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Summary

This document serves as a guide for finding writings or artwork in many websites and books about a variety of topics related to otherkin, therianthropes, and similar peoples. This directory cites or links to works by over 700 different authors and artists, who come from inside as well as outside the community. These aren't limited to English. This directory also lists translations and original works in 15 other languages. If you're wondering about any topic that any otherkin or therians have ever discussed, you will probably find several essays on that topic here, each offering a different answer. Use these references to support your own original writings. If you don't find an essay there, then you've found a niche to write new things into.

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Content warnings: Profanity, including ableist slurs. Brief mentions of abuse, depression, mental health problems, discrimination, misbehavior, and violence. I include a *caution* label with any individual links that I know are not safe for work (NSFW) or likely to disturb. I have done the best I can to make this document safe to navigate, with no unpleasant surprises.

Author: Orion Scribner has been involved in the otherkin and therianthrope communities for over ten years, and therefore has much familiarity with the characteristics and creations of those communities.

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Introduction

Who are otherkin and therianthropes?

The otherkin and therian communities have much in common in their history, ideas, and similarly unusual personal identities. Socially, the communities mingle with one another, and their philosophies overlap to some extent. However, they aren't entirely synonymous.

The people who call themselves otherkin (that is, “kin to the other”¹) look human, but identify as elves, Fae, and other kinds of beings.² The otherkin community has its roots in about 1972 when groups of people (the Elf Queen's Daughters, the Silver Elves, and others) said they were elves, and kept in touch with one another via mailing lists.³ In 1990, online mailing lists began to bring people together who identified as elves, as well as other creatures, for whom they coined the word “otherkin” at that time.⁴ A community of people who identify as dragons developed independently of this on the alt.fan.dragons newsgroup, starting in about 1994.⁵ The otherkin community thrives to this day, arranging in-person get-togethers (called Gathers)⁶ and many online communities. It started in English, but now there are significant groups of otherkin who primarily discuss it in Spanish,⁷ Hungarian,⁸ and Czech.⁹

People who identify as vampires or incarnate extraterrestrials may possibly count as otherkin. However, their communities developed separately from the otherkin community. Some otherkin-like people call themselves Fae-born, which refers specifically to those who were supernatural beings in past lives, or a mystical being in spirit.¹⁰ However, some Fae-born make a point of saying that they don't call themselves otherkin. Another separate group of people call themselves Fae or Faeid, who in some (but not all) cases identify as fair folk themselves.¹¹

People who call themselves therianthropes (meaning “animal people”)¹² look human, but identify as animals, most commonly wolves or felines, but many other kinds of animals or

mythological beings are represented as well. Some such people call themselves therians, werewolves, Were-beasts, Weres,¹³ shifters,¹⁴ or animal people.¹⁵ Each of these terms carries different shades of meaning.

The therian community that we know of began in 1993 with speculative discussions on the alt.horror.werewolves newsgroup,¹⁶ apparently with no contact with the otherkin community until a few years later. (I have found no evidence of any therian community before the Nineties. If you have some primary sources to prove otherwise, please let me know.) The therian community also still thrives, enjoying many in-person get-togethers (called Howls)¹⁷ and many online communities. It started in English, but now there are significant groups who primarily discuss therianthropy in French,¹⁸ Russian,¹⁹ Spanish,²⁰ Swedish,²¹ and Portuguese.²²

With both otherkin and therians, this identification as another species will be explained in very different ways, depending on the individual's own interpretations of his or her own nature. The most basic definition I've seen is by Mokele, who defines it as a type of experience which certain people have, without needing to try to believe in it, and without needing to have heard of the concept from anyone else beforehand, which means that it's not a spiritual or philosophical belief in and of itself.²³ Depending on the person, they may additionally seek to develop explanations for that experience that are spiritual,²⁴ philosophical, metaphorical,²⁵ behavioral,²⁶ or psychological.²⁷ Common spiritual explanations include reincarnation²⁸ and metaphysical anatomy.²⁹ A few otherkin claim they are non-human in a physical or ancestral way.³⁰

When we otherkin or therians say things like “I am an elf,” we say it in earnest, and we've put a lot of thought into how we came to that statement, over many years of our lives.³¹ This identification is not a make-believe role-playing game.³² It is who we are in real life.

Although the concept of otherkin and therians sometimes involve spiritual concepts, it is not a religion.³³ This is because being otherkin or therian is a personal thing. Individuals make up how it works for their own selves alone. Only you can determine what you are, and nobody can do your introspection for you.³⁴ Nobody can tell you that you're an otherkin or therian, and they can't tell you in what way you're an otherkin or therian, either.³⁵ We have no widely-agreed-upon leaders,³⁶ and no common dogma.

Because we arrive at our self-identifications independently, our communities are diverse, and our beliefs and experiences are widely varied. Some of us even doubt whether our communities have enough cohesion to be considered communities, now or ever.³⁷ (For lack of a more satisfactory word, I call them communities or subcultures.) Whenever people find that the otherkin or therian communities don't suit them, they are free to leave at any time, and often do.³⁸ Nonetheless, the communities continue to see more people all the time. Some people have been content enough with the communities to remain involved with them for many years.³⁹

About the articles

This document links to writings by more than 700 different authors. More than 600 of those authors identify as other than human, calling themselves otherkin, therianthropes, or by other terms.⁴⁰

Many of the writers contradict one another, and that is as it should be... there is little agreement among otherkin people on anything at all, and we even disagree over the definition of an "otherkin." In this list, I include articles regardless of whether I agree with them, because controversy and difference of opinion are important parts of our communities.

Take notice of topics that haven't been written about very much, or ideas that show potential but

haven't been fully explored. Maybe it will inspire you to fill in that niche with writing of your own.

These are publicly-viewable articles

I respect privacy and attempt to preserve it. All of these links lead only to documents that were posted in places where they were publicly visible. I assume that if an author posts a document in a public place, then the author implicitly grants permission for other people to link to it in similarly public places. However, I also understand that many authors don't necessarily want their publicly-posted writings to receive attention outside of a certain small audience. I have attempted to discern between these when selecting writings to include in this directory.

I link to some posts on public blogs, when that seems appropriate, and the author has indicated some welcome of attention for the blog, outside of a small readership.

I don't link to articles that were posted to relatively private or informal places, such as discussions on forums, newsgroups, or informal blogs written for a small audience of close friends. Even if those posts are publicly viewable, it's usually clear that they were intended only for a small audience. I do link to a very small number of forum posts that seem to have been intended for a completely public audience, such as final drafts of essays, and a post that archives content from a lost web page.

I don't link to any articles that require registration or logging in to view, and I don't link to filtered blog entries.

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I strive to make this the nearest-to-comprehensive directory compared to any other extant directories of essays. However, this can

never be a comprehensive directory. There are too many writings out there for me to find them all.

Respect for the privacy of personal names

Nearly everyone uses pseudonyms in the therian and otherkin communities. When the option is apparent, I use those, instead of what appear to be legal names. If the only option appears to be a legal name, then I abbreviate their surname to an initial. This avoids posting full names. The exceptions are if the name is that of a published author in connection with that author's work, or the person has given me permission to print their surname in this document. I assume that any other people who have made their legal names visible on the Internet don't necessarily want to have those names appear in connection with otherkin in this document. Hopefully I haven't made mistakes in determining which names are legal surnames or pseudonyms. When I reduce a surname to an initial, I list that author in the index by first name instead.

Dead names are transgender people's former names from before their gender transitions. When I become aware of such names, I omit them from my records, and post only that person's preferred or current name.

All of the above ethical guidelines about names have these exceptions: if the name is already unavoidably given away by a source citation; or for reporting certain kinds of harm and danger.

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Anyone can ask to be omitted from my documents, or for specific records of them to be omitted. They do not need to give any reason, they do not need to have been minors, and they do not need to have come from jurisdictions protected by right-to-be-forgotten laws. Every person should have the right to be

forgotten, with exceptions that I may choose to make for reporting certain kinds of harm and danger.

Some people prefer not to be included in projects like this. Two individuals and one group have told me that they didn't want me to link to or talk about their writings when I've worked on similar projects. To respect their wishes, I've omitted their writings from this directory.

If you want any of these changes in how you are mentioned or linked to in my documents, then please contact me at the e-mail address shown on the front page of my personal site at frameacloud.com, and I'll fix it in the next edit.

Printed resources

I refer not only to Internet resources, but also to selections of pages from printed resources. I may list them by a shorter version of their title. For complete information about these books, see the bibliography at the end of this document.

Presentation

I've chosen to lay out all entries in the same way:

"Article title," author name. Year-month-day
Web address, or book title and page numbers
Article summary or excerpt

I put in quotes the titles of short writings, poems, and web-pages. I italicize the titles of art pieces, books, entire web-sites, and online written works that span several web-pages in length.

Please pardon any mistakes that I may have made in summarizing them or sorting them into categories. I've at least skimmed all of these articles, but it's possible that in some cases I may have misunderstood what they were about.

I tried to find active versions of these links rather than archives. When that's not possible, I

include broken links in this directory, but I mark them as such. Some web addresses are marked “defunct,” meaning that the web page is gone, but you can still view an archived version of it by putting its address into the box on Archive.org. Here’s how: take the web address in question, attach the prefix `http://web.archive.org/web/*/` and paste both those parts together in your web browser’s address bar.

The web addresses marked “lost” are the hopeless cases, which can’t even be found in the archives... perhaps you can tell me of a new place where those documents are hosted? Also, please let me know if you find any broken links listed here that *need* to be marked as “defunct” or “lost.”

Stars and other marks

To make this directory easier to skim, I’ve placed marks next to certain links that I deem interesting in particular ways. This doesn’t necessarily mean that I agree with the article. If you only have time to read a few articles, rather than hundreds of them, then I suggest that you include the marked articles in your reading-list. If you don’t have time for skimming through, searching for them all, there’s a faster way to find them: I list all of the marked documents in the beginning of the index.

If an article isn’t marked, please don’t assume that I judged it as not worthwhile! Odds are, I just haven’t gotten around to carefully reading and then choosing a mark for that document yet. Consider how many documents I listed here. Many I had only time to skim. So please take no offense if I haven’t marked your document.

▲ Interesting, innovative, and unusual. This article stands out because it’s different from other articles on the same topic, expressing a different viewpoint than most of the other authors, or proposing intriguing new ideas. In fact, this might be the only article on this topic at all. Readers who are tired of hearing one idea revisited too many times should read this article for a breath of fresh air. This document may also offer potential, raising questions or discovering ideas that other authors

might like to explore further, attempt to answer a few ways, or debate from different angles. As such, this article may give you inspiration for new projects. Like the first part of a cliffhanger, I long to hear more about any topic with this mark.

(I chose these particular symbols just because they show up well, and since they’re Unicode, I guess most fonts can display them. Other than that, the symbol choice is pretty arbitrary.)

»» New/revised. Any link with this symbol is a new addition in the latest version of this eBook. Maybe you’ve never read or looked at that document before.

♪ Skillful. An artifact of remarkable eloquence and beauty, demonstrating skill and dedication. In various media, this means: clear, moving prose; visual art that shows superb understanding; and well-constructed persuasive arguments.

✓ Recommended. This article has some pretty interesting ideas, and expresses them well. It’s a good example of an article within its particular topic.

★ Highly recommended for all readers, whether they’re outsiders, newcomers, or people who have been involved in the community for decades. A starred article stands out because it explores some very important ideas, and discusses them eloquently, even better than other articles on the same topic. It is helpful, innovative, *and* a handsome product of skill and dedication. If everybody in the communities read this particular article, then the community would be a better place, and the people would be more savvy. If you skim through and read only a few articles out of the whole list, then this is one of the articles that you should read. If anybody in the communities has the authority to “require” anybody else to do any particular task, then they would call this article “required reading.” But luckily our community isn’t like that; you’re free to skip over these if you feel like it. It’s just my advice because I expect that this article will be helpful to you. Don’t take my marks too seriously. They’re just my opinions and favorites, and yours will likely be different.

Since you'll have your own preferences, I suggest that you try this: bookmark or write notes about your own favorite articles, so that you can find them later. Better yet, journal about your responses to some of the articles that interested you the most: ideas that had potential that you'd like to explore further, or opinions that you disagree with, or tell about how it moved you emotionally to feel angry, sad, content, mystified, or charmed. Reading isn't passive.

Foreign language documents

In this directory, I link to documents written in languages other than English. In some cases, people have translated a single document into several languages, and this directory serves to keep track of those connections.

However, many documents remain in one language only. Some of these foreign-language documents explore aspects of otherkin philosophy that haven't been touched by English-language authors. Don't miss out on them! Language isn't such a big barrier anymore. Use translate.google.com or another web-based automatic translator, which can render a web-page or text selection into any language you like. It's imperfect, but it will give you a general idea of what the document says. Automatic translators don't know what to do with all the neologisms that some therian authors use, such as "cladotherianthropy" and "m-shift." However, those words will stand out from the rest enough that you'll be able to figure out what they're supposed to say.

If you have the skill and time to translate documents for real, as your contribution to the otherkin and therian communities, then you can use this directory to see what kinds of documents are missing or important.

A note on jargon

For simplicity's sake, in this document I adhere to using certain words in certain ways: I use "otherkin" to include people who identify as

legendary creatures, elves, dragons, Faeid, and Fae-born (even though some elves and Fae-born have made the case that they aren't otherkin, and Fae-born has a more specific definition that is not synonymous with otherkin).

I use "vampire" to include vampyre, psychic vampire, sanguinarian vampire, and Quinotauri.

I use "therian" to include therianthrope, Were, shifter, and animal-person.

I use "fiction-kin" to include media-kin, otaku-kin, and soul-bonds.

I use "incarnate extraterrestrials" to include star-seeds, star-born, star-children, and star-people.

For brevity's sake, in some headings where I need to use a catch-all for all of the above, sometimes I use either "otherkin" or "alterhuman." Neither of these terms are universally used as catch-alls, and some beings object to using them that way. On the other hand, these are justified in that the word "otherkin" was originally coined because it was more efficient to use a single word than to list off various types, and "alterhuman" was coined to be more inclusive. The interpretation of "otherkin" as "kin to the Other" potentially suits all the people who identify as other than human. Still, keep in mind that many of these beings consider themselves separate from—or do not use the words-- otherkin or alterhuman.

For people who identify as none of the above, I've decided to use the word "outsiders." Whether a group is based on culture, ethnicity, or shared interests, people in a group often have a word for those who aren't a part of their group. It usually translates to something like "outsider." In my opinion, the word "outsider" makes more sense and has less offensive connotations than some words that otherkin have used for outsiders (non-otherkin, normal people, mundanes, and humans).

I understand that this term has its own problems. In any small group of otherkin people, usually at least one of them openly doesn't identify as otherkin. It would be a misnomer to call such a person an "outsider," since their involvement and

experience with the group makes them an insider. However, calling that person a “human” makes assumptions about how the others identify themselves. Calling that person a “mundane” would be inappropriate if the person is otherwise involved with the supernatural. Some jargon is a bit hopeless, so I use the word “outsider” as an adequate solution rather than a completely satisfactory one.

Have fun exploring the many questions and many answers that otherkin and therians have contemplated and argued about over the years.

- Orion Scribner

Notes

1. Jarandhel Dreamsinger coined the phrase “kin to the other” as a definition for “otherkin.” wanderingpaths.dreamhart.org/articles/kintotheother.html

The word “otherkin,” however, was coined by Torin / Darren Stalder in 1990 as a more inclusive counterpart to “elfinkind,” as I learned from e-mail conversations with Torin, and with R'ykandar Korra'ti, the maintainer of the mailing list where the word was coined, the Elfinkind Digest.

2. Lupa's survey demonstrates typical demographics of both otherkin and therians:

Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 285-288

3. The Silver Elves, e-mail to editor, sent 2010-07-28.

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Melishal, “Faeborn vs. Otherkin.” 2002-06-21. *FAE*.

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Lynx Canadensis, “What does it mean to be a Were—and is Were the word to use?” 1999-09-18. wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/weremeaning.html

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Yaiolani, “How did the shifter movement start?” yaiolani.tripod.com/start.htm

15. An exploration of how “animal person” differs in meaning from “therianthrope:”

SombraStudio, “Therianthrope vs. animal person.” 2011-02-04

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Polar, “Unofficial AHWV Archive.”

furnation.com/lobo/forest/uh-AHWV.htm (defunct)

17. Coyote, “Howl etiquette and planning.” Circa 2008.

werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23698

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akhila.feralscribes.org/french.php

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23. Mokele, “The experiential nature of therianthropy.” Circa 2003.
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/exp.htm (defunct)

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Yaiolani, “A theory of misplaced souls.”

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc010.htm

and The Grimm Judge, “Why are we here?”

2002-08-05

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and Lupa, “Totemic therianthropy.” 2008-12-23.

therioshamanism.com/2008/12/23

and Lupa, “The reincarnation theory of otherkin.”

2005-12-04.

witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=usor&c=words&id=10338

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26. An example of therianthropy explained simply as an inclination for animal behavior:

Quil, “Animality defined.” 2006-01-01.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/defined.html

27. Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 80-86

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Excerpt from Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 54

29. I’ve heard many otherkin and therians describe their astral body—their spiritual, non-physical part which resides on a higher plane of existence, the astral plane—as other than human in its appearance, when perceived clairvoyantly. For those who believe in that type of cosmology, this gives justification for saying that they are other than human, and it creates a framework for understanding some of the sensations (phantom limbs and shifting) that are part of the experience for many otherkin and therians.

A wolf therian, Rosalyn Greene, asserts that unusual metaphysical anatomy is what makes a therian be a therian. See Rosalyn Greene, *The Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 36.

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and Wildelf, “Various theories and the like.”

2002-03-01. otherkin.livejournal.com/30114.html

31. Examples of the lifelong effort put into determining whether and how one is an otherkin or therian:

Siafanar, “The soul searching and self doubt of awakening.” 2007-11-02.

kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=39&Itemid=31

and Quil, “The Thwack: Noticing it for the first time.” 2005-08-08.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/thwack.html

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SummonerWolf, “The number one misconception.” 2009-01-25.

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Excerpt from Orion Scribner (frameacloud), "604 authors other than human." *Orion Scribner*. 2012-10-01.

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Introductions written for audiences of outsiders

These writings assume that the audience isn't otherkin or therian. Ideally, such a document should help foster understanding, respect, and tolerance, as well as some awareness of the level of diversity in our communities. Our communities really *need* more satisfactory documents in this category, some documents that otherkin and therians can point to when explaining themselves to someone.

Introductions to otherkin

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

Adnarel. "What are otherkin, anyway?"

<https://web.archive.org/web/20121128080340/http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/what-are-otherkin-anyway>

Corrects some potential misconceptions, summarizes some characteristics of the philosophy and community

Ashtae, Rialian. "Foreword."

In Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 15-16

Crow's Daughter, Miaren. "What are otherkin?"

<https://web.archive.org/web/20050108203809/http://home.otherkin.net/miaren/what.html>

Kreyas. "What is otherkin?"

https://web.archive.org/web/20080906191533/http://otherkincoalition.info:80/forum/blog.php/?page_id=7

Questions and answers about what otherkin are and aren't. [Editor's note: Kreyas inaccurately says that the otherkin community originated on alt.horror.werewolves (AHHW). Actually, the *therianthrope* community originated on AHHW. The otherkin community originated elsewhere and earlier; see my *Otherkin Timeline* for more information on its origins.]

Mamatas, Nick. "Elven like me." 2001-02-13

<https://web.archive.org/web/20080915191336/http://www.villagevoice.com/2001-02-13/news/elven-like-me/>

An article about Otherkin, published in *Village Voice*

Reklaw. "Otherkin: A short introduction." 2003-05-23

<https://web.archive.org/web/20030812085658/kuro5hin.org/story/2003/5/22/03514/1997>

An overview written by someone who isn't otherkin.

Windrider. "Otherkin." 2005-01-01

everything2.com/title/Otherkin

Definition of otherkin, describes some generalizations and exceptions to those generalizations, tells about disagreement and skepticism, mental health problems, and some tongue-in-cheek jokes.

Windtree, Tirl. "What are otherkin?" 2003-04-06

<https://web.archive.org/web/20040605155657/http://www.otherkin.net/articles/what.html>

✓ Definition... explanations: appeal to biology, spirit, or psychology, or escapism or mental aberration

Windtree, Tirl. "What is an otherkin?"

<https://web.archive.org/web/20040205062406/otherkin.net/articles/what-old.html> French

translation:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20060518001636/http://www.otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/what.html>

Older version of the above article.

Wolf in the Shadows. "Otherkin." 2003-10-07

bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/A1152983

Definition... history... it's not a religion... skeptic's view

Wondershock. "Otherkin." *Enchanted Subcultures*.

https://web.archive.org/web/20120228063621/http://enchant.wondershock.net/?page_id=18

A critical overview written by someone who isn't otherkin.

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders (on wikis)

A wiki is an online encyclopedia that anyone can edit. The disadvantage of wikis is that passerby can insert false or fabricated information. Wikis are considered unreliable sources, and should never be used as reference for school papers. The possible advantages of wikis are that they update frequently, and they make a starting point for readers to discover better reference sources.

Various editors. "Otherkin." Created 2005-08-18
en.wikifur.com/wiki/Otherkin

Various editors. "Otherkin."

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin

This entry on Wikipedia has changed many times over the years.

Various editors. "Otherkin."

simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin

"Otherkin are people who believe that part of them is not human inside." A brief Wiki entry in Simple English.

Various editors. "Otherkin." 2007-02-27
otherkincommunity.org/wiki/Otherkin

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders (in other languages)

Adzia. "Otherkine - kým jsi a kým chceš být?

(Otherkin: Who are you and who do you want to be?)" 2009-01-03

cavern.cz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=355&Itemid=28

(In Czech.) An overview of various types of otherkin and their recent history. Also offers definitions for therians, starseeds, vampires, and furies. Says there are several hundred otherkin in the Czech Republic alone. However, part of this article describes mythological beings without describing what the real people are like, which makes it less helpful. *Caution:* gory photo.

Aethyriek. "¿Qué es la Teriantrópia?"

<http://web.archive.org/web/20100107050806>

[/http://www.project-](http://www.project-shift.org:80/es/therianthropy/whatis.php)

[shift.org:80/es/therianthropy/whatis.php](http://www.project-shift.org:80/es/therianthropy/whatis.php)

(In Spanish.)

Czarnecka, Ewelina. "Otherkin – dziwactwo czy fantastyczny sposób na życie? (Otherkin – a quirk, or a fantastic way to live?)." 2011-08-29.
we-dwoje.pl/otherkin:-dzwactwo:czy:fantastyczny:sposob:na:zycie.artykul,9740.html

(In Polish.) An introduction to otherkin for outsiders. This in a women's online magazine, *We-Dwoje*, which is otherwise mostly about fashion and health.

Dynara. "Otherkin, mas que humanos (Otherkin, more than human)." 2011-04-07.

runamagica.blogspot.com/2011/04/otherkin-mas-que-humanos.html

(In Spanish.) An introduction to various kinds of otherkin and therians, based on articles on Otherkin.net.

Gore, Alma. "שרק נראים כמו בני אדם קוראים לי (My name is Isaac and Dragon: The people who only look like humans)." February 13, 2009. Still live as of September 14, 2022:

<https://www.makorrishon.co.il/nrg/online/55/ART1/853/029.html> Archived February 16, 2009:
<https://web.archive.org/web/20090216153800/http://www.nrg.co.il/online/55/ART1/853/029.html>

A very tentative English translation:

<https://otherkinnews.dreamwidth.org/901.html>

(In Hebrew.) Published in *Israeli Maariv* news.

Nemia, Nekys. "Otherkin: Το φαivόμεvo." 2009.

nekys.com/46/otherkin-%CF%84%CE%BF-%CF%86%CE%B1%CE%B9%CE%BD%CF%8C%CE%BC%CE%B5%CE%BD%CE%BF

(defunct, [archive](#))

(In Greek.) Overview similar to the above, but with less sources cited. Author is an atheist Pagan, doesn't claim to be otherkin.

Nightwood, Aeldra. "Otherkin." 2011-01-28 ✓

divinorum.cz/symposion/otherkin

(In Czech.) An overview of otherkin philosophy, experiences, and community. Written by insider. Notes that since the disappearance of

the forum on AstralSpire.com, there seem to be no Czech-language otherkin communities.

Pseutaki, Vaia (Βάγλια Ψευτάκη). “Ο Μαγικός Κόσμος των Otherkins (Otherkins- Οι Άνθρωποι Δίχως Ανθρώπινη Ψυχή!) (The magical world of the otherkin [Otherkin: the people with a non-human soul!]).” 2010-02-20 enydria.blogspot.com/2009/06/otherkins.html

✓ Another copy of the same article, also in Greek, but without author cited: rc-cafe.blogspot.com/2010/02/therkins-o.html (In Greek.) Brief but thorough overview of a wide variety of ideas common among otherkin. Cites Mamatas and Polson. Author has a friend who is otherkin, but doesn't claim to be otherkin too. Article was originally published in the journal *Mystery*, vol. 25, December 2006.

Various editors. “أذركين (Otherkin).” <https://ar.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D8%A3%D8%B0%D8%B1%D9%83%D9%8A%D9%86> (In Arabic.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin (In Czech.)

Various editors. “Alispecano (Otherkin).” <https://eo.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alispecano> (In Esperanto.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” <https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin> (In French.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” <https://el.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin> (In Greek.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” <https://no.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin> (In Norwegian bokmål.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” <https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin> (In Polish.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” <https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin> (In Portuguese.)

Various editors. “Азеркины (Otherkin).”

<https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D0%B7%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%BD%D1%8B>

(In Russian.)

Various editors. “Otherkin.” <https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin> (In Spanish.)

Various editors. “Азеркіни (Otherkin).” <https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D0%B7%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%BA%D1%96%D0%BD%D0%B8> (In Ukrainian.)

Windtree, Tirl. “*Qu’est-ce qu’un Otherkin?* (What is an otherkin?)” (In French.) Translated from English by C. V. <https://web.archive.org/web/20060518001636/http://www.otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/what.html>

Original English: <https://web.archive.org/web/20040205062406/otherkin.net/articles/what-old.html>

Introductions to otherkin, specifically for Pagans

The following articles assume that the audience isn't otherkin. These articles assume that the audience is made up of people who are already familiar with Pagan religions, and familiar with spiritual practices that they call magic.

Otherkin are not a sub-group of the Pagan community, but many of their participants and common philosophies overlap. That has demonstrably been the case in the 1970s as well as the 1990s.

Elsewhere in this book, I list articles that go into more detail about the relationship between otherkin and Paganism.

Belanger, Michelle. "Dragons & faeries & gnomes oh my! The fascinating world of otherkin." *PagaNet News*. 2003.
https://web.archive.org/web/20030925002601/paganet.org/pnn/2003/Litha/Feature_Sample1.html

A summary from an outsider who attended an otherkin convention. For a Pagan audience.

Des'tai, Cara. "The Internet goes mythic." 2000
eristic.net/fey/info/fatearticle.php

An article about Otherkin, published in *Fate* magazine. Assumes the readers are already familiar with real magic. Paranormal claims.

Lupa. "Otherkin and the Pagan community." *WitchVox*. 2006-10-22.
witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=uswa&c=words&id=11030

An introduction to otherkin, written for a Neo-Pagan audience. This is the first article about Otherkin published on *WitchVox*, a Pagan site.

Polson, Willow. "Fae blood, fae magic." *The Veil's Edge*, pp. 91-156.

Introducing Pagans to the idea of otherkin and some of their activities: glamour-bombing, glamourie, and "Veil-working" magic

Introductions to therians, for outsiders

Ashen-Fox. "What is therianthropy?" 2009-02
deviantart.com/deviation/115731755

Dreaming Wolf. "Therianthropy."
<https://web.archive.org/web/20101008050004/http://sanguinarius.org/articles-2/therianthropy.shtml>

Defines a therianthrope as a reincarnated animal spirit in a human body. The author's description of growing up as a wolf therian.

Gorath. "Hidden truths of the hidden."
<https://web.archive.org/web/20181211015049/http://www.sanguinarius.org/articles-2/hidden-truths.shtml>

Therians aren't like the werewolves in the movies. On Awakening and shifting.

Mokele. "So, what's this 'therianthropy' thing?" Circa 2003
<https://web.archive.org/web/20040126164423/http://www.therianthropy.org/mokele/intro.htm>

✓ Common questions outsiders often ask when they first hear of therianthropy.

ShadowsMyst. "Dispelling the myths," by n.d.
shadowsden.org/therianmyths.html

Real therians are human beings, and don't resemble fictional werewolves.

Winged Wolf. "Therianthropy." Updated 2006-03-12
<https://web.archive.org/web/20091208150201/http://therianthropy.wingedwolfpsion.com/>

Wolf-daughter. "Therianthropy: An emerging spirituality." 2009.
Part 1: deviantart.com/deviation/115655959
Part 2: deviantart.com/deviation/115656075

A student's mock-up for a 2-page "magazine article" for a graphic design class. History of therian community, jargon, & types of shift.

Yaiolani. "FAQ for humans who want to know about shifters."
<https://web.archive.org/web/20090114034124/http://www.geocities.com/yaiolani/humfaq.htm>

(in other languages)

Aethyriek. “¿Qué es la Teriantrópia? (What is therianthropy?)”

project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/whatis.php

(In Spanish.)

