

positions—listed in the Kama Sutra. Sex magicians just need to move their bodies in the most beneficial manner possible.

### **The Reasons for Sex Magic**

Ritual sex is not used simply for pleasure alone. Sex among Pagans does not happen for procreation only, but within a ritual setting it does not happen as a trivial activity, either. This does not in any way suggest that consensual pleasure has no place in Pagan religion; however, sex during ritual has serious implications beyond the physical sharing.

Wiccans use the great rite as a symbolic celebration of the union of male and female; this helps adherents meditate upon the significance of fertility cycles. A sex rite may create a sort of magical child in the astral plane. This creation usually manifests some spiritual quality or guardianship as designated by those involved in the ritual. I have used sex magic for extremely potent healing rituals—sex raised within a Wiccan circle and then sent to the person in need of the energy has been very effective and enjoyable.

### **The Great Rite**

Wicca centers its religious philosophy around the sacred union between the primal god and goddess forces. Most covens recognize this union symbolically by placing an athame to represent the male organ into the chalice to represent the female organ. Isolated groups may use actual sex as part of totally experiencing the energy of god and goddess. Participants describe this process as a deeply spiritual experience.

### **Magical Child**

The creation of a “magical child”—more commonly known as a thought form—comes from ceremonial magic. Ceremonials may want to create a nonphysical (or other-dimensional) being to act as a guardian of an area, to relay a message, or to assist in some other ritual purpose. This form of sex magic bases itself upon the theory that when a couple physically unites, the energy above them coalesces into its own life force. This life force, if not used to impregnate the female, can be