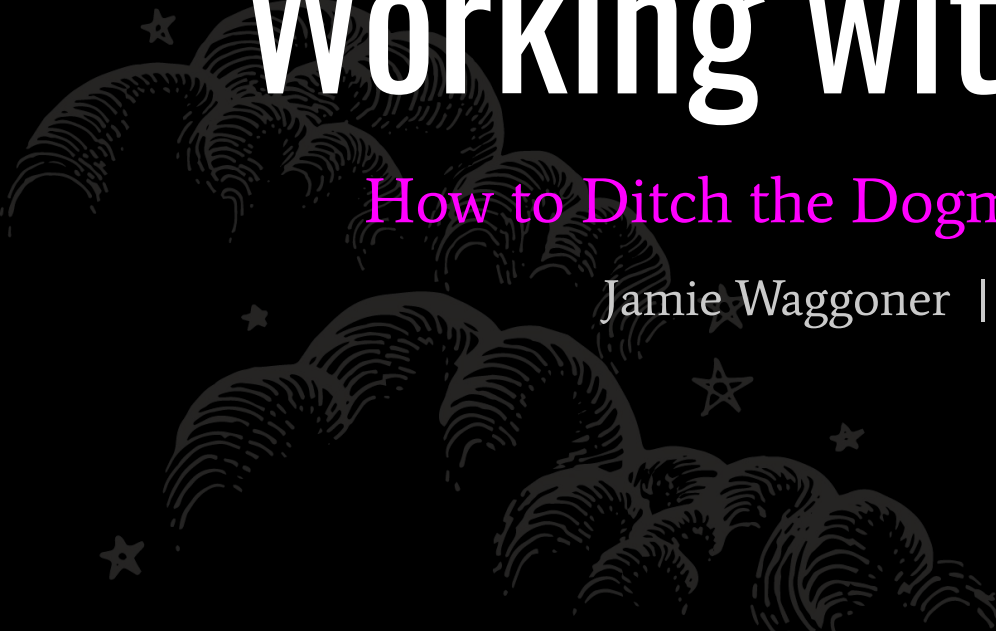
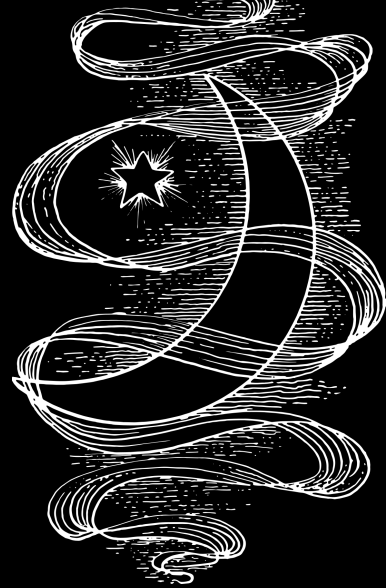


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How to Ditch the Dogma and Rewrite the Rules

