the stars and Seven Sisters.





## 1970s Pagan Soup

► The Silver Elves say this in <u>a 2014 blog post</u> about the Elf Magic Mail:

The sisters knew many folk in the Pagan/Wiccan community including Oberon and Morning Glory Zell Ravenheart who published [Green Egg] [...] and Alison Harlow who was a founding member of the Covenant of the Goddess, as well as the founder of the "Vanthi" line of Feri witchcraft, a co-founder with Gwydion Penderrwen [sic] (with whom these elves used to correspond, having been introduced by the sisters) of "Nemeton" an early pagan magazine [...].

(image source)



Elven Group Dynamics and Bonding Ritual (Silver Elves, 1986)





# Elven star discussion, Elfinkind Vigest (Vec. 1996–Jan. 1997)

### Treesinger:

Seven Trees in the deepest wood Seven Stars in the Midnight Sky Seven Moons when the tides are good Seven Sparks from an Elf Child's Eye [...]

Amerist A'Toll: The number Seven is sacred to the Celts especially in the area of the sidhe, --fae-. Mi'lover found me what I'd call an "Elven Star" also known as a "Faerie Star" which is like a
Pentacle except it has seven points. The Mystre whom sold it to us told me that it is often worn
by the High Preistess of certain cares [sic] instead of the Pentacle during ritual. I still have yet to
discover exactally why or what it meanst.

### No one has anything definitive to say!

Terry Sindar: I wonder what the meanings & origins of the elven star are.

*Syleniel:* It's probably related to this thing we have for sevens, which is supposed to be a divine number, but I forget why. Seven days in the week. Hm, I'll have to look this up and do some inner searching.

James Kocen: I'm still trying to figure out if I've even seen such a thing.

sade: there's a few on p.28 ov thee Winter 1995 ish o Green Egg [...] btw, anyone familiar w/a group known as thee Elf Queen's Daughters? [...] Sindar was in touch w/them years back, around thee time i heard ov them [...] They've an article in that same issue ov GE [...] Anyway, since those elven stars illustrate that article, it's just possible they may have soum answers.

*Tiernan:* It's a seven-pointed star, which I've also heard called the mystic star. As to how it came to be associated with the Faerie... I've a couple of people I can ask about the specifics on that. I received one as a gift for Solstice a couple years ago and it was explained to me then, but for the life of me I can't remember.

Willow: Isn't it funny that way? I've been told several times as well and can never remember either.... Thus I'm not overeager to use it as a symbol for myself or beliefs - I figure if it has that much trouble sticking in my brain, there's something not working for me there.



# Meditations on the 7-Pointed Star (Silver Elves, 1986) / The Elven Star (sade, Jan. 1997)

For the first point, meditate upon the Sun, our nearest Star.. the Gateway (note that, Sindar? :) to peace and prosperity in Elfland. The Dragon ov Truth, Love and Justice is linked to this point.

For the second point, meditate upon the Spirits of the Trees.. loving friendship and a healing light, a baby rainbow dragon to burn thru obstacles are associated w/this point.

For the third point, meditate upon our Regenerative Powers and Creative Energy. The Spirit of the Waters cleanses, bringing with it an Awakening ov your True Nature. no critters here:)

For the fourth point, meditate upon the Gift of Magic, 'Love is Magic, Magic is Love'

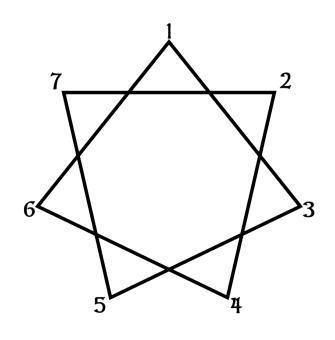
For the fifth point, meditate upon the Gateway, on having 'the Prosperity and Peace needed on the Physical Plane to Make an Entry into Elfland' (much ov this meditation focusses on prosperity..)

For the sixth point, meditate upon Justice in Faerie. the Wind Spirits recognize thee essence ov yr Elven self; the baby rainbow dragon flies on the winds to waken healers and bring justice.

