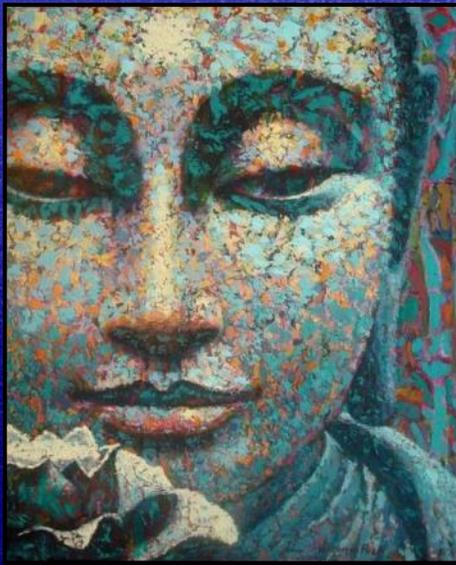


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*“In these changing times  
the only investment worth  
making - is in yourself.”  
“The purpose of our lives  
is to be happy”*

*Dalai Lama*



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**“When you truly  
realize your worth,  
you cannot help  
but shine”**

## What is the reality behind the Covid 19 Pandemic?

**A Message from the Ascended Masters** channeled by Devi Parvati Dombkowski

Do you understand what is really happening on the planet right now? Does it seem like every structure, rule or law and way of life is falling apart? They are.

Finally, the expansions and changes are here that have been foretold by the Ascended Masters for the last 200 years are coming to pass.

There is a heightening and deepening and expansion of the subtle spiritual and physical energies bombarding this planet. These energies are bringing with them transformation and growth for the human condition moving painfully from the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension into the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension. These energies are coming from our Solar Logos through the Masters of Light and all the devic beings of light (the realm of devas, non-physical beings) and Shamballa to help you let go of past calcified and no-longer needed thought forms, ideas, systems, negative energy patterns and emotions that have to fall away to make room for higher frequencies and consciousness.

People thought that these energies would show up only as earth changes - earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and fires. These kind of events are happening more and more severely. But these cataclysmic events are only affecting people locally when they happen. The rest of the world feels empathy, but then continues to hold onto old patterns and systems.

So now the energies have come through a plague and a pandemic and they are affecting every human in every corner of the planet in one way or another. People have needed this major calamity in order to wake up to higher consciousness and the call of your soul. It is painful and difficult and you are called to let go of your ego and think about and help others.

It is not a coincidence that with the pandemic comes calls to action and changes socially as well. The cosmic energies are opening cracks in the calcified framework of all the old institutions - political, social, economic, educational, etc. and allowing for people to wake up to action through demonstrations and calls for social justice for all.

Your cages are being rattled and overturned. You can either hold onto the bars for dear life - or let go and allow yourselves to move out and create a new and harmonious world for your planet and all the inhabitants thereof.

There are so many ways you can do your small but crucial parts to help in this evolution of consciousness. Sometimes people may feel helpless and victimized by what is happening around them and they think that what they do does not matter. Do not let this chaos freeze you into inaction, depression and fear. Even one small piece of the larger puzzle can help bring the whole together and be complete.

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# Why Do Witches Ride Brooms?

## The History Behind the Legend - BY SARAH PRUITT

From pagan fertility rituals to hallucinogenic herbs, the story of witches and brooms is a wild ride.

The evil green-skinned witch flying on her magic broomstick may be a Halloween icon—and a well-worn stereotype. But the actual history behind how witches came to be associated with such an everyday household object is anything but dull.

It's not clear exactly when the broom itself was first invented, but the act of sweeping goes back to ancient times, when people likely used bunches of thin sticks, reeds and other natural fibers to sweep aside dust or ash from a fire or hearth. As J. Bryan Lowder writes, this household task even shows up in the New Testament, which dates to the first and second centuries A.D.

The word *broom* comes from the actual plant, or shrub, that was used to make many early sweeping devices. It gradually replaced the Old English word *besom*, though both terms appear to have been used until at least the 18th century. From the beginning, brooms and besoms were associated primarily with women, and this ubiquitous household object became a powerful symbol of female domesticity.

Despite this, the first witch to confess to riding a broom or besom was a man: Guillaume Edelin. Edelin was a priest from Saint-Germain-en-Laye, near Paris. He was arrested in 1453 and tried for witchcraft after publicly criticizing the church's warnings about witches. His confession came under torture, and he eventually repented, but was still imprisoned for life.

By the time of Edelin's "confession," the idea of witches riding around on broomsticks was already well established. The earliest known image of witches on brooms dates to 1451, when two illustrations appeared in the French poet Martin Le Franc's manuscript *Le Champion des Dames (The Defender of Ladies)*. In the two drawings, one woman soars through the air on a broom: the other flies aboard a plain white stick. Both wear head scarves that identify them as Waldensians, members of a Christian sect founded in the 12th century who were branded as heretics by the Catholic Church, partly because they allowed women to become priests.