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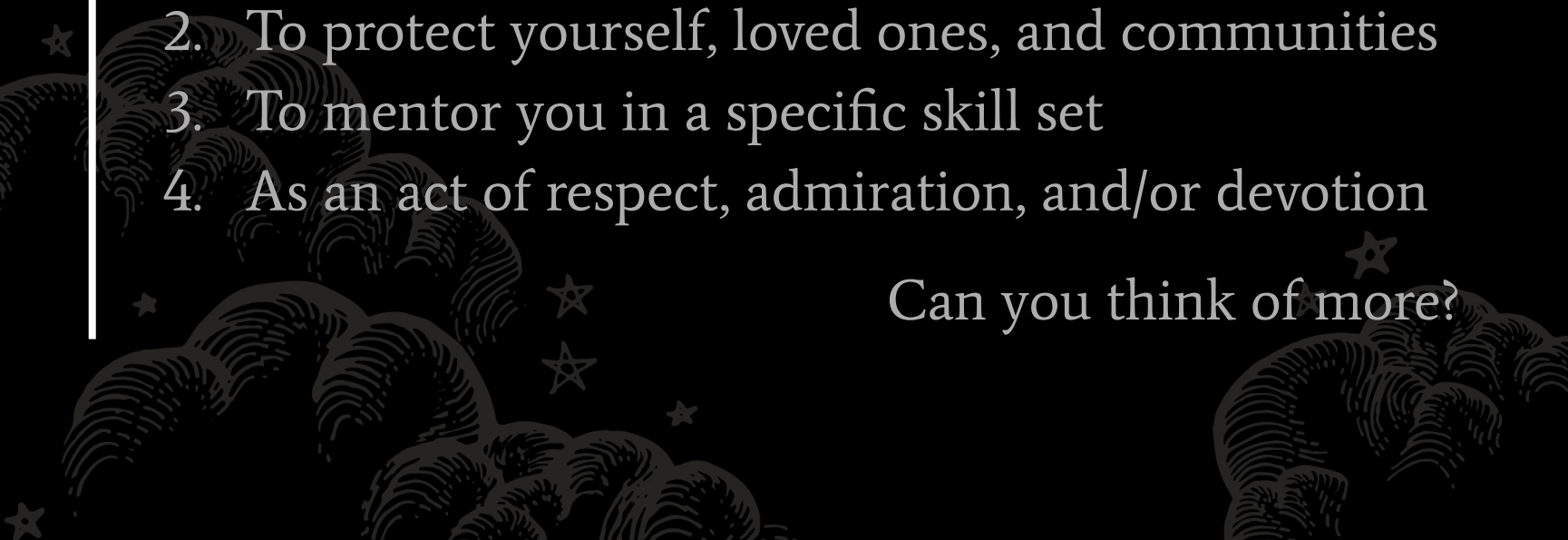
Why
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A Few Reasons...

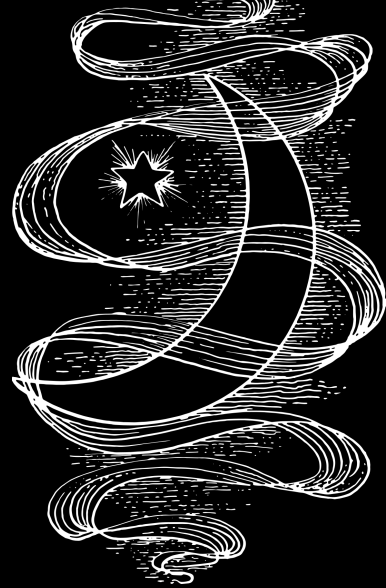
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1. To power your spellwork and ritual actions
 2. To protect yourself, loved ones, and communities
 3. To mentor you in a specific skill set
 4. As an act of respect, admiration, and/or devotion

Can you think of more?



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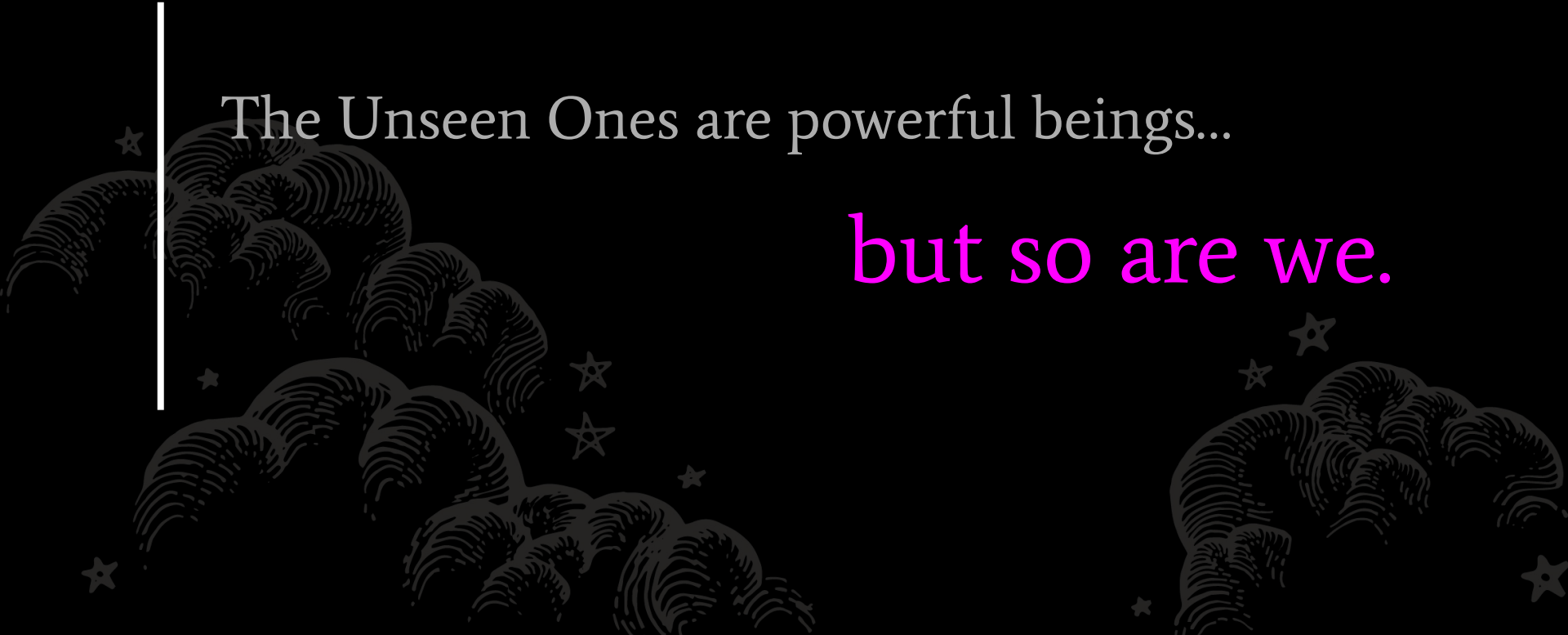
The Narrative