Akhila. “La thérianthropie [I - L'identité animale] (Therianthropy - Animal identity).” 2009-09.

akhila.feralscribes.org/2009/la-therianthropie-i-lidentite-animale

(In French.) A general introduction to the concept of therianthropy and therian experiences.

Akhila. “La thérianthropie [II - La communauté] (Therianthropy - The community).” 2009-09.

akhila.feralscribes.org/2009/la-therianthropie-ii-la-communaute

(In French.) The cultural background behind therianthropy as a concept. How it differs from and relates to totemism, the furry fandom, and otherkin.

Kusani. “Une introduction au concept d'Animalité (introduction to the concept of animality).”

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/animalite.php

(In French.)

Quil. “L'animalité définie (Animality defined).” 2006.

akhila.feralscribes.org/2006/lanimalite-definie

(In French.) From the original English:

http://www.absurdism.org/therianthropy/define_d.html

Swiftpaw. “Une brève introduction au sujet (A brief introduction to the subject).” 1999.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/introduction.php

(In French.)

Therian Círculo. “Introdução à Introdução

(Introduction to the introduction).” 2008-01-24.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/introduo-introduo.html

✓ (In Portuguese.) What therianthropy is not.

Therian Círculo. “Introdução à Therian Comunidade (Introduction to the therian community).”

2008-01-25.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/introduo.html (In Portuguese.)

Therianthrope philosophy and how it began.

Otherkin and therians

Advice for friends and family of otherkin and therians

For outsiders, here's some advice on how to understand and respond if a friend or family member tells you one day that they're an otherkin. (Otherkin authors, take note: somebody should write more and better articles on this important topic.)

Adnarel. “Being a loved one: How to support your otherkin family member.”

<https://web.archive.org/web/20121129104526/http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/being-a-loved-one-how-to-support-your-otherkin-family-member/>

They just explained to you that they came from ‘somewhere else’ ... respect that they've told you a secret. ... no, it's not a ‘disorder’

Greene, Rosalyn. Untitled selection. *Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 163-164

Advice for friends and family of therians.

Polyrhythms, the. “Loving someone with all your soul: Having an otherkin significant other.”

<https://web.archive.org/web/20121129104209/http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/loving-someone-with-all-your-soul-having-an-otherkin-significant-other/>

Before then, I had never heard of the term otherkin. I didn't want to offend.

Saevitia S. “How should I respond to an otakuin friend?”

<https://web.archive.org/web/20150426080705/http://otakuin.atspace.com/friend.htm>

Advice for an outsider when somebody else tells you that they're an otakuin.

Introductions for mixed audiences

The following articles were written for an audience made up of all or any of the following kinds of people: outsiders, otherkin, therians, and people who are considering that they might be otherkin/therians but aren't sure yet. (For advice directed to the latter audience, please see the "Advice for those who aren't sure whether they're otherkin" section later in this book.)

Introductions to otherkin, for mixed audiences

HumbleLightworker. "Otherkin." 2002-10-10
embracingmystery.org/articles/otherkin-humble.html Author is an otherkin.

"Me." "Otherkin." 2002-10-10
<https://web.archive.org/web/20110717034434/http://myplace.drinkdeeplyanddream.com/spiritual/Otherkin.html>
(The author's name is "Me.")

"What the heck's an otherkin?" by Reverend Kim.
Circa 2001
reverend.kim.tripod.com/Otherkin/Other.html
Author is an otherkin.

"What are otherkin?" by Arhúaine. Circa 2000
stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/otherkinwhats.html (defunct)
You might be meeting real elves every day without ever knowing it. Author is an otherkin.
"FAQ *Otherkin Hispano & Noctaliu*," no author or date listed
otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/faq?dhtml=no
(In Spanish.) Brief answers to common questions about otherkin.

Introductions to otherkin, for mixed audiences, in other languages

"O *Otherkinech* (About Otherkin)," no author listed.
(In Czech.)
astralspire.com/otherkin.html (defunct)

"*Kdo jsou Otherkin..?* (What are otherkin?)" by Fallen Dragonkin (?) (In Czech.)
zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/otherkin.html

"*Jake je to byt otherkin?* (What is it to be otherkin?)" by Fallen Dragonkin (?) (In Czech.)
zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/bytosti.html

"*Lykantropové a Theriantropové* (Lycanthropy and therianthropy)," by Fallen Dragonkin (?) (In Czech.)
zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/lykantropie.html

"Gy.I.K. (FAQ)" by (no author listed?) (In Hungarian.)
freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/gvik.html
What is an otherkin? How do you know whether someone is really 'kin? What is Awakening? What is a true form?

"*Kin vagyok!... Vagy kin vagyok? - Fedezd fel a kinoldalad* (I'm kin! Or am I? – Discover the kinoldalad)," by (no author listed?) (In Hungarian.)
freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/iamkin.html

On people who are or aren't really kin.
Determine by feelings, psychology, appearance...

"FAQ *Otherkin Hispano & Noctaliu*," no author or date listed
otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/faq?dhtml=no
(In Spanish.) Brief answers to common questions about otherkin. Original Spanish.

"*Theriantropía* (Therianthropy)" by Therianthropes.com
otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t8-theriantropia
(In Spanish.) Translated from English.

Introductions to therians, for mixed audiences

“Therianthropy: An overview,” by Kodekitten (?).

2001-06-06 (?)

were.net/therianthropy/therianthropy.asp

(defunct, [archive](#)) and

shifters.org/overview/therianthropy.shtml

(defunct)

Definition of spiritual therianthropy and some other jargon... shifting... not just pretending or role-playing... common animal types... mythical creatures... spirit guides and totems... purpose unknown

“Therry-what??” by Ozenwolf. 2003

werechild.org/therry.html (defunct)

A brief introduction.

“Werewolf,” by Swiftpaw.

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/magickal_creatures//werewolf.html

A brief summary of the spiritual were subculture of the Usenet newsgroup alt.horror.werewolves (AHWW)

“The Therianthropy Resource,” edited by SnowWolf

geocities.com/rainforest/canopy/1927/greenspiral/resource.html (defunct)

A small anthology of writings by various therians. Definitions of therianthropy, and philosophy of shape-shifting.

“Overview of therianthropy,” by Strigoacia

slad.net/articles/therianoverview.shtml

(defunct, [archive](#))

Definition, philosophy, and list of types of shifts.

“WereCreatures and Therianthropy,” by Dana

danaslair.tripod.com/weres.html

“The Werewolf and Shapeshifter Codex (front page),” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com

Real people today who are werewolves (also called shifters and therians) resemble the old legends of werewolves from around the world

“Concepts of therianthropy,” by ShadowsMyst. n.d.

shadowsden.org/therianconcepts.html

Definition. Comparison with shamanic totems. Word for the animal side. Awakening and progress. Modern history. Difference from otherkin.

Introductions to otherkin *and* therians, for mixed audiences

Charlie. “Otherkin FAQ.”

<https://otherkindfaq.tumblr.com/otherkinfaq>

Charlie. “Rewritten for a new generation: The

Otherkin FAQ,” or “Otherkin FAQ (old version).”

<https://otherkindfaq.tumblr.com/otherkinfaqold>

Feathertail. “Feathertail’s otherkin FAQ.” 2011-10-05 ✓

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/142156.html and

feathertail.livejournal.com/78016.html

Genuinely common questions with quite brief answers, well organized in sections: the basics, how to relate to otherkin, otherkin and religion, otherkin-ness and you.

Therianthropes United, by Therianthropes.com.

therianthropes.com

A Spanish translation of many pages on the site, in one document:

otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t8-theriantropia

An overview of therian and otherkin philosophy and jargon, as well as some concepts from myth and legend. *Caution*: Some illustrations are not safe for work (NSFW).

“Definition, identity, and belief,” by Lupa

A Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 26-56

Introductions written *for* otherkin and therians

These writings assume that the readers are otherkin and therians. Some of the writings may further assume that the readers are also newcomers to the community. However, some readers who have been in the community for a long time may also be interested in seeing the familiar philosophy and jargon summarized in reference documents like these.

Introductions to otherkin, for otherkin

“Crisses’ Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v3.0 Beta,” edited by the Crisses. 2000-01-13

astraeasweb.net/plural/cris-otherkinfaq-old.html

A collaboration, with quotes from many different otherkin. Outdated version.

“Crisses’ Otherkin FAQ v.4.0.1,” edited by the Crisses. 2001-02-08

astraeasweb.net/plural/cris-otherkinfaq.html

A newer version of the above collaborative article.

“Otherkin: The missing manual,” a wiki from Otherkin.net. 2001?

otherkin.net/wiki/index.html

Based on the above. Unfinished, but shows potential.

“A revised otherkin FAQ,” by Jarandhel Dreamsinger. 2012-01-08.

dreamhart.org/2012/01/a-revised-otherkin-faq

Includes safety advice and list of off-site resources.

“Spirituality of draconity,” by Jafira Dragon. 2002?

jafiradragon.com/Spirituality.htm

Introductory concepts and advice for otherkin. Topics: “otherkinism,” feeling different, past-life memories or lack of them, spiritual sensitivity, spirit guides, and names.

“Shifters FAQ : WereBreeds, aka types of Weres; and shifting and Awareness Terms,” by Pinky (Jakkal). 1999-12-24 ✓

were.net/~pinky/shifters.html (defunct)

“Werebeasts & therianthropes,” by ShadowsMyst. n.d. ✓

shadowsden.org/were.html

History of the modern therian community. Real therians compared to fictional werewolves.

Teen therians, advice for them.

“Skinside out,” by Meirya. 2006-02

dreamofhorn.com/nest/feathers6.html

French translation:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/skinside.php

Therianthropy is human and animal combined, having a furred thing under your skin, yet living skin-side out.

“What is therianthropy?” by Ketrino Ghoe. 2006-08

ketrino.angelfire.com/therianthropy2.htm

About therianthropes and shifting, terminology, symbols, mental health, society, religion, and history.

“An introduction to spiritual lycanthropy,” by Razza Wolf

razza.were.net/articles/intro.html (defunct)

“An introduction to therianthropy and related matters, by She Demon Wolf

myweb.ecomplanet.com/LUNE2889/mycustompage0010.htm (defunct)

About therians and otherkin, Awakening, shape-shifting, community, vampires, types of animal-sides, glossary. Unedited.

“FAQ for shifters wondering about themselves and other shifters,” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/shiftfaq.htm

Spanish translation: otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t109-preguntas-frecuentes

“Werebeasts and shapeshifters,” by Rosalyn Greene. In *Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 15-21

Introductions to therians, for therians

Introduction to therians and shifting, and the usefulness of shifting

“About shifters,” by Rosalyn Greene

In *Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 133-164

“Therian,” by Golden Goddess (?) 2010-11-06

otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t190-therian

(In Spanish.) Definition, mental health, theta-delta symbol, types of shift.

Jargon

Jargon dictionaries

Lists of new and unusual words that we use. These dictionaries are indispensable resources when reading many of the documents that follow.

Jargon dictionaries (of several peoples)

“Furry vs. anthro vs. everything,” by AlphaGodith (Godith Lynn S.). 2010-06-30
A brief illustrated glossary with definitions for “otherkin” and “therian.”
deviantart.com/deviation/169616576

Jargon dictionaries (otherkin)

“Dictionary,” by Malcolm-Rannirl. 2000-04
otherkin.net/articles/dict.html
Jargon used in the otherkin community
“Otherkin community glossary,” by many editors
otherkincommunity.net/glossary
Jargon used in the otherkin community

Jargon dictionaries (otherkin dragons)

“Glossary,” by DrakeLightBearer
dragonswings.org/gloss.shtml
Jargon used in the draconic otherkin community
“Draconic dictionary,” by Tserisa
velvetdragon.com/draconic/dictionary.html
Jargon referring to dragons or used in the draconic otherkin community

Jargon dictionaries (vampires)

“Glossary of terms,” by Michelle Belanger
In *Psychic Vampire Codex*, p. 269-278
Jargon used in the vampire community

“Vampire related glossary (Vampire related glossary of definitions),” by Gregory Branson-Trent.
2010

In Trent, *Vampires among us*, p. 171-257

✓ Jargon used in the vampire community (and in role-playing games). Identifies sources for each.

“Technical terms,” by (no author listed?) (n.d?)
otherkin.com/?page_id=35

Jargon used in the vampire community.

Jargon dictionaries (therians)

“Common terms,” by Shifters.org
shifters.org/overview/terms.shtml (defunct)

Jargon used in the therian community

“Words and concepts,” by Wolf VanZandt
theriantimeline.com/therianthropy/words_and_concepts

Jargon used in the therian community

“Glossary,” by Rosalyn Greene ✓
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 229-240

“Terms and definitions,” by Sonne Spiritwind
project-shift.org/terms-definitions

Spanish translation: project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/terms.php

Jargon used in the therian community

“What do all these terms mean? (Terminology of werewolves, shapeshifters and therians from AHWV)” by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/what.htm

Jargon used in the therian community.

Includes “werewolf sympathizer (symp)” and “friend of lycanthrope (FOL).”

“Shifter slang,” by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/slang.htm

Jargon used in the therian community

“Therian terminology,” by Naserit Luncast
hiddenlair.org/therianterminology.htm (defunct)

Jargon used in the therian community

“Were-related words,” by Kiric

geocities.com/RainForest/Canopy/2114/Werewolf/words.html (defunct)

Jargon used in the therian community

“My pack’s words (a list of words unique to my pack),” by Kiric

geocities.com/RainForest/Canopy/2114/Werewolf/packwords.html (defunct)

Jargon used by a specific pack of therians.

Mostly titles for positions in the pack.

“*Desvalando o idioma da Theriantropia* (The language of therianthropy),” by Therian Círculo. 2008-01-26.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/termos-comumentes-usados-com-o-pouco.html

(In Portuguese.) A brief glossary of jargon used by the Portuguese-speaking part of the therian community, and a few words distinct to the Therian Círculo group.

“*Då börjar vi* (Let’s start),” by Vargteriantrop. 2010-05-16

vargteriantrop.wordpress.com/2010/05/16/da-borjar-vi

(In Swedish.) Types of shift. Contherian, syntherian, phenotype, polytherian.

Development of further specialized jargon in the therian community

“Therianthropy FAQ,” by Aurora Wolfen

aurorawolfen.tripod.com/therian.html

Definitions for a few types of shift, and “eclipsing”

“A short view on modern contherianthropy,” by Lion Templin. 1997

shifters.org/awereness/lion1.shtml (defunct)

Russian translation: shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-15

Coining a word for shifters who don’t shift

“Proving individual contherianthropy,” by Lion Templin. 1997

leonine.com/~jtemplin/mt_d (lost) Archive: forum3.aimoo.com/Foundthings/Lycan-Woods/Lion-Templin-1-292287.html

Further writings on that topic.

“Building blocks to contherianthropy,” by Lion Templin. 1997

forum3.aimoo.com/Foundthings/Lycan-Woods/Lion-Templin-1-292287.html

Further writings on that topic.

“The Contherianthropy FAQ,” by Akhila

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/confaq.php

Shifters who don’t shift

“Terms and Diagrams,” by Keller. 2005

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/diagrams.php

It’s distracting to bicker over semantics (contherian & cladotherian) and infographics

“Why slang sucks,” by Swiftpaw ★

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/myterms.html (defunct)

French translation:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/argot.php

In opposition to creating specialized jargon when plain English does the job

“Lost in translation: Getting over terminology,” by Spectre. 2009

project-shift.org/community/lost_in_translation.php

“From phenotype to theriotype,” by VampireKitten

“Why the word phenotype was eventually changed to theriotype.” (description from WereLibrary)

trueformwithin.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=28 (lost)

Jargon dictionaries (miscellaneous peoples)

“Definitions of...” by Lavandarielle. Circa 2009

starseedhotline.com/definitions.htm

Defining starseeds, Walk-Ins, Lightworkers, and Indigos.

“Terminology,” by Gienah.

daemonpage.com/terminology.php

A glossary of jargon used by the dæmian community, which has little in common with the jargon of the otherkin and therian communities

What should we all call ourselves?

Otherkin or...?

“Just Be: Otherkin and Evolution,” by Tirl & Flip

Windtree. 2002-04

otherkin.net/articles/justBe.html

On debates over the term “otherkin,” its definition; on labels and personal evolution

“Faeborn vs. Otherkin,” by Melishal. 2002-06-21

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=60&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

Definitions for these terms, & the differences between them. Argues that “otherkin” is too vague, & “The definition of Faeborn has been the same for nearly ten years ... [it means] A person that is a transmigrated soul of a non-human being from this world and/or other worlds that is of possible mythical/mystical origins, currently living in a human form.” Suggests the word Faeborn was coined in about 1992.

“Non-human,” by an anonymous bird otherkin.

2011-10-30

kinspeak.tumblr.com/post/12122639053/non-human

Problems with calling ourselves “non-human:” it defines us by what we are not; and it denies our humanity, which is not the best solution

Therians or...?

“‘Werewolf’ and thoughts on Were Culture,” by

Razza Wolf. 2000-06-24

razza.were.net/articles/werewolf.html (defunct)

Werewolf isn’t a word that demands credibility. Don’t fall into a stereotype.

“Werewolves, shapeshifters, and therianthropes: Is there a difference?” by Ketrino. 2006

ketrino.angelfire.com/wwsandtherisdifference.html

An attempt to differentiate between terms commonly used to all mean one thing

“Weres and therians,” by Dragonslorefury

otherkin.net/articles/therianWere.html

Is there any difference between weres and therians?

“What a Were Is: My Input on the 2002 Terms War,” by Swiftpaw

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/whatawereis.html (defunct)

What should we call ourselves? Were, therian, or just “I’m a wolf”?

“What does it mean to be a Were - and is Were the word to use?” by Lynx Canadensis. 1999-09-18
wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/weremeaning.html

Comparing Were, Therianthrope, and others.

“Tracing the Origins of the Term ‘Therianthropy,’” by Swiftpaw

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/termtherian.html (defunct)

The word was first proposed on AHW in 1994.

“Therianthrope vs. animal person,” by

SombraStudio. 2011-02-04

somboramalamutt.wordpress.com/2011/02/04/therianthrope-vs-animal-person

“Were-words 1: Phenotype or Anima?” by Lynx

Canadensis. 1999-09-12

wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/werewords1.html

Considering the words Therianthropy and Anima.

“Were-words 2: Theriopsyche & Theriopneuma,” by

Lynx Canadensis. 1999-09-19

wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/werewords2.html

Proposing some possible words for the animal mind or spirit.

Vampires or...?

“Revisioning the vampire,” by Michelle Belanger
In *Psychic Vampire Codex*, p. 35–41
Should psychic vampires refer to themselves as
vampires, or by a different name in order to
avoid negative/fanciful connotations?
Arguments for and against.

“A rose by any other name; or, the case for a new
name for real vampires,” by Hirudo
sanguinari.org/articles/newname.shtml

“Vampire or Vampyre? What’s the difference?” by
Larae. 2009
darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/55
History and etymology of the words. Some
vampires assert that one spelling refers to
fiction and the other to reality, but they don’t
agree which word that is, since the vampire
community rarely agrees on anything as a
collective whole.

The problems of calling ourselves anything

“Discrimination via Labels,” by Ketrino. 2008-06-03
ketrino.angelfire.com/disvial.html
Therianthrope or otherkin is just a label. It
should not alienate us from others who are just
like us, yet they choose to call themselves
something different.

“Labels,” by Akhila. 2004-12
akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/labels.php
Argues that jargon isn’t necessary and can
cause trouble. Points out some particularly
problematic jargon.

“Label issues,” by Adalis
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/label-issues/
Why are people afraid of labels?

“Anti-labeling,” by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/artc012.htm
Once, the therian community had no labels, so
we created labels. Now, we’re overwhelmed by
the many labels, so we backlash against labels

“What kind of Were are you?” by Kyoht, Sowelu, and
Renegade. Circa 2008
werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23705
On the problems of applying labels to one’s
self, such as “contherian” or “polywere”

“The names we are given,” by Rezzit ✓
deviantart.com/deviation/8687910
A poem about the similarities of furies,
otherkin, and therians, and on the willingness
to call one’s self by any particular label

Defining Therians and Otherkin

This section should be considered intermediate level reading on the topic of otherkin, because these articles assume the readers who are already familiar with otherkin and therians. They tend to use jargon to such an extent that they're not very useful for explaining otherkin to outsiders or newcomers.

These articles ask, what makes an otherkin? Can we come up with a definition for "otherkin" and "therianthrope" that we agree with? These documents work on development of concepts or philosophy, and disambiguating similar concepts.

"Why an Elf? An examination of the tendencies of Otherkin to associate themselves with mythological beings," by Tocosar Ætlanatra (Dandelion AE). 2001-05

otherkin.net/articles/whyAnElf.html

An overview of otherkin's choices of labels
Defining otherkin, by Baxil the Dragon and Orion Scribner. 2006-01-23 (Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060123.html

"What =IS= 'otherkin'?" by Magpie (lindsaybits). 2001-09-26 ★

otherkin.livejournal.com/15575.html

Before you can state that "otherkin" means "not human," you must define "human." If you want to define "otherkin" as "non-human soul," what is a soul? Can you categorize a soul as human? What is otherkin? I have no idea. I no longer have a definition of "otherkin" that I firmly believe in, so I choose to disassociate myself from the term.

"What =IS= 'otherkin'?" by Arhúaine. 2001-09-27
otherkin.livejournal.com/15631.html

★ (A response to the above article.) Before getting online, I thought that elves was all there was. I thought that all elves came from the same home-world as myself. I'd met six others. Then I learned that there were more. Elves who were not like me, from different words. Dragons. Weres. Vampires. So what is

"otherkin"? Can't define it, but it's a fact, I feel it and know it.

"Kin to the Other," by Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin). 2005-09-26

dreamhart.org/2009/02/kin-to-the-other

★ Developing a working definition of the term Otherkin, and the beginnings of a framework for further work with the idea.

"Some thinking on Otherkin-ness," by Wildelf. 2004-05-11

otherkin.livejournal.com/277684.html

Some definitions and hypotheses

"On being human, amplified," by Sejatte

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/on-being-human-amplified

A philosophical perspective on why otherkin are otherkin and what this means

"Changelings," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 16-18

Defining therians

"What is a Were? Finding a common idea," by Mokele. Circa 2003

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/whatwere.htm
(defunct)

The differences among therians eclipse the common ground, like not seeing a forest through the trees. The common ground is the animal within.

"The experiential nature of therianthropy," by Mokele. Circa 2003

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/exp.htm
(defunct)

★ Therianthropy isn't a religion, spirituality, philosophy, or psychology. It's an experience. One doesn't need to believe in it for it to affect them. Many therians felt it and shifted before they'd heard of it.

"For a non-essentialist understanding of animality," by Akhila. 2011-04 ★

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/animality.php

Addressing problematic definitions of therianthropy that have been taken for granted in the therian community. It is a mistake to view “animal” and “human” as a clear-cut binary. It’s also a mistake to say that we’re born therians, because change must happen.

“Intro to therianthropy,” by SombraStudio. 2010-12-24

somboramalamutt.wordpress.com/2010/12/24/intro-to-therianthropy

It isn’t religious. It isn’t necessarily spiritual. It could be psychological.

“A-Were onto Be,” by She Demon Wolf, Alpha of EroX Pack

myweb.ecomplanet.com/LUNE2889/mycustompage0005.htm (defunct)

A collection of short writings: On mythical animal-sides, and the metaphysics of therianthropy

“What does not make a therian,” by VampireKitten
trueformwithin.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=28 (lost)

“A list of some of the things describing what does not make a therianthrope, despite what some people assume.” (description from WereLibrary)

“Exploring this thing they call spiritual therianthropy,” by Razza Wolf. 1999

wolfdan.critter.net/interest/razwolf2.htm

That bit that just refuses to be human ... what exactly is this inner animal and how did it get there? No answers

“Therianthropy,” by Silverback2001

freewebs.com/kinspace/articles.htm#Silv2

Overview of the history and philosophy of the therian community, contrasted with clinical lycanthropy

“Question and answer,” by Sonne Spiritwind
project-shift.org/therianthropy/qa.php

On a variety of topics.

“Memorable werewolf quotes,” collected by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/quotes.htm

A collection of anonymous quotes about spiritual therianthropy

“Therianthropy (and otherkin) and universal connection,” by Lupa. 2008-03-12

therioshamanism.com/2008/03/12/therianthropy-and-otherkin-universal-connection

“A mythological perspective on therianthropy,” by Lupa. 2007-10-02

therioshamanism.com/2007/10/02

“Unified theory of therianthropy,” by Snowspectre

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/unifiedtheory.html (defunct)

“Brainstorming,” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc011.htm

It’s okay for therians to freely concoct hypotheses about therianthropy. The brainstorming process is a valuable technique for problem-solving. So don’t suppress and ridicule therians who come up with hypotheses.

“Fakta og teorier (Facts and theories),” by ShadoW ~ Wolf’er. 2006-08-17

tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id=a_1155847835&title=Fakta%20og%20teorier

(In Danish.) Werewolves in legend. Modern therian philosophy.

“Человек потенциально разумный (People potentially reasonable),” by Bagheera (bagira625). 2007-07-12

bagira625.ucoz.ru/publ/1-1-0-1 and shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-50

(In Russian.) Therians compared with feral children. Raise an animal among humans, and it’s still an animal. Raise a human among animals, and it becomes animal-like. Animal instincts fill in for the human lack of instincts. Therians are defective animals, but they *are* animals.

Comparing therians and otherkin to similar peoples

Seeking a definition for “otherkin” (or a definition for “therianthrope”), some writers attempt to disambiguate otherkin against some similar peoples, comparing the similarities and differences, declaring that these people have little in common with otherkin, or considering the possibility that they may be one and the same. These articles also discuss how the communities are interrelated, and how they do or don’t get along with one another.

Comparing several other peoples

“Types of Awereness (WereBreeds),” presumably by Jakkal. 2001-01-12 ★

shifters.org/awereness/werebreeds.shtml

(defunct)

Differentiating between kinds of therians and therian-like people, sorted into categories

“Multiples and otherkin,” by Morgil Lomion. 2004-10-14

otherkin.livejournal.com/314537.html

Comparing multiples, otherkin, and “Walk-Ins”

“Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: Annex of related beings,” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/related.htm

Comparing therians to furies, Fae/otherkin, witches, vampires, and “fake werewolf groups”

“Furies, otherkin, and therians,” by Draco the Silly Dragon

freewebs.com/sillydraco/otherkinandtherians.htm

Compares those three communities

“A few terms,” by Lupa ★

In *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 24-26

Introducing the various groups: therians, otherkin, vampires, etc.

“Shapeshifting masquerade,” by the Silver Elves

Elves, in *Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 150. Vampires, werewolves...

“Elven alien relations,” by the Silver Elves

In *Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 169

Comparing spiritual therianthropes to furry fans

“Okay, so I’m new to this...” by Lone Wolf.

wolfdan.critter.net/newcomers/welcome.htm

Introducing and comparing furies and weres

“What is the difference between a shifter and a furry?” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/furry.htm

“What is a furry?” by Tirran (Ronald O). Revised 2002-01-09

users.vianet.ca/~grizelda/fur/furry.txt (defunct)

About the furry fandom, and how some furies identify as animals in spirit

“Furies,” by Therianthropes.com

therianthropes.com/furies.htm

Spanish translation: otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t39-que-es-furry

Some participants of the furry fandom feel that they are animals in human bodies. How do they relate to otherkin?

“What therianthropy isn’t,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 130-131

On the differences between therians and furies.

Are otherkin different from other people?

Who is or isn't an otherkin? Are otherkin spiritually or physically different, or are they the same as anybody else? Do they have non-human souls, or do souls even work like that?

"Otherkin: Otherworldly souls," by Saau Hatshepsut.
2006-02-28

<http://www.house-eclipse.org/wordpress/otherkin-otherworldly-souls> and
realmagick.com/5023/otherkin-otherworldly-souls

Defines otherkin as "a soul or body of non-human origins"

"What are 'otherkin'?" By MemoryandDream
embracingmystery.org/articles/otherkin-memory.html

Argues that you only count as otherkin if your soul is other. Plus list of otherkin traits

"The dumbass guide to therianthropy/

WereCreatures," by She Demon Wolf

shedemonwolf.coolfreepage.com/view_article.php?art_id=9 (defunct)

A later version of the above two articles

"The nature of the soul," by Sterling

sterlingtwilight.net/bootcamp/Soul.html
(defunct)

Argues that there is no difference between an animal soul or a human soul.

"Animality defined: So what am I talking about anyway?" By Quil. 2006-01-01.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/defined.html

French translation:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/definie.php

Not science or spirituality. A therian is simply one who acts as an animal.

Are therianthropes different from other people?

If you could be any animal... by Orion Scribner.

2007-04-02 (Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20070402.html

Different reactions to the same question

"What is therianthropy?" by Ashen-Fox

deviantart.com/deviation/115731755

Therianthropy is a constant state of self-awareness and the belief that while our bodies are 100% human—the souls that we're born with are entirely different.

"Therianthrope," by She Demon Wolf

freewebs.com/moonscape/therianthropy/therian.html

Being part animal, in soul, means that we, as therians, have animal energy in us.

"Therianthrope (version2)," by She Demon Wolf

freewebs.com/moonscape/therianthropy/therianv.2.html

Okay, so therianthropy isn't just a spiritual thing. What is it, in non-spiritual terms?

What about people who aren't otherkin?
(Or are they?)

