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Title of Dissertation: <i>Teitl eich Traethawd Hir</i>	Druidry / Paganism within Wales past and present
Aims and Objectives: <i>Nodau ac Amcanion</i>	• To examine Druidry / Paganism from its origins and how it developed within Wales and the impact that it had on religion within Wales. • To examine Druidry / Paganism as a religion now within Wales. • To examine Druid / Pagan rituals past and present and the impact that they have had on the Welsh society.
Abstract (approximately 500 words): <i>Crynodeb (tua 500 gair):</i>	The aim of this dissertation is to research into where paganism / Druidry originates from and how it arrived within Wales., This will then lead into how it evolved and the links to what other religions were around at the same time. It will explore the main ethics of those that followed this way of life and if there is

evidence of these practices being common practice throughout Wales or if they were concentrated to specific local areas within Wales.

It will aim to look closely at the areas where there is evidence of such places and explore the reasons as to why these locations held such importance to the Pagan / druid people. Whilst also taking into consideration the surrounding area and if this could hold an explanation as to the importance of the place. Such as did they hold water or trees sacred and if so, would a built-up town, then have provided an ideal location. As opposed to a clearing within a forest with a nearby stream been more fitting.

One place that will be examined is Anglesey where it is reported that the Druids lived and retreated to as reported by Pliny. It will look at the past and present occupation and if it is still a place that attract people who value the pagan way of life. As well as less known places such as the church in Nevern where there is evidence that pagans used or had some influence over this church, with the vitalianus stone inscribed with Ogham script.

It will then aim to look at the revival of paganism / druidry within Wales and exploring the practices of the people that have the similar beliefs to the pagans and druids of the past, and who choose to practice paganism / Druidry within today's society. It will explore whether they hold the same ceremonies as past pagans / druids, and if not, what changes have been made? It will also aim to attend and report on Pagan rituals that are held locally, such as the wicca celebration at Castell Henllys Pembrokeshire at Halloween.

For this dissertation to be able to present a truly comprehensive view of both past and present pagans / druids within Wales, it will not only use a range of Academic literature but also visit places of historic importance and information. The museum of Wales website suggests that they have information and artifacts that relate to past paganism and druidry, as well as local groups to join to get a feel of how they practice and their rituals, as well as looking at the national eisteddfod and how that has been incorporated within today's society.

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