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“Pagan Pride Day” in Our Fractured, Post-Christian America

Satanic invocations, pentagrams, and “Festivus” poles at Christmastime — and now the fourth annual “Pagan Pride Day” in Ann Arbor, Michigan. That’s life in fractured, confused, post-Christian America where, with people awash in relativism and driven by emotion, there soon may be as many “faiths” as feelings.

Ann Arbor’s pagan day will be celebrated at Washtenaw Community College’s Community Park on Saturday, September 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you miss it, though, there are at least three other such days scheduled this month, in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York (with the latter being our nation’s [Wicca capital](#)). For that matter, the “Pagan Pride Project” (PPP) has a [list](#) of literally scores of events taking place across the United States.

“Paganism tends to have a wide definition, said the Rev. Rob Henderson, the [Ann Arbor] event’s coordinator,” [reports](#) MLive.com. “The term can describe a wide variety of religious beliefs, though different faiths often involve polytheistic or magical beliefs and a focus on nature, Henderson said.”

“Henderson is a clergy member of [A Druid Fellowship](#), a church basing its beliefs on ancient Indo-European practices, he said,” the site continues.

Interestingly, ancient pagans didn’t call themselves “pagans”; it was originally a derogatory term, derived from the [Latin *paganus*](#), applied to them by others. So their embracing the word is a bit like Catholics calling themselves “mackerel snappers.”

Whatever you call them (confused comes to mind), their numbers are growing as American Christianity declines; in fact, it was [reported](#) last year that there are now more wiccans and pagans than Presbyterians in the United States.

Of course, this is a bit deceptive because the “pagan” umbrella encompasses a plethora of non-Christian, un-Christian, and anti-Christian beliefs. Among these are, the PPP [tells us](#), “worshipping a Deity or Deities found in pre-Christian, classical, aboriginal, or tribal mythology; and/or” practicing spirituality “based upon shamanism, shamanic, or magickal practices; and/or” exalting the “Divine Feminine” and/or engaging in Earth worship.

While pagans claim their beliefs are innocuous, sometimes they do tip their hand. Just consider how New York City witches had [vowed](#) to get together in October 2018 to [put a “hex”](#) on then-new Supreme Court justice Brett Kavanaugh, along with “all rapists” and “the patriarchy.” Then there were the





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#MagicResistance witches, who, last we heard, were e-gathering every month in the Internet ether to [cast a spell](#) on President Trump.

As for the more blatantly demonic, there was a [pentagram](#) next to a Nativity scene and a menorah in Boca Raton, Florida, in 2016 that read, "May the children hail Satan." Moreover, a pole for "