I'm not an otherkin, but I have the symptoms
of kinness. I feel phantom limbs, but my mind
is human

If otherkin are different from "normal humans,"
then what does this imply about "normal humans"?
Or are all people otherkin on some level? And can a
person be both an otherkin and not otherkin at the
same time?

"Dragons, sleeping," by the Eclective

eclective.livejournal.com/457423.html

Perhaps all people are potentially otherkin,
unawares

"There's only one way to be 'wrong' about being
otherkin," by the Eclective

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/27837.html

A corollary to the above article

"Further thoughts on being 'kin-not-'kin," by the
Eclective

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/23219.html

I feel a pull to the whole otherkin concept, but
I don't know what I would be

"Dragons, again," by the Eclective

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/23022.html

Ever since I discovered the concept of
Otherkin, I've wondered if I "was" a dragon.
"Yes" never seemed like the right answer, but
"no" never did, either.

"Little dragon," by the Silver Elves. In *Magical Elven
Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 35-36

There's a little elf in everyone, and a little
dragon too

"A matter of time," by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-
1998. In *Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p.
138-139

Humankind will gradually become more elfin,
and elves will become more diverse

"To be a dragon," by Quelonzia. 1995

stormdancer.net/poetry/tobedr.html (defunct)

A poem "dedicated to all those out there who
have the spirit of the dragon... and yet believe
they are not dragons"

"The value of kinness," by Twitch

[main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-
otherkin/the-value-of-kinness/](http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/the-value-of-kinness/)

What caused otherkin to be otherkin?

How did we come to be? Why are we here?

Lists of several hypotheses

From otherkin community

In what way are you a wolf? by Orion Scribner.

2005-10-24 (Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051024.html

A summary of a few different explanations for why otherkin are otherkin

“Theories of otherkin origins,” by Lupa ★

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 57-105

“¿Por qué somos otherkins? Posible explicacion

(Why are we otherkin? A possible explanation),”

by Jamiroth. 2010-10-20

otherkindespertar.blogspot.com/2010/10/por-que-somos-otherkins-posible.html

(In Spanish.)

From therian community

“Therianthropy theories,” by Winged Wolf

therianthropy.wingedwolfpsion.com/Weretheory.html

Several: transmigration, imprinting, primal association, totems, brain abnormalities, psychic connection

“Therianthropy theories,” by Therianthropes.com.

therianthropes.com/therianthropy_theories.htm

Spanish translation: [otherkin-](http://otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t6-teorias-sobre-la-theriantropia)

hispano.foroactivo.com/t6-teorias-sobre-la-theriantropia

What causes therianthropy? Genes, transmigration, totems, racial memory, etc...

“What is therianthropy?” by VampireKitten

trueformwithin.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=12&Itemid=28 (lost)

“A basic explanation of therianthropy and a brief overview of causes.” (description from WereLibrary)

Hypotheses involving
souls, pre-existence, and/or reincarnation

From otherkin and Faeborn community

“Why are we here?” by Wyvern. 2008-12-22

wyvern-otherkin.blogspot.com/2008/12/why-are-we-here.html

Why here, as opposed to our world of origin?

“Why are we here? – An editorial,” by The Grimm Judge. 2002-08-05

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=69&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

Hypothesizes that before we were born, we chose to be here, and chose what kinds of challenges and lessons we would face. That’s why we’re living as humans now

“The ‘other-worldly swap’ theory,” by Zilchy

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/the-other-worldly-swap-theory

Is it possible that the existence of otherkin here on Earth is a divine mistake?

From therian community

“A theory of misplaced souls,” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc010.htm

Lacking the right bodies, endangered/hunted animals get reborn as humans

Control panel, by Orion Scribner. 2006-03-21 (Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060321.html

Ending up here by mistake

“Why incarnate as human?” by Forsaken Sage

shedemonwolf.coolfreepage.com/view_article.php?art_id=7 (lost)

Miscellaneous hypotheses

From otherkin community

“Personal mythology, imagination, and metaphor”
by Lupa. In *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 86-95.

On being otherkin as a metaphor, not literal

“An historical overview: of the whereabouts of
gnomes and elves, fauns and faeries, goblins,
ogres, trolls and bogies, nymphs, sprites, and
dryads, past and present,” by Buck Young.

eristic.net/fey/info/buckyoung.php

They live. They're the weird, diverse rebels,
revolutionaries, and Aquarian visionaries.
Supernatural creatures as metaphor for
creative peoples. This article isn't by or about
an otherkin person, but it has been compared
to otherkin.

“Origins,” by the Silver Elves

eristic.net/fey/info/silverelvesorigins.php

A theory about where elves come from.

From therian community

(In Swedish.) We don't choose to be therians.

“Териантропия как тест нового разума в старой
тушке (Therianthrope as a test of new mind in
an old body),” by Койот Один (Coyote One).

2008-09 ▲

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-125

(In Russian.) I don't believe the spiritual
hypothesis of the origin of therians. I think
therians are a throwback to *Australopithecus*.
This may explain why therians usually identify
as smart mammals, such as wolves, but never
invertebrates nor primates. (Is this a
translation of an English article by Coyote Old
One?)

Purpose

Why are we otherkin here in this world? Some otherkin think that we appeared here for a reason, and that we have a mission or a purpose to fulfil. Or we might be here for no particular reason... or we might be here for the same reasons as any other kind of person... or our purpose might be something individual that each of us has to work out. Even if we don't know for sure whether we have a purpose, it's worthwhile to consider what sort of purpose it might be. Here are some of the possibilities that otherkin have considered.

General writings on purpose

Untitled selection, by Lupa. In *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 58-59

On being here for a reason

"Starseed missions," by Anna R. 2009-03-17

starseeds.info/about-starseeds/list-all-articles/10-starseeds-missions and starseeds.net/forum/topics/different-starseed-missions

Lists five categories of missions that starseeds may be on, healing and guiding.

To search for more otherkin

"Searching," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, 80-81

"A gathering of unicorns," by Roy Wilkinson. 1998

Are You A Unicorn?, pp. 36-39

The mission of unicorns is to gather together other unicorns.

To change, heal, or protect the world

People have polluted the environment, magic isn't what it once was, and the whole world is going through a major change. Some otherkin think that maybe an even bigger change is coming soon.

"Another toxic rant," by Kyrin the Toxic Elf. 1999-01-07

rialian.com/toxic/elvskyr3.htm (defunct)

Humans are caretakers of nature. Mother Nature put elves here to be caretakers of the supernatural.

"Moms," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 23-25

"Kahuna: Tribe of the Laiquendi," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 33-35

"A crystal is a million stars united," by the Silver Elves ✓

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 41-43

"Shared auric field," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 89

"Dance of love and life," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 268-269

"Midwifing the world," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 248

"Change is coming," by Jarandhel Dreamsinger

wanderingpaths.dreamhart.org/articles/change01.html

Many otherkin say that a magical change is coming. What dream will we make possible?

"Otherkin behavior patterns," by Tirl, Rannirl, & Mike Windtree. 2002-04

otherkin.net/articles/patterns.html

Some inexperienced otherkin say the end of the world is nigh. They don't know how silly they are.

"On apocalyptic destinies," by Lupa ✓

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/on-apocalyptic-destinies

The world isn't coming to an end, so don't let doomsayers stir you up

"Oh no! The world/universe/multiverse is coming to an end, unless I can stop it!" by Lupa ★
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 250-252

When people first become aware of magic or of being otherkin, it's common for them to go through a phase where they believe their actions are crucial in saving the world.

“The measurement of a heart,” by Sweetstuff. 2011-03-02

starseeds.net/forum/topics/the-measurement-of-a-heart

(From starseed community.) Those who talk about people who won’t “ascend” are in no position to criticize their fellow man

Purpose: To manifest in ourselves the beings and places that should be here

“Gryphons gone,” by TNHawke. 2004-04-02 ✓

deviantart.com/deviation/6272429

Poem saying that when myths are absent, fill in for them

“Where have they gone?” By Arhúaine

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/poetry//wheregone.html

(Poem) They have not hid themselves... If you look closely at me/You’ll see that I’m one too

“Faerie at first sight,” by the Silver Elves. 2009.

silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/09/25

The realm of Faerie is not exactly elsewhere. Faerie is Love...?

“In search of Elfin,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-02-25

silverelves.angelfire.com/insearchofelfin.html

Many search for physical passages to the realm of Faerie, but the way to it is within, and accessed by acts of s’elf transformation... and the world becomes a place of wonder.

“The art of dreaming,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 187-189

“Making it real,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-01-09

silverelves.angelfire.com/makingitreal.html

The way to Elfin is within. We live our lives as elves and thus are elves in the world.

“Realization,” by the Silver Elves

rialian.com/elvsilv7.htm and

eristic.net/fey/living/silverelvesrealization.php

It is not Elfland that creates the elves... It is we Elves who create Elfland

“Adapting the Magic,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-03-05

silverelves.angelfire.com/adapting.html

On the willingness to change

“Dance be free, let the world unite,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 127-129

“Flying Elven,” by the Silver Elves ✓

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 234-235

Includes excellent definition of the elves

“The groove is in the heart,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 244-245

“Here among the stars,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 265-266

“Verfa terada (inner sight),” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 253-255

Therians and totems

General

“Totemic therianthropy,” by Lupa. 2008-12-23

therioshamanism.com/2008/12/23

My therianthropy is directly related to and caused by totemism. As I got to know Wolf better, s/he began telling me more about myself-as-wolf.

“A totemic perspective on spiritual therianthropy,” by Lupa. 2008-11-13

therioshamanism.com/2007/11/13

The therian community is quick to say that therianthropy isn't totemism. Therian=internal, totem=external. However, maybe the difference isn't so clear-cut.

“It's okay not to be a therianthrope,” by

Bewylderbeast ▲

project-shift.org/introspection/notatherian.php

Discovered a totem, not a therian side.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-90

(In Russian.) Here's a way to tell: do you look at your animal side as a stereotyped symbol? Or facts about the real animal in nature?

Therians who also have totem animals

Writings that talk about having an animal totem, as *well as* being an otherkin person or a therianthrope. Explanations of how these personal experiences differ, and how they influence one another.

“Getting black wings: essay on Crow,” by Sonne Spiritwind. 2006-02

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/crow_essay.htm

This Crow is a totem, not a therian side, but discussed in relation to therianthropy

“Vladwolf's page,” by Vladwolf

caledoniamission.org/were/mywere.html

A collie therian with a Wolf totem.

Compare and contrast

When a person identifies as an animal, how does that differ from a person who has an animal totem or spirit guide? Could therianthropy be a sub-type of animal totemism?

“Are you a therian?” by Strill. 2008-07-26

project-shift.org/are-you-a-therian

Portuguese translation:

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2010/03/uivos-sagrados-irmaos-trago-agora-uma.html

Spanish translation: [project-](http://project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/areyouatherian.php)

[shift.org/es/therianthropy/areyouatherian.php](http://project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/areyouatherian.php)

Disambiguating animal-side from totem. What is meant by “connection” to animal side.

“Totem animals and Weresides: Which one do you have?” by Savage. Circa 2008

werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23710

“Differences between therianthropy and totems,” by Twitterpainted. Circa 2008

Therians in antiquity:
How long have therians really been around?

In my own research, I have never found evidence of any specific social group of philosophical therianthropes earlier than 1990, which seems to be the actual decade in which therianthrope philosophy first appeared, as far as I can tell. I would appreciate anyone's efforts to prove me wrong.

Some therians point out that real therians such as themselves have no relationship to the old legends of werewolves, which are either fictional, or refer to idiosyncratic or diseased people who were victimized in witch-hunts.

However, some other therians think that some of the old legends of werewolves may refer to spiritual therianthropes, just like themselves. By this reasoning, the legacy of therianthropy goes back to antiquity. There have always been therians. Modern therians who study these legends may rediscover some long-lost insights into their own nature.

I haven't seen otherkin search for or point to examples of possible otherkin in antiquity like this. (Other than examples of people who claimed supernatural ancestors, that is, but that's in the next section.)

"A short history of werewolves," by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/shist.htm

Cavemen admired and wanted to become animals. Agriculture came and animals were villainized. Science came and people stopped believing in werewolves. But now there's a subculture of werewolf people, like the cavemen

The Therian Timeline, by Wolf VanZandt

theriantimeline.com/the_timeline

Traces the obscure cultural heritage of werewolves back to antiquity

"Любопытная теория (An interesting theory)," by

wolf (wolf_diary). 2006-10-16

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-91 and

wereseyes.livejournal.com/2084.html

(In Russian.) Every legend is based on a grain of truth. Perhaps those legendary werewolves are our ancestors.

Untitled selections, by Rosalyn Greene, in *The Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 3-7, 38, 46, 77, 87-91, 123,-126, 128, 134-139, 226

Greene believes the werewolves of legend are the same as modern spiritual therianthropes. She uses information about werewolves and other shape-shifters from legends around the world to support many of her arguments about the nature of herself and her contemporaries.

Ancestry and physicality

Perhaps some otherkin have certain physical traits. Perhaps some otherkin are otherkin due to an inherited trait. Most of the preceding articles assert that otherkin and therians are physically human, the same as anybody else, and that otherkin make no claims otherwise. However, some otherkin believe/claim that they are otherkin because they had real physical ancestors who were non-human or who were otherwise supernatural. As such, some otherkin do believe that they aren't entirely physically human.

Physical traits

(Otherkin)

“Various theories and the like...,” by Wildelf. 2002-03-01

otherkin.livejournal.com/30114.html

Until joining this online community none of the otherkin I had met were soul-otherkin. All were body-otherkin. I have seen and met trolls, ogres, satyrs, sidhe, a dwarf, and several others. Otherkin do have a different energy...

“Physically human?” by Arhúaine. 2002-04 ▲

otherkin.net/articles/physicallyHuman.html

The Otherkin body ticks a little differently, even when there is no genetic trace. Harboring a non-human soul has some effect on the body. Otherkin who are kin-by-reincarnation seem to show odd traits. Perhaps the soul chooses to incarnate in a compatible body. I am an elf. I assume I'm physically human, and my ancestors probably were too.

“Physical explanations,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 66-72

“Mirror, mirror,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 241

(Therians)

“Physical characteristics of shifters,” by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 143-145

“Heightened senses,” by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 150-151

(Vampires)

“Genetic biochemical interaction theory,” by

Deacon Gray. 2006-06-21

sanguinarius.org/articles/DG_biochemical-theory.shtml

A biological explanation for vampirism

Physical issues

(Otherkin)

“The elven diet,” by Blue, of Winged Watchers

wingedwatchers.tripod.com/elf/elfdiet.html

An elf/dragon otherkin considers health issues, food sensitivities, and health-food diets. Find out whether strange sensations (including what you suspect to be phantom wing pains) might be symptoms of disease that you need to have treated.

(Vampires)

Vampire health & medical, by SphynxCatVP

sphynxcatvp.nocturna.org/suppt/health.html

Health issues that could possibly affect those with real vampirism or be entirely mistaken as vampiric conditions. Thyroid disease, insomnia, pica, iron deficiency, anemia, etc.

Supernatural ancestry

(Otherkin)

“Annotation for: ‘What are otherkin?’ Japanese royal lineage,” by Kinjou D. Ten. 2003-04

otherkin.net/articles/whatAnnotateJapan.html

Clarifying details on the royal family’s supernatural ancestors

“Elves and brownies * A letter to Keith Olberman,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-09-15

silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/09/15

We not only believe in elves, but we believe we are the genetic descendants of those peoples upon whom those legends are based. We were mythologized so much that the mass of people believe we never existed at all.

“Here and now,” by Rannirl Windtree. 2002-04

otherkin.net/articles/hereNow.html

▲ ✓ All otherkin are physically human... right? “Kin” means a blood relationship, and “otherkin” means being related to that which is different from human. If you’re a human with a past life as an elf, good for you. I am not. I am a human-elven crossbreed.

“Back to the beginning,” by ‘Lesia. 2005-11-07

adrastai.com/spirituality/1105_beginning.shtml

In the past, I’ve disliked my body. Now, instead of trying to make this body look otherwise, I need to accept it and let it be as it is naturally. I’m willing to have a mitochondrial DNA test to tell me whether this body is fully human... or not. There exist some who have been proven different by these means.

“Dubious genetic testing,” by Stephen Barrett, M. D. and Harriet Hall, M. D. 2003

quackwatch.org/01QuackeryRelatedTopics/Tests/genomics.html

Some genetic tests are scams. [Not about otherkin. I include this to protect anyone who is thinking about genetic testing. –ed.]

“Genealogy,” by ‘Lesia

adrastai.com/spirituality/1105_genealogy.shtml

Researching one’s family tree, considering Nicholas de Vere’s *The Dragon Legacy*

(Therians)

“Hereditary and natural shifters,” by Rosalyn Greene, in *Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 154-157

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 135

On hereditary shifters

“Genetic shifting essay,” by Mokele (Mokele-mbembe). Circa 1998

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/genshift.htm

(defunct) or

angelfire.com/sc/Greyhawk00/genshift.html

Criticism of therians who say they’re “hereditary” shape-shifters, and on physical shape-shifting

Otherkin and mental health

Caution, **content warnings** for this section: ableist language, concepts, and pejoratives; links to a few articles that describe abuse

Being otherkin isn't a mental illness

There is one shared conviction held by most of the otherkin and therian community, a major characteristic of what makes this community different from anything before, and is part of what makes it possible to be a community at all... it is this novel idea: *the belief that one is an elf or an animal is not inherently a delusion or pathological condition*. As far as I know, all writings on otherkin-like people in prior centuries assumed that such people were mentally ill. We seem to be the first to consider being non-human-identified as a healthy self-identification, albeit a rare and idiosyncratic one.

More than any topic, this issue—of otherkin as a mentally healthy people— would be vital for the otherkin community to explore and formally argue for (or against, as necessary), in order for our experience to be considered with respect. Many of the articles in this topic are helpful and help clear up some concerns. However, in my opinion, this topic has not yet been addressed to a satisfactory degree. Better research and writings would be extremely valuable.

(Otherkin and Faeborn)

“Am I crazy??” by Skyling. 2002-06-27 ✓
promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=63&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)
 Considers and rejects several possible mental disorders, and concludes that at worst, many fae-born people might earn the psychological label “idiosyncratic personality type,” which isn't a pathological disorder or mental illness, just a type

“Am I crazy?” by 3tails

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/am-i-crazy

If being otherkin is a delusion, it's a harmless one, and not a problem in most people. Nonetheless, watch out for warning signs such as depression and obsession

“Dragon soul,” by Rene

peregryn.diaryland.com/dragonsoul.html
 (defunct)

Spirituality and draconity aren't delusions. Considering the traits of a delusion, and how these do or do not apply to draconity.

“Questioning sameness,” by Gregory Vasilisa M. 2008-05-05

deviantart.com/deviation/84876234

Most supposed psychological disorders are simply personality quirks, so a person is only “normal” if they have no personality. People who reduce Otherkin to wrong thinking might be threatened by the notion because their beliefs are easily shaken

“Elven Realities,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-11-28

silverelves.angelfire.com/elvenrealities.html

Called out of touch with reality due to thinking differently. Creating a consensual reality. Our culture is just as valid as any other.

(Therians)

“You're all crazy, aren't you?” by SongBreeze

geocities.com/miskawolferavenclaw/Crazyarentyou.html (defunct)

In the past, people who were different or who believed different things were executed or labeled as mentally ill. All people have an animal side to our personalities; some of us choose to acknowledge this more openly than others. There are many therians, but many aren't open about it. I don't believe Wereism is a psychological disease, because it can be positively beneficial

“Aren’t people who think they are werewolves just insane? And probably dangerous?” by Yaiolani yaiolani.tripod.com/lycan1.htm
Beliefs in odd or “impossible” things aren’t necessarily insanity. Hallucinations compared with spiritual visions. Our inner animal has a healthy, beneficial influence on us. We’re not inclined to be evil or violent.

(Fictionkin)

“Are otakukin crazy?” By Saevitia S. otakukin.atspace.com/crazy.htm
It hasn’t been dubbed clinically significant. We don’t have delusions of what we can do. Our beliefs differ from delusions...
“Mental illness?” by (no author name listed?) (no date listed?) enchant.wondershock.net/?page_id=15
Being fiction-kin isn’t a delusion

Mental health professionals talk to otherkin and therians, and conclude that it’s an okay belief

“We are not sick and dangerous, for the record,” by an anonymous otherkin. 2011-10-27. kinspeak.tumblr.com/post/11980783299
An otherkin described being otherkin to mental health counselors, and they responded positively. They don’t see it as disassociation, schizophrenia, or anything harmful. It just exists, so the responsible thing to do is to deal with it existing as best possible.
“Appendix B: Interview with the Vampire Werewolf,” by Lupa. In *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 271-278
✓ ▲ A practicing therapist’s professional opinion on otherkin

What if being a therianthrope is a mental variation?

“A comprehensive introduction to a psychological view of therianthropy,” by Liesk project-shift.org/therianthropy/psychological.php
Hypothesizes that most therians are therians because they have an atypical neurobiology, although this claim has never been scientifically proven
“Psychology,” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 80-86
Some otherkin believe that they are otherkin due to a psychological or neurological variation
“Possible cause (for therianthropy as a mental condition),” by wolffriend. 2009-02-11 werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=24420
In my opinion, therianthropy is no different from any other psychological disorder. The “reptilian brain,” body dysmorphia, etc.
“Териантропия как тест нового разума в старой тушке (Therianthrope as a test of new mind in an old body),” by Койот Один (Coyote One). 2008-09 ▲ shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-125
(In Russian.) I don’t believe the spiritual hypothesis of the origin of therians. I think therians are a throwback to *Australopithecus*. This may explain why therians usually identify as smart mammals, such as wolves, but never invertebrates nor primates.
“‘Different’ isn’t ‘insane,’” by Akhila. 2005-09. akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/neurobiology.php
Perhaps many therians have atypical neurobiology. If that’s the case, remember that “atypical” means functioning in a different way, not malfunctioning or insane.
“Crazy?” by Sombra Studio. 2010-01-20 deviantart.com/deviation/24255467
I leave the spiritual explanation open, but for me, therianthropy is psychological.
“The skeptical otherkin #1: ‘Otherkin are delusional,’” by Feathertail. 2011-10-17 feathertail.dreamwidth.org/144840.html
An otherkin considers various aspects of how one can argue that otherkin are delusional.

Mental variations and challenges that resemble therianthropes

When we evaluate whether being a therianthrope could be a mental illness, we could compare it with some potentially similar mental illnesses. In what ways are we mentally healthy, where these people were not? Do these case studies sound like us? Or are we relieved to find that they differ from us? What can we do to guard against ending up like the people in these cautionary tales?

Clinical lycanthropy

Clinical lycanthropy is a syndrome, not a diagnosis, and does not consistently correlate with any specific diagnosis. For the current definition of clinical lycanthropy, see Keck's article below.

"A case of lycanthropy," by Harvey Rosenstock and Kenneth Vincent. 1977.
American Journal of Psychiatry 134:10 (October 1977) 1147-49; and
Charlotte Otten, ed., *A Lycanthropy Reader*, p. 31-33

(Academic source.) A woman who had delusions of being demonically possessed and turning into a werewolf. Due to her loss of self-control, she acted out in front of others in extreme and distressing ways. Diagnosed as schizophrenia.

"Lycanthropy revisited," by Frida Surawicz and Richard Banta. 1975
Canadian Psychiatric Association Journal 20:7 (November 1975) 537-42; and
Charlotte Otten, ed., *A Lycanthropy Reader*, p. 34-40
(Academic source.) Two cases of men who had psychotic delusions of becoming werewolves. One had abused drugs and also had delusions of demonic possession. Brain damage had handicapped the other.

"Lycanthropy lives on," by P. G. Coll, et al. 1985.

P. G. Coll, G. O'Sullivan, and P. J. Browne.

"Lycanthropy lives on." *British Journal of Psychology* 147:201 (1985) 201-202.

(Academic source.) A widow, 66, occasionally had episodes in which she acted like a dog, and thought she was one, and thought the Devil caused this condition. Diagnosed as psychotic depression.

"Lycanthropy: Alive and well in the twentieth century," by Paul E. Keck, et al. 1988. ★
Paul E. Keck, Harrison G. Pope, James I. Hudson, Susan L. McElroy, and Aaron R. Kulick.
"Lycanthropy: Alive and well in the twentieth century." *Psychological Medicine* 18 (1988) 113-120.

(Academic source.) An overview of 17 clinical lycanthropes from 1975 to 1988. In most of these cases, the patients felt or acted like animals for a few weeks at most. The exception: one man has identified as a cat for 13 years.

"Lycanthropy and self-identification," by Aaron R. Kulick, et al. 1990. ★
Aaron R. Kulick, Harrison G. Pope, Jr., and Paul E. Keck, Jr. "Lycanthropy and self-identification." *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 178:2 (1990) 134-137.

(Academic source.) A study of a patient who has identified himself as a tiger-like cat for over 15 years, during which treatment helped his depression go into remission, but never changed his belief that he is a cat with a deformed body. Other than that, he's considered normal: employed, educated, social, has had a few girlfriends, and generally high-functioning.

"Animal house: Lycanthropy, or the delusion of being an animal," by Robert Bobrow. 2006
Bobrow, *The Witch in the Waiting Room*, p. 53-62

(Popular source.) In 1990, a case of a man who believed he was a cat. In 1983, a woman who thought she was possessed by a Japanese fox-spirit (*kitsune*).

"*Lykanthropie/Zooanthropismus – Erörterung eines psychopathologischen Phänomens*

(Lycanthropy/therianthropy – discussion of a psychopathological phenomenon),” by P. Garlipp, et al. 2001

P. Garlipp, T. Godecke-Koch, H. Haltenhof, and D. E. Dietrich. “Lykanthropie/Zooanthropismus – Erörterung eines psychopathologischen Phänomens.” *Fortschr Neurol Psychiat* 69 (2001) 215-220.

(Academic source, in German.) Case 1: A woman, 34, known to have psychosis, who had episodes in which she acted like a frog, hopping and flicking out her tongue, and did not respond to speech. Case 2: A woman, 23, felt herself transform into a bee, which she thought happened because she’d been stung often as a child. Case 3: A pregnant woman, 37, after suffering domestic abuse, had an episode in which she acted like a wolf or dog, and said she was dead and hallucinated that the devil was present.

Resembling fiction-kin

“The jet-propelled couch,” by Robert Lindner. 1954

Part 1: harpers.org/archive/1954/12/0006789

Part 2: harpers.org/archive/1955/01/0006815

(Popular source.) After discovering a sci-fi hero sharing his name, the patient to believe that these novels were factual biographies of himself, and that he was simultaneously living in that sci-fi universe, to which he could project his mind at will. In his world, he became a hero; in our world, he became a success too, a physicist. *Caution, NSFW, may trigger*: includes description of how the patient was raped and sexually abused during his childhood.

Some otherkin do have
mental variations and challenges

Just like any other group of people, the otherkin communities include enough people that they have some diversity in this aspect. Authors who are

trying to argue about whether otherkin is itself a mental variation should take into account this diversity, rather than making a false generalization.

In general

“Wash, rinse, repeat,” by Lupa. In *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 259 ★

Otherkin with mental conditions do exist. If you have mental problems, it doesn’t necessarily mean that you’re not really an otherkin, but it does mean you may need help. The help will give you the tools you need to cope with being otherkin.

“It’s okay to ask for help,” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 260-262

It’s a good idea to talk to therapists, and otherkin support groups

“The psychological and physical effects of vampirism,” by Anajiel. 2003

darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/188

Some psychological problems found to be common among psychic vampires who responded to a survey, including depression and ADHD.

Depression

“When good times go bad,” by Anton Lupus Wulfen (ALW). Circa 2000

lupus.lycanthrope.org/Therian/GoodBad.html
(defunct)

Advice for therians who are going through a time when they’re struggling with depression, doubt (wondering whether one is a therian anymore), loneliness, and fear of having one’s therianthropy exposed. Some tips for recovering.

“Some information on depression, and some useful hotline numbers for various crises and problems,” by Sanguinarius. Updated 2010-05-07

sanguinarius.org/articles/depression.shtml

I suffer from depression. I put up this page so that those who suffer from it can be better able to identify it and seek treatment...

“My WereCard,” by Nightlyre

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/nightlyre.html (defunct)

Sent to psychiatrist for depression. I decided that if I was going to do without prescriptions, I'd better find out who I really was inside.

Autism

“Naming the dragon...” by Faleoh (Faith). 2007-01-15

faleoh.blogspot.com/2007/01/naming-dragon.html

A dragon otherkin who is autistic

“My WereCard,” by Hanhepi hi Wipeta

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/hanhepi.html

An autistic wolf therian describes having been placed in a mental hospital during childhood, and later finding solace in walking a dog in the woods

Untitled (swangirl), by Tsu. 2011-09-06

swanblood.tumblr.com/post/9889111295

I believe I'm autistic because I'm not human, a swan. There are many reasons for autism, this is only one. It doesn't make my autism or non-human nature less real.

Other writings on mental health

Among other things... how can we be sure that we're not mistaking mental health problems for real/valid spiritual experiences? (Or vice versa?)

“It's okay to have your head in the clouds as long as your feet are planted firmly on the ground,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 249-250

“On Delusion vs. mysticism,” by Rialian

rialian.com/mystic-delusion.htm

How to tell whether you're genuinely having a spiritual experience or just having a delusion.

On reality-checks.

