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Anthropology 121

Quiz #12
Witchcraft
Including Ch. 10

1. T/F Witchcraft refers to the characteristics of people who cause trouble by virtue of the evil power they possess.
2. T/F Witches tend to be members of a community, attacking family members and neighbors with whom they were thought to be allied.
3. Why would women in patrilineal/patrilocal societies be likely to be mistrusted and considered deceitful?
4. People accused of being witches are likely to be:
a. women b. people who marry into a community c. one's co-wife d. poor and marginal
e. those with greater access to technology and resources
5. How has witchcraft accusations been used to explain periods of ideological dislocation and epidemics?
6. T/F There is a direct relationship between the intensity of social stress and the importance placed on witchcraft.
7. T/F Witchcraft accusations point to an actual individual who is the cause of all that is plaguing us rather than bad luck, fate, etc.
8. How does the belief in witchcraft reinforce positive social values?
9. What caused the notion of witch to shift from that of the benign wise woman to that of the malevolent witch?
10. What might explain the perception that witches flew through the sky?
11. What methods were used to prove that someone was a witch?
12. Why were the most mobile societies the least concerned with witchcraft?

13. What four directions do Wiccans invoke? What four elements do they bless?
14. T/F Today's Wiccans claim that their practice draws from ancient European paganism.
15. Why did accusations of Witchcraft take hold in Salem, MA?
16. How did the Salem witchcraft accusations follow a different pattern than was typical in communities of the time?
17. T/F There were economic tensions between the habitants of Salem Village and the surrounding farming towns.
18. Why might the Thomas Putnam family have taken their 12 year old daughter's witchcraft accusations so seriously?
19. What is Spectral Evidence? How could it be interpreted to challenge its credibility?
20. T/F Witches are individuals who have an innate ability to commit evil acts.
21. T/F In some cultures one can be a witch and not even know it.
22. T/F Witchcraft accusations often reflect underlying social tensions in a society.
23. According to the Azande what is mangu? How does one acquire it?
24. All of the following are true about Azande beliefs in *mangu* except:
 - a. it is a physical substance found within the body of a witch
 - b. it can be manipulated by shamans in healing rituals
 - c. it can be seen when autopsies are performed
 - d. it is inherited from the parent of the same sex
25. How do modern Americans regard witchcraft and witches?
26. In many cultures witches are equally male or female, but in Europe and America witches are predominantly female. What was the underlying gender ideology that made this the case? Do you think this is still true? If so, to what extent?

27. Which of the following is true about Navaho witchcraft?
- Navaho witches are born with witchcraft substance within their bodies
 - witchcraft is a common factor in Navaho life that is freely talked about
 - witchcraft is learned from a close relative and requires initiation
 - witches participate in healing rituals
28. T/F Amongst the Navaho, people who exhibit anti-social behaviors such as cannibalism, incest and nudity are most likely to be identified as being witches.
29. In contrast to the Gwari of West Africa, Nupe witches are always female because:
- Nupe wives engage in activities that their husbands cannot control
 - political power is vested in female chiefs who rule through their husbands and brothers
 - women sexuality and fertility is viewed as dangerous and powerful
 - the Nupe were influenced by Christian missionaries at the time of the Witchcraze in Europe
30. T/F In many parts of Africa today, AIDS is being blamed on the activity of witchcraft.
31. When did the witchcraze take place in Europe?
32. T/F The *Malleus Maleficarum* was written in the 15th century and set forth European witchcraft beliefs of the time
33. Which of the following is true about the concept of the evil eye? (select those that apply)
- a person can cause misfortune by looking at a person
 - it is bad form to say something complementary about a child
 - spitting and particular hand gestures can be used to protect one against the evil eye
 - it is most common amongst people with a lazy eye
 - only cultures that recognize it will experience it's effects
34. How were pagan beliefs incorporated into European Christianity?
35. What are the eight Sabbats that Wiccans celebrate?
36. T/F Wiccan magic can be used for both good and evil.
37. What is the Wiccan three-fold law?
38. Who founded the Church of Satan?
- Gerald Gardner
 - Anton Le Vey
 - Burton Wolfe
 - Margaret Murray

39. Why do Satanists regard Wiccans as hypocrites?

40. What are the three kinds of rituals that Satanists conduct?

a. healing and happiness b. destruction of enemies c. sex magic d. animal sacrifice
e. rain magic

41. What are examples of modern day witch hunts?