Radical Notions

The Unseen Ones are powerful beings...

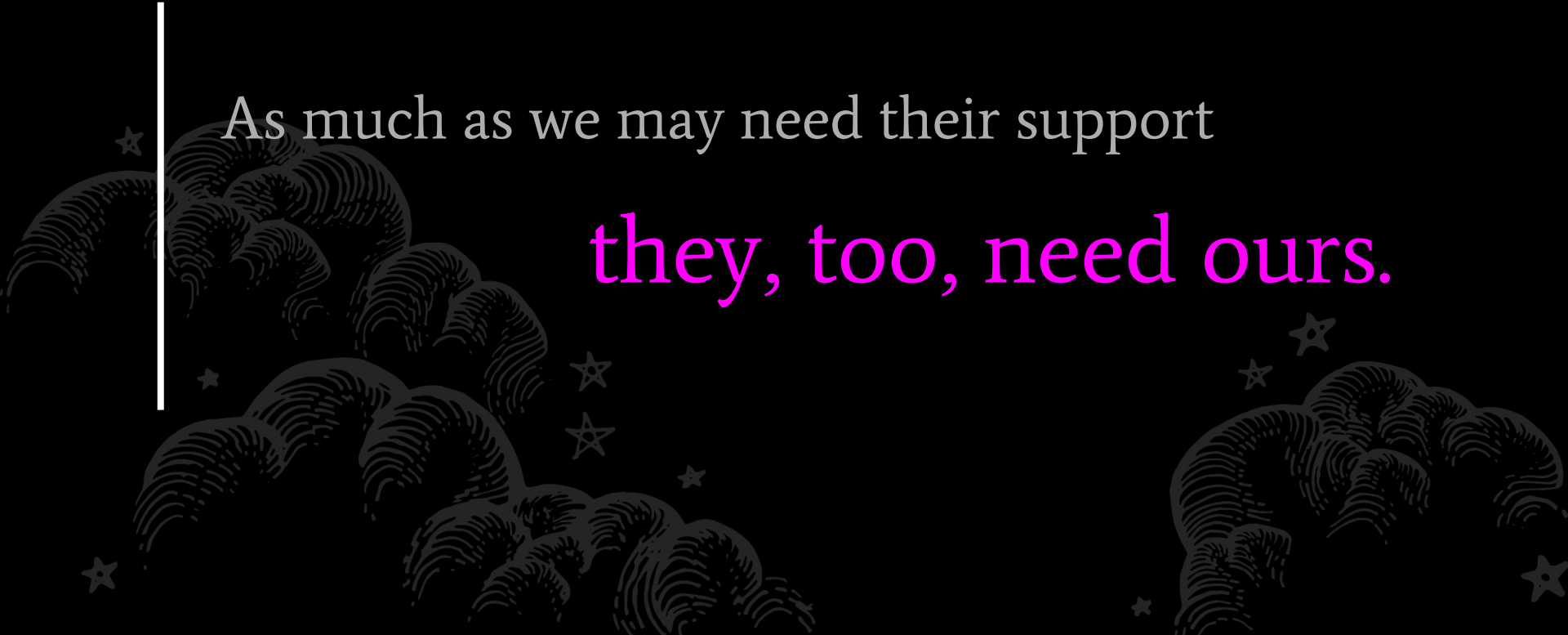
but so are we.