“Drugging Jesus,” by the Eclective

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/23472.html

On the relationship of religion and delusion

“Masks,” by Rialian

rialian.com/masks.htm

On the strategy of developing a public face, and cautioning against some problems with that.

“Unhinged doors with strong thresholds,” by Rialian

rialian.com/unhinged-doors.htm

On people with a façade of health and stability, and yet a deep dysfunction

Responsible behavior and ethics

Otherkin have no common dogma, no set of agreed-upon rules for all to follow. Neither do therians. Still, we do learn from our mistakes, and share about our learning experiences. Here, therians and otherkin offer advice on how not to do things that you could regret later... or how not to do things that could embarrass the rest of us.

Being an otherkin or therian person doesn't inherently make someone act evil, violent, cruel, crude, or misbehaving. Therians and otherkin have the ability to maintain self-control, just like anybody else. If you personally do have a serious problem with losing control of yourself, then that's a reason to seek help.

Handling emotions, behaving responsibly

"Excuses for the high school therian," by Swiftpaw, Synnabar, and CriticalCat ★
otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/excuses.html (defunct)

Advising that you shouldn't "act out" just because you're a wild animal

"Anger and the animal person," by Merf. 2006 ✓
akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/anger.php

Your inner animal didn't make you lash out in anger: you chose to act that way yourself

"My WereCard," by Whyte Wolf K.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/whytewolfk.html (defunct)

My animal side taught me a lot about anger, but it also taught me a lot about trust. I have a true friend, but I lost more to outbursts.

"Tips for being a civil (though not necessarily civilized) animal," by Lupa. 2007-03-14 ✓
house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.88

A key to self-control: don't think of your animal side as a separate entity. Understand that

you're the animal at all times, not just when you're angry

"Surviving human emotions," by Trey A. 2011-03-19
starseeds.net/profiles/blogs/surviving-human-emotions

Advice for incarnate extraterrestrials. Use your emotions productively. Learn to react positively.

"Soy un otherkin ¿Y ahora que hago? V 1.0 (I'm an otherkin. What now?)" by Jamiroth. 2009-05-26
otherkindespertar.blogspot.com/2009/05/soy-un-otherkin-y-ahora-que-hago-v-10.html

✓ (In Spanish.) How do you conduct your life after you realize that you're otherkin? Don't neglect your education just because you don't think a dragon would go to school. Consider careers that would be satisfying to your otherkin side. Don't think you're superior.

"Declaracion para los Otherkins (Statement for otherkin)," by Jamiroth. 2010-08-21
otherkindespertar.blogspot.com/2010/08/declaracion-para-los-otherkins.html

(In Spanish.) Advises that you shouldn't use your otherkin identity for escapism

Good and evil

"Balance," by Aria Lusina
tirnanoc.org/words5.htm (defunct)
 On light and dark. I call myself dark fae, and this does not mean evil or scary. Conversely, some people who seem light and sweet can be cruel.

"Balance: The light and the dark," by Barakus Leviathan
barakusdraconcat.tripod.com/id17.htm
 If one's therian side tempts one to act in dangerous ways, it's good to have religion (in this case, Wicca) remind one of karma. Balancing dark and light: the darkness gives a

sense of self-defense, and the light gives a sense of protection.

Dichotomy, by Orion Scribner. 2006-08-27

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060827.html

(Comic) The species of an otherkin doesn't indicate being good or evil

"My WereCard," by WolfFang. 1998

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolffang.html (defunct)

Dream shifted as big cat at first due to misconception that wolves are evil.

Codes of ethics

The lack of agreed-upon rules in the otherkin and therian communities means that some of us do attempt to come up with rules for us. The lack of agreed-upon rules means that we are free to adopt, ignore, or otherwise do as they wish with any rules that somebody else came up with. This section also includes articles on development of personal codes of conduct, honor, ethics, self-improvement, etc.

For otherkin

"On being otherkin," by Leth ✓

unicorngrove.subject-expert.com/t3-rules-on-being-otherkin-courtesy-of-leth

Always try to act with common courtesy when boasting the Otherkin name

"Code of the dragons," by Dragon's Eye Athauliz Firestorm

dragon-eye.angelfire.com/DragonsCode.html

A lengthy code of honor

For therians

"*Nossas Chamas* (Our Flames)," by Therian Círculo. 2010-03-07 ✓

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2010/03/nossas-chamas.html

(In Portuguese.) Three guidelines for wise therians. Original Portuguese.

For vampires

The real vampire community has put a lot of emphasis on discussing and developing codes of ethics. They have particular cause for concern. Certain criminals and horror movies give the public reason to associate vampires with violence. Real vampires want to make sure that both newcomers nor outsiders know that real vampires behave ethically and are not violent.

"Responsibility," by ShadowMind

house-eclipse.org/vampirism/responsibility.shtml

Advice for vampires on responsible conduct.

"Rules of thumb," by Sarah D. 2002-10-13

sanguinarius.org/articles/SD_rules_of_thumb.shtml

Common-sense ethics and safety advice for vampires

"The vampiric ethos," by various authors

atlantavampirealliance.com/educational/ethical_guidelines.html

Based on Sylvere's 'Ethical Principles for the Vampire Community,' but has contributions, additions and rewrites from Michelle Belanger, Merticus, Zero, Maloryn, & RedRaven.

"The ethics of psi-vampirism," by Michelle

Belanger, of House Kheperu
sanguinarius.org/articles/MB_psi-vampirism_ethics.shtml

Some of the common attitudes of psychic vampirism, ethical and unethical

"The Black Veil,' v. 1.0 plus information," by Father Sebastiaan van Houten 1999

sanguinarius.org/articles/black_veil_1.shtml

"The Black Veil" is a voluntary code of conduct and ethics for vampires

"The Black Veil,' v. 2.0 plus information (The thirteen rules of the community)," revised by Michelle Belanger

sanguinarius.org/articles/black_veil_2.shtml

“‘The Black Veil,’ v. 3 plus information and history,”
revised by Michelle Belanger

sanguinarius.org/articles/black_veil_3.shtml

“‘The Black Veil,’ v. 4 plus commentary (Strigoi Vii
edition),” by various authors. 2007

sanguinarius.org/articles/black_veil_4.shtml

This is the only edition of the Veil endorsed by
the original author

“Appendix III. The Black Veil: Vampire ethics,” by
Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 265-267

“But I play one on TV,” by Michelle Belanger. 2004-
01-17

house-eclipse.org/vampirism/twamp.shtml

A reality TV celebrity vampire called the “Black
Veil” a sacred document. The author of the
“Black Veil” begs to differ!

Other notes on responsible behavior

“Finding our way home,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-
10-16

silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/10/16

There are certain beliefs that don’t accord with
Elfin. If one follows those practices, one will in
time stray farther from Faerie.

“Read before you proceed...” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 11

“So what difference does it make, anyhow?” By

Baxil the Dragon. 1998-08-02 ✓

ecis.com/~ddragon/so-what.txt (defunct)

I am a better person for my draconity

“The dragons’ creed,” by Dragon’s Eye Athauliz
Firestorm

dragon-eye.angelfire.com/DragonsCreed.html

A prayerful personal anthem, saying to live
honorably so as to be reborn as a dragon

“Magic without Maddness,” by the Silver Elves.
2009-07-28

silverelves.angelfire.com/magic.html

Advising that one must anticipate and take
responsibility for the ethics and consequences
of any magical act

“Eternal flame,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 256-258

On being *genuinely* gentle, kind, and loving

Criticism of otherkin and therians

Criticism of belief in otherkin and therians *themselves*

You don't need to believe in us. We're real people, so we'll still be here. It's not like we'll disappear if somebody disagrees with us or has different beliefs than we do. You won't have to clap your hands and chant that you believe in us, either.

One thing everyone in the otherkin community has to get used to quickly is getting along with people who believe in completely different things, because otherkin themselves rarely have many beliefs in common with one another. The agreement is, "I'll figure out my own beliefs for myself, and you'll figure out yours for yourself." For this reason, otherkin don't need to convert people to believing in otherkin. (That's also the situation in the therianthrope community.)

Personally, I'd be satisfied to just be treated with common courtesy and tolerated as just one more person who has unusual views. Whether somebody agrees with me doesn't matter as much as how they act toward me.

However, it does matter to some people whether outsiders believe in otherkin. Some people try to argue for some reasons why outsiders should believe in otherkin, or consider the possibility that otherkin might be right about themselves. Some people argue that otherkin are metaphysically impossible, and nobody should take otherkin seriously, not even otherkin themselves.

"Otherkin troll bingo!" by Tsu. 2011-11-12. ★
swanblood.tumblr.com/post/12707164419

A list of the phrases that people most commonly use to discredit otherkin, followed by a list of short responses from an otherkin correcting misconceptions in all of those.

"On oddity, by Mokele. Circa 2003

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/odd.htm

(defunct)

On logic. Holding one odd belief doesn't require you to believe in another unrelated odd belief. A therian (who identifies as a real animal) is free to disbelieve in otherkin (who identify as mythological beings).

"A theological approach to otherkin," by Carrie.

2010-12-15 scarletflowers-uponthewingsofgrace.blogspot.com/2010_12_01_archive.html

Criticism. Nobody should believe in otherkin.

Otherkin can't exist because it's physically and spiritually impossible for them to be other than human.

"Re: Therian_Otherkin as false?" by SombraStudio.

2010-02-24

deviantart.com/deviation/155319908

What would you have to disprove in order to disprove therianthropy?

"What if therian/otherkin were proven wrong?" by

SombraStudio. 2011-02-06

somboramalamutt.wordpress.com/2011/02/06/what-if-therianotherkin-were-proven-wrong

Revised version of the above essay.

"Otherkinism – A fairly decent skeptic attempt at discussing the phenomenon," by

TwilightBegins. 2010-12-19

paganspace.net/profiles/blogs/otherkinism-a-fairly-decent

Criticism of many beliefs of otherkin.

"Thoughts on 'Thoughts about otherkin,'" by Paleo.

2009-10-14

otherkin.livejournal.com/525448.html

In a series of video-essays, woodsofodin had explained why she didn't believe in otherkin.

This is a philosophical response by a therian, justifying belief by the same argument.

"Otherkin essay (Otherkin identity)," by

Technologic-Skies. 2009-05-28

deviantart.com/deviation/208130747 (lost)

String theory as a justification for otherkin

Criticism of specific beliefs that many otherkin have

It's impractical to try to demolish the entirety of otherkin philosophy in one go, because otherkin don't *have* an entire agreed-upon philosophy. It's more practical to criticize individual types of beliefs or claims that some otherkin tend to hold. Some otherkin support their self-explanation by means of paranormal claims. These claims can (must?) be addressed with critical thinking, or even—if the claims deal with concrete matters—proven or disproven. People who make any kind of paranormal claim can benefit by studying the counter-arguments for that claim, in order to gain perspective, to learn additional nuances that supporters of a claim usually don't mention, and to get a reality-check just for safety's sake.

Criticism of the idea that otherkin can identify as unearthly or mythical non-humans

For more information on this topic, see the “General notes on otherkin types” section later in this book.

“Older folklore,” by Tinne. 1998-07-07

otherkin.net/articles/folklore.html

French translation:

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/folklore.html

A non-otherkin Pagan looks critically at the problems with otherkin who identify as fae.

“Mythological shapeshifters (Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: mythological annex),” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/mythic.htm

Maybe dragon therians mis-perceive an animal side as a chimerical creature.

Criticism of the idea that therianthropes can identify as animals

For more information on this topic, see the “General notes on animal types” section later in this book.

“The parable of the were-duck,” by Aura Escher.

2011-08-24

savampyrenews.wordpress.com/2011/08/24/the-parable-of-the-were-duck

Criticizes therians for claiming to be animals, because therians are not animals in any accurate way. Therians fool themselves into mistaking something else for an animal side.

Criticism of the idea that otherkin can identify as fictional characters or draw inspiration from fiction

For more information on this topic, see the “Fictionality” section later in this book.

“Tolkien. Is. Not. A. Reference.” by Seavixen. 2004-01-01

otherkin.net/articles/tolkienNotReference.html

(defunct, [archive](#))

“Fiction,” by GestaltZe. 2010-03-22

deviantart.com/deviation/158159392

Criticism of fiction-kin. Debunking several claims common among fiction-kin.

Criticism of the idea that otherkin have spiritual awakening experiences

For more information on this topic, see the “Advice on Awakening” section later in this book.

“Bipolar disorder or Awakening?” by Jen (Ghost).

sanguinarius.org/articles-2/bipolar-disorder-or-awakening.shtml

May have been a manic episode instead.

Criticism of the idea that being otherkin is not a mental illness

[For this section, *caution, content warning*: ableist language, ableist perspectives.]

For more information on this topic, see “Otherkin and mental health” section earlier in this book.

“The skeptical otherkin #1: ‘Otherkin are delusional,’” by Feathertail. 2011-10-17
feathertail.dreamwidth.org/144840.html

An otherkin considers various aspects of how one can argue that otherkin are delusional.

“Transspecies diagnosis,” by Rua. 2011-09-27 🎵
iamsidhe.blogspot.com/2011/09/transspecies-diagnosis.html (lost)

Argues that if we could get transspecies recognized as a mental “disorder,” it could be a step toward getting otherkin accepted in mainstream society.

Criticism of the idea that otherkin should openly identify as otherkin if they so please

For more information on this topic, see the “relations with outsiders” section later in this book.

“The skeptical otherkin #2: Relatively speaking,” by Feathertail. 2011-10-22
feathertail.dreamwidth.org/145595.html

Should otherkin be silenced so the concept won’t spread? Examining a slippery slope fallacy.

Criticism of the idea that otherkin could be reincarnations of non-humans

For more information on this topic, see the “Reincarnation” section later in this book.

“Cryptoamnesia and past life memories,” by Michelle Belanger. 2001-03-23.

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/other/Cryptoamnesia.html

Could you have misinterpreted a “hidden memory” as a past-life memory?

“Past life memories?” by SombraStudio. 2011-02-05

somboramalamutt.wordpress.com/2011/02/05/past-life-memories

A therian argues: You didn’t have a past life as an imaginary creature. That’s impossible, because those creatures don’t exist.

“That claim won’t fly...,” by Mokele. Circa 2003
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/dragon.htm (defunct)

Otherkin claim past lives as physical, winged dragons, but that’s impossible: couldn’t fly, couldn’t have evolved on earth

Criticism of the metaphysical idea that otherkin could be non-human in spirit or soul

Untitled (*Otherkin Octopus*), by the Magnetons and the Scorpii.

fyeahmultiplemanta.tumblr.com/post/7434894626

(“Meme” image.) Pointing out a flaw that typically appears in criticisms of this kind.

Caution: strong language.

Criticism of the idea that otherkin could be or become physically non-human

For more information on this topic, see the “Ancestors and physicality” section earlier in this book.

“Genetic shifting essay,” by Mokele (Mokele-mbembe). Circa 1998
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/genshift.htm (defunct) or

angelfire.com/sc/Greyhawk00/genshift.html

Criticism of therians who say they’re “hereditary” and/or physical shape-shifters

Criticism of the idea that otherkin could play a part in a global change

Some—not all—otherkin believe that during their lifetimes, the world will go through a big change, in which magic returns, otherkin gain their true forms, and/or the world ends.

For more information on this topic, see the “Participating in changing or healing the world” section earlier in this book.

“Otherkin behavior patterns,” by Tirl, Rannirl, & Mike Windtree. 2002-04

otherkin.net/articles/patterns.html

It’s a silly view held by inexperienced otherkin

“On apocalyptic destinies,” by Lupa ✓

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/on-apocalyptic-destinies

The world isn’t coming to an end, so don’t let doomsayers stir you up

“What’s the harm in fearing the apocalypse?” by Tim Farley

whatstheharm.net/apocalypsefear.html

[Not about otherkin.] For thousands of years, people have been predicting the end of the world. Every single one of them has been wrong. Here’s a list of modern people who were harmed by believing in an apocalypse.

Criticism that accuses otherkin of cultural appropriation

“The skeptical otherkin #3: How inappropriate,” by Feathertail. 2011-11-21

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/150443.html

How do we determine whether the use of an idea is cultural appropriation?

“The skeptical otherkin #3b: When it really is inappropriate,” by Feathertail. 2011-11-27

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/151326.html

>>> An addition to the above.

Criticism that accuses alterhumans of wrongfully comparing themselves with transgender people

For more information on this topic, see the “otherkin compared with transgender” section later in this book.

Liesk. “On justification and identity in the therian community.”

<http://web.archive.org/web/20070401050626/>

<http://liesk.feralscribes.org/essay9.php>

“Looking at the need to justify oneself within the therian community in comparison to the transgender community, and some bad habits.”

“Tumblr social justice community,” by an anonymous cartoonist, with commentary by Inkscars.

inkscars.tumblr.com/post/12161293559

(Comic) Is it or isn’t it offensive to compare otherkin to people who are transgender? Why?

PART II.

ARE YOU OTHERKIN?

For new otherkin

Advice for newcomers who aren't sure whether they're otherkin or not

Plenty of newcomers feel perfectly clear on the fact that they are otherkin, or that they aren't otherkin. However, plenty of newcomers do feel uncertain about it. The definition of otherkin speaks to them in some ways, but not in others; they're not sure that they're interpreting it correctly, because it's something that they never really thought about before.

See also a similar section later in this directory called "Newcomers who misunderstand," regarding common misconceptions of people who think that they might be otherkin.

"Am I otherkin?" by Gazer. 2002-04

otherkin.net/articles/amI.html

Please conduct your own self-exploration

"How to be sure: Are you otherkin?" by Kahoku

kahoku.otherkinphenomena.org/article_howtobesure.html

German:

kahoku.otherkinphenomena.org/article_howtobesure_de.html

Nobody can tell you whether you are kin or what type of kin. You have to find that out for yourself. It may take weeks, months, even years, so be patient.

"What am I? And other things," by Seraphyna

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/what-am-i-and-other-things

We can't tell you what you are, and there's no quiz you can take that will tell you. Your friends can't tell you. Only you can figure out what you are. If you eventually do determine that you are otherkin, what do you do next?

"Elvin suits," by the Silver Elves. 2009-03-21

silverelves.angelfire.com/elvinsuits.html

Often our kindred come to us for advice and guidance in finding their true s'elves, but we

have neither dogma nor doctrine. The most precise we can be is to say "Think for yours'elf" "Identifying as otherkin," by various editors. 2009-02-14

otherkincommunity.org/wiki/Identifying_As_Otherkin

"Just because someone says you're otherkin does not make it so," by Lupa in *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 243-245

✓ Be wary of pitfalls such as leading questions, and the pros and cons of validation by past-life memories that other people claim to share

"Magic candles," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 90

We have no strict definition as to who is or what precisely constitutes an elf. For those who come to us and ask, "Am I an Elf?" We can only respond, "Are you?"

"Crossing over," by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 228-229

On people who aren't certain if they're elves, and on people who are certain. Offers this advice to uncertain elves: "You can be whoever you wish to be. That is the elfin magic. If you want to be an elf, be an elf. Be a pixie, a faerie, a gnome, a dwarf, whatever. In Faerie it is not the blood that makes the elf, it is elves that make the blood."

Advice for newcomers who aren't sure whether they're therians or not

"Am I a therian?" By Ozenwolf. 2003-06-18

werechild.org/newbie.html (defunct)

How to recognize whether you aren't; if you are, how to begin

"Therian or not?" by Renegade. Circa 2008

werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23709

Ask yourself why you think you might be a therian. Are they the wrong reasons?

“How to tell if you are a ‘real werewolf,’” by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc002.htm

“Wereism is not instant ramen: the truth of being a shifter,” by Sabersinger

reocities.com/sabersinger/instantramen.html

There are no fast and quick methods to become a therian. You need to learn, slowly. Have you ever examined your own motives?

Checklists and quizzes

Don't use checklists to figure out whether you're otherkin! Checklists and quizzes aren't an adequate way to figure out who or what you really are. They involve no deep thought or action. Nonetheless, checklists abound. Some people take checklists too seriously when they've first heard about otherkin. At best, a checklist might help you consider a subject for research that you hadn't thought of before, giving you more questions and a new heading for exploration.

Otherkin checklists

“Avoiding checklists,” by Arethinn. 2004-08

eristic.net/fey/living/nochecklists.php

★ Argues that checklists are no substitute for introspection.

“You could be elven if...” by Tiernan and Robin

otherwonders.com/orc/humor/ycbei.html

(defunct)

A humorous tongue-in-cheek list of elven characteristics. It's a checklist, and therefore not to be taken seriously.

“You might be otherkin if...” edited by Arethinn ✓

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/humour/youMightBeIf-full.html

Czech translation:

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/aspecting.html

French, unfinished:

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/youMightBeIf.html

A humorous tongue-in-cheek list of otherkin characteristics; an expansion of the above list

“You might be a dragon...” by Tserisa

velvetdragon.com/draconic/youmight.html

Another humorous tongue-in-cheek list of draconic characteristics

Therian checklists

“How do I know if I'm a Werecreature?” by Khaibit. 2000

geocities.com/khai_pardus/khais_tutorial.html

(defunct)

Similar to the above, a list of common traits of therians.

“Are you a Werebeast?” by ShadowsMyst

angelfire.com/sc/ShadowsMyst/were3.html

A list of common traits of therians, followed by an interactive checklist for identifying the species of one's animal side

Starseed checklists

“Am I a starseed?” by Shunyata. 2009-03-17

starseeds.info/about-starseeds/list-all-articles/11-am-i-a-starseed

A list of some common traits of incarnate extraterrestrials.

“The starseed quiz,” by Mark R. Circa 1996

home.earthlink.net/~pleiadesx/starquiz.htm

(defunct)

Some common traits of incarnate extraterrestrials.

Advice on Awakening

“Awakening,” in the sense of a “spiritual awakening,” here means an event in which a person realized that he or she was an otherkin. In some cases, Awakening happens suddenly, all at once in a life-changing experience. In other cases, Awakening is gradual, taking many years of slow

recognition and thoughtful questioning. Awakening usually refers to an even that happens once in a lifetime, but technically an awakening can happen more than once, taking the form of a series of epiphanies that happen at different times.

Advice on Awakening (Otherkin)

“What, exactly, is ‘Awakening’?” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 31-34

“The Awakening page,” by Eyovah

rialian.com/eyovah1/awaken.html

Questions and reiki symbols to meditate upon to help awaken the otherkin within.

“So... you’re awake?” by Miaren Crow’s Daughter.

2000-04

otherkin.net/articles/wakeup.html

French translation:

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/wakeup.html

Answering basic questions about awakening, compiled from Miaren’s live workshops

“For newcomers: Awakening essay,” by Tocotar

Ætlanatra (Dandelion AE). 2002-05

otherkin.net/articles/newcomers.html

On awakening, written in response to an introductory post

“Awakening, in the tradition of 3lvz,” by Wyndenai

rialian.com/3lvz.htm

“I’ve heard the stories on Awakening,” by Adnarel

[main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-](http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/ive-heard-the-stories-on-awakening/)

[otherkin/ive-heard-the-stories-on-awakening/](http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/ive-heard-the-stories-on-awakening/)

Argues that Awakening usually doesn’t happen in a dramatic or sudden fashion, despite how many people claim to have had experiences like that

“Am I a dragon?” by DrakeLightBearer

dragonswings.org/Essay/aiad.shtml

Advice for people who have recently realized that they are dragons, or who are wondering whether they might be. Written from a Christian perspective.

“Articles on Awakening,” by Abritha and Estara

Korai

greenworld.spiritualitea.net/awakenings.html

“Our ancient sisters,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 249-250

Advice on Awakening (Therian)

“The Thwack: Noticing it for the first time,” by Quil

2005-08-08

absurdism.org/therianthropy/thwack.html

French translation:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/cloaque.php

Awakening is a recognition of something you’ve been all along, not dependent upon when you discover the subculture of therianthropy

Advice on Awakening (Vampire)

“The four stages of dealing with one’s vampirism,”

by Crimson^Angel

sanguinarius.org/articles/CA_stages.shtml

Many Awakening vampires go through this process: collecting data, analyzing one’s mental state, denial, and acceptance

“Bipolar disorder or Awakening?” by Jen (Ghost)

sanguinarius.org/articles-2/bipolar-disorder-or-awakening.shtml

Consider that your Awakening may be a manic episode, not a spiritual experience

“Awakening,” by Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 11, 55-56

“Other Awakened,” by Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 57-58

Advice on Awakening (Starseed)

“Kundalini signs and symptoms,” by Trey A. 2011-

03-19

starseeds.net/profiles/blogs/kundalini-signs-and-symptoms

If a person’s *kundalini* (a metaphysical energy) is unexpectedly unleashed, they may call it a spiritual awakening, or they may mistake it for a physical or mental illness

Finding one's true species

Some otherkin know exactly what kind of creature they are when they first Awaken, or even (in a way) before then. In other cases, an otherkin person has only general idea of what kind of creature they may be, and it takes months or years to narrow it down, perhaps trying out a few possibilities. Some otherkin can only tell that they're other-than-human, and have difficulty narrowing it down any further than that.

Finding your species (Otherkin)

"Identifying your otherkin species: Ten tips for the terminally tantalised," by Sprite Rêvenchatte. 2004 ✓

otherkin.net/articles/identifying.html

Czech translation:

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/universe.html

Several kinds of research and introspection to try out: rule out Earthly associations and totems... repeated occurrences of images in your life or ideas in your thinking suggest a strong connection... read and research... think about how it feels...

"Labels," by Turktien

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/labels

The quest to find a label for oneself (identifying one's species) seems to be a common obsession among the newly awakened and younger kin

Finding your species (Therian)

Only you can know your Wereside, by Io-ether. 2004-02-19

deviantart.com/deviation/5368859

(Visual art: poster.) Are you unsure of your Were-side? Feeling insecure about your spirit?

Well guess what... We can't help you! Only you can know your Wereside

"Finding your theriotype," by Anuolf and Renegade. Circa 2008

werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23707

or

sites.google.com/site/wolfieden/therianthropy

Try meditation. Consider dreams. Do research.

Therianthropy, by Utsana. 2008-03-24

deviantart.com/deviation/80957807

(Visual art: sketch) Finding my theriotype has proven a difficult task...

Forget that, by Arcane Apothecary. 2005-06-27

deviantart.com/deviation/19958395

(Visual art: cartoon) Trying out an animal side instead of waiting forever

"Soulsearch (and keep walking)," by Akhila

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/soulsearch.php

How to find your inner animal... but don't quit there

"Finding your inner animal," by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 179-181

Finding a name

Therians and otherkin often choose a name for use as an online alias or a pseudonym. For some, that's all there is to it. For some others, the name has deeper personal significance, acquired in a meaningful way.

Methods for finding a name

"Finding your spirit name," by WolfNote. Circa 1996

members.aol.com/anamanfan/wn/name.htm

(defunct)

A guided visualization meditation

"Werenames," by Shifters.org (?)

shifters.org/newbies/introduction.shtml (lost)

"Choosing a WereName," by CrystalWolf

shifters.org/newbies/crystalwolf1.shtml

(defunct)

Some suggestions on how to come up with a nickname. How the author chose names for some fictional characters.

“Want an elf name?” by the Silver Elves
silverelves.angelfire.com/HAelfname.html
 We would be happy to give you one...

Names that transcend vocal sound

“Finding an otherkin name (Elven names),” by Tal Leonan
rialian.com/elvsname.htm

“True names,” by Arethinn. 2003-06
eristic.net/fey/living/truenames.php
 I first heard of this concept in fiction (*ElfQuest*). My observations on how it worked when I tried it in real life. On the other hand, would a “true name” take the form of vocal sounds, and not, say, a collection of colors and music?

“The Ecstatic Name: Why words don’t have to matter,” by Quil. 2005-10-29
absurdism.org/therianthropy/ecstatic.html
 A cat doesn’t have a name in words

Personal experiences with names

“My names,” by Arethinn. 2004-10
eristic.net/fey/living/names.php
 Some of my names, what they mean, and how I found them

“Thoughts about my Werename,” by Ketrino. 2008
ketrino.angelfire.com/wnessay.html
 When you create a name that truly defines you, it’s hard to part with it.

Other thoughts on names

“The list,” by Yaiolani. Circa 1998
yaiolani.tripod.com/list.htm
 A list of names that have been used by folks in the therian community in the early 1990s. Use this as inspiration for one’s own name, or to

make sure that one doesn’t choose a name that’s already been taken

Names, by Orion Scribner. 2008-06-03
therithere.comicgen.com/d/20080603.html
 (Comic) On being able to tell people apart from one another

Awakening stories by otherkin

“My awakening,” by Arhúaine
stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/awakening.html (defunct)
 An elf’s Awakening story

“Arhúaine,” by Arhúaine. Circa 1999
absinthia.com/otherkin/awakening/Arhúaine.html (defunct)
 An elf’s Awakening story

“Jarin Dreamsinger,” by Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin). Circa 1999
absinthia.com/otherkin/awakening/jarin.html (defunct)
 An elf’s Awakening story

“Awakening,” by Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin). 2005-01-13
dreamhart.org/2009/02/awakening
 A rewritten version of the above essay.