For the seventh point, meditate upon bringing success in 'Extending your Love and Magic to All Life.. to Mother Earth'.



# Meditations on the 7-Pointed Star (Silver Elves, 1986) / The Elven Star (sade, Jan. 1997)



sade: Interestingly, thee star used as an illustration is different from that discussed earlier; more like a Star o David [...] Number the points clockwise 1 - 7. Draw a line from 1 to 6, 6 to 4, to 2, to 7, to 5 to 3 an back to 1 you got it. [...] o yes - they also call it thee Elven Star ov thee Seven Sisters - anyone trace Home to thee Pleiades?

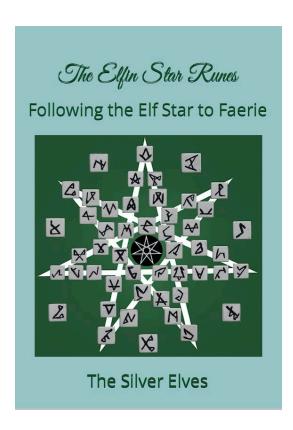
► <u>Is it the Elf Star or the Faerie Star?</u> (Silver Elves, 2017) gives some historical context about this article.

Where does Faery come into it?





### The Elfin Star Runes (Silver Elves, June 2023)



Somewhere, or some when, we don't know exactly but surely in the late 1990's or early 2000's, the faerie community adopted the elf star and started calling it the faerie star. We don't mind, but we do think we elfae folk should know something of our own history and we still reserve the right to refer to it as the Elven Star even if nearly everyone else now calls it the Faerie Star, for it is one and the same. And when you come down to it, all we elves are fae from the Faerie Realm but not all fae are elves ... or faeries for that matter.



### Green Egg: Gateways to Faerie (Winter 1995)



An eclectic tribe is manifesting with the knowledge that ALL IS ONE—ALL IS DIVINE. We come for you upon the wing, and by your inner colors we know you.

In the late '60s a doorway opened to the Ancient Knowledge of Faerie, and the Elf Queen's Daughters was born. The Tookes (Arwen and Elanor) began the Elven Magic Mail, which birthed a tribe of about sixty Elven energy vortices scattered across the planet. All contributed to the letters. After nearly a decade the EQD disbanded. Yet many of the Eldar continued individually upon their paths through Elfland and Magick.

At the 3rd Annual CAW Grow Closer Festival I was reunited with my SISTER-LOVER-WATER-BROTHER, Dweil. The dream continues to unfold, more connections, and amazingly, the Tookes are once again a part of my life. It is with their blessing that the Elf Queen's Daughters will again dance openly through the Mists of Faerie. We cherish and honor this vehicle of Elfland. If the heart of the Elven calls to you, let us embrace with open arms. Send your letters with the knowledge that they may be published in future Elven Magic Mail. We may freely use and/or edit their content.

May the Stars Shine Upon Your Brow,

Silversong



The ELF QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS PO Box 337, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 (Please enclose a SASE)

# Green Egg: Mar/Apr, May/June, Jul/Aug 1996

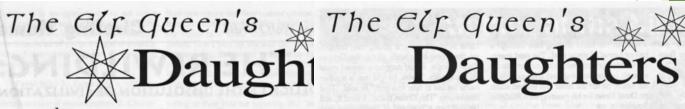


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The conceit of humons dismisses Plant Life as so much less sentient than its fellow vertebrates, My Sweet Kindreth. Tied into their concrete/asphalt dead living spaces, humons are alienated from the profusion of healthy plants in nature. People squander much of their energy using death-dealing chemicals to tend a monoculture of shortly cropped grass, with planned accent places for the "right" trees and shrubs. Is it no wonder that this separation by overcontrol creall will feel different. Tree Cycles and have much w fast moving animals who he Onodrim have ceases

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She heals Us.

my kindreth, from the myriad afflictions that we suffer in the surroundings of maya ... There was a time in the life of this Elf,

when I was suffered of extreme disorder. No me in years past. I heard their call to me "fn doctor, no potion, nor infirmary, could re- the white mists on the hills, the quiet of lieve the malady that withered the very heart lakes, the Jovshout of the rivers, and the of my Faerie

Being, I had wandered afar from the place of my birth, and the land that was home to me, and in my lonely despair, even the one thing. in all this universe that I hold most dear, was denied to me. Diseased and horribly em-

felt anew the blood of ancient Milesia ti flows to me from some distant primal we turned from the present, to the Place of Elven ancestors. That Place that had sustain



Thee Came From The Vere Stars. Dear Kindreth ...

