

Do you know what this symbol means?






This is a pentacle.

It is composed of a pentagram, or 5 sided star, and a circle.

Originally found in ancient Greek and Babylonian times, the pentagram, or five sided star, and pentacle, the five sided star encircled, has been used as a spiritual symbol in many cultures.

For the Babylonians, it represented, Ishtar, the "Queen of Heaven", forming the astrological paths of the five planets that were known at the time. For ancient Pythagorean mathematicians, the pentagram meant mathematical perfection, symbolizing the "golden mean" a ratio that was studied as one of the most "perfect" and aesthetically pleasing in nature. In medieval times, to alchemists it symbolized the five elements (earth, air, fire, water and spirit) of which all was thought to be made. Within the Jewish Qabalah it was used as one of the Seven Seals of Solomon, or seven spirits/hidden names of God. To ancient Christians, it represented the five wounds of Christ or Mary, the new, "Queen of Heaven".

In modern day, you have probably seen this symbol used as a sign of Satan, however, it is more commonly (and originally) used by Goddess and/or Earth based spiritual traditions. The pentacle can signify many things in the same way the Yin/Yang , Ankh , Sun , and other symbols represent things.

Some of the pentacle's representations are:

- ✧ the five elements (earth, air, fire, water and spirit)
- ✧ the five senses that are embodied within all of us
- ✧ the harmony in man, nature, the earth and the universe as a whole
- ✧ the unity between human (represented by the star) and the circle of life

Now take a moment to think of the symbols in your life and how they could be interpreted.

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