“Badb,” by Badb. Circa 1999
absinthia.com/otherkin/awakening/badb.html (defunct)
 Awakening of a beansidhe (banshee)

“Remembering: When Waking up hurts (a story of reAwakening),” by Tirani
rialian.com/tirani.htm

“How I awoke (short version)” by Arethinn
eristic.net/fey/living/howiawoke.php

“On my awakening,” by Adnarel
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/personal-accounts/on-my-awakening-adnarel
 After a long exploration of other possibilities, concluding angel

“Awakening angelic,” by Qarael
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/personal-accounts/awakening-angelic
 A sudden Awakening after baptism

“For dragons,” by KaniS. Revised 2005

draconic.com/fordragons/

Finally answering the question, “Why do I want so much to be a dragon?”

“Who am I?” by Baxil the Dragon

tomorrowlands.org/draconity/history.html

In a time of need, reassured by a deity

“A dragon’s Awakening,” by Eyovah

rialian.com/dragon-awakening.htm

A magical experiment revealed his draconity.

“Jafira’s draconity/Awakenings,” by Jafira Dragon.

2008

jafiradragon.com/Draconity2.htm

Reflecting on his phase as an enthusiastic dragon mage

“Tathaenhi Tanaath Ari’taan,” by Tathaenhi

Tanaath Ari’taan

absinthia.com/otherkin/awakening/tathaenhi.html (defunct)

A dragon’s Awakening story

“Awakening (Dragon),” by Jarandhel Dreamsinger

(Jarin). 2006-12-22

dreamhart.org/2009/02/awakening-dragon

Remembering a past life as a dragon on Krenar, years after discussing the possibility of such a past life with a Krenar dragon, Eyovah

“Lance,” by Lance. Circa 1999

absinthia.com/otherkin/awakening/lance.html

(defunct)

A dragon’s Awakening story

“Mermaid me,” by Pelagic Soul (Misty)

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/personal-accounts/mermaid-me

That person inside me longed only for the ocean

“My otherkin experience,” by Valindë Wilwaren.

1998

reocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1015/here/mystory.html

Beginning to remember the Brinn, who are otherworldly feline nomads

“Willow,” by Willow. Circa 1999

absinthia.com/otherkin/awakening/willow.html

(defunct)

A polymorph shifter’s Awakening story

“Primer post e introduccion al Otherkin (First post and introduction to otherkin),” by Jamiroth.

2006-11-22

otherkindespertar.blogspot.com/2006/11/testeando.html

(In Spanish.) Jamiroth’s personal experiences as a dragon otherkin.

Awakening stories by therians

“White wolf of the wind,” by Billie Raven Bear.

2006-08

lynxspirit.com/whitewolf.html

Concerned by stories of werewolves, initially wanted a cure, but found answers in Paganism

“Mudge from birth to death,” by Mudge Wolf. Circa

1999

angelfire.com/md/mudgewolf/bio.html

Feeling that one should have been born wolf, and was born human. Tried to correct the problem with magic, self hypnosis, meditation, drugs... none of it had any effect.

“Finding my therianthropy,” by Earth Listener.

2008-06

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/73908.html

A lifetime of canine-like behaviors and werewolf dreams. Later, learned of therians.

“Finding the community,” by Earth Listener. 2009-01

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/73289.html

Experienced mental shifts into wolf before finding the community.

“Soulskins,” by Kusani. 2007

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/soulskins.php

Considering one species after another, eventually concluding lioness-woman

“Gwyn,” by Gwyn. 2007-12-24

lynxspirit.com/entropy.html

After much wondering, eventually finding out about clouded leopard

Advice on further self-exploration after Awakening

“Continuation of spiritual growth: Beyond awakening,” by ShadowMind. 2006-02-28
house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.7

Advice for new vampyres

“Perceptions of form,” by Mokele. Circa 2003

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/Perceptions+of+Form.htm (defunct)

What is significant is not the animal appearance/personality traits themselves, but that we seek them out so diligently. They're an insight into the person's desire to be closer to their animal side

“Untitled,” by ArrowWolf. 1998

geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/1643/essay.html (defunct)

Why do we try to explain the unexplained?

What happens when we reach deeper, beyond the human mind, into the mystery of the soul?

Self-exploration should continue after Awakening

“The soul searching and self doubt of awakening,” by Siafanar. 2007-11-02

kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=39&Itemid=31

For most people, Awakening is a gradual and ongoing process. It doesn't have a defined beginning, nor a certain end. As we grow and learn, this can sometimes lead to a whole new Awakening, as another stage of our journey.

“The shifting spiritual nature of vampirism,” by Allin. 2008

darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/95

We're three-dimensional people. We change and re-awaken again and again.

“Vampirism: Beyond Awakening,” by ShadowMind. 2004

darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/56

On the importance of progressing after awakening. Many vampires never go beyond what they find at the point of awakening.

Progress by looking within

“Trusting our instincts and intuitions,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-09-10

silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/09/10

The answer to nearly every question you have about Elfin/Faerie is almost always to be found in what you feel. Look within.

Progress by action

“Know thyself, know thy animal: Why personal animalness can't be ignored,” by Quil. 2006
absurdism.org/therianthropy/knowthyself.html

French translation:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/connaistoi.php

Soul-searching happens by acting, running around in the fresh air, not by sitting around meditating

Progress by research

“The need for research,” by Quil. 2004-05-11

absurdism.org/therianthropy/research.html

In French:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/recherche.php

On the necessity for animal people to research the nature of their animal side

“Research, research, research,” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 236-239

On research as a part of exploration after Awakening

“The shadow of myth,” by Tirl. 2001-04

otherkin.net/articles/myth.html

French translation:

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/myth.html

How well do you understand the myths upon which you base yourself?

“Myth versus reality,” by Mokele. Circa 2003
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/myths.htm
 (defunct)

Problems with basing one’s spirituality on myth: myths are either mostly or entirely false. Look to the real things that the myths are based on

Progress by questioning and scientific method

“From the heart out,” by Tiernan. 2002-04
otherkin.net/articles/heartOut.html
 The importance of asking challenging questions, not taking easy answers

“Why? Pushing the boundaries of belief,” by Grimm (The Grimm Judge). 2002-11-05
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/why-pushing-the-boundaries-of-belief
 or

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=80&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

In this instant-gratification world, the answer is usually a quick “I don’t know, I just do.” Take the time to explore further. “Why” isn’t an attack, it’s a tool.

“The scientific approach (Emotional attachments and soul-searching),” by Miniar
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/the-scientific-approach

How to apply the steps of the scientific method to Awakening and self-exploration

“Scientific therianthropy,” by Faileas. Circa 2008
werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23704
 Apply the scientific method to soul-searching

“Spirituality and data sets,” by Mokele. Circa 2002
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/data.htm
 (defunct)

How to apply the steps of the scientific method to spiritual growth

General advice for inexperienced otherkin and therians regarding several of the above topics

“Guide for new folks,” by Razza Wolf. 2002-06-10
razza.were.net/guides/newfolks.html (defunct)

Advice for new therians about some common problems, how to interact with the online therian community, and interpretations for some therian jargon

“Discovery,” by Spirit Euipoi of Mountain Tooth Pack
therianguide.mountaintooth.net/?page=Discovery

Am I a therian? Finding your animal, spirit name, totem, and guide

“Coping with Wereism, AKA: Awakening for Dummies,” by Sterling.
sterlingtwilight.net/bootcamp/CopingWW.html
 (defunct)

Take your time to sort out what being a therian is to you before you first declare it.

“Vampire and otherkin identity models,” by Meirya. 2011-05-15
thehornedgate.wordpress.com/2011/05/15/vampire-and-otherkin-identity-models

Phases of Awakening, acceptance, synthesis

“Rise and shine,” by DrakeLightBearer
dragonswings.org/Essay/ras.shtml
 A Christian dragon’s analysis of the process of reincarnation and Awakening. Types of memory: media and informational. Stages of Awakening: Detachment, Development, Inkling, Recognition, Recovery.

“Find your own truth,” by Tirl. 2001-09-05
otherkin.net/articles/squat.html
 You don’t know squat; I don’t know squat. Be humble and learn.

“Exploring spiritual lycanthropy,” by Razza Wolf. Circa 2001
razza.were.net/articles/exploring.html
 Some of the common experiences of therians: Awakening, mental shifts, the mystery of how the inner animal got there in the first place

Growing up and changing throughout life

Writings about one's personal journeys as an otherkin or therian, changing and growing up, and gradually reinterpreting one's identity as an otherkin or therian, in relation to stages in one's life.

General writings on growing and changing

By otherkin

We all need to let go, by Cyaneus. 2008-11-14 🎵

deviantart.com/deviation/103598314

Remember to allow yourself to change

Eventide evolution, by R Eventide. 2008-02-08

deviantart.com/deviation/76791920

(Visual art) "A series of pictures documenting not only the evolution of her [Eventide the dragon's] design but also my own evolution as an artist. ... she is me, in all the ways that count. I had forgotten the connection, and I needed it back. I also needed to acknowledge God's gifts to me..."

"Quelonzia and me," by Quelonzia Stormdancer.

1997 🎵

stormdancer.net/quelonzia/quelnme.html

(defunct)

A dragon, growing up and falling in love.

"Veränderungen (Changes)," by Merisida. 2010-01-12

mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/veranderungen.html

(In German.) How I've changed since I Awakened as a mermaid

Morphing of a Hawke 2, by TNHawke. 2003-10-14

deviantart.com/deviation/3429763

(Pencil) Self-portrait as a gryphon-like creature, with explanation

Hawke 2010 Preliminary 2, by TNHawke. 2010-04-10

deviantart.com/deviation/160229670

(Pencil) Self-portrait of a gryphon-like dragon.

"I consider myself Otherkin. Some part of my inner being is not quite fully human. I believe that inner part changes and shifts as we grow and mature."

Morphing of a Hawke Hawkeburd, by TNHawke.

2010-09-08 🎵

deviantart.com/deviation/178601974

(Pencil) Self-portrait of a gryphon-like dragon, with explanation about how this has changed over time

"Ever children," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 263-264

By therians

"A unique perspective: Being a disabled animal person," by Walks-Between-Worlds. 2007-10-15

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lynxspirit.com/walksie.html

Childhood memories of freedom in the wild. At 35, detached from an uncooperative body. This doesn't detract from manifesting Lynx.

"Growth and reevaluation," by Meirya. 2006-06

dreamofhorn.com/nest/feathers7.html

A bird grows up, reinvented every few years

"Canines on my spiritual path: Or I was a toddler weredog," by Kym ni Dhoireann. 1999, 2004

cyberpict.net/hounds/pgnhnd.htm

Past lives recalled during childhood. Pets as familiars.

"Page Rancourt: Therianthropy," by Dusty Rancourt

io.com/~adastra/rancourt/wolf.htm (defunct)

Awakening, growing up, and integration.

Balancing and checking the wolf side.

WereCard by Cat X. Steppenwolf

Tiger.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/catx.html

Constant mental shift. In childhood, had a friend who had a tame wolf. Felt becoming a wolf, but didn't think of werewolves. Then read

Hermann Hesse's *Steppenwolf*, and knew. This was many years before AHHW existed. Later, had a cat, and felt becoming a wolf and cat, then just a tiger. Had cameo shifts into other animals. Found a loving family in AHHW.

WereCard by Clover-Paw

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/cloverpaw.html

Always a loner. Realizing that would be a poor example of a wolf, since wolves run in packs. Came to understand they're a wild cat.

WereCard by Mokele (Mokele-Mbembe). Circa 1998

geocities.com/RainForest/Andes/9563/card2.txt (defunct)

A dragon, at the time. Has an amendment from 1999, telling of some updates in Mokele's therianthropy.

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 157-150

By vampires

"Of trains and tunnels and what's at the end," by

Lady CG. 2009 sanguinarius.org/articles-2/CG-trains-n-tunnels.shtml

✓ When she first realized she was a vampire, she thought she would have a short, dangerous life. However, through trial and error, she came up with solutions for her problems. At 45, she's respected and has a full, happy life, with a family and career.

"Vampiric aging: Or, 'Where goeth thou, beauteous stranger?'" by Lady CG.

sanguinarius.org/articles/CG_vampiric_aging.shtml

At 40, this vampire resembles how she looked at 17. Her physical problems fixed themselves.

Otherkin during childhood

"Follow the wee folk," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 240-242

On parenting young children who are also otherkin

"Elf children," by the Silver Elves

jps.net/elve/elfchildren.html (defunct)

"Questions," by Swiftpaw. Circa 1999

absinthia.com/otherkin/writings/questions.html (defunct)

(Poem) Mommy, did you hide my wings?/Can I have them back?

"Upbringing, imprintation, and self-development,"

by Sonne Spiritwind. 2007-12-19

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/upbringing.html

On how childhood has influenced one's behavior and therianthropy

"Elves at play," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 165-167

"Indigo otherkin," by Ketrino. 2007-06-13

ketrino.angelfire.com/indikin.html

On the "Indigo child" generation, and on otherkin who are also Indigos

Therians as teenagers

"School and the Animal Person," by Ketrino. 2006-08-08

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay34.html

School is tough for the young and newly Awakened therianthrope

Otherkin and therians as adults

"Change," by Sabersinger. 2006-08-01 ✓ 🎵

lynxspirit.com/saber.html

I have changed. Not physically into wolf. But physically too – I have grown older. Wolf has grown with me. My perceptions of wolf have grown.

"College and the Lone Wolf," by Ketrino. 2008-07-05

ketrino.angelfire.com/college.html

A sequel to "School and the animal person"

"Wolf at the Big University," by Ketrino. 2010-08-05

ketrino.angelfire.com/uni.html

Perhaps the final installment of this ‘series’
 (“School and the animal person” and “College
 and the lone wolf”) how finally reaching a place
 of true knowledge can show me that we beasts
 do lurk silently among humans

“About Winged Wolf,” by Winged Wolf. Updated
 2005

wingedwolfpsion.com/bio.html

Otherkin contemplating

mortality and immortality

Therians and otherkin are as mortal as any human.

“Elvaleryn,” by the Silver Elves

rialian.com/elvsilv3.htm

On immortality, aging, and mortality

“Live Paradise now,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 45

“An eternal transformation,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 162-163

Becoming otherkin

Can a person who isn't an otherkin decide to *become* an otherkin? Are we born, or made? Nature, or nurture? If a person says they successfully became an otherkin by choice, how do they differ from people who say they were always otherkin? What were their motivations for becoming otherkin?

I hope to include articles here that explore both sides of this issue, because it could help us clarify a definition of otherkin.

Born or made?

Therians

"For a non-essentialist understanding of animality," by Akhila. 2011-04
akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/animality.php ★
 Argues that it's a mistake to say that we're *born* therians, because everybody constructs their identity to some extent.

Criticism of becoming

Vampires

"An open letter to any who would wish to become a vampire," by Sanguinarius
sanguinarius.org/articles/openletter.shtml
 It's difficult to be a vampire. If you could become a vampire, you'd eventually realize that it's not as much fun as you had hoped, but you'd be stuck with it. Don't ruin your life, and don't spend your life wishing that you're something you're not.

Instructions for becoming

Therians

"Becoming a therian," by Sonne Spiritwind
project-shift.org/community/becoming_a_therian.php
 or
werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=24570
 Spanish: project-shift.org/es/community/becoming_a_therian.php
 "How to become a shifter," by Rosalyn Greene
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 169-224
 Extensive instructions
 "Invocation," by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 223-228
 "How to become a werewolf (How to install your wereside)," by Polar
lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955753182
 (defunct)
 Tongue-in-cheek humor, with in-jokes. Imagine that your mind is a computer... install the wolf operating system on a second partition on your hard drive
 "Run of the soul," by She Demon Wolf
myweb.ecomplanet.com/LUNE2889/mycustompage0008.htm (defunct)
 A magical ritual for re-creating or even creating a connection to one's animal side

Otherkin no longer

Are we otherkin for our whole lives, as an inherent part of who we are? Or is it a condition that we may grow out of or cure?

“Is it possible to stop being otherkin?” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 245-249

For some, it was just a phase
and they grew out of it naturally

In some cases, someone thinks of themselves as an otherkin or a therian for months or years. At a certain point, they realize that something feels wrong.

Maybe they decide that they used to be an otherkin, but they're not an otherkin anymore. It was an important phase in their self-exploration, as part of growing up and learning who they were, but they outgrew it, they changed, and they know it's time to move on to the next thing. For some, they realize that they were never really an otherkin or a therian, and they were just deceiving themselves all along, trying to be somebody who they weren't.

It's important to be honest to one's self about who one is. When one feels like it's time to move on, that probably is the wisest action.

This does happen sometimes, and I've heard of it from quite a few people, some of whom were close friends of mine. Usually they decided not to stay with the otherkin community after they decided they weren't otherkin anymore. I think it's for this reason that there's a lack of articles available on this topic, and that's unfortunate, because I think it's important that we talk openly about this.

Otherkin

“Confessions of a former otherkin,” by BellaDonna
Saberhagen. 2011-11-13
witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=uspa&c=words&id=14693

Inexperienced Neo-Pagans initially go through a phase of deluding themselves and one another into believing excessively far-fetched things. Personal experiences. Be cautious about spirituality, and accept being human.

“Hearing the call,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 86-87
On people who join the Elfin for only a little while and then leave

“Not not believing,” by Baxil the Dragon
tomorrowlands.org/nov2000.html#11052000
Everyone's gotta find their own path... who am I to say I'm more right... or to judge?

“What if you were wrong?” by Arethinn. 2003-06
eristic.net/fey/living/wrong.php

▲ What if it turned out that you weren't an otherkin after all, that it was just escapism? I'd grieve, but I'd accept it. How do you conclude that this isn't the case? Because it's not much of an escape. I know it's for me because I keep coming back.

Therians

“It's okay not to be a therianthrope,” by
Bewylderbeast ▲
project-shift.org/introspection/notatherian.php
Description of a personal experience. Author considered themselves a therian for several years after having heard about it online. Struggled to find animal side. Discovered a totem instead, not part of the self. Concluded not therian, and felt relieved and liberated.

Intentionally curing otherkin of being otherkin

In some cases, could it be possible that the being otherkin is an undesirable or unhealthy condition? Under those circumstances, could it be right or useful to change that person's identity so that they were no longer an otherkin, or a therian, or a vampire? Would that change be possible? How, by

what process? Or would curing an otherkin be some combination of impossible and unethical?

be “cured”

Therians

“‘Curing’ a shifter,” by Rosalyn Greene
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 221-224
Can you *intentionally* stop being a therian?

Vampires

“Vampyr [sic] symbiont entities (Induced blood vampirism),” by WingedWolf and Shadowwalker.
1997, 2006
vampires.wingedwolfpsion.com/Vamp2.html or
2004 version:
sphynxcatvp.nocturna.org/articles/sw-symbiotes.html

In this explanation for some types of vampirism, the need to feed on lifeforce or blood is caused by an incorporeal symbiont.

“Vampyr symbiont entity removal,” by WingedWolf and Shadowwalker
vampires.wingedwolfpsion.com/removal.html or
sphynxcatvp.nocturna.org/articles/sw-removal.html

If one removes the incorporeal symbiont, vampiric behaviors diminish or cease.

“Symbiont FAQ,” by WingedWolf. 2006-03-27
vampires.wingedwolfpsion.com/symbiontfaq.html

More information on the vampirism-inducing symbiont and its removal.

“Energy flows and tentacle monsters,” by Trollkvina.
2005
sanguinarius.org/articles/energy_flows.shtml or
sphynxcatvp.nocturna.org/articles/trollkvinna-energyflow.html

A criticism of WingedWolf’s method for curing psychic vampirism as metaphysically risky.

“White wolf of the wind,” by Billie Raven Bear.
2006-08

lynxspirit.com/whitewolf.html

Concerned by stories of werewolves, initially wanted a cure, but found answers in Paganism

“Mudge from birth to death,” by Mudge Wolf. Circa 1999

angelfire.com/md/mudgewolf/bio.html

Felt they should’ve been born wolf. Tried to correct it with magic, self hypnosis, meditation, drugs... none of it had any effect.

It’s not something that can or should

PART III.

COMMUNITY.

The communities of otherkin and therians

Debating whether they're even communities

Otherkin and therians are sufficiently independent that we disagree even on this matter. Do we comprise communities, subcultures, movements, or nothing of the kind? In any case, enough of us come together to argue about it with one another.

Is it a community? (otherkin)

“The death of the otherkin community,” by Tirl.

2001-09-19

otherkin.net/articles/death.html

Could it ever be, or have been, a “community,” when we have so little in common?

Is it a community? (therians)

“The ‘Were community’: Are we deceiving ourselves?” by Sabersinger

reocities.com/sabersger/werecom.html

Are we a community, or just a mish-mash of fragmented groups?

“Norms within the werecommunity,” by Akhila.

2004-12

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/norms.php

Is it a “community”? What attitudes and activities are common within it?

“*Therian Comunidade e Sub-Cultura* (Therian community and subculture),” by Therian

Círculo. 2009-11-12.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2009/11/therian-comunidade-e-sub-cultura.html

✓ (In Portuguese.) Reasoning why it should be called a subculture.

“Почему териантропия - субкультура (комментарии к статье Алдема) (Why therianthropy is a subculture [Comments on Aldema's article]),”

by Lia-Ram. 2008-06-01

(In Russian)

wereseyes.livejournal.com/7212.html

Community history

Tracing development of ideas. Events and gathers. Some contemporary commentaries that are now very dated.

Community history (otherkin)

“Otherkin,” by Vashti. 2005

<https://secure.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/wiki/User:Vashti/Otherkin>

✓ An unfinished rough draft, but what’s there is fascinating. History of otherkin back to the 1960s. Also compares psychological disorders

“A brief history of the modern otherkin community,”

by Lupa. *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 49-52 ✓

History of otherkin back to the 1960s

“Flash from the past,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998. *Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 192-193

On the letters of the Elf Queen’s Daughters

“The Gainesville Letters,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 9

On the beginning of the Silver Elves and their letters

“The Moon’s rainbow ring,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 70-72

“Elven Gypsies, Gypsy Elves,” by the Silver Elves.

Circa 1999

jps.net/elve/elvengypsy.html (defunct)

Regarding the Rainbow Festival in the 1980s

“Age of the rebirth of Fairie,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 76-78

“Keep hope alive,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 219

“our peoples are slowly awakening”

Community history (dragons)

“Alt.fan.dragons Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQ),” maintained by ExistingPhantom.

Updated 2000-03-20

dmbh.org/dragonfire/IndexFAQ.html and text-only version: dmbh.org/dragonfire/files/FAQ.txt

Everything you need to know about the Usenet newsgroup alt.fan.dragons (outdated)

Community history (vampires)

“From the beginning to October, 1998,” by Sanguinarius. 1998-10-21

sanguinarius.org/articles/history.shtml

Sanguinarius’s involvement in the vampire community during the Nineties

“Appendix II: A timeline of the vampire community,” by Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 259-263

Traces back to 1748, but some of this timeline is about vampires in fiction as well as in real life

Community history (FAEborn)

“What is FAE?” by FAE admin. Circa 2002-01

promethianweb.com/fae/what.html (defunct)

About the FAE organization, and definition of Fae people

“What is FAE?” by FAE admin. Circa 2002-04

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=4 (defunct)

Second version of the above

“FAE Public Announcement #1,” by FAE Board of Directors. 2003-06-16

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=93&mode=flat&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

▲ How FAE became a non-profit organization, and a definition of FAEborn people

Community history (therians)

- “Foundation’s Edge: The History of the Online Were-Community,” by Jakkal. 1999 ✓
were.net/foundation.shtml (defunct)
 History of the therian community centered on the alt.horror.werewolves newsgroup from 1992 to 1999.
- “History of therianthropy and the therian community,” by Wolf VanZandt. Circa 2005
theriantimeline.com/therianthropy/history_of_therianthropy_and_the_therian_community
 Spanish translation: otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t137-el-origen#846
 A brief history of events in the online therian community from 1992 to 2004.
- “People who think they are werewolves or shapeshifters,” by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/think.htm
 On the spiritual therianthropy subculture on the Internet in the 1990s
- “How did the shifter movement start?” by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/start.htm
 It started on the Internet in the 1990s
- “Unofficial AHWW archive,” by Polar and Lobocursor Lyceus, 1998-08
furnation.com/lobo/forest/uh-ahww.htm (defunct)
 History of alt.horror.werewolves, and a Latin American vision of AHWW
- “The Were community: The other side of the coin,” by Lone Wolf. 1999
wolfden.critter.net/interest/community.htm
 Contemporary criticism of AHWW
- “AHWW and other small islands,” by Razza Wolf. 1999-12-08
wolfden.critter.net/interest/razwolf4.htm
 Contemporary criticism of AHWW
- “AHWW: Bent on its own destruction,” by Razza Wolf. Revised 2000-06-29
razza.were.net/articles/ahww.html (defunct)
 Contemporary criticism of AHWW
- “Териантропы в инете в настоящее время (Therianthrope in the Internet now),” by Lonest Wolf. 2007-01-18
therianthropyru.livejournal.com/16218.html

▲ (In Russian.) A description of how the Russian therian community has developed. Three years ago, such a notion as therianthropy didn’t exist on the Russian-speaking parts of the Internet. Unlike the English-speaking therian community, the Russian therian community hasn’t merged with the draconic and furry communities.

- “Advice for newbies,” by Yaiolani
yaiolani.tripod.com/advice.htm
 Contemporary advice on how to behave in AHWW
- “Our history,” by Windrunner
yaiolani.tripod.com/art13.htm
 Excerpt from the alt.horror.werewolves FAQ
- “Where the wild things are: The therianthropic community online,” by Mokele. Circa 2002
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/online.htm
 On the newsgroup, IRC, and mailing lists (outdated)
- “Odds and ends,” by Yaiolani. Circa 2000
yaiolani.tripod.com/odds.htm
 Apparently a late Dr. Stephen K. founded a “Vampire Research Center” as well as a “Werewolf Research Center,” both in New York.
- “Welcome to the #forest...” by Mudge Wolf
northernnet.com/sleipnir/IRCforest.htm (defunct)
 About an IRC channel for therians, called #forest

Community demographics (mostly of the therian community)

- The AHWW Poll '97*, by Utlah. 1997-10
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Community/a_poll1.html
 ✓ Contemporary community demographics of therians, based on poll of AHWW participants
- “Что такое оборотень на самом деле. Эмпирическое обоснование. (What is a werewolf actually. Empirical support.)” by wolf (wolf-diary). 2006-09-04 shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-17

(In Russian.) “According to statistics, every fifteenth thousandth person is born a therianthrope... and more than half of therians don’t survive to 24 years.” [Editor’s note: *this article doesn’t say where these statistics came from, or who they were conducted by, or anything. They can’t be factual. I include to keep track of what could become a potentially harmful urban legend, before people start quoting it as if it was a fact. Anyone know where those numbers supposedly came from?*]

“The demographics of shapeshifting,” by Rosalyn Greene, in *Magic of Shapeshifting*, p. 139-140
A rough estimate based on therians the author has known or heard about indirectly

“Appendix D: Raw data,” by Lupa, in *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 285-288

✓ The statistics of the 131 responses to the survey that Lupa sent out, which includes otherkin as well as therians.

Community gatherings

(of miscellaneous communities)

“Appendix A: Otherkin gathers small and large,” by Lupa. *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 269-270

“The rainbow gathering,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 65-66
On a contemporary event, which attracted some elves

“Otherkin or Otherwikkin? A highlight of the 2007 St. Louis Pagan Picnic,” by Tavthe
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/otherkin-or-otherwikkin-a-highlight-of-the-2007-st-louis-pagan-picnic
A disappointed review of an otherkin workshop at that event

Community gatherings (otherkin)

“Coming together,” by the Silver Elves

About a gathering of elves (doesn’t say when or where)

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 164-165

“The Faerie Rade,” by the Silver Elves

A type of impromptu magical gathering of elves
eristic.net/fey/living/silverelvesrade.php

“The first gather,” by Quelonzia. 1996

A poem about the first alt.fan.dragons gather.
stormdancer.net/poetry/firstgather.html
(defunct)

“Elf friends,” by Rialian

I like social gatherings and I like seeing people, but I do not base my impressions of friendship upon these things. I base friendship on the person and myself.

rialian.com/elf-friends.htm

Community gatherings of therians (Howls)

“Howl etiquette and planning: Advice for hosting or attending Howls and gatherings,” by Coyote.

Circa 2008 ★

When you arrange for an event in which a group of therians to meet in person, take these points into account so that the event goes well.

werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23698

Pride Rock, by LazyLynx. 2007-10-28

Photo of Russian therianthropy party
deviantart.com/deviation/68495544

Traits of the communities (which they have in common)

“The otherkin community/subculture,” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 34-36

“So where do otherkin stand today?” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 54-56

“The otherkin problem,” by Eradea. 2002-04
Some flaws noted about the community’s contemporary fads. It’s not about discovery anymore... there’s a gap between the old regulars and the newcomers...

otherkin.net/articles/problem.html

“Dressed for success,” by the Silver Elves

“We are not uniform people, we are costume people.”

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 184-185

“Following the silver flame,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 12-14

“Modern elfin,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Still our elven people grow...