# Namasté

(nah-mas-tay)

*My soul honors  
your soul.  
I honor the place in you  
where the entire  
universe resides.  
I honor the light, love,  
truth, beauty and peace  
within you, because it  
is also within me.  
In sharing these things  
we are united,  
we are the same,  
we are one.*



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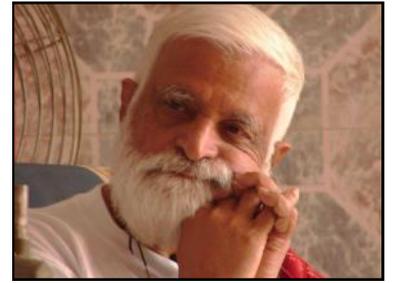
## The Hidden Occult History of Moldavite

By Mat Aurnyn

About 14.8 million years ago, a large meteorite crashed in what is known today as the Czech Republic. The impact was estimated to be 6 trillion megatons, which is stronger than all the atomic bombs currently on earth combined. Believe it or not, this is strong enough to vaporize rock, and that is what is theorized to have happened. The collision caused the meteorite and the terrestrial rock to evaporate into a gas which in turn rained down in liquid form and cooling, condensing and solidifying on its way down as it hit the crater. This newly formed glass is what we call Moldavite today. This is why it is believed that many pieces of Moldavite are aerodynamic in shape, because they literally fell from the sky. Though it is technically a tektite glass, I will be referring to it as a stone for simplicity's sake in this article.

Moldavite is a very popular stone among witches, mystics and healers. It is considered a high vibrational stone, so much in fact that the term "Moldavite Flush" was coined for the experience of the energetic warmth that tends to flood many people when holding it. The stone today is believed to enhance psychic and healing abilities, give access to the Akashic Records, accelerate the personal evolution of the light body, induces astral projection and shamanic journeying and open one up to higher levels of compassion. Moldavite is believed to stimulate all the chakras, with particular focus on the heart chakra. Just as moldavite is the union of heaven and earth, so is the heart chakra the union of higher and lower chakras. However, it has a rich history in occult lore that many are unaware of.

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*"There is no you, no me.  
We are one.  
That is the truth.  
Love brings people together.  
So respect love.  
Do not degrade it with anger,  
violence or lust.  
Love is worship."*

*~ Sri Amritananda Natha  
Saraswati ("called Guruji"),  
he was Devi Parvati's Teacher.*

## What is the reality behind the Covid 19 Pandemic? continued from page - 1

Right now, this very moment you have a choice between inaction and action; fear vs. determination and courage; hate vs love; depression vs hopefulness. The choices are emotional, mental as well as physical. It is up to you to move forward one small step at a time.

So, what can you do? Here some timely suggestions:

- Vote in the elections happening and chose the candidates who are supporting social and environmental and other community friendly changes.
- Support causes and charities that are helping bring dignity back to the disenfranchised people among you. Your support can be physical like joining a march or a demonstration or financial.
- Helping the environment through recycling and using all the new technologies coming now to help the planet instead of harming it.
- Allow your voices to be heard through social media.
- Mentally and emotionally step out of fear and inaction through your own creativity and love.
- Find your own unique way. Your voice counts.
- Help society by following the simple rules to defeat the pandemic through wearing masks, social distancing and heightened hygiene.

Your voice, your small steps toward change really do help. Understanding the larger picture of what is happening on our planet can make an impact.

We the Masters of Light and all the Higher Consciousnesses watching and support you from the celestial realms and we are here for you. Call upon us in your meditations and contemplations and we will guide you, console you, and help you move forward into the expanded consciousness of your Soul.

Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih

Channeled by Devi Parvati Dombkowski Oct. 24, 2020



# The Hidden Occult History of Moldavite

## MOLDAVITE & THE MOTHER GODDESS

Moldavite also has a very rich history and has been revered throughout history and pre-history. At least 25,000 years ago, the ancient Neolithic people of Eastern Europe wore and crafted moldavite as spiritual talismans and amulets for good fortune and fertility. In 1908 by a workman named Johann Veran discovered a statue during excavations conducted by archaeologists Josef Szombathy, Hugo Obermaier and Josef Bayer at a paleolithic site near Willendorf, a village in Lower Austria. The statue was named the Venus of Willendorf and is believed to be the oldest image of a deity on Earth. The name Venus was used around this time period to indicate that it was an “immodest” goddess – having no connection to the Roman goddess of the same name. The figure was believed to be a fertility deity, speculated to be the Paleolithic Magna Mater or Great Mother Goddess of ancient people. What is less known about the discovery of this goddess is that in the same excavation they found many talismans, amulets and ritual knives crafted from Moldavite. The two seemed to share a significant link, indicating that it was most likely sacred to the fertility goddess.



## The Emerald Tablet & The Philosopher’s Stone

The Tabula Smaragdina or Emerald Tablet, was a condensed piece of the Hermetica, contains the foundational secret knowledge of alchemy and the Hermetic Tradition. The text is believed to explain in cryptic language the secrets of prima materia and its transmutation to create the fabled Philosopher’s Stone as well as an understanding of macrocosmic and microcosmic forces. This knowledge was inscribed on an “emerald that fell from heaven”.