Radical Notions

As much as we may need their support

they, too, need ours.



How
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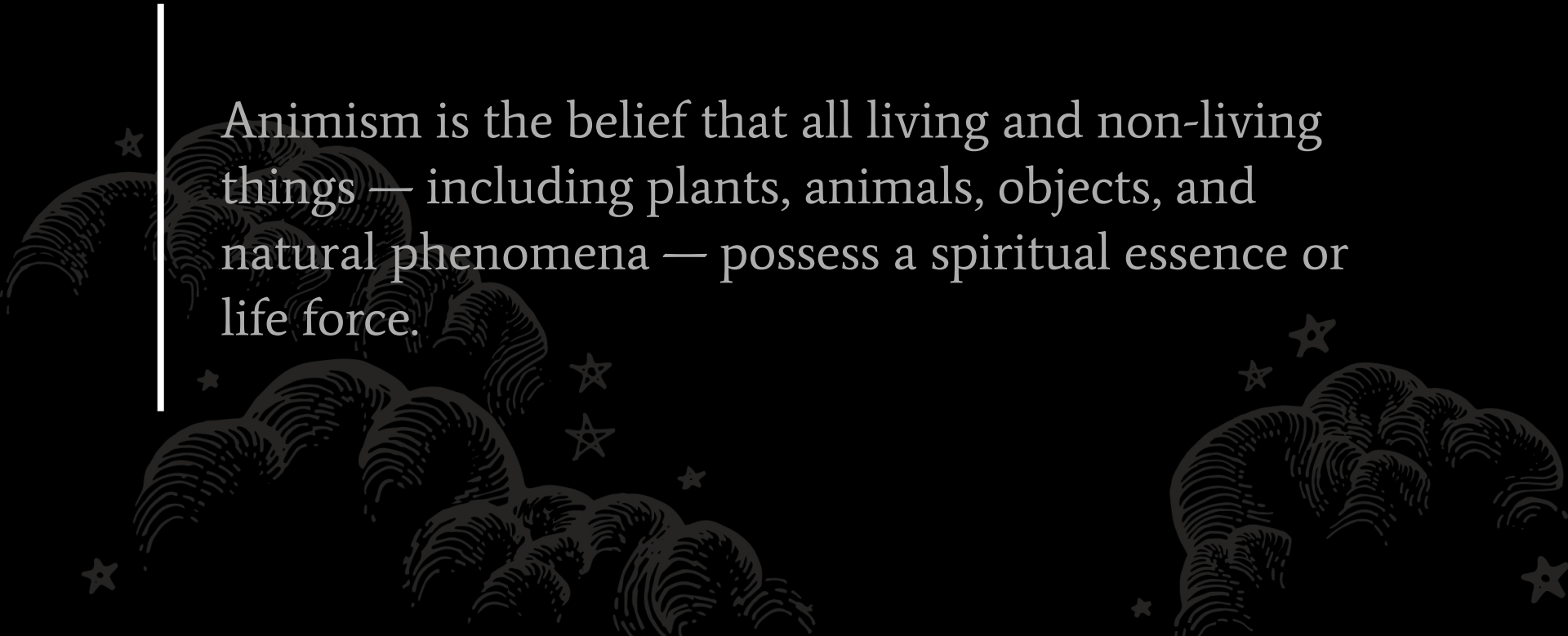
Grappling with Appropriation

Three important questions:

1. Am I sharing accurate origins of this practice?
2. Am I in meaningful relationship with the culture?
3. Am I engaging in reciprocity?

Animism

Animism is the belief that all living and non-living things — including plants, animals, objects, and natural phenomena — possess a spiritual essence or life force.

