

# Covenant of the Goddess' Responds to the Media's Comments on Wicca and Paganism

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San Bernardino, CA – [The Covenant of the Goddess](#), a 37-year old organization supporting Wiccans and Witches in the United States, is profoundly disappointed at the string of negative, inaccurate and sensationalized comments made by various media anchors and reporters about Wicca and Paganism. Over the past two weeks, *ABC News*, *CNN's Headline News* and *Fox News Network* have all allowed their commentators to broadcast misinformation and to publicly ridicule a recognized religious faith.

Earlier in the month, *ABC* and *CNN's HLN* over-emphasized and hyper-focused on the importance of Wicca in the Jodi Arias trial in Phoenix, Arizona. The two media outlets used Wicca to draw-in audiences and dramatize an already difficult case. In one report, *ABC's* titled its news video "Jodi Arias Testifies She Tried Wicca, Buddhism with Boyfriends." However, the video had no information on Ms. Arias' religious experimentation.

In the case of *Fox News*, the *Fox & Friends Weekend* commentators, Anna Kooiman, Clayton Morris, Tucker Carlson, and Tammy Bruce, spent Sunday morning, February 17th, mocking Wicca as it relates to the University of Missouri's "Guide to Religion." Not only were their comments irreverent, they were factually incorrect. They turned the University's sincere attempt at diversity awareness into a three-ring circus act.

[The Covenant of the Goddess](#) recognizes and respects the opinions and beliefs of all people, of faith or no faith. We applaud the University of Missouri and any other organization that strives for community awareness and interfaith peace. We do not expect special treatment for Wiccans or Witches on campus or otherwise. However, we do expect the national media to report with reasonable accuracy and to offer a modicum of respect to people of all faiths and all practices.

Our organization stands ready to provide information about Wicca and Witchcraft when needed. For more information on **The Covenant of the Goddess**, go to our website at [www.cog.org](http://www.cog.org).