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Abstract

Practitioners of Neopaganism utilize a large number of myths in their religious beliefs and practices. They embrace the remnants of ancient polytheism. The Abilene Pagan Alliance is representative of this adoption of mythology. Members adapt myths in specific ways and, hence, the myths serve functions within the body of the Abilene Pagan Alliance. Myths have both psychological and social significance to the members of this congregation of Neopagans. With such individual and collective importance, myths have great usefulness to the members, and are open to a broad range of imaginative and illuminating interpretations by the people who revere them.

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