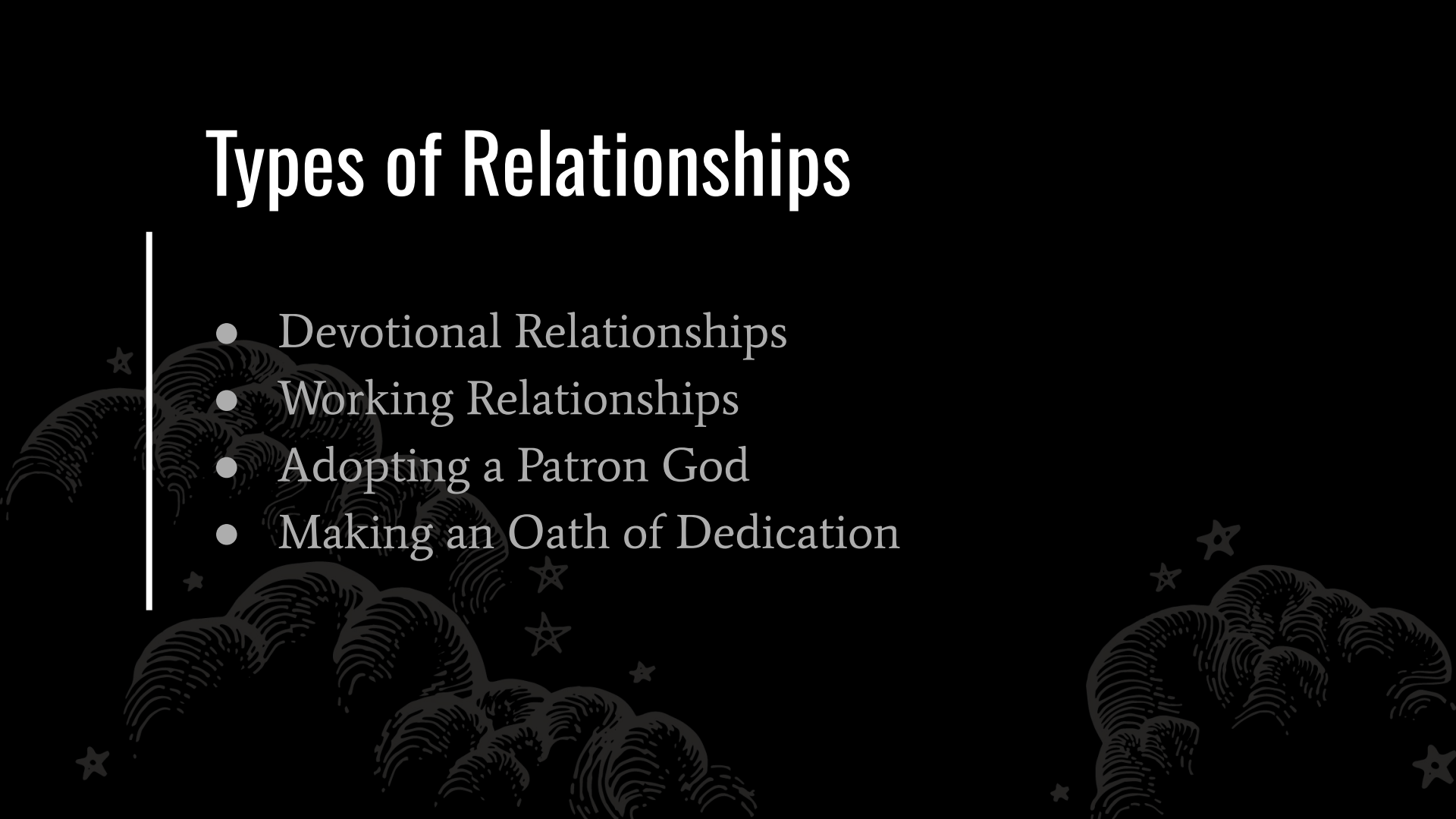


Animism and Consent

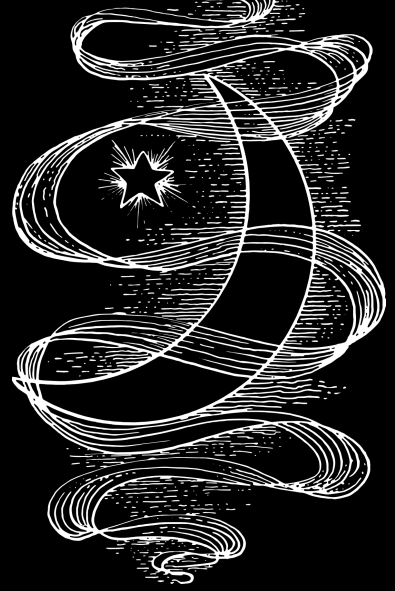
Consent is FRIES:

Freely Given • Revocable
Informed • Enthusiastic • Specific

Types of Relationships

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- Devotional Relationships
 - Working Relationships
 - Adopting a Patron God
 - Making an Oath of Dedication

Oaths of dedication to Gods



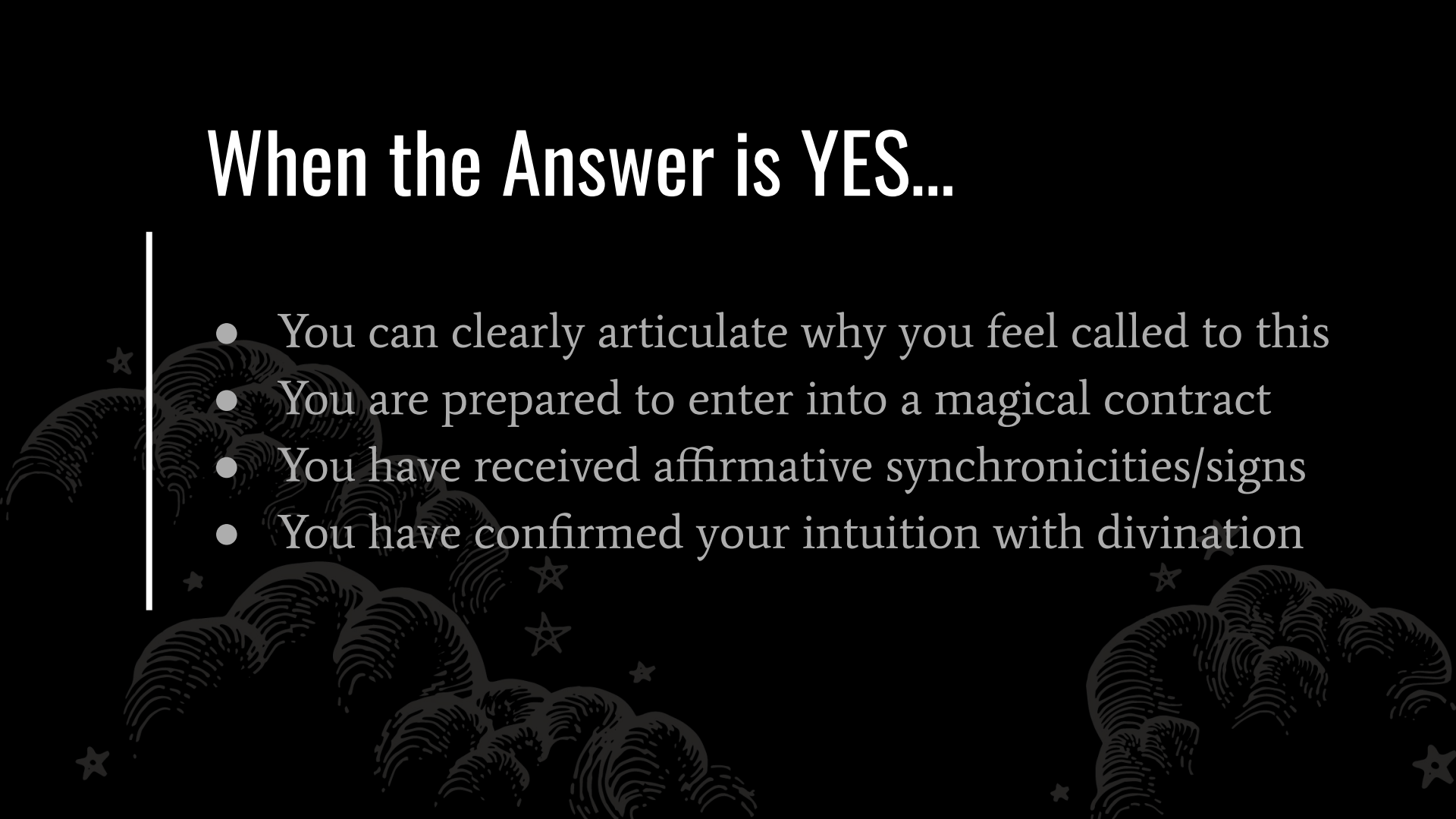
Honest Self-Reflections

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- Are you feeling pressured to take this step?
 - Is this a passing phase or interest?
 - Is this a “filler” for something else in your life?
 - Do you have codependent tendencies?