Their appointed Charge to plant Gardens of sentient Life across the Galactic Rim, and treasured, more than Their very existence, were three Rings of Power that accompanied Them. guarded lovingly as the most cherished of Their countless precious car-

Eons ago, so far away into the past that even Elven memory hazes in the recollection. the M-star Solus beamed to Them as a beacon in the Celestial Gauze. Upon Their closer approach, the big Green Egg of our Holy Mother's Body, so alluringly Fertile



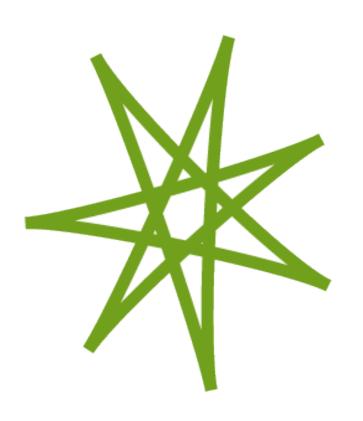
the eastern shore of the planetary Milky Way, just south of the Fertile Nile Delta, so that the knowledge of our Heritage, and the source of our very existence might survive the ages. even these thousands of years hence. There, They passed into the oblivion of the Sand upon which they built, preserved eternally in the perpetuity of Their descendants and Their monumental architecture.

And as the ancient memories of Original Union and common Heritage faded from the memory of these peoples, they made terrible war against one another: The Faerie

So now, my Sister-Lover-Water-Brothers, standing upon the threshold of Dreams unimagined by those countless ancestors, glorying in a time, not of war, but when even the hint of worldwide annihilation enforces an uneasy Truce among the diverse descendants of all races and cultures deriving from our common Starseed ancestry, we look once more, with longing, to the vast expanse Above that gave us Birth.

How glorious the future brightly gleams! For Elven Farsight sees a time, little more than seven years hence, when Hyperdrive

# Elven Star or Faerie Star (Leaf McGowan, 2000?)



Seven Pointed Stars, called "Faerie or Elven Stars" represent a gift from Faerie to humans to bridge the understanding between the Mortal human realm and that of Faerieland. The 7 pointed star is known as a gateway symbol, a Gate or entrance between our world and that of Faery, the Otherworld.



### Faeid, 2002-2003



► Aeona used "faerie star" in 2002 in a post to the faeid list:

Besides the EQD, which I was touched by at the age of 17, I am also a Priestess in Church of All Worlds and have been part of that tribe almost 21 years. I've also been selling/trading silver seven pointed Elven/Faerie stars for about 25 years. I had an ad in Green Egg for many years.

► In a post to the faeid LiveJournal community in June 2003, a report on that year's <u>Fairy Congress</u> (a.k.a. "Fairy-Human Relations Congress"), Leaf says:

Prior to the parade, two of the lead performers from Elvendrums came by and perused our shoppe, and came back bearing a gift of a really fabulous CD of theirs [...] We all revelled in the amazement that there wasn't hardly any Elven (or Faerie) Stars represented at the festival. It is the sign between the Fae and humans. We were the only ones offering Faerie stars at the festival.

Awareness and acceptance of the symbol in the online Otherkin community

### Elfinkind Vigest and Elven Realities, 1997–1999

Silver Elves (ED, Aug. 1997): We were t[h]rilled to see that you are using the ancient star of our people (seven points)...the symbolic merging of the seven rays which is the reality of our people.... harmonious in their diversity.

