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Just as other people are Jewish or Catholic, they are witches.

One thing which I tried to bring out in our conversation was the witches thoughts on good and evil. In terms of ethics, the witches primary goal is to adhere to a simple sentence: If it harms no one, do as you wish. Harm to yourself is also prohibited in this basic espousal of the witches' ethical doctrine. The witches feel that a person who commits a certain evil shall be the recipient of a worse evil at a later date. Justice, therefore, is not just based on doctrine, but on a fear of retribution and punishment for evils committed.

Although not totally against

the ideals which the church espouses, the witches do not try to hide their disdain for present-day Christianity. They feel that because of an overwhelming dominance of religious dogma and doctrine in Christianity, the internal God which pervades all of us does not have chance to assert itself. Religious dogma usurps individual reason, and the result, in their opinion, is a pig-headedness which dominates modern Christian thought. In addition to one man's telling of "Christian jokes," the members sang a very spirited version of "One Tin Soldier"

The thing which struck me most about the coven and the

witches who inhabited it was their utter normalcy.

These people were not deviates from society. They dressed in a very ordinary manner. They were kind and friendly hosts. Not once did I feel nervous or ill-at ease in the time that I spent there. These people lead normal lives: Lady Procepany works as a surgical

assistant, another is a law student. My preconceptions proved totally unfounded. Of course, it must be taken into account that I spent only one night at one coven. I left with almost as many as I came with. It turned out to be a very interesting, enjoyable evening. Blessed Be.