Honest Self-Reflections

- Are you mentally, emotionally, psychically, and spiritually prepared to do this?
- Do you have support network in place?
- Are you ready for your life to change, possibly in unexpected and/or uncomfortable ways?

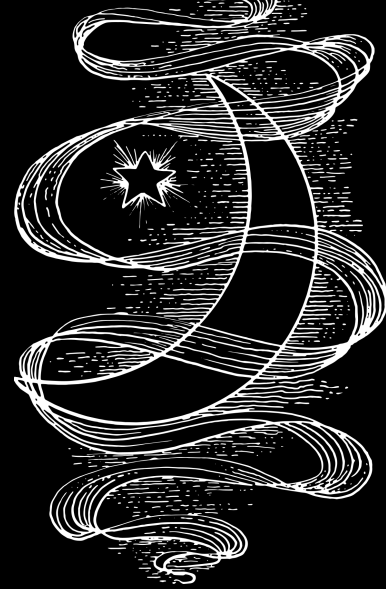
When the Answer is YES...

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- You can clearly articulate why you feel called to this
 - You are prepared to enter into a magical contract
 - You have received affirmative synchronicities/signs
 - You have confirmed your intuition with divination

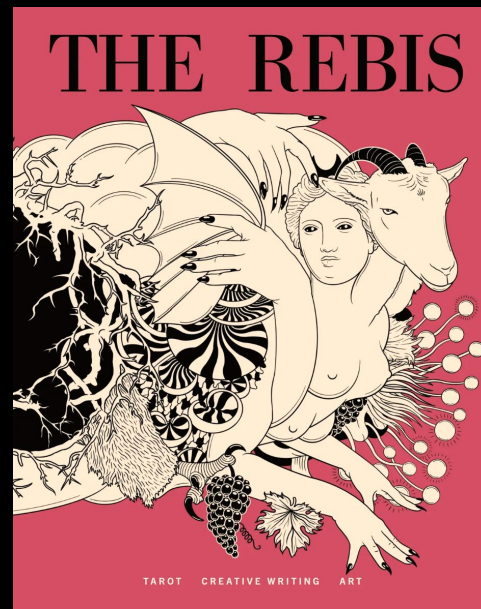
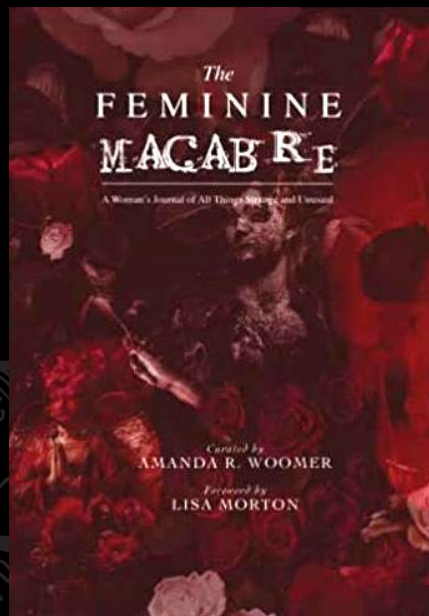
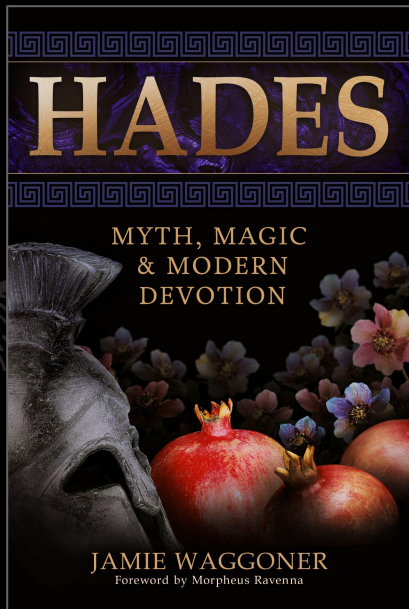
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