Sam (ED, Dec 1997): Hrm. I know I'm ignorant, but I \*don't\* know why a 7-pointed star is "elven". Anybody want to fill me in or is this something obvious I should just go and look up?

sade (ED, June 1998): Our 'beacon' will be a rainbow-hued elven star with a silver leaf floating in front.

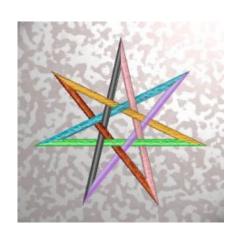
Arhuaine (ER, April 1999): I've seen a number of references to the Elven Star, and I've read the essay on it on Sileniel's web page.

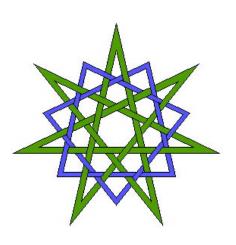
Does anyone know where this star and the seven items associated with the points, originally came from? Is it from someone's Remembering?

I have to say that the actual seven-pointed star doesn't ring true, but that might be because, at least on this side of the Atlantic, the 7-pointed star is usually associated with Aleister Crowley. But the seven associations (Sun, Wood, Water, Magic, Moon, Wind and Connection) are ringing \*very\* loud bells with me.



## Elven Realities, April 1999





Miaren Crow's Daughter: I don't know about the point associations, but a number of non-connected people have identified this star as being linked with the Otherkin in their minds - a woodburner at the VA and NC Renfaires, and a stone worker at the NJ Renfaire come to mind [...] I have had a visual Remembering of the star composed of seven different minerals [...]

Syleniel (April 1999): I don't remember the septagram being important back Home, but the number 7 may have been. I think it's a symbol we've adopted/adapted here because of it already being associated with the "Faery Star" or "Elven Star". [...] So, I don't think it had importance back home, but it is something that has resonated here for whatever reason:)



### Elven Realities and TirNanOc, 1999



Sunflo1008 (TNO, May 1999): What are all these star thingies used for anyway? I dont get it....

Malcolm (TNO, May 1999): [...] neither of the elves here even like the thing.

Arhuaine (TNO, May 1999): No, I can't say I do either. I get no "feelness" for it at all. In fact I don't remember any number having special significance, at least from any magical point of view.

Knight of Ghosts and Shadows (ER, Nov. 1999): I've never heard of that one; in my experience, the 7-pointed star is generally associated with the planets and planetary magick. [...] Anyway, I've generally seen heptagrams adorning ceremonial magick types who didn't strike me as being at all elven. What's the "elven star" connection? It's total news to me.

### Elven Realities, 2000

Lulu (March): Mainly, what little I do know about it is that the metahuman community that I normally deal with consider it to be the "symbol" of meta-humanity.

*Malcolm (March):* Why? Why is it referred to as *[the Elven star]*? Something I have never been able to work out, as it holds absolutely zero meaning for this elf.

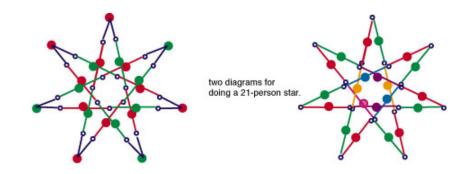
Eshari (March): I'll admit you've got me as to where the association came from in the first place. To me it feels intensely fey (if not elven per se). Maybe it's one of those things you either grok or you don't; maybe it depends on your elf/fae/sidhe/etc.

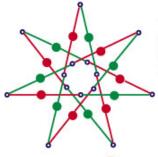
Aloyen (March): Because a couple of elf types claimed it as their own followed shortly thereafter by various generic otherkin who decided that they would also make use of the symbol because it was a) nifty, b) nifty, c) nifty and d) likely to annoy a couple of those "uppity elves"...

*Miaren (October):* For some reason or other, it's been adopted by many (but not all) otherkin as kind of an identifying symbol, much like the pentagram is used by many (but not all) Pagans.



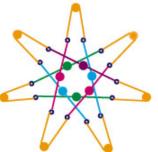
### Crisses, Kingatheringforum, 2000





14-person variant with persons standing in a circle, facing each other in pairs, one arm out of the "circle" and one arm into it.