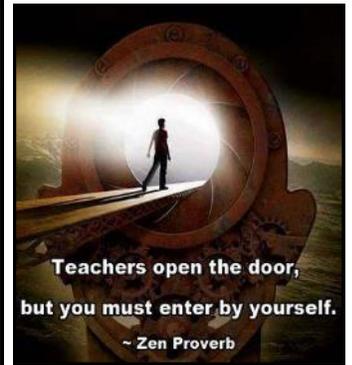
It is unknown who actually wrote the Emerald Tablet, but tradition credits Hermes Trismegistus as the author. Many actually believe that the Emerald Tablet wasn’t carved on emerald at all, but rather Moldavite. It is interesting to note that many ancient people referred to any transparent green stone as “emeralds”. The text of the Emerald Tablet seems to reflect the creation of Moldavite itself. Perhaps the text explaining the creation of the Lapis Elixir (The Philosopher’s Stone) was carved on the Philosopher’s Stone itself.

This semiprecious stone [Moldavite], which resembles green glass, has gemlike qualities and is often used in jewelry. Looking again at Isaac Newton’s translation of the emerald tablet provides a tantalizing clue: “Its force or power is entire if it be converted into earth. This describes moldavite *exactly*. It is created through fire when the “power” or “energy” of a meteorite impacts the earth, creating this new substance through sheer force. It is sacred chemistry of the gods, if you happen to be an alchemist.

In recent translations of the emerald tablet from the original Arabic, by Nineveh Shadrach, the line in question appears as “it is a fire that became our earth,” which again precisely describes the creation of moldavite. This new translation also contains an intriguing variation of the line from Newton’s version: “It extracts the light from the heights and descends to the earth containing the power of the above and the below for it switch the light of the lights. Therefore, the darkness flees from it.”

– Simon Cox

## Decoding The Lost Symbol



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*As you start to walk out on the way, the way appears.*  
Rumi

## Flying Witches Linked to Pagan Ritual?

Anthropologist Robin Skelton suggests the association between witches and brooms may have roots in a pagan fertility ritual, in which rural farmers would leap and dance astride poles, pitchforks or brooms in the light of the full moon to encourage the growth of their crops. This "broomstick dance," she writes, became confused with common accounts of witches flying through the night on their way to orgies and other illicit meetings.

(See *Illustration of witches on broomsticks, c. 1440*)

Broomsticks were also thought to be the perfect vehicles for the special ointments and salves that witches brewed up to give themselves the ability to fly, among other depraved activities. In 1324, when the wealthy Irish widow Lady Alice Kyteler was tried for sorcery and heresy, investigators reported that in searching Kyteler's house, they found "a pipe of ointment, wherewith she greased a staff, upon which she ambled and galloped through thick and thin."

Pharmacologist David Kroll writes in *Forbes* that alleged witches in the Middle Ages were thought to concoct their brews from such plants as *Atropa belladonna* (deadly nightshade), *Hyoscyamus niger* (henbane), *Mandragora officinarum* (mandrake) and *Datura stramonium* (jimsonweed), all of which would have produced hallucinogenic chemicals known as tropane alkaloids.

According to some historical accounts, rather than ingest these mind-altering substances by eating or drinking, which would have caused intestinal distress, witches chose to absorb them through the skin - often in the most intimate areas of their bodies. In his book *Murder, Magic, and Medicine*, John Mann cites a 15th century text by the theologian Jordanes de Bergamo, who wrote that "the vulgar believe, and the witches confess, that on certain days or nights they anoint a staff and ride on it to the appointed place or anoint themselves under the arms and in other hairy places."

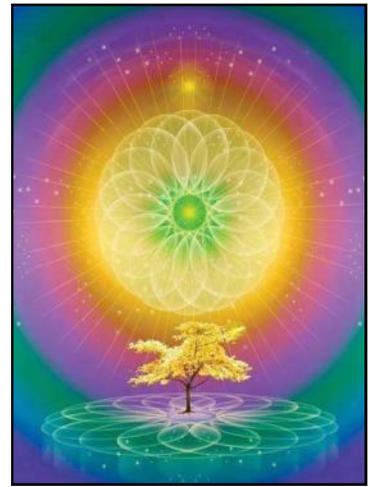


## Anxiety Over Witchcraft Leads to Legends

It's impossible to know whether such stories, reported at the height of anxiety over witchcraft in Europe in the Middle Ages, reflected reality or not. Most of what we know about medieval witchcraft today comes from the records of religious inquisitors, legal officials, and testimony from accused witches themselves (often while being tortured).

Beginning in the 17th century, accounts of witches using broomsticks to fly up and out of chimneys became more commonplace, even as women became more closely associated with the household and domestic sphere than ever before. According to one custom, women would prop a broom up outside a door, or place it up a chimney, to let others know they were away from the home. Perhaps because of this, popular legend embraced the idea that witches left their houses through their chimneys, even though very few accused witches ever confessed to doing so.

Popular anxiety about witchcraft had subsided by the 18th century. Although there are still plenty of self-identified "witches" in the United States today, thanks to the growth of neopagan religious traditions like Wicca, few of them claim to be taking to the skies aboard their trusty brooms. But the image of witches flying on broomsticks endures - especially on Halloween.



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