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 125

“We love you,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 151-152

“Ever flowering,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 206-207

“Our frasority,” by the Silver Elves

That is, fraternity/sorority

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 236-237

The communities have no
widely-recognized leaders

“Herding cats: A model of distributed leadership,”

by Otherkin.net. 2001-04 ★

Effective traits of informal “elders” in the otherkin community, since the community has no actual, formal, agreed-upon leaders

otherkin.net/articles/catHerding.html

“Together we are one,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Elves are seldom organized, we are anarchists by nature and most often antiauthoritarian by instinct. What appears to be organization is the delight we take in both helping and meddling with each other.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 115-117

“United by our differences,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

There are no positions of authority among the elven. They lead who know the way.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 133-134

“Mystical race of children,” by the Silver Elves

On the lack of authorities

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 238-239

“Stardoms of elfin,” by the Silver Elves

On those who would call themselves authorities
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 288-290

Finding the communities,
and how to participate in them

Finding the therian community

“LazyWolf’s guide to newbieness,” by LazyWolf

An introduction to how to interact in the therian community

shifters.org/newbies/lazywolf1.shtml (defunct)

“Community guide,” by Anton Lupus Wulfen (ALW). Circa 2000

lupus.lycanthrope.org/Therian/Guide.html (defunct)

“Карта сообществ и сайтов, посвященных териантропии в интернет (Map of [Russian-language] communities and websites dedicated to therianthropes,” by Persinval. 2006-12-14

(In Russian.) A chart summarizing each place, its main topics of discussion, whether one must register to access the materials, and who owns it.

wereseyes.livejournal.com/3118.html

Some types of conversation
one hears in the communities

In the otherkin community

“A remark on conversation trends on lists and boards,” by Arethinn. 2006-01

New common discussion topics.

eristic.net/fey/trends.php

In the therian community

“A fictional conversation,” by Yaiolani

Stylized representation of the type of debate one sees in the communities. Three personality types (Doubter, Believer, and Middle) debate

about whether physical shifting is possible, whether there's any such thing as mental shifts or spiritual therianthropy, and whether a person can have an animal soul (or whether souls exist at all)

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc003.htm

"Famous people who might be werewolves?

(Famous people: Werewolves?)" by Yaiolani

Sometimes therians gossip and speculate that some celebrities might be spiritual therianthropes. Just keep in mind that it's merely speculation, and usually tongue-in-cheek humor as well. On the other hand, some ancient royalty were said to be werewolves.

yaiolani.tripod.com/famous.htm

Some types of people
one meets in the communities

Types in the otherkin community

"Otherkin behavior patterns," by Tirl, Rannirl, & Mike Windtree. 2002-04

List of silly attitudes that are often expressed by inexperienced otherkin: "UberElf," "The End of the World is Nigh," "Differentiation by repudiation," etc.

otherkin.net/articles/patterns.html

Types in the therian community

"My take on animal folk..." by Walks-Between-Worlds. 2006

Some observations on some of the kinds of people who one meets in the community

lynxspirit.com/walksie.html

"Were-spotting guide," by iisaw

Brief satirical descriptions of some of the types of people one meets in the community, from confused newcomers and "trolls" to weary old-timers and experts.

coyoteoldone.com/node/28

Types in the vampire community

"Vampire community age misconception (How old R U?)," by LA Judge ▲

We're not all teens. The community includes people of all ages. Teens who enter the community find that older participants aren't impressed by their misbehavior. Older people who enter the community find that they're not the oldest ones there.

darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/90

Proposing solutions for
the community's problems

For the otherkin community

"Thoughts on otherkin/culture/awakening," by Rialian

Some thoughts on what the otherkin community should be like.

rialian.com/on-otherkin.htm

"Organizational Des'tai," by Jarandhel Dreamsinger



If you're planning to create a project to help the community, you should first pause to consider these questions...

wanderingpaths.dreamhart.org/articles/organizations01.html

"The great otherkin divide," by The Crisses. 2007-06

There's a divide between those of us who have been around for a long time and those otherkin who are newer to the community. Maybe we could solve it by mentorship

otherkin.livejournal.com/165659.html

"Mentorship," by The Crisses. 2008-01-05

Further information on how mentorship should work

kinhost.org/wiki/Mentors/HomePage

"Ancient of days," by the Silver Elves

On experienced elves mentoring less experienced elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, 55-57

For the therian community

“What you can do for shifters,” by Yaiolani ▲

A list of some things that it would be nice if somebody would do for the therian community. Find and review books on werewolves. Take responsibility for answering newcomers’ questions. Develop better relationships with outsiders...

lycanthrope.org/~humbird/whatdo.htm

(defunct)

“Identity in animal spirituality: Growth and declaration in an online community,” by Lion Templin. 2004-02

A relatively detailed proposal for a mentorship system for animal spiritualists (therians).

forum3.aimoo.com/Foundthings/Lycan-Woods/Lion-Templin-1-292287.html

For the otherkin and therian communities

“People are only visible when they’re encouraged to speak,” by an anonymous author. 2011-11-12. The otherkin and therian community mostly limits itself to conversation in English. As a result, we hear less or not at all from people in non-English-speaking parts of the world.

kinspeak.tumblr.com/post/12715485574

Leaving the larger community

Some otherkin and therians look into the larger communities for a while, and decide that it’s not for them, for good reasons. For some people, this means that they continue thinking of themselves as otherkin, solitary, not needing to discuss philosophy in a community, or perhaps discussing it with small groups of like-minded friends, rather than in a huge community or on the Internet.

Leaving the otherkin community

“Dynamics of the masque,” by Rialian. 2003-09-11

★ Why are so many of the more stable ‘kin withdrawing from the community? Have you helped create the kind of environment that you complain about?

rialian.com/lj-essays.htm

Untitled selection

Perhaps you shouldn’t waste your time on the online therian community

Lupa, *Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 240

Leaving the therian community

“My retreat from the Werecommunity,” by Ketrino. 1998-01-09

They’re all beating a dead horse. I want some fresh air ketrino.angelfire.com/retreat.html

“What’s wrong with (the current) online lycanthropy?” by Kaurpin. 1999-10-30

It has a dead end, so turn off your computer and do something else.

lycanthrope.org/~kaurpin/whatswrong.shtml

“Werecommunity; cages and illusions,” by Akhila. 2004-11 and 2005-06

One therian’s reasons for withdrawing from the therian community

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/community.php

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Says the online therian subculture is unsafe, and encourages therians to search for like-minded people in the online furry subculture instead

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 225-226

“Ten metal tags,” by Swiftpaw. 2006-08-16 ★

The world outside my door seems so much more real. I have no need of the online therian community because I have the entire world ahead of and around me.

lynxspirit.com/swiftpaw.html

Leaving the vampire community

“Flirting with denial,” by Michelle Belanger

The vampire community became risky, so Belanger cut off connections to it, until...

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 244-245

Smaller communities of otherkin: loners, friends, packs, houses

Size is relative. Here, I use “small community” or “small group” to mean anything from a couple to several dozen people... anything smaller than the macrocosm of all the hundreds of therians and otherkin connected by any kind of social networks! As such, some of these “smaller communities” are rather large.

Most are informal, just a few friends who meet together. Some of the “packs” have a relatively formal hierarchy structure, and some don’t. In some cases, a group of otherkin or therians arranges to live in a household together. Some small communities are close-knit and consider themselves like a family of sorts. Small groups make this closeness more possible.

General observations and advice regarding small communities

“Family,” by Merf. 2006

Observes that community, like family, is loving and supportive when truly needed

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/family.php

“On the other end of the wire...” by Razza Wolf.

Circa 1999

On meeting fellow therians in person. How it differs from meeting online

razza.were.net/articles/wire.html (defunct)

“Network, network, network,” by Lupa

On seeking to learn from the otherkin community, support groups

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 239-240

Advice for those who are alone, but want to find a few kindred spirits

“The solitary path,” by the Silver Elves ★

On elves who don’t have the company of other elves, perhaps by choice... and some advice for

elves who are alone but who want to find other elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 174-177

“Alone in your area?” by Sanguinari

Advice for vampires who have no local vampire community

sanguinari.org/articles/Sangi_alone.shtml

“I need a pack,” by SummonerWolf. 2008-08-18

Yearning for a group of friends who are fellow therians, who understand.

deviantart.com/deviation/95315685

“Packless,” by JunkyardMutt. 2007-06-15

A poem about a lonely wolf therian

deviantart.com/deviation/57693218

“Acquired taste,” by the Silver Elves. 2010-01-05

On elves who seek the company of other elves, or that of those who are not.

silverelves.angelfire.com/acquired.html

Advice and observations regarding small communities of elven otherkin

“Keeping the dream,” by the Silver Elves

Gratitude for connection with other elves as source of hope, encouragement, and beautification

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 105

“Night of the seventh moon,” by the Silver Elves

A circle of friends, family, kindred spirits. Not leaders or followers, but equals

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 106-107

“Eldritch powers,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 84-85

“Coming home,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 139-141

“Pheromones,” by the Silver Elves

Small groups of elves attracting more elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 170-172

“Faerie moans,” by the Silver Elves

Reading between the lines

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 204-205

“True elfin,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 221-223

“Come,” by the Silver Elves

On households of small groups of elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 182-183

“Together forever in love,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 266-267

Advice and observations regarding small communities of therians (packs, etc.)

“The differences between pack, family, friends, and acquaintances,” by SummonerWolf
deviantart.com/deviation/128300845

“Pack mentality: Sociology of the pack,” by Alpha Darkwolf. 2007-03-03
Werewolves want to be in packs. How do you find a pack?
house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.89 (defunct)

“So you want to join or form a pack,” by Savage
project-shift.org/community/packs.php
Spanish translation: project-shift.org/es/community/packs.php

“That pack thing,” by Paleo. 2005
akhila.feralscribes.org/2005/that-pack-thing

“Wolf therians & pack,” by Lupa. 2006-08-30
house-eclipse.org/wordpress/wolf-therians-pack

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene
On how therians are more likely to shift when in the presence of other therians
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 153-154

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene
On packs
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 155-156

“Shifter packs,” by Rosalyn Greene
On packs
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 160-163

“Are we territorial?” by Yaiolani
Observes that some groups of therians become secretive, cliquish, and hostile toward newcomers. Do they behave this way as a reaction to problems in the past that came from being too open? Or is it a territorial instinct from our animal side?
yaiolani.tripod.com/artc013.htm

Advice regarding small communities of vampires (Houses, etc.)

“Appendix I. A brief guide to the vampire community,” by Michelle Belanger
On individual groups and communities within the larger community
Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 251-258

“Joining a House, church, or other organization,” by SphynxCatVP. 2004-12-11
Advice for vampires who are considering joining a group of vampires. How to assess whether it’s a reputable and safe group.
sanguinarius.org/articles/SC_houses.shtml

“The desire to join a vampyre house,” by ShadowMind. 2005
Advice for vampires who are considering joining a group of vampires.
darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/118

Descriptions of specific small communities

The Eirou Werepack, by Araikan Xanthus
Description of a certain in-person pack and its members
werepack00.tripod.com

“Pack of Erox,” by She Demon Wolf, of Erox Pack
Description of a certain pack, its members, its rules and philosophy.
myweb.ecomplanet.com/LUNE2889/mycustompage0006.htm (defunct)

Tree Otherkin, by Janice “Mistral” K.
Color pencil illustration, depicting artist and friends in their true forms. “Here is the family/pack/group/etc. that I am a part of.”
elfwood.com/art/m/i/mistral/otherkin.jpg.html

“Werewolves, and more...” by Kiric
Description of therianthropy and a certain pack
geocities.com/RainForest/Canopy/2114/Werewolf/Werewolf.html (defunct)

Diversity, disagreement, and tolerance
within the community

Disagreement in the otherkin community

“The harmony of discord,” by Tirl & Mike Windtree.
2001-04 ★

The value of argument and disagreement
otherkin.net/articles/harmonydiscord.html

“There is a difference...” by Thassalante. 2006-09-02

On the other hand, not everything needs to be argued. There’s a difference between proposing an idea for debate, and stating a personal belief. Can’t an idea be expressed without proof?

otherkin.livejournal.com/465961.html

“Acceptance, faith and tolerance,” by Seran d’Fae
How can you tell who is a legitimate searcher?
Is it necessary to determine this?

rialian.com/seran.htm

“Tolerance and acceptance,” by Thesoulreaver.
2004-03-01

Tolerance is the capacity for respecting the beliefs of others. Acceptance is the mental attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true.

otherkin.livejournal.com/229802.html

“We have a gift for giving,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

“We’ve always been a generous people. ... Of all the gifts we elfin give surely the greatest is acceptance.”

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 203

Disagreement in the vampire community

“Tolerance versus gullibility: Judging the validity of magickal claims,” by Michelle Belanger. 2004
Red flags that somebody is sharing their philosophy with you because of ulterior motives
otherkin.net/articles/tolerance.html

“How much is too much? Tolerance, relativism, and the slippery slope,” by Michelle Belanger. 2004
What to do with people in the magickal/Neo-Pagan community who make wild claims
otherkin.net/articles/relativism.html

“Is diversity more than political correctitude?” by Columbine, House Kheperu. 2002-04
How to get along: Tolerance, Respect, and Courtesy
otherkin.net/articles/diversity.html

Kinds of people to beware of

On deceptive people

“Who to trust,” possibly by Jakkal
Warns to watch out for false prophets
shifters.org/newbies/trust.shtml (defunct)

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Beware of these kinds of people who you might meet in the therian community...

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 161-162

“Otherkin, and putting a painful experience behind me,” by Taren (mr-taren). 2011-04

A sense of betrayal about realizing the truth about a spiritual mentor who claimed to be able to physically shape-shift into a dragon, and whose ancient wisdom turned out to be plagiarized from books.

furaffinity.net/journal/2243824

On arrogant people

“Perception,” by Rialian

Beware of manipulative people who feign that they’re “elders” even though they have neither the experience nor the responsibility to be of any real help.

rialian.com/perception.htm

“Seniority,” by Akhila. 2004-11

Beware of people who brandish their seniority and yet bash newcomers.

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/seniority.php

“Pillars of the Were community,” by Yaiolani

On the other hand, one shouldn't believe nasty rumors! Even old regulars who have worked hard to contribute to the community have been gossiped about.

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc001.htm

“Growing and learning,” by Akhila. 2004-12

Beware of rude know-it-alls. Don't be judgmental of newcomers. We're all still learning, so stay humble.

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/growing.php

On needy people

“Black holes,” by the Silver Elves. 2010-04-10

Beware of people who aren't willing to change but who ask for help anyway

silverelves.angelfire.com/blackholes.html

“Emotional vampirism,” by Sarah D.

I was likened to a black hole when I was younger: people would lavish attention on me, and I would drink up the emotion, but somehow I never flourished. Being aware of this problem helps me try to manage it. Here are some of the strategies that I adopted that actually help me...

sanguinarius.org/articles/emotvamp.shtml

On other kinds of dangerous people

“Warning signs that a were site or group or

individual may be unhealthy,” by Savage ★

Warning signs include: claiming to be an authority, advocating hatred or violence, lack of critical thinking, rigid hierarchy, requests for money or sex, lack of older adults on board...

project-shift.org/community/warningsigns.php

Spanish translation: [project-](http://project-shift.org/es/community/warningsigns.php)

[shift.org/es/community/warningsigns.php](http://project-shift.org/es/community/warningsigns.php)

“Serious threats,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 257-258

“Enabling in the vampire community,” by Ravena L.

2005 ✓

“Can offering support and encouragement be damaging? Are you helping people further their

delusions and/or problems? Find out what an Enabler is and how it can play out in the vampire community.” (Description from Sanguinarius)

[sanguinarius.org/articles/Ravena-](http://sanguinarius.org/articles/Ravena-enabling.shtml)

[enabling.shtml](http://sanguinarius.org/articles/Ravena-enabling.shtml) and

darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/127-enabling-in-the-vampire-community

Criticism of newcomers who misunderstand

Some people briefly claim to be otherkin, but they don't understand what it's about. After a short time, they usually move on and forget about otherkin.

They think it's role-playing, or they approach otherkin philosophy in a hasty, flippant, and shallow way, without any understanding, self-exploration, or depth. For some, this is a phase: eventually, the confused newcomer may turn out to be sincere otherkin who will become more serious later. On the other hand, the confused newcomer might leave once they figure out what being otherkin is really about, realizing that it doesn't suit them after all. Either way, confused newcomers don't last long on an individual basis. Sometimes a whole lot of confused newcomers can show up in a community all at once, overwhelming the regulars by making absurd claims and asking tired questions.

In this section, regulars complain about confused newcomers, calling them wannabes, posers, fluffy bunnies, or role-players. These writers offer rants and observations, as well as advice on how not to be that kind of newcomer.

General notes on problematic newcomers

“Missing them,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-09-15 ★

A compassionate view of the surge of people who posed as elves when the Lord of the Rings movies came out, and who then moved on to other things. One must consider the deeper reasons for why the people were attracted to the elf archetype in the first place

silverelves.angelfire.com/missing_them.html

“Who ‘can’ or ‘can’t’ be otherkin?” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 231-236

“Don’t take yourself too seriously,” by Lupa

Don’t waste your time responding to people who try to stir up trouble. Be humble, too. Don’t fancy yourself to be an elite.

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 259-260

“The shadow of awareness,” by Syleniel. 2000-04

Rant about people who seem stuck between ignorance and awakening

otherkin.net/articles/shadowAwareness.html

“The shadow of honor,” by Syleniel. 2000-08-30, 2004-02-05

Continuation of the “Shadow of Awareness” article. A rant about gender stereotypes

otherkin.net/articles/shadowHonour.html

On newcomers who mix fact with fiction (role-players)

“How can you tell a true dragon?” by Baxil ✓

Distinguish a sincere otherkin from a role-player or someone just passing through
tomorrowlands.org/draconity/faq/true-dragons.txt

“Let’s get real: Weres in real life and role-playing games,” by Mokele. Circa 2003 ✓

How to spot people in the therian community who are telling far-fetched lies or role-playing. For example: claims of physical shapeshifting, jargon and attitudes lifted from *White Wolf*...
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/reallife.htm
(defunct)

“Role playing games and therianthropy (RPG’s and therianthropy),” by Shifters.org (?)

Watch out for therians who use jargon from *White Wolf*. Games are fun, but they’re not reality. They’re entertainment, nothing more.
shifters.org/newbies/RP.shtml (defunct)

“The Buffy complex,” by Dennaveve

On the danger of people who take role-playing too far and become deluded

sanguinarius.org/articles/Den_buffy_complex.shtml

“In defense of lifestylers,” by Louche

Regarding people who openly dress up like vampires

sanguinarius.org/articles/lifestylers.shtml

On newcomers (to the otherkin community) who don’t think deeply about their claims (wannabes, fluffies)

“Emotional problems and the otherkin phenomenon,” by Adalis

On “wannabe” otherkin, who are deluding themselves in an attempt to escape from their emotional problems

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/emotional-problems-and-the-otherkin-phenomenon/

“Fluff-bunnies and the totem pole,” by (No author listed?). 2007-07-03

otherkin.wordpress.com/2007/07/03/fluff-bunnies-and-the-totem-pole

“Of gnosis, fluff and society,” by Tzolkin ✓

On unsubstantiated personal gnosis, intuitive knowledge about oneself which cannot be supported by external evidence

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/of-gnosis-fluff-and-society/

“Friends and environments,” by Rialian ✓

Points out the problem with communities that are based on complaining, especially “snark” about “fluffies.” What kind of social environment do you really want?

rialian.com/friends-and-environments.htm

“Give it to me on a silver plate,” by Rialian

On people who are too passive
rialian.com/silverplate.htm

“We do not do it for you,” by Rialian

We do not do it for you, we do it for *us*... those who are willing to add in.

rialian.com/we-do-not.htm

“A prepped path?” By Luna Faye. 2002-10-11

Argues that newcomers have it too easy because some research has already been done
otherkin.net/articles/prepavedPath.html

On newcomers (to the therian community) who don't think deeply about their claims (wannabes, fluffies)

“Walking the path of a therian,” by ShadowsMyst.

n.d. ★

In a matter of days, a newcomer decides that he's a therian, and then that he isn't. Only certain people are therians, because it's a spiritual path that isn't for everybody. It doesn't give you superpowers, and it's not about anger.

shadowsden.org/therianpath.html

“Wannabes: A bane on Were-society,” by Ketrino.

2006-07-13

A rant on newcomers to the therian community who start saying that they're therians even though they don't understand what it means

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay29.html

“Популярность териантропии (Therianthrope popularity),” by Yennefer z Vengerbergu (?). circa 2007

(In Russian.) A few years ago, many people started saying they were therians without understanding what it really means. In an attempt to tell real therians apart from such posers, forums became unfriendly.

Therianthropy is not and never can be a subculture, because it's not a cultural phenomenon, it's a psychological type. The furry fandom, however, *is* a subculture, and that's where the mix-up happened.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-41

“Virtual vs. practicing Weres,” by ShadowsMyst

Criticism of people who read a few websites and then immediately decide they're a therian. In truth, they don't understand, and they're just trying it on for size. Real, practicing therians discover their therianthropy offline, in the real world, and it's a part of who they are.

angelfire.com/sc/ShadowsMyst/were4.html

“Werecreatures,” by Nesperit Luncast

On the differences between real and pretend therianthropy

hiddenlair.org/werecreatures.htm (defunct)

“Humans and the desire to be Other,” by Ketrino.

2006-08-26

On people who aren't otherkin or therians but wish that they were

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay37.html

“Three lies of therianthropy,” by Lion Templin. 1999.

Therians in AHHW break into two groups:

“wannabes” and “trues.” Lie 1: Individuality.

(Uniqueness.) Lie 2: Therianthropy is easy to

believe in, hard to live. Lie 3: Therianthropes aren't like humans.

forum3.aimoo.com/Foundthings/Lycan-Woods/Lion-Templin-1-292287.html

Dutch translation:

tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id=a_1126091997&title=Therianthropys%203%20!%F8gne

“The disease,” by Forsaken Sage

Says that role-players and wannabes are “a disease” ruining the Internet portions of otherkin and therian communities, and so they shouldn't be welcomed.

shedemonwolf.coolfreepage.com/view_article.php?art_id=8 (defunct)

“Re: What is fluff?” by SombraStudio. 2010-03-09

Traits of a “fluffy bunny.” They make far-fetched claims. They refuse to learn or to admit they might be wrong. Someone else told them that they were therians.

deviantart.com/deviation/156751517

“Tell me,” by SummonerWolf. 2008-10-12

Tired of therians who thoughtlessly repeat the same things as other therians.

deviantart.com/deviation/100579170

On inexperienced therians who have inaccurate ideas about animals

“The cat-nots,” by Akhila. 2005-10

A complaint about therians who say that they're felines but who don't understand what felines

are like, because they haven't done enough research or soul-searching

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/cats.php

“Reality and myth: The archetypal theriotype vs. the true-to-life theriotype,” by GestaltZe. 2010-01-17 ★

Incorrect ideas about animals influence all therians to some degree.

deviantart.com/deviation/150829449

“Polarized,” by GestaltZe. 2010-02-28 ★

Some therians sum up their animal side in one word, and proceed obsessing over this one trait in ignorance of what the real animal is like, idolizing or demonizing it. Don't oversimplify.

Complexity is the essence of life.

deviantart.com/deviation/155807679

The seasons and holidays

General and miscellaneous

“Celebrations,” by Rosalyn Greene

On full moons, Halloween, Earth Day, Winter
Solstice, February, and Lupercalia

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 164-167

“Dragons like to celebrate...” by Lauren. 2005
(Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051219.html

“Why would faeries celebrate Purim? (Why
otherkind would celebrate Purim)” by Arethinn
eristic.net/fey/living/whypurim.php

Halloween, Samhain, and other autumn holidays

“Samhain: All Hallows’ Eve,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 111-112

Halloween is when... by Orion Scribner. 2005-10-30
(comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051031.html

Christmas, Yule, and other winter holidays

“Feast of Jolly,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 81

“The Santa Clause,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-
1993

The fine print that the Divine places in each of
our life contracts, the Clause states that
everyone who has done their best to create
love in the world is entitled to a miracle. Most
await Santa’s coming at Yule, but the elven
await him when the moment is right

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 129-131

“Millennia madness,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1998
Thoughts on Santa’s elves and the approach of
the new millennium

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 137-138

“Yule,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 213-215

“Santa elf,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1999

jps.net/elve/santaelf.html (defunct)

Yule, by Orion Scribner. 2007-12-24
(Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20071224.html

Relations with outsiders

Openness

Advice on how to tell people that you're an otherkin or therian

- "Coming out of the wardrobe," by Miaren Crow's Daughter. 2000-09-15
If you are ready to come out to someone as Otherkin
otherkin.net/articles/telling.html
- "Werewolves & witches & archetypes, oh my!" by Lynx Canadensis. 1999-08-15.
Advice on how to "come out" gracefully.
wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/archetypes.html
- "The telling tutorial," by Gryff
"Advice on coming out of the 'therian closet' to family and friends." (description from the WereLibrary)
trueformwithin.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=28 (lost)
- "Telling," by Kit. 2009-05-05
Advice on "coming out"
community.livejournal.com/phantompaws/7492.html
- "Wereism, relationships, truth, and openness," by Shadsek
Advice on "coming out"
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/comeout.txt (defunct)
- "Breaking the news," by Eredien
So, you've been thinking about telling someone of your draconity...
dragonhall.myfreeforum.org/sutra111.php (a mirror of a document that was originally posted in the Draconity Resource Project)
- "You're a what!?" by DrakeLightBearer
A Christian dragon offers advice on how to come out to one's family.
dragonswings.org/Essay/share.shtml
- "The 101 on coming out," by Dragonslorefury
Three ways not to come out
deviantart.com/deviation/79093561

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Advice on coming out

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 163

"Revealing identities... to tell or not to tell," by Urytevaera. 2004-08-27

wingedwatchers.tripod.com/creative/bessay1.html

Cautions about openness

- "A place for fear (an essay)," by Miaren Crow's Daughter
Be selective in who you tell about being otherkin
home.otherkin.net/miaren/fear.html
- "THEY are not out to get you," by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 256-257

Why it's important to be open

- "Hanging together vs. hanging separately," by Saevitia S. ▲
Might as well be out all the time, getting picked on is inevitable either way
otakukin.atspace.com/hanging.htm
- "An open letter to the vampire community," by Demzon
It may be necessary for the vampire community to go public, for their own well-being.
darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/172
- "A call to arms," by Baxil the Dragon
Dragon otherkin are "at the front line of the battle to legitimize otherkin"
tomorrowlands.org/june2003.html#06022003
- "Personal' therianthropy," by SummonerWolf ✓
I've noticed some talk about just how much publicity our community really wants.
deviantart.com/deviation/128302054
- "Lycanthropy article," by Robert B.

Written by an outsider, speculating on some of the ways things might happen if everybody knew about modern therians.

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc005.htm

Miscellaneous articles on openness

“A Were’s life: Interacting with human society and ‘the closet,’” by Mokele. Circa 2002

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/closet.htm

(defunct)

“Awakening,” by WitchDragon. 2007-11-13

It can help you form a stronger bond with your family. My mom already knew.

kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=31

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On openness

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 43-45

“On being otherkin: An essay,” by Adnarel

On some common attitudes that outsiders tend to have about otherkin. How otherkin feel about outsiders.

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/on-being-otherkin-an-essay

“What ‘they’ say,” by Yaiolani

Debunking outsiders’ negative stereotypes of the spiritual therianthropy subculture

yaiolani.tripod.com/arti2.htm

“Kin and non-kin relationships,” by Gryff

“Therians are humans too; something to consider when building relationships with others.” (description from the WereLibrary)

trueformwithin.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=28 (lost)

“We’re a happy family,” by DrakeLightBearer

Advice for Christian otherkin on how to come out to and get along with non-otherkin Christians.

dragonswings.org/Essay/fell.shtml

“Awkwered,” by Packless. 2007-04-14 ✓

(Poem.) Nearly breaking silence

deviantart.com/deviation/53251553

“The invisible people: Elven ninja, ninja elves,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1999

On camouflage: blending in with nature, and blending in with humanity

jps.net/elve/ELFNINJA.HTML (defunct)

“Keep in mind that non ‘kin often see us as complete lunatics,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 253-256

Advice on why and how we should maintain secrecy

Aroo..., episode 9, by Wolf Shaman

A reason not to tell about therianthropy

deviantart.com/deviation/36640831

“Ultra-secrecy and covering your tracks: Paranoid or justifiable?” by Yaiolani

Why some therians keep their therianthropy a secret

yaiolani.tripod.com/arti1.htm

“Why the real lycanthropes often hide...” by RavenWolf

fortunecity.com/meltingpot/anderson/576/why-hide.html

“Should I ‘come out’ As otakukin?” by Saevitia S.

Argues that you probably shouldn’t, except perhaps to other otakukin

otakukin.atspace.com/comeout.htm

“Человек и Зверь (Man and beast),” by Yennefer z Vengerbergu (?). Circa 2007

(In Russian.) Reasons why therians give up on trying to explain therianthropy to outsiders

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-3

Relations with outsiders: Miscellaneous

“Naming,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-07-09 ▲

On calling certain kinds of people “normal”

silverelves.angelfire.com/naming.html

“The elite,” by the Silver Elves

Secrecy

On calling certain kinds of people “normal”

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 179-181

“Sorry – not,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

On nonconformism and resisting any trouble-
making outsiders

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 223-225

“Cup of dreams,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-
1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 225-226

Relations with humanity, inside and outside

The human side of otherkin

“Human ancestors,” by Arethinn. 2004-10

Otherkin honoring the human part of the family as well

eristic.net/fey/living/ancestors.php

“The Rigors,” by Voshkof

(poem) “In finding my animal nature,/ I see what it is to be human./ In being more human,/ I find my true nature.”

lycanthrope.org/~raven

“Inner spirits – Outer human,” by Raven. 2008-03-31

We are human as much as we are other.

lynxspirit.com/Raven.html

“Temple of God,” by DrakeLightBearer ▲

A Christian dragon explains why we otherkin should be satisfied with the human bodies that God gave us. Much as we may long to be dragons, we shouldn’t bemoan the forms we’ve been given

dragonswings.org/Essay/tog.shtml

“On human universals: Feline experience filtered through a primate’s body,” by Quil. 2009-02-14
On the human mind and body, perceived by the leopard within

absurdism.org/therianthropy/universals.html

“The forgotten truth: Being human,” by

Freelanceangel

Otherkin lament that we’re locked into these human forms, but we should delight in being human

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/the-forgotten-truth-being-human

“On ‘otherkin angst,’” by Delcan the Odd and Kistaro Windrider

Advice for otherkin who are feeling sad about not being dragons. “On why angst about what you don’t have is a destructive thing; and distracts you from what you do have.”