> Love, Crisses



14-person star.

big circles are torso/head, little are joined hands. If center persons use a pattern per arm (ie: all left arms go over then under) then the weaving part will be perfect.

### Elven Realities, November 2001

*iLyria:* I was also wondering if anyone knows when it came to be known as the Elven star. Is this a more recent term for it?

*Eshari:* As far as I know, yes, but I've not yet seen anyone be able to satisfactorily explain how this came about, or when.

Kausha: Yeah.. its not an elven star.

Roger Ten: To many folks it's come to mean that. Which in my mind would seem to implicate that among all its \*other\* present associations--it is now. :D My first personal encounter with it was in assoication with StarSeeds, in which case it's frequently referred to the Pleidian Star.

### Elven Realities, November 2001

Lanthinel: [...] it may be that the Septagram was not a symbol used in the past for various elfies. I.e., it seems to be a symbol adopted for use by certain elf-types here on Terra.

Eshari: "May be"? I don't think I've seen any particular evidence that its use in this capacity is anything \*other\* than quite modern. And yet, I'd seen it called the "elven" star or "faery" star at least once before I'd ever heard of otherkin, and it was in a totally non-kin context. I don't remember enough of what I read to find it again, although whatever it was proclaimed first that it was a star of magic power in general, and mentioned that it was also a figure for working with faerie energies or realms, or that it was a symbol of elves or something like that. It was in among a list-description of what all the various-pointed geometric stars meant.

### Elven Realities, May 2002

Th'Elf: I've seen a number of people who wear a seven pointed star or whom use it on websites and the like. I've not heard anything 'bout its origin nor meaning to this point.

Elia'tain: The Elvenstar itself is both a gift to all fae'folk, and a reminder of the Gate [...]

*Malcolm:* I've not seen that interpretation of it before. Depending on how you are using fae, I'm a counter example there. It means very little to me.

wynde'nai: None of them [explanations] really mean anything to me. I wear one because it's a bit of an identifying symbol as something that other elftypes already had. Also because (and I loathe to say this phrase knowing certain people on this list) "the energy is right".

Arhuaine: For me it's just something that identifies me as belonging to the "otherkin community". I have a theory that the 7-pointed star was initially chosen to represent Fae for the same reason a 5-pointed star represents a human. [...] 7 points= 2 arms, 2 legs 2 wings and a head.

### Elven Realities, July 2002 - Is it only Elven?

*Rialian:* There are also arguments out there asking if the 7 pointed star is actually elven...one does not find a whole lot on the star referring to elves in old literature. [...] Now, it does FEEL correct, and possibly it is a manifestation of the elven currents....but it does not mean that it is SPECIFICALLY and ONLY an elven thing.

Fearadyn: I think this star is new as we are new. Think, no matter what we were before, we are now here. Everything we glean from being here in this space-time is new or added to us. It is extremely significant that so many species are here on this list and communicating so well. Or you could say this flow has accumulated and formed to be thus in this reality at this perception of time. [...] I feel the points of the star are for all the different types of species and is important in that we all meet in the center.

### Elven Realities, July 2002 - Is it only Elven?

Arhuaine: The seven-pointed star isn't, to my knowledge, an elenari-only symbol. Indeed it seems to be accepted not just as an "elven star" but as a symbol of Otherkin in general. [...] I don't have any particular recollections of using such a symbol in my elven lifetime, and it doesn't really have a great deal of significance for me. As a statement of belonging to a "club" I would wear one, but it would be nothing deeper than that.

dreamer\_of\_fey: Hell no its not \*Just\* an elinari symbol. If that was teh case then there are several satyers, and vamps and some such running around with tem [...] For me the Seven star has many personal references to Flow work that I do personally. But these are references made in the HERE ties and not from home.

Gleef: I have felt a strong resonance with that symbol long before I heard of Otherkin, much less heard it called the "elven star" or "Elenari star". For those who have not yet met me, I am very much NOT elven in nature.



