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Dave,

I want to elaborate on my initial response to you. Please, don't respond in a hostile manner.

Through your response, I believe you are resorting to a technique frequently used by the trolls here. You look for one line that you can criticize and then attack. In doing so, you not only ignore the major theme of the post but also change the focus of the post. After all, the post wasn't about the validity of Wicca. It was about the fact that at TG Woman people can discuss issues intelligently and respectfully, even when there is impassioned disagreement.

I have little interest in Wicca and have not "frequently" posted "scornful comments about the Church of the Goddess," as you suggest. As for it being a cult, that's not a determination that I make. It's designation is determined by its structure and organization.

You omitted the fact that I have asked questions about its organization and structure but the response given to me was hostile and disrespectful. Members of most genuine religion are typically delighted to discuss their beliefs and organization. So, I can only conclude that Cathy's response was a result of her not being able to substantiate the claim that the Church of the Goddess is recognized as an established religion. The best she could do was inform me that she was authorized by the State of New York to perform a marriage. That in itself does not make the Church of the Goddess, a religion.

Most of the attacks against me, Dave, including your own, have not been because I've stated anything that was untrue. They've resulted from my having said things that some people simply don't want to acknowledge. That's not a weakness on my part. It's a weakness on their part; and, as someone who professes to be objective, you should be able to make those kinds of distinctions. Don't you agree?

Cordially,

Roberta Angela Dee

>ObedientFemme wrote:

>> Oh, yes, we also have practioners of Wicca, BDSM, photography, musicians --
>> everything, and from all over the world.

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>> Harmony is beautiful.

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>If you feel that way, then I'm really wondering why you are
>so frequently posting scornful comments about the "Church
>of the Goddess"... why do you find it so important to write
>them off as "just a cult, not a real religion"?

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>I don't share the beliefs of every religion, but I generally
>hope to maintain some respect for the reverence of the believers.

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>-dave w