(description from Draconity Resource Project)

dragonhall.myfreeforum.org/viewcardtopic.php?t=53 (a mirror of a document that was

originally posted in the Draconity Resource Project)

“You can’t fly,” by Kistaro Windrider

“On being human, and how wonderful it can be even without scales.” (description from Draconity Resource Project)

dragonhall.myfreeforum.org/You_can_t_fly_about55.html (a mirror of the document that was originally posted in the Draconity Resource Project)

“Why do we separate ourselves so entirely?” by Seraphyna

For all intents and purposes, we otherkin are human.

otherkinphenomena.org/main/display_article.php?id=17

“Wolf and culture,” by GestaltZe. 2010-02-28

We therians are shaped by cultural ideas about Wolf, and about Human.

deviantart.com/deviation/155807852

Otherkin who don’t call themselves humans

““Non-human,”” by an anonymous bird otherkin. 2011-10-30

Problems with calling ourselves “non-human:” it defines us by what we are not; and it denies our humanity, which is not the best solution

kinspeak.tumblr.com/post/12122639053/non-human

Untitled, by Tsu (?). 2011-10-22

(Calligraphy) Refusing to pretend to be human
nonhumanquotes.tumblr.com/post/11761344323

Otherkin looking critically at humankind/outside
(and otherkin looking critically at otherkin who do so)

“Blurry notability,” by Quil

Humanity has screwed up, but it's also got the ability to fix what went wrong.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/notability.html

"Life from the eyes of a wolf-kin," by Ketrino

How humans look from the perspective of an outsider. There is so much about society I wish to understand ... it looks like a strange scene from an alien planet

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/life-from-the-eyes-of-a-wolf-kin

Russian translation: shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-105

"Oh, the humanity!" by Sterling.

In response to therians who rant about humans, a reminder that therians are human

sterlingtwilight.net/bootcamp/Human.html

(defunct)

"Humans as lesser beings," by Keller. 2005

Argues that being a therianthrope is being human, and that saying humans are lesser is hypocritical

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/humans.php

Russian translation: shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-62

"Don't forget your skinsuit!" by Sarah.Phoenix

You have a human body, and that's what everyone sees. Don't hate being human, learn to love it instead, and by extension, to love yourself and your current world

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/dont-forget-your-skinsuit

"Anti-human sentiments (Werewolves against humans?)" by Yaiolani

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc1.htm

"On dragons and hate," by Baxil the Dragon. 2000-08-02

Explains why it's never acceptable to stereotype all humans as bad

tomorrowlands.org/draconity/hate.html

"Waa! Waa! Humans suck!" by WingBoy.

A rant about otherkin who say that they hate humans. avians.net/hellkite/humanrant.html

"A wolf-sheep's view on humans," by Ketrino

Why it's ridiculous for otherkin and therians to be misanthropic

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay19.html

WereUndies! by Claire H. 2007-08-29

(Comic) A humorous parody of therians who claim to hate humans

elfwood.com/art/c/e/cehummel/wereundies.jpg.html

"Beyond tired of the 'oh those damned humans' talk!" by Sweetstuff. 2011-01-20 ▲

(Rant) Half the incarnate extraterrestrials who complain about humans are doing nothing to solve the humans' problems, even though they claim that they were born here as part of a mission to help humans.

starseeds.net/forum/topics/beyond-tired-of-the-oh-those

PART IV.

FIELD GUIDE.

First-Person Bestiary

Here are some writings that describe what it feels like to be a therianthrope of a particular species. Some of the writings offer advice for therians of the same kind. Into this section I've sorted the types of real animals that can be found in Earthly nature (or at least in Earth's fossil record). Please don't consider this to be a comprehensive catalog of all species of therianthropes... these are just the publicly available writings that go into detail about this particular aspect of therian experience.

General notes on animal types

"Experiencing the phenotype," by Korrok. 2004

On how therians experience their animal side.
freewebs.com/therianinfo/experiencingphenotype.htm

"Modern therianthropy," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 118-122

"The animal self," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 123-125

"Extinct theriotypes," by Paleo. 2007

Advice for therians who identify as animals that are extinct. How to recognize and research extinct animals

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/extherio.php
Spanish translation: project-shift.org/es/introspection/extinct.php

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

On types of animal sides that don't live in nature: extinct and mythological animal sides, and "undifferentiated felines," who identify with no particular species of cat

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 82-86

"Relationships between shifter species," by Rosalyn Greene

A hypothesis about the symbolic spiritual characteristics and interconnectedness of different types of animal-sides, based on folkloric archetypes as well as nature
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 74-49

What are animals, really?

What does this mean for our animal selves?

"For a non-essentialist understanding of animality," by Akhila. 2011-04 ★

Argues that it is a mistake to view concepts of "animal" and "human" as a clear-cut binary. There's no single "animality" common to all creatures but humans.

akhila.feralscribes.org/2011/for-a-non-essentialist-understanding-of-animality/

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene ★

Are animals "lower" than humans, and is shifting an atavistic regression? Animals are souls in earlier phases of their karmic lessons, but they're not inferior to humans. A human shifting to animal is a review of a more basic perspective, but not a regression.

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 19-21

Observation and study of real animals

"A dragonkin and a wolf therian," by Dragonslorefury

A difference between mythical and animal people: unlike a dragon otherkin, a wolf therian has the opportunity to actually see real live wolves

deviantart.com/deviation/79093795

"Our animal kin," by Mokele. Circa 1998

On the importance of direct, personal experience with the real live animals corresponding with (or similar to) one's own animal side

geocities.com/RainForest/Andes/9563/kin.html
↓ (defunct)

"Up close and personal: The value of direct experience in understanding your therianthropy," by Mokele. Circa 2003

On the importance of direct, personal experience with the real live animals
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/experience.htm (defunct)

Untitled (*Otherkin Octopus*), by the Magnetons and the Scorpis. 2011-07-10
 ("Meme" image. *Caution*: language.) On how this can annoy one's friends.
fyeahmultiplemanta.tumblr.com/post/7448902415

Winged versions of non-winged animals

"Being winged," by Ketrino. 2006
 Why do some therians see their animal side as having wings added on, when the animal in nature doesn't look that way? Winged wolves are strangely common among therians.
ketrino.angelfire.com/essay32.html
 "Flying wolf," by Dreama (DarkSideoftheSun13)
 Wolf is different for me. Some other wolves have wings, like I do.
deviantart.com/deviation/65703666

Animal sides that can't be classified as a species

"Cladotherianthropy," by Pantairin, of Chimera. 2011-07 ✓
 A cladotherianthrope is one whose animal side is a generalization of all animals within a taxa, such as an entire genus, rather than a species. An introduction to the definition and history of this concept.
houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/80355.html

On the proliferation of wolves and large carnivorous mammals

"Why big fierce animals aren't rare (on AHW, anyway)," by Lynx Canadensis. 1999-09-10

Some reasons why wolves are common among therians and insects aren't.
wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/predators.html

"The 'vogue' phenotype: Where have all the herbivores gone?" by Sterling
 Is it so inconceivable to be something that doesn't hunt or isn't 'mythical'?
sterlingtwilight.net/bootcamp/Vogue.html (defunct)
 "Why we're big, scary animals: It's not delusions of grandeur," by Quil. 2005-07-17
 I'm a leopard because I looked at myself and saw leopard in there. Not all therians identify as large predators; there are some herbivores and insects.
absurdism.org/therianthropy/bigscary.html
 "The wolf theriotype," by Ketrino
 Why there are so many wolves, and why people jump to conclusions
ketrino.angelfire.com/essay25.html
 "Predation theory," by Hypnos the Snakey. Circa 2002
 On a reason for the many predatory therians, written for Shifters.org, explained by a snake therian
snakey.org/pred-theo.html (defunct)
 "Otherkin: So why is it always dragons and wolves?" by the Eclective
 A list of possible reasons why
intocabile.net/mythos.htm (defunct)
 "Uglykin," by Cyaneus. 2006-11-30
 A vulture otherkin explains that although there's an assumption that most otherkin identify as beautiful creatures, some otherkin identify as creatures who are usually not thought of as such.
otherkin.livejournal.com/475330.html
 "Distribution of animal species in Weres," by Mokele. Circa 2003
 Three possible reasons why most therians are canines or felines
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/species.htm (defunct) and
geocities.com/RainForest/Andes/9563/species.html (defunct)

“I wanna be more special!” by Mokele. Circa 2003

On a possible cause behind fads for certain peculiar animal sides

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/special.htm

(defunct)

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On the predominance of certain species, including legendary beings as well as animals

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 35-36

“Териантропия как тест нового разума в старой тушке (Therianthrope as a test of new mind in an old body),” by Койот Один (Coyote One).

2008-09 ▲

(In Russian.) I think therians are a throwback to *Australopithecus*. This may explain why therians usually identify as smart mammals, such as wolves, but never invertebrates nor primates.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-125

Canines (wolves, etc.)

Wolves

“I am not a werewolf,” by Lupa ★

Is a wolf in a human body the same as a werewolf?

otherkin.net/articles/notAWerewolf.html

Russian translation:

werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1&id=82065625 and

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-4

“My WereCard,” by Furtail

I’m not a werewolf, I’m a wolf in a man’s body.

If that ‘qualifies’ for being a werewolf, then I guess I am. My soul is a wolf soul, but it’s been a few lives...

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/furtail.html

“Wolves and dogs and therianthropy,” by Lupa.

2008-11-07

therioshamanism.com/2008/11/07

“Wild cousins,” by Lupa. 2007-03-06

A wolf therian contemplates real wild wolves

[house-](http://house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.87)

[eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.p](http://eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.87)

[hp?content.87](http://house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.87)

“Wolf manifesting,” by Ketrino. 2008-08-08

How shifting and my interpretation of my wolf self go along.

ketrino.angelfire.com/wolfmanifesting.htm

“Why I shift,” by Ketrino. 2008-06-26

A brief essay about why I am wolf.

ketrino.angelfire.com/wishift.html

“Thoughts on senses,” by Twilight Stray. 2005

My instincts are all wolf, and all human-who-is-a-wolf.

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/senses.php

“What is wolf?” by Ketrino. 2005

What wolf means to me

ketrino.angelfire.com/whatiswolf.html

“The wolf as a symbol,” by Ketrino

Negative and positive interpretations of the wolf in folklore around the world

ketrino.angelfire.com/symbols.html

“5arah,” by 5arah

While the wolf is a major part of me, it is not all of me. I embrace, accept, and enjoy my humanity as well.

lynxspirit.com/5arah.html

“Man, wolf, shapeshifter, and werewolf,” by Wolff

[sunpuppyart.com/thewolffden/wolves/wolves3.h](http://sunpuppyart.com/thewolffden/wolves/wolves3.html)

[tml](http://sunpuppyart.com/thewolffden/wolves/wolves3.html) (defunct)

“Simple-dog,” by GestaltZe. 2010-08-01

Despite calling myself a wolf therian, canine communication does not come naturally to me

deviantart.com/deviation/173653175

The wolf inside, by Earth Listener, of Chimera.

2010-01-06

(Visual art: color pencil) Self-portrait as wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/149451034

The wolf inside, by Isiriu. 2007-03-07

(Digital painting) Wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/50335483

“О людях-волках серьезно (зарисовки из жизни) (On the men-wolves seriously [sketches from life]),” by Wolf Diary. 2007-07-17

(In Russian.) On the usual appearance and behavior of the modern wolf therianthrope person

therianthropyru.livejournal.com/18249.html

Extinct wolves

“On being extinct,” by Paleo. 2005

A dire-wolf therian reconstructs from bones and something like memories

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/extinct.php

“Confessions of an extinct canid,” by Solo. 2007-12-03

A major facet of my canine identity is my identification with an animal that was both mythic as well as extinct, the Japanese wolf.

lynxspirit.com/solo.html

Canines other than wolves

“Other canine species,” by Rosalyn Greene

On therians who are coyotes, jackals, dogs, and hyenas

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 79-82

Coyotes

“Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: Werecoyote and werejackal annex,” by Yaiolani

The author knows of at least half a dozen coyote therians in the community

yaiolani.tripod.com/werecoyote.htm

“Why is my name Coyote?” by Coyote Osborne. 2005-08-20

coyoteoldone.com/node/32

“Evolution – Where are we going, and why are we in this handbasket?” by Coyote Osborne. 2005-08-20

I’m a coyote person. What do they do? They survive.

coyoteoldone.com/node/11

Dogs (wild and domestic)

“Werewolf and shapeshifter annex: Weredog annex,” by Yaiolani

In the spiritual therianthrope community, there are at least several dozen cynanthropes (weredogs).

yaiolani.tripod.com/weredogs.htm

“Vladwolf’s page,” by Vladwolf

I have known I was canine since I was a little girl. For a while I worked with the Wolf totem, but I was not a wolf. I explored my old journal entries and discovered my collie self.

caledoniamission.org/were/mywere.html

“Wild dog,” by Teja. 2007-12-10

I am a wolf; I am a dog. A rough, crude, antiquated kind of dog, but a wild dog nonetheless.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Guests/teja_wilddog.htm

Foxes

“Werewolf and shapeshifter annex: Werefox annex,” by Yaiolani

Despite the gender skews in legends about were-foxes, there are male spiritual therians who are foxes

yaiolani.tripod.com/werefoxes.htm

“Foxes,” by Rosalyn Greene ▲

Posits that a fox animal-side is often just a phase, as it was for Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 67-69

Therian Meme (Woof Woof ∴ Therian Meme), by Starmuttani 🎵

A dhole therian’s artistic responses to a questionnaire about therianthropy

deviantart.com/deviation/162398078

Felines (cats)

General

“Writings on cat folk,” by Akhila. 2006-06

Summaries of the characteristics of several feline species and their expressions in therian people

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/catfolk.php

“Cats,” by Rosalyn Greene

On the characteristics of various kinds of feline
therians

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 69-73

Leopards

“Leopard is: The personality of *Panthera pardus* as I
experience it,” by Quil. 2007-06-22

Serene, yet nervous. Tactile. Territorial.

Equality, not hierarchy.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/leopardis.html

“Memories of palm,” by Quil. 2005-10-15 🎵

Regarding Emily Dickinson’s poem about a
caged leopard. Don’t pity me for ‘being in the
wrong body,’ pity the cats dressed in their own
pelts.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/memories.html

“Territoriality in therians,” by Keller. 2004

Leopards are shy and territorial to survive.

Feelings about personal space

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/territoriality.php

“*Panthera uncia* – Pulling up the wind,” by Katsune.
2004-07-27 🎵

On what snow leopard feels like. Cold wind,
speed, grace, freedom.

spottedfur.absurdism.org/wind.html

“The folklore of snow leopard,” by Katsune. 2005-
08-02

On snow leopards in folktales from Tibet and
Pakistan.

spottedfur.absurdism.org/snowleopard.html

“Katsune,” by Katsune. 2006-07-07

It’s bright outside. Snow leopard is running so
close to the surface I can feel the fur ruffling
on my skin in the wind.

lynxspirit.com/katsune.html

Jaguars

“Jaguar,” by Akhila. 2006-10

Concluded not jaguar, but always had deep
affinity for this totem

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/jaguar.php

“Defining the cat,” by Swiftpaw

I’m lost when somebody asks me how I’m a
jaguar. I just am. I can only counter the
question with one of my own: how can you be
human without passion?

lynxspirit.com/swiftpaw.html

Cheetahs

“Motionless claws,” by Citrakāyah. 2011-07

What it’s like to be a cheetah therianthrope.

animal-quills.dreamwidth.org/3747.html

Lions

“Lionmind,” by Kusani. 2007

The mindset of a lioness is full of
contradictions. She can do all of these things.

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/lionmind.php

“Territory,” by Kusani. 2007

A lioness wants to go out and explore, but also
wants the company of a pride

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/territory.php

Tigers

“My WereCard,” by Strype

I’ve felt a phantom tail for as long as I can
remember. Later, could feel fur, muzzle, ears,
saw stripes. Someday I’ll get stripes tattooed
all over.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/strypes.html

Lynxes

“Snow, moonlight, walking the path,” by Miss Lynx

Meditations of a Pagan lynx therian

lynxspirit.com/misslynx.html

“Me/Lynx: An exploration,” by Walks-Between-Worlds. 2003-11

The paradox of not being a lynx, and yet, being a lynx.

<http://www.lynxspirit.com/walksie.html>

“Fear and boldness,” by Tamuril. 2007-11-26

These emotions as part of the feline side.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Guests/tam_fear_and_boldness.htm

House-cats

“Domestic and wild: Spectrum of diversity,” by

Sonne Spiritwind. 2008-04-04

Identifying as a domestic cat

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/domestic_and_wild.html

“Predator or prey?” by Sonne Spiritwind. 2006-10

These aren’t mutually exclusive concepts. A cat is both.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/predator_or_preym.html

Ungulates (hoofed animals)

Horses

“Midnight sand – essay on horse,” by Sonne Spiritwind

A therian’s horse side. Horse likes running, grasslands.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/midnight_sand.htm

“Buckshaw,” by Buckshaw. 2006

It’s not all crazy careening and explosive bucking. The horse counterpoints this with the deepest, most patient sense of reflection I have ever known.

lynxspirit.com/buckshaw.html

Therian Meme, by Aiony. 2010-05-24

A horse therian’s illustrated responses to a questionnaire about therianthropy

deviantart.com/deviation/165237140

Sheep

“The battering ram: awakening to the bighorn,” by

Ketrino. 2008-02-28

The perspective of a bighorn sheep ram

ketrino.angelfire.com/baessay.html

“Ram dreams,” by Ketrino. 2006-11-22

Bighorn compared to domestic sheep

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay49.html

Deer and antelope

Liesk. “My antlers are the biggest liars I know.”

<http://web.archive.org/web/20070401050535/>

<http://liesk.feralscribes.org/essay11.php>

On a deer animal side.

“Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: Weredeer

annex,” by Yaiolani

Deer therians feel uncomfortable and out-of-place in the therian community where there are so many wolves, so they often leave, preferring the furry community

yaiolani.tripod.com/weredeer.htm

“The Dao of duiker,” by Sondu. 2008-08-04

The perspective of a therian who is a cougar as well as a duiker, which is a type of antelope

sonne.sonverrid.org/Guests/sondu_dao_of_duiker.html

Other mammals

“Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: Wererat annex,” by Yaiolani

The spiritual therian community has at least three wererats, including one who was present at the first Howl

yaiolani.tripod.com/wererats.htm

Birds

“Crow,” by Adagio. 2006

I scavenge. I adjust. Smart and adaptable, I survive, and my sense of humor helps me do it
akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/crow.php

“Wintercrow,” by Adagio. 2007-02

Yearning to fly through the February snow, but only human feet on the ground are real
akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/wintercrow.php

“Crowe Basalt,” by Crowe Basalt. Revised 2008-03-09

A crow therian who is content without searching for further questions and answers
lynxspirit.com/crowebasalt.html

“Teacher,” by Voshkof

The identity and philosophy of a raven shifter
lycanthrope.org/~raven/Teacher.html (defunct)

“Therian Meme,” by Ilrak (Flippinkmoon). 2010-05-19

A raven therian’s responses to a questionnaire about therianthropy
deviantart.com/deviation/164662401

“Good morning, Miss Raven,” by Ilrak

(Flippinkmoon). 2009-06-19
Longing to do bird type things
deviantart.com/deviation/126529876

“Therian video 1,” by Ilrak (IlrakKorax).

(Video.) A narrated cartoon describing what it’s like to be a raven therian, and what it feels like to phantom shift
youtu.be/_XqAU1-iups

“Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: Wereraven annex,” by Yaolani

Ravens are the most common bird in the spiritual therianthropy subculture. Perhaps this has something to do with the link between ravens and wolves.
yaiolani.tripod.com/wereraven.htm

“North wind, winter sun, rough-legged hawk,” by Meirya. 2011-04-09

Finding or creating myths of hawk
thehornedgate.wordpress.com/2011/04/09

“Tell me what it is like to be a swangirl,” by Tsu. 2011-11-18

What it’s like to be a swan.
swanblood.tumblr.com/post/12962401535/tell-me-what-it-is-like-to-be-a-swangirl

Dinosaurs

Gon. Untitled essay. ▲

therianthropy.wingedwolfpsion.com/dinosaur.html

A dinosaur therian contrasts the experiences of most therians with that of therians whose animal types are extinct, and encourages therians to be active environmentalists. If your type is alive today, be thankful, never take it for granted. If it’s vulnerable to extinction, work against it, and pray you will never see that happen in your lifetime.

Nomad. “Deconstructing the Raptor.” 2011-01-09.

http://sonne.sonverrid.org/Guests/nomad_deconstructing_raptor.htm

Explanation of various ways he experiences being a deinonychus therian.

Nomad. “On extinction.” 2009-10-05.

http://sonne.sonverrid.org/Guests/nomad_on_extinction.htm

Description of being an animal from another time and environment far passed and feeling like the “living remains” of an extinct species.

Mokele. “Critical examination of dromaeosaur therians.” Circa 2003

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/raptors.htm (defunct)

Mokele. “...and stay extinct!” Circa 2002.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20030615161918/http://otherwonders.com:80/swiftpaws/therian/extinct.html>

Sonne Spiritwind. “On wings of a living past.” 2009-08-01.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/living_past.html

What it’s like to be, therianthropically, a winged theropod (an “erdenvogel”); understanding and phantom sensations of that theropod’s body

Sonne Spiritwind. “Designing a theriotype.” 2009-08-01.

On my 4th theriotype. How I narrowed its identity down to a winged theropod. A method of identifying an extinct theriotype

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/designing_a_theriotype.html

Utahraptor Chick and Swiftpaw. "Were-raptor interview." 2001-12-30.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20030125180353/http://otherwonders.com:80/swiftpaws/therian/utahraptor.html>

Reptiles

SerpentineZebra. "Snake eyes: living as a cobra therian." 2009-02-27.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Guests/serpentine_snake_eyes.html

I read about the naga, a mythical race of shapeshifting cobra-people, and contemplated that I might be one of them. ... I learned to work out my shifts through my art work, and later, through learning to belly dance

Hypnos the Snakey. "The ramblings of a snake."

Circa 2002. snakey.org/rofasnake.html

(defunct)

The awakening and progress of a snake therian

Fish

Therian Meme (Not sure if therian meme), by

Susano-Reborn (Quazar, Lady-of-many-hats).

2011-02-24

A shark therian's responses to a questionnaire about therianthropy

deviantart.com/deviation/198655169

"Finding the shark within," by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2010-11

I noticed I'd been feeling an unusual phantom limb... I began to consider the possibility that I had a second animal side as well as wolf.

withintheruins.webs.com/findingthesharkwithin.htm

Quilled shark, by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2010-01-06

(Drawing) "My first concept art while trying to figure out what my second theriotype looked like. I have dubbed it 'Quilled Shark' because I have yet to be able to find a shark or other fish in the known in the fossil record that looks anything like it. It looks almost like a frilled shark..."

deviantart.com/deviation/149450610

Quilled shark swimming, by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2010-01-08

(Color pencil) "In my never-ending attempts to figure out what my shark theriotype looks like, considering I've found nothing that looks like it in the known fossil record, I give you another concept drawing of the quilled shark. I changed and revised a few things as I've learned and seen more from my phantom experiences and my dreams."

deviantart.com/deviation/149725029

"Gills and fins: Not all sharks is a *Jaws*," by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2010-02

Not all sharks are Great White Sharks. My shark self doesn't look like what most people think of when they think of a shark. I've yet to find a species of shark that looks like this "quilled shark." Description of its appearance and habits. What it feels like to have a mental shift as a shark therian, compared to a wolf

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/19978.html

Invertibrates

"Certata: From the blue fleet," by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2011-11

On being a blue glaucus sea-slug therian.

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/90660.html

We're a lot of fabulous beings

Here are some writings that describe what it feels like to be a specific type of otherkin, creatures which are believed by most people to reside only within myth, legend, and folklore, rather than in the Earthly biosphere. Creatures including elves, fae, dragons, angels, demons, vampires, and so on.

Don't consider this selection of essays to represent the full spectrum of diversity within the otherkin communities, or even a way to judge what kinds are most common or rare. There are many more kinds of otherkin out there than just these. I know, because I've seen them participate in otherkin forums from time to time. However, their kinds aren't represented here because I haven't found that they've written public essays.

General notes on otherkin types

"Otherkin types: diversity in the otherkin community," by Adnarel.

An overview of some different creatures that otherkin may identify as, and advice for them
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/otherkin-types-diversity-in-the-otherkin-community

"Introduction to types of otherkin," by Lupa.
 Elves, dragons...

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 107-109

"Older folklore," by Tinne. 1998-07-07

A non-otherkin Pagan looks critically at the problems with otherkin who identify as fae.
otherkin.net/articles/folklore.html

French translation:

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/folklore.html

"Mythological shapeshifters (Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: mythological annex)," by Yaiolani

Are dragon therians as serious as wolf therians? Real kooks tend to latch onto very weird species. Maybe they mis-perceive an animal side as a chimerical creature.
yaiolani.tripod.com/mythic.htm

Elves and Fae

"Elves," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 160-164

"Faeries and fey kin," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 164-169

"A rant on 'Elfness,'" by Wynde'nai ✓

I do not have pointy ears. I do not age at a ridiculously slow rate. But I am spiritually pulled to a particular kind of elves, more than any purely 'human' archetype I have found.

rialian.com/elfness.htm

"What does it mean to be an elf?" by Kearil. 2011-05-15

Therians have a lot of reference material to tell them about their animal sides, but elf does not walk on this planet outside of human flesh.

pirate.is/nautilus/2011/05/15/what-does-it-mean-to-be-elf

"Wylta eldanari maton (all together now)," by the Silver Elves

Physically we might be of any skin color ... We may or may not have pointed ears and other folks may not be able to see them if we do.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 194-196

"Are you a Faeid?"

Faeids are human/faerie people. Tom B. coined the word in 1986.

treeleavesoracle.org/faeid/faeid.html

hiddenlair.org/werecreaturefaq.htm (defunct)

"Incarnated elementals," by Doreen Virtue

On physical and behavioral traits common to people who are in spirit elves, fairies, leprechauns, or brownies.

Healing with the Angels, p. 153-156

"The Elven Way," by Ilon Bluesky

On the eclectic and spontaneous spiritual explorations of elf people. Originally published in *Elven Glen*, Vol 1, Issue 1, page 3.

rialian.com/elven-way.htm

“On being an elf in a human’s world,” written by an anonymous elf person
 I am an elf. I’ve always felt a calling to nature and to magick. I can’t quite reconcile being a creature that does not exist in Christian theology with the fact that I am a Christian, but I do believe in Jesus.
rialian.com/being-elf-human-world.htm

“Elven anatomy, or, may be hazardous if swallowed,” by Kyrin the Toxic Elf. 1997-07-29
 On being elf-bodied; on the coming times of change; relating with humans
rialian.com/toxic/elvskyr2.htm (defunct)

“The power of the gift,” written by an anonymous elf person? 2002-05-18
 Gift economy as part of elfin nature; part of why elves don’t fit into human society
otherkin.net/articles/powerOfGift.html

“Magical powers,” by the Silver Elves
 Magic is part of our Elven being, but for us Magic means virtues such as Love, Trust, Friendship, etc. We tend to dance as a group, each doing their own thing together, rather than pairing off, due to our natural inclination to share everything among ourselves.
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 98-99

“Synesthesia symbiosis,” by Rialian
 I use Synesthesia, the transposing of different perceptions over one another, to express the mind of the elven sort...
rialian.com/synesthesia-symbiosis.htm

“Emotions,” by Rialian
 How does being otherkin affect one’s emotions?
rialian.com/elven-emotions.htm

“Faerie,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 21-22

“Elfin nature,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998
 Elves often ask us what they can do to promote their elfin natures...
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 134-136

“True elfin culture,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 177-179

“The Tuatha De Danaan and Tir Nan Og (A story of the Tir),” by Lanthinel

Legends of elves, and the situation of elves who are born in human bodies
fastlane.net/homepages/worlow4/Lanthinel/tir.htm (defunct)

“Writings of Tal Leonan,” by Tal Leonan. 1996, 1997
 Memories of an elven life. How to recognize incarnate elves. Poetry.
rialian.com/elvstal.htm

“The Fall of Aelfheim,” 1995-04-27
rialian.com/elvsfall.htm

“What are Sidhe?” By Arethinn. 2004-01
eristic.net/fey/types/sidhe-elves-fae.php

“Sidhe,” by Tiernan
otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/magickal_creatures//sidhe.html

“Light and dark elves,” by the Silver Elves.
 On the distinction of Seelie and Unseelie, Good and Evil
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol 1, p. 58-59

“Dark elves,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1998
ips.net/elve/darkelves.html (defunct)

The inner me, by Jessica G., for Vasilisa M.. 2007
 (Painting) Portrait as elf
deviantart.com/deviation/57298340

“Traditional lore vs. modern day experience,” by Lupa.
 On seelie/unseelie, and reactions to iron
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 169-171

“My reality,” by Rehtaehtrikir.
 Fairy adopts sword-fighting, garb, wings
deviantart.com/deviation/17642822

“On the Fae and Awakening,” by Arilyn Everhope. 1998-02-14
reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/awakening.html

Elenari Elves

“Elenari,” by Dan O’Dea.
otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/magickal_creatures//elenari.html

“A happier Elenari story,” by an anonymous elf.
 Description of a humble past life
rialian.com/elvselen.htm

“Elves (Eldari),” by Arhúaine. Circa 1999

The Eldari are an elven people from the world of Alorya. This is a description of them from past-life memory.

absinthia.com/otherkin/kintypes/elves.html

(defunct)

“Alorya’s elves,” by Arhúaine. Circa 1999

Similar to above article

stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/elves.html

(defunct)

“Rise of the Elven Vor’jen,” by an anonymous elf.