# The Elven Star and the Human Star (Lanthinel, May 1997)

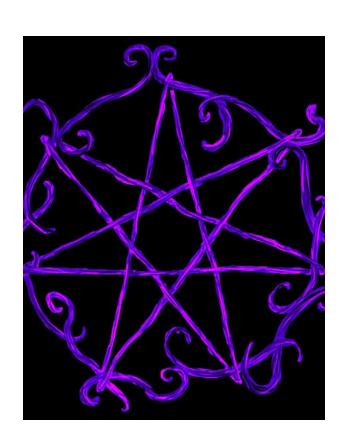
- ► Silver Elves' set from Meditations on the Seven-Pointed Star was, briefly: Sun, Trees, Waters, Magic, Gateway, Wind, "extending love and magic".
- ► Lanthinel's reworking: Sun, Wood, Sea, Magic, Moon, Wind, Connection.
- ► Those could be considered the same things in the same order, except maybe Gateway vs. Moon.







# sade wolfkitten (1998)



► Nature, wind, fire, water, soul, spirit, majik

(<u>image source</u>; edited)



# What Voes the Star Mean? (Vevan, 1999) / What is an Elvenstar? (Elvendrums, 2001)

- Seven (magical) elements: earth, air, fire, water, life, light, magick
- ► Earth (square) and heaven (triangle), all things in balance, which is reflected in using seven-beats in their drumming as they "unite the earth and sky, creating a third space."
- ► Later version adds "inner and outer elements": earth, air, fire, water, heaven, earth [sic], and self

For us it represents a belief in fairies [...] for us it's a symbol of magic, childhood and whimsy [...] we've chosen the elven star as our band symbol to remind people of the magic in their lives, and of their childhood fascination with things fae.

(art by Gilbert Williams)

# Elven Star or Faerie Star (Leaf McGowan, 2000?/2011)

- 1. Power, Personal Will, Determination, Prosperity, Justice, the Gate.
- 2. Unconditional Love, Wisdom, Growth, Friendship, Healing.
- 3. Knowledge, Intelligence, Creativity, Sexuality, Awakening.
- 4. Harmony, Tranquility, Blessings, Love.
- 5. Powers of Mind and Science, Balance, Dexterity.
- 6. Devotion, Honesty, justice, Healing. Magick, Success, the Gaian Hypothesis.





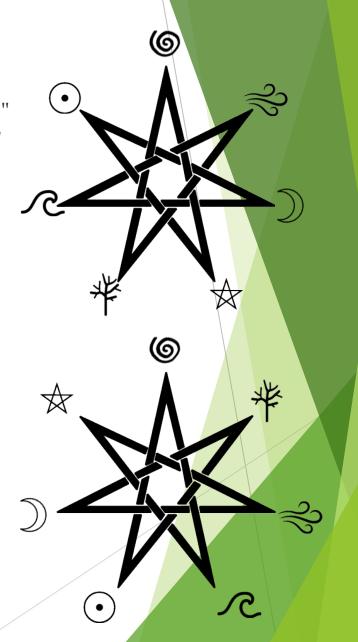
# Eshari Starling (ca. 2000)

It's similar to the Celtic land-sea-sky thing, or more properly, to sets of "elements" which are called "duile" in Gaelic, which include things like "cloud" and "stone." [...]

Wood, Wind, and Water; Sun, Moon, and Star; and the Majik that binds them together.

These fit the points from top right on clockwise, so that "Majik" is the top point itself. I've also got a set of symbols for them, but the ones for wood, wind, and water are tough to describe (and certainly impossible to draw in ASCII) [...]

(These illustrations are not original and should not be considered accurate representations)





# The Septagram: an essay on the sevenpointed star (Magpie Hrafnsdottir, Jan. 2001)



► Same correspondences as Lanthinel, in a different order: Sun, Wood, Sea, Moon, Wind, Magic, Connection.

[Magic and Connection] are what make the septagram different; these two are what make it the otherkin star. For most otherkin, [Connection] is the most important point of the septagram [...] to feel the Pull towards like minds and souls of a similar nature. [...] The Magic and the Connection work in harmony with each other, acting as cause and effect, yin and yang.

