

Magdalene Community Gathering

AI-Generated Summary

December 21, 2025

Winter Solstice

The group began by celebrating the winter solstice with readings and prayers, sharing family traditions of marking the occasion, while discussing the significance of the solstice and its connection to rest, renewal, and reflection. The meeting continued with personal updates and prayer requests, followed by a discussion about holiday traditions and the European practice of Raunachte. The group explored various Christmas traditions and rituals, including the concept of 13 wishes and the Gospel of Mary's symbolism, while reflecting on themes of inner connection and the Divine Feminine.

Winter Solstice Family Tradition

A member shared her personal tradition of celebrating the winter solstice with her family, which began 18 years ago when her children were young. They initially celebrated on December 20th instead of the 21st.

Winter Solstice Celebration Discussion

The group celebrated the winter solstice with readings and prayers. Another member discussed her approach to solstice celebrations, which vary from simple acknowledgements to more involved rituals. The group explored themes of rest, renewal, and reflection as they discussed the significance of the solstice and its connection to the natural world and personal growth.

Personal Updates and Prayer Requests

The group discussed personal updates and prayer requests. A member added slides to the program and the group agreed to do an additional reflection after his presentation.

Christmas Tradition and Reflections

The group discussed holiday traditions, sharing insights about “blue Christmas” services offered by some churches as an alternative for those finding the holiday season difficult. Information about the European tradition of Raunachte was added, explaining it as a period of meditation and reflection occurring between Christmas and Epiphany, marked by legends of wild hunts and supernatural beings.

Wild Hunt Traditions and Rituals

A member discussed the tradition of the Wild Hunt, a common practice during Christmas and New Year’s in some regions, and its representation in various media like opera, video games, and country songs. He explained that contemporary rituals for the Raunichte involved staying at home, engaging in prayer or fasting, and avoiding the wild hunt by participating in activities like buying Christmas presents. It was pointed out that the separation between the world and the other world in a verse from the Gospel of Mary, which a member noted was also used at his mother’s funeral. The discussion concluded with a member suggesting a way to combine the rough night with a holy night, using a Christmas-themed quote from the Gospel of Mary.

Christmas Wishes Ritual

A member discussed the Christmas topic and the concept of reflecting on the past year using the energies described in the Gospel of the Beloved Companion. He introduced a ritual involving 13 wishes, where each wish is written on a paper, folded, and placed in a glass. Participants draw a paper each night from Christmas Eve to Epiphany, burning it without looking at the wish, trusting the universe to fulfill it. On Epiphany, the final wish is read out loud and used for vision boarding.

German Christmas Wish Tradition

Another tradition discussed was a German Christmas tradition involving 13 wishes written on separate pieces of paper, which are burned one by one over 12 days. It was explained that the wishes can be for the coming year and can include wishes for others, though he spent a long time selecting his own. The group also discussed incense rituals and a member mentioned his wife's shamanic practices, including communicating with trees in a protected forest near his workplace.

Interpreting the Gospel of Mary

Our member shared his interpretation of the Gospel of Mary, drawing a parallel between a yew tree's busy existence and people's tendency to focus on external activities rather than being themselves. He explained the symbolism in his slide, including the handcuff image representing the burden of judgment and wrath that can be released. The group discussed how the handcuff symbolizes being held back negative emotions.

Exploring Mary and Tree Connections

The group discussed a presentation on the Gospel of Mary and the Tree of Life, which was created with the help from a member's son. They explored themes of underground communication and inner connections, with a member adding insights about plant communication. Another shared a personal story about tree communication and its parallels to human connections. The group reflected on the importance of community and shared appreciation for the discussion and insights gained about Mary Magdalene and the Divine Feminine.

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