

Evans-Wentz' Fairy Faith

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Brian — 18 Jan 2012, 14:55

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David Duffy — 19 Jan 2012, 00:43 · in reply to Brian

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Brian — 19 Jan 2012, 14:28 · follows David Duffy

Since I didn't take notes, I don't have a complete list, but a couple of things stand out. A female fairy who walked through nettles as if they weren't there, and the idea that if one fairy in a group raises his hand, they all do, as if they were actually all the same being. How many darn fairies are in that group, anyway?

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David Stockhoff — 19 Jan 2012, 23:41 · in reply to David Duffy

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The Kirk/Lang book is hard to find. But you can read it at <http://www.sacred-texts.com/neu/celt/sce/index.htm>