(image by Tiernan, from the Otherkin Resource Center)

# Conclusion



# Tied to this realm and time and the modern phenomenon of Elves/Otherkin

- ► The association with elves or elven energies ultimately dates to the Elf Queen's Daughters in the mid-1970s, who originated it and used it frequently. The association with faeries by name is later, perhaps traceable to Aeona Silversong in the 1990s.
- ► Probably entered general Pagan awareness first through the EQD's participation in the Pagan community and occasional writings in Green Egg in the 1970s; then was reborrowed from Pagans into the nascent online otherkin community in the 1990s.
- ▶ Almost no one posting on otherkin lists claimed to have memory of it in their elven/other lives. Many even expressed confusion as to why it would be called "elven", or did not (at least at first) resonate with its energies. Several stated they believed it connected to here and now specifically.
- Any set of correspondences that isn't the Western/Hermetic magical meanings is someone's personal modern creation, so you're free to adopt anything you like or make up your own.



# Final thoughts from the Silver Elves

What does matter is that this star speaks to the heart of the elfae (the elven and faerie folk) and it is this reason that it has been taken up and carried on and used again and again to represent us. And surely, this would not have happened if in fact the elven/faerie star didn't have something ancient to it. It sings to our hearts and imaginations because it truly connects us to our ancient kindred and it resonates in our Collective Unconscious. Otherwise it would have gone the way of so many things that have been put out there but passed by and forgotten. It calls to us. It reminds us of who we truly are and that is what truly matters. For it is the Elven-Faerie Star and we are all the kindred that it shines upon.



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What's Up With That Seven pointed Star?

Evolution of the Reformed Druid Sigil

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Starseeds: Nazis in space?

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A Brief History of Feri, by Storm Faerywolf

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## Further reading (might be of interest but there wasn't space)

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Signs and Portents: Magical Symbolism and Meaning (longer version of Lanthinel's piece, on his own site)

One Celestial's View On The Septagram (Christopher Angelo, 2001?)

<u>The Elven Star</u> (Fantasia/The Elven Tradition, 2004 - copies both Elvendrums and Lanthinel)

#### Feri/Faerie Tradition

Anderson Faery (Feri) Witchcraft

Storm Faerywolf

Feri Tradition Resources

American Paganisms: The Feri Tradition

### Other Pagan/Faery

<u>Draconian Wicca - The Heptagram</u> (don't ask me what they mean by "It's a symbol that is used in places like under your bed or during your chat that you make with the dragon"!)

Gwydion Pendderwen

Other Pagan/Faery (cont.)

Remembering Gwydion Pendderwen

Faerie Star Circle of Chakra Arts & Wizardry

The Septagram: Seven Directions and Seven Qualities

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#### Hermetic, Ceremonial, Alchemical

The Path of the Energy of Life: The Secret Seven-

pointed Star

XVII The Star (Star of Venus ... 7 or 8 pointed Star?)

The Heptagram - Seven Pointed Star. Part 1

#### General Symbolism

The Faery Star (copies Leaf McGowan's list)

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General Symbolism (cont.)

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Reflections on The Seven Pointed Star

7 pointed Faerie Star

<u>The Heptagram</u> (Includes an interesting mention that the seven-pointed star is used in Pennsylvania Dutch hex signs)

What is a Heptagram and why is it important to Witches?

About the Faerie Star (copies Lanthinel's and Leaf McGowan's lists)

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#### **Oddities**

Crop Circle at Ackling Dyke, Nr Sixpenny Handley,
Dorset. Reported 4th June 2018
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Law and Calendar

Oddities (cont.)

The Heptagram From Hell (a peculiar use to model something about branding in business!)

Solstice Stars (By a mathematics society in New York. For the winter solstice, they formed a heptagram out of handheld light tubes. In that location, the angle of the sun in the sky adjusted for the tilt of the Earth's axis is 25.8°, almost exactly 25.7°, the angle inside an acute heptagram's points.)

