<u>Neopaganism</u>

Just as the term "*Eastern religions*" refers to <u>Buddhism</u>, <u>Hinduism</u>, <u>Taoism</u>, etc., the terms "*Neo-Pagan*" "*Neopagan*," and "*Pagan*" refer to a collection of separate religions that share a few common themes.

The term "*Neo-Paganism*" was apparently coined by Tim Zell, editor of *The Green Egg*, a publication of the *Church of all Worlds*. 1

A Neopagan religion is a modern faith which has been recently reconstructed from beliefs, deities, symbols, practices and other elements of an ancient religion. For example, the <u>Druidic</u> religion is based on the faith and practices of the ancient Celtic professional class; followers of <u>Asatru</u> adhere to the ancient, pre-Christian Norse religion; <u>Wiccans</u> also trace their roots back to the pre-Celtic era in Europe. Other <u>Neo-pagans</u> follow Hellenismos (ancient Greek religion), Religio Romana (ancient Roman religion), Kemetism (ancient Egyptian religion) and other traditions.