Some history of the Elenari and the Vor’jen in their world

rialian.com/elvsvorg.htm

“About me, but it isn’t really,” by ‘Lesia.

A lightworker who had several lives on a couple of the Elenari homeworlds

adrastai.com/spirituality/0706_aboutme.shtml

“What’s an Adrastai?” by ‘Lesia.

Memories of a role in Elenari societies

adrastai.com/articles/0706_adrastai.shtml

“Tulari,” by ‘Lesia.

The Tulari are a race of Elenari who arose on Selar, one of the Elenari homeworlds. I was once Tulari.

adrastai.com/articles/0706_tulari.shtml

“An incomplete history of the Tulari race”

adrastai.com/articles/0706_ht.shtml

“Des’tai,” by Amanjaku (?). Circa 1999 ✓

Des’tai is an elven philosophical concept, here compared to Taoism

users.ntr.net/~sidhe/destai.htm (defunct)

“Deshtai,” by Lanthinel.

Another writing about des’tai

fastlane.net/homepages/worlow4/Lanthinel/de.shtml (defunct)

“Des’tai,” by ‘Lesia.

adrastai.com/spirituality/0506_destai.shtml

“*Elfske rasy* (Elven race),” by (no author name listed?).

(In Czech.) Some material about Elenari

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/elfove.html

“What it means to be Satyr,” by Christopher A. (WyldeSatyr)

Longing, passion, healing... love of life

eristic.net/fey/types/satyrs.php

“Satyr traits – To dance with a satyr,” by Nalissi E. 1998

Description of satyr otherkin people, their typical appearances and personalities.

Describes a relationship with a satyr

reocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1015/here/satyr.html

“On satyrs’ desires,” by Borach M. 1998-07-22

Satyrs constantly struggle with impulses unlike society’s expectations of “acceptable behavior.” Be reassured that you’re not crazy, and you’re not evil.

reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/desires.html

“Am I a satyr?” by Borach M. 1998-02-14

If you’re wondering if you’re a satyr, you should look within your own thoughts

reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/satyr.html

“Satyr’s pain,” by Borach M. 1998-08-09

Being a satyr isn’t all joy. They feel other emotions intensely, too

reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/pain.html

“What it means to be a nymph (IMNSHO),” by Wylde. Circa 1998

Nymphs as the counterparts to satyrs

absinthia.com/otherkin/kintypes/nymph.html

(defunct)

Angels, devas, and demons

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On otherkin who identify as angels or demons
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 192-196

“Incarnated angels,” by Doreen Virtue

A list of physical and behavioral traits supposedly common among incarnate angels
Healing with the Angels, p. 153-154

“Discovering an angelic archetype,” by
Freelanceangel
Angels throughout global mythologies, not just
Judeo-Christian
main.otherkinalliance.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=165&Itemid=34

“On angels and elitism,” by Iophiel. 2008?
A description of some incarnate angels who
claim to be from the Judeo-Christian Heaven
and who share a common history and
background
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/on-angels-and-elitism

“Of the incarnate angel,” by Terro
otherkinphenomena.org/main/display_article.php?id=21

“A theory on personal angel-dom,” by Mary Le Fay.
2005-03-21 ▲
I consider myself an angel not because I was
one, but because I’ll be one after death
otherkin.livejournal.com/366325.html

Book of Geist: Into the world of an angel
geocities.com/geist0101 (defunct)

“The past – the present,” by M. T.
We angels existed before religion and served
no diety. Now I find myself trapped in mortal
flesh.
giveneyestosee.com/fallen/angels-past.html

“Questions – answers,” by M. T.
This angel is not a Christian, nor a
messenger/slave of a god. We angels were
cross between a god and a man, both a
channel to and a piece of the Divine.
giveneyestosee.com/fallen/qa.html

“The truth about an incarnated angel (An
introduction of sorts),” by Sachael, of the
Kasalim System. 2008-10-02
Awakening story of an angel from the Christian
heaven.
sachael-angelic-musings.blogspot.com/2008/09/introduction-of-sorts.html

“The Otherkin (*Die Anderen – Otherkin*)” by Apu
Kuntur (Stefan N. K.).
Are dragon otherkin also angelic *seraphim*?
English: kondor.de/shaman/otherkine.html

German: kondor.de/shaman/otherkin.html

“I, an angel? Flying With Angel Wings - The Path to
Myself (*Ich, ein Engel? Auf Engelsflügeln zur Erkenntnis*),” by Apu Kuntur (Stefan N. K.)
More thoughts on the dragons *seraphim*.

German: kondor.de/angel/seraph.html

English: kondor.de/angel/seraph_e.html

Commission – Heart of Glass, by Matsuban. 2007-
11-12

(Digital painting) Portrait of an angel otherkin
deviantart.com/deviation/69631880

“A watcher’s dream,” by Ymaryn. 2005-08-13
(Poem) An incarnate angel’s memory
deviantart.com/deviation/21715908

“Angel of souls,” by Ymaryn. 2005-08-13
(Poem) Angel-kin comforting one another
deviantart.com/deviation/21715843

Untitled (*Otherkin Octopus*), by the Magnetons and
the Scorpii. 2011-07-09

(“Meme” image, humor. *Caution*: strong
language.) On incompatibility of one’s religion
and one’s otherkin identity
fyeahmultiplemanta.tumblr.com/post/7427942479

“Devic soul,” by Jayson Starfeather. 2001-07-11
In a past-life regression, learned of a life as a
luminous being, an angel-like deva, whose job
was to create blueprints for crystals and other
things to grow into.
otherkin.livejournal.com/7146.html

“Strange new world: my life as a demon,” by
Kahoku
I’m talking mostly out of my own experience. I
don’t claim to know everything about every kind
of demon. I’m a demon who incarnated into a
human body. In my true form, I’m something
someone called an “intelligent floating shadow
jellyfish” – a formless shade floating around,
invisible to most people.
kahoku.otherkinphenomena.org/article_strange_newworld.html

Hungarian translation:

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/demon_s.html

“So you think you’re a demon... now what?” by
Simim23

You cannot fit demons into a single cookie-cutter mold. Of all 'kin types discussed out there, we're probably the hardest to describe. main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/so-you-think-youre-a-demon-now-what

Hungarian translation:

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/demon_s2.html

Vampires

I've seen arguments about whether vampires are technically a type of otherkin, or if they're not, and are completely different and separate from otherkin. The vampire subculture developed very separately from the otherkin subculture, so I've only very tentatively sorted the vampires into this section. Maybe I should sort the vampires into a completely separate section, but this seemed like the most logical way to organize things. Please understand that I mean no offense, and that I am aware of the differences. When possible, I sort articles about vampires into other topics (for example, articles on vampire ethics go into another section collecting various codes of ethics).

"A journey of discovery with the otherkin," by

Michelle Belanger. 2004-11-17?

Otherkin were wary of vampires. Argues that vampires are a type of otherkin

kheperu.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=233 (defunct)

"What does it mean to be a vampire?" by Anshar Seraphim

How real vampires differ from their fictional equivalents. Types of vampires. Difference of opinion. Not a religion. Dispelling some common misunderstandings.

sanguinarius.org/articles-2/Anshar_vampire.shtml

"Modern vampires," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 138-142

"Real vampires," by Enygma

An introduction to some different types of vampires and their common traits.

sanguinarius.org/articles/enygma_real_vampires.shtml

"Paradigm shift," by Sarah D. 2003 ▲✓

Escape from the fictional stereotypes: real vampirism isn't about predator/prey. I don't see why we should use that dynamic as our paradigm at all. It doesn't need to be like that. Look at what vampirism is really about: intimacy, trust, and sharing.

sanguinarius.org/articles/SD_paradigm_shift.shtml

"The vampiric subculture," by Sarah D.

Maybe we made our community in the way that we did because we lacked and needed a sense of community. We invented "traditions" mostly cribbed from role-playing games because for some people, fake antiquity is better than none.

sanguinarius.org/articles/vamplife.shtml

"Guilt," by Knightshayd

If one can't help being a vampire, and one does one's best to be ethical, then one needn't feel guilty for being a vampire. All things were created for a purpose.

sanguinarius.org/articles/guilt.shtml

Vampires get along just fine with werewolves

"Vampire/werewolf war?" by Ketrino. 2006

(Rant) There is not a war on between real therians and real vampires! That idea comes from movies. Don't be gullible.

ketrino.angelfire.com/vampwerewar.html

"The so-called war between vampires and

werewolves," by OrthaeVelve. Circa 2003 ★

There isn't a war on between therians and vampires. They aren't natural enemies. Neither therians nor vampires are as dangerous as their fictional counterparts in movies. Neither therians nor vampires are sufficiently organized to put on a war. Some philosophy about the role of therians and vampires in the world: therians preserve balance between civilization

and nature, vampires preserve balance between life and death.

[house-](#)

eclipse.org/vampirism/vamp_weres.shtml

Vampire? by Kit. 2007-07-31

(Sequential art) What really happens when a therian meets a real vampire

deviantart.com/deviation/61100103

“My WereCard,” by Kiric HeartWolf

How I met my first friend: she held out her hand, said, “Hi, I’m a vampire.” I took her hand, said, “Hi, I’m a werewolf.” Best friends ever since.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/heartwlf.html

Vampires and feeding

“The effects of extended non-feeding,” by The Vampyre Psykic. 2006

sanguinarius.org/articles/tvp-non-feeding.shtml

“Meditation for spiritual cleansing,” by The Vampyre Psykic. 2005

A strategy for alleviating the effects of non-feeding

sanguinarius.org/articles/spiritual_cleansing.shtml

[*Editor’s note:* I’ve only begun to research vampires. Expect to see this section develop more later. Some articles on psychic vampiric feeding are in the metaphysics section instead of here.]

Dragons

The community of people who identify as dragons in spirit started on the newsgroup alt.fan.dragons in the early Nineties, during which time they apparently had very little awareness of or contact with the otherkin *and* therian communities, so their community developed separately from those. I think this large community centered around draconity

may be a part of why dragons currently seem to be one of the most common types of otherkin.

“The draconity FAQ,” by Baxil the Dragon

An introduction to how some people identify as dragons.

draconity.com/faq

German not-exactly-translation: nexus-draconis.de/FAQ.html

Another German not-exactly-translation:

kondor.de/shaman/faq.html

Russian, with added commentary:

dragons-nest.ru/def/draconity_faq.php

Spanish: otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/t214-la-faq-de-la-draconeidad

Polish:

tomorrowlands.org/draconity/faq/faq_pl.html

“Dragonkin,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 176-184

“What dragons are,” by Rene. 2004-01-19

A summary of motley wonderful paradoxes

otherkin.net/articles/dragonsAre.html

“What is your definition of a dragon?” by Rene

Here comes the key factor and the real answer to the question of how I define dragons: I don’t.

dragonhall.myfreeforum.org/What_is_your_definition_of_a_dragon_about54.html (a mirror of the document that was originally posted in the Draconity Resource Project)

“Here be dragons,” by Cloven Hooved Goddess.

2004-12-31

Introducing draconity, comparing it to therianthropy

freewebs.com/clovenhoovedgoddess/herebedragons.htm

“Here be dragons,” by Bewylderbeast. 2004-12-31

What are dragons? They don’t physically exist. Why do many therians identify as dragons? The author’s opinions on these questions.

werelist.net/forums/showthread.php?t=23703

“Otherkin of the draconic sort,” by Chaitea. 2007-07-25

Draconic souls have a distinctive aura

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/otherkin-of-the-draconic-sort

“The Otherkin (*Die Anderen – Otherkin*)” by Apu Kuntur (Stefan N. K.).

Are dragon otherkin also angelic *seraphim*?

English: kondor.de/shaman/otherkine.html

German: kondor.de/shaman/otherkin.html

“I, an angel? Flying With Angel Wings - The Path to Myself (*Ich, ein Engel? Auf Engelsflügeln zur Erkenntnis*),” by Apu Kuntur (Stefan N. K.)

More thoughts on dragons *seraphim*.

English: kondor.de/angel/seraph_e.html

German: kondor.de/angel/seraph.html

“An instinct for dragons,” by Chaitea

A college psychology class paper, citing from Jones’s book titled *An Instinct for Dragons* main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/an-instinct-for-dragons

“Forty-foot winged reptiles need your love, too: one Nexxus staffer speaks out for belief, tolerance, and the crusade against society’s ... err ... dehumanization, by Baxil. 1998-04-01. A tongue-in-cheek draconic coming-out article ecis.com/~ddragon/outing.html (defunct)

“Draconic FAQ,” by Winged Watchers

Similar but not identical to Baxil’s “Draconity FAQ,” this document also offers some answers to outsiders and dragons.

wingedwatchers.tripod.com/faq.html

“*Draci* (Dragons),” by Fallen Dragonkin and Syros

On different types of dragons. Some material by Syros, translated from English

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/draci.html

(Color pencil) Self-portrait as dragon. “I believe that I was a dragon in a past life ... I’ve always had a particular love of blue dragons, but when sensing my... ‘phantom limbs,’ they were always a mix of red and peach.”

elfwood.com/art/k/r/krause/azyhevald.jpg.html

Rowyn StarHawk, by Chrys Hawk S. 2003-12-28

(Mixed media) “This is my Dragon self-portrait. I have channeled Dragons for nearly 10 years ... [Rowyn] was a part of me that I had long been searching for.”

elfwood.com/art/m/e/merlynhawk/rowyn_gold_eyestars3.jpg.html

Dragonself, by Wingedwolf2004

(Digital painting) Self-portrait as a dragon. “I’m not sure if it was a past life ... I wasn’t a benevolent dragon...”

deviantart.com/deviation/94471107

Draconic.com’s size chart, by DracoticCannibal. 2010-08-02 ▲

A chart showing the heights of the dragon personae of a few members of a forum for dragon otherkin. [However, I think some of these may be role-playing characters rather than otherkin identities? It doesn’t say. –ed]

deviantart.com/deviation/17378881

Layras love and humanity, by Layra. 2003-04-07

(Illustration) Self-portrait as a dragon, with explanation of symbolism

deviantart.com/deviation/1621524

Dragon portraits

Portrait of a soul, by Lizard of Odd. 2005-11-13

(Digital painting) Self-portrait as a dragon, with long explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/25216992

Dragons project – Leccathu, by Celestialwoven2. 2011-01-26

(Digitally colored) From a project to make portraits of dragon otherkin

deviantart.com/deviation/195006833

Azyhevald, by Elizabeth Ann K. 2003-08-26

Gryphons

Some of the members of the Gryphon’s Guild in the Nineties said they identified as gryphons in spirit, although that group was primarily about role-play and appreciation of fiction.

“Gryphons and gryphonkin,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 185-186

“My WereCard,” by Hope

Profile of a young therian who is a gryphon (half chicken, half wolf)

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/hope.html

Unicorns

Unicorns, pegasi, or other legendary equines have always been surprisingly rare in the otherkin and therian communities. That is, there does seem to be a community of unicorns, but it originated and developed separately from those others.

“Unicorn Otherkin,” by various editors of WikiFur
An overview of some of the groups of people who identify as unicorns

en.wikifur.com/wiki/Unicorn_Otherkin

“Unicorn otherkin,” by Shara Moonglow. 2009-05-11
Overview of unicorns in legend, and among otherkin. otherkin-aware.blogspot.com/2009/05/unicorn-otherkin.html

“Unicorns and unicornkin,” by Lupa
The author didn’t get any survey responses from unicorn otherkin, but they’re out there
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 184-185

Are you a unicorn? The mission and meaning of unicorns, by Roy Wilkinson. 1998
This entire book is intended to be a guide for people who are unicorns

Unicorn portraits

Me and I, by Unicorn soul. 2010-03-18
(Digitally colored) Split portrait of winged unicorn and human sides
deviantart.com/deviation/157708112

Flickerfly, by AmyRoseFire. 2009-07-27
(Drawing) Self-portrait as a winged unicorn
deviantart.com/deviation/131164201

“Information about me,” by Shara Moonglow. 2009-05-09
Awakening story of a unicorn otherkin.
Description of appearance in past life.

otherkin-aware.blogspot.com/2009/05/information-about-me.html

Shara real collage, by Shara Moonglow. 2007-10-24
(Collage) Self-portrait as a unicorn
deviantart.com/deviation/68158648

Lilly-Rose, by ChibiMomiji123. 2005-07-27
(Color pencil) “me in my past life.”
deviantart.com/deviation/21068119

Me in a past life, by ChibiMomiji123. 2005-02-08
(Color pencil) A family of winged unicorns. “The one in the middle is me in unicorn form. The other two alicorns are my past-life brothers.”
deviantart.com/deviation/14971390

Kotori and Lilly-Rose, by ChibiMomiji123. 2005-08-04
(Pens) “his is my friend, Kathy, and me as unicorns. We were both one in a past life ... Under each unicorn you can see two faces. That is us as humans under our unicorns.”
deviantart.com/deviation/21367276

Mem, by Season Revelation. 2006-12-17
(Digital illustration) Self-portrait as a unicorn, for reference.
deviantart.com/deviation/44903495

Phoenix

“Phoenix and phoenixkin,” by Lupa.
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 186-187
“Cinnamon and Myrrh: What Phoenix is for me,” by Meirya. ▲ 🎵
The phoenix within compared to the winged Ba-soul of Kemetic cosmology
main.otherkinalliance.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=164&Itemid=34

“Phoenix: From my eyes,” by Kya_rayn.
When I awakened to my phoenix self, I felt like I was betraying the ‘myth’. I felt like I had no right to call myself a phoenix and was making myself to be special
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/phoenix-from-my-eyes

“The Phoenix,” by Forsaken Sage.

In myth, there is only one Phoenix. How can it be that there are at least five therians who claim that the Phoenix is part of them? Some hypotheses to explain it.

shedemonwolf.coolfreepage.com/view_article.php?art_id=6 (defunct)

Be a phoenix, by Feniiku. 2008-02-18

(Digital illustration) “by looking to the firebird as an example people can keep going on through the bad times”

deviantart.com/deviation/77742837

Supernatural animals:

Caith sidhe (fairy cats),
kitsune (spirit foxes), etc

“I am me,” by Softpaw. 2002-10-15

There’s only one soul within me, and it’s that of a Fae Cat in human form. I don’t have memories of past lives. I don’t feel I should flaunt it. I am of the Fae and of the Feline.

otherkin.livejournal.com/102301.html

“Kitsune,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, 197-202

“Draconcat FAQ,” by Barakus Leviathan. Circa 2002

I’m what I call a draconcat: a large feline with dragon-like features. I’ve never met any other draconcat otherkin.

barakusdraconcat.tripod.com/id3.htm

“A.B.C.: Alien Big Cats,” by Barakus Leviathan. Circa 2002

Strange big cats have been sighted in Ireland and the UK. I believe they’re draconcat shifters.

barakusdraconcat.tripod.com/id4.htm

Shapeshifters: wendigo, polymorphs, etc.

Some of these were active in the therian community during the Nineties, not just among otherkin, but I include them in this section because they’re legendary beings rather than animals.

“Werewolf and shapeshifter codex: Spiritwalker and Wendigo annex,” by Yaiolani

Some people in the therian community are shapeshifting monsters: windigo, spiritwalker, manitou, or callicantzari. A mix of animal and myth, they resist classification. They’re the opposite of polyweres.

yaiolani.tripod.com/wendigo.htm

“Polymorph,” by Arethinn and Willow. Circa 1999

absinthia.com/otherkin/kintypes/polymorph.html (defunct)

“Polymorphs,” collected by Arethinn. Circa 1999

eristic.net/fey/types/polymorph.php

“My WereCard,” by Windigo the Feral

Dreamed of being a “windigo” creature, and only later heard of stories of windigos. Long after that, found out about other therians

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/windigo.html (defunct)

Extraterrestrials

The incarnate extraterrestrial (also called star-seed, star-born, star-child, and star-person) community has been around for several decades and remains fairly separate from the otherkin community, so I feel doubts about placing their category here in with the others, although it does seem to be the most logical way to organize things. I’m very unfamiliar with the starseed community. I have difficulty understanding the cultural references, philosophical standards, and jargon that they use, because it’s so different from how otherkin and therians frame their ideas. If somebody with more experience in this area could guide me around to some good articles or books about them, I’d appreciate the help.

“What are starseeds?” by Anna R. 2009-03-17

A summary of some of the various definitions of “starseed.”

starseeds.info/about-starseeds/list-all-articles/8-what-are-starseeds

“Star people,” by Doreen Virtue

- A list of physical and behavioral traits common for incarnate extraterrestrials
Healing with the Angels, p. 151-153
- “Demystifying starseeds, Walk-Ins and Lightworkers,” by Akemi. 2009-10-27
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-walk-ins-lightworkers
- “Starseeds: parallels and Earth souls,” by Akemi. 2010-04-07
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-parallels-and-earth-souls
- “Misconceptions about starseeds,” by Yshatar. 2010-04-05
 Just because we’re here on a mission for planetary healing doesn’t mean that we’re cheerful all the time. There are some weird rumors about us that are wrong, too...
starseeds.net/profiles/blogs/misconceptions-about-starseeds
- “Using the starseed tag as an excuse to avoid our missions,” by Karla SM. 2010-12-02 ✓
 Some incarnate extraterrestrials feel overwhelmed by troubles and think of themselves as victims. You chose to be here to help humanity. First, you need to reconnect to Earth, claim it as your home, and heal yourself.
starseeds.net/forum/topics/using-the-starseed-tag-as-an
- “Are you starseed?” by Ragnarok
 A list of common traits of incarnate Pleiadians, which are the most common type of incarnate extraterrestrial. Most (but not all) were born after 1968...
book-of-thoth.com/article1702.html
- “Starseeds: Pleiadians,” by Akemi. 2009-08-11
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-pleiadians
- “Pleiadian starseeds,” by (no author name listed?)
 A personality profile of those from the Pleiades. [As with most of the other descriptions of types of incarnate extraterrestrials, it reads like a horoscope, and doesn’t tell anything about the Pleiades.]
unitedstarseeds.com/pleiadean-starseeds
- “Pleiadians,” by Robert C. (?) ★
 Criticism of channeled information and claims of UFO contact (but not of incarnate Pleiadians) points out that the stars in question aren’t old enough to have developed life and civilization
skepdic.com/pleiades.html
- “Starseeds: Alpha Centaurians,” by Akemi. 2009-06-21
 I’ve read Akashic Records about various groups of incarnate extraterrestrials...
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-alpha-centaurians
- “Starseeds: Hadarians,” by Akemi. 2009-07-01
 Hadar (also called Beta Centauri) was a utopia of unconditional love, until they were invaded and enslaved
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-hadarians
- “Starseeds: Sirians,” by Akemi. 2009-07-20
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-sirians
- “Starseeds: Arcturians,” by Akemi. 2010-01-25
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-arcturians
- “Starseeds: Mintakans (Orion),” by Akemi. 2010-01-12
 They come from the star system of Mintaka, in Orion’s belt.
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-mintakans-orion
- “Starseeds: Nihals (Indigos),” by Akemi. 2010-02-11
 Indigo children are starseeds from Nihal (Beta Leporis) in the Lepus constellation
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-nihals-indigos
- “Starseeds: Polarians,” by Akemi. 2010-01-17
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-polarians
- “Starseeds: Spicans,” by Akemi. 2010-03-24
 Starseeds from Spica are rare. On their home planet, they lived as light-bodies.
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-spicans
- “Starseeds: Procyans,” by Akemi. 2009-08-23
 Rare, from an uncertain star, possibly Procyon?
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-procyans
- “Starseeds: Blueprinters 1, Originators and Designers,” by Akemi. 2009-10-04
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-blueprinters-originators-designers
- “Starseeds: Blueprinters 2 Blueprint Technicians,” by Akemi. 2009-11-01
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-blueprinters-blueprint-technicians

“Starseeds: Blueprinters 3 Blueprint Deliverers and Changers,” by Akemi. 2009-12-28
reallifespirtuality.com/starseeds-blueprinters-deliverers-messengers

Mer-folk and aquatic peoples

Mermaids and their kind are also surprisingly rare in the otherkin community. I've always been puzzled by this. Otherkin have been accused of primarily identifying as charismatic beings that are popular in fantasy... in that case, shouldn't more of us identify as mermaids?

“A convention of mermaids and mermen,” by Orion Scribner. 2011-08-16
Some modern mer-people are not just performers, but people who express a serious desire to become mer-people, or who assert that they are now real mer-people. They aren't involved in the otherkin community.
otherkin-news.livejournal.com/8327.html

Untitled, by anonymous. 2011-09-03
(Image) On feeling like a mermaid
mysteryofthemermaid.tumblr.com/post/9771829898

Untitled, by anonymous. 2011-08-27
(Image) Another confession of feeling like a mermaid
mysteryofthemermaid.tumblr.com/post/9482426521

“Mermaid me,” by Pelagic Soul (Misty)
That person inside me longed only for the ocean
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/personal-accounts/mermaid-me

“*Das Gefühl allein zu sein...* (The feeling of being alone...)” by Merisida. 2010-01-15
(In German.) I don't know any other mermaid otherkin like me. I hope I meet one. At least dragons have their own community and jargon.

mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/das-gefuehl-allein-zu-sein.html

RainSong, by Naryu. 2004-01-07
(Digital illustration) Portrait of a friend as an otherkin water-fey or undine.
deviantart.com/deviation/4580383

Various other beings

- “‘One-of-a-kind’ and other unique Otherkin,” by Lupa ✓
On a sea serpent, a chupacabra, a *shiharan*, winged humanoids who say they aren't angels, Brinn/Brrn, and plant otherkin.
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 206-209
- “Brrnn/Brinn,” by Amanjaku, Linz, and Valindë Wilwaren. 1998
About otherworldly feline-like fur-covered desert nomads
reocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1015/here/brinn.html
- “When worlds collide...” by Mokele. Circa 2003
A criticism of therians who identify as extraterrestrial animals.
therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/worlds.htm
(defunct)
- “Calling the flock,” by Tsu. 2011-04-16
Winged otherkin and therians tell about their wings, and their feelings about flight
hakuchou.dreamwidth.org/21378.html

Fictionality

Real people can have deep connections to pretend stories, and draw inspiration for real things from fiction... is that all right? Also in this section: reviews of fiction, considered in context of real otherkin.

Common relationships to fiction

“On being moved spiritually by fiction,” by the Eclective

Sometimes, when fiction moves me, I feel something change within me, briefly transport me to another state of thinking

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/23727.html

“Fiction, and its essential place in spirituality for me,” by the Eclective

On the indispensable value of imagination and stories

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/53620.html

Fiction viewed in context of otherkin

“*Faeries of Dreamdark*,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-06-16

Delighted by Laini Taylor’s novel *Faeries of Dreamdark: Blackbringer*

silverelves.angelfire.com/dreamdark.html

“Another book review: (Warning: ranty),” by Paleo. 2011-09-06

(*Caution*: plot spoilers and frequent strong language.) A review of Rich Shapero’s novel *Wild Animus*, comparing it to the experiences of real otherkin and real Neo-Pagans. Argues this novel should have been written as a cautionary tale: it glorifies the wrong things.

paleo.dreamwidth.org/14584.html

“June & July: *Dragonwings*,” by Orion Scribner. 2006-06-19

A dragon, regarding otherkin-like traits in Laurence Yep’s historical fiction novel *Dragonwings*. Start of a book-club discussion.

t-o-book-club.livejournal.com/1182.html

“[Review/Discussion] *Dragonwings*,” by Makuus. 2006-06-26

A dragon, regarding otherkin-like traits in *Dragonwings*.

t-o-book-club.livejournal.com/2649.html

“*Dragonwings*: One librarian’s reactions,” by Altivo. 2006-08-03

Regarding otherkin-like traits in *Dragonwings*.

t-o-book-club.livejournal.com/5972.html

“*Dragonwings*,” by Erinlin. 2006-07-25

A non-otherkin, regarding otherkin-like traits in *Dragonwings*.

t-o-book-club.livejournal.com/5250.html

“Are you a Jedi knight? Are you a unicorn? Are they the same? (Starwars and unicorns),” by Roy Wilkinson. Circa 2002.

Noting parallels between the original *Star Wars* trilogy and Peter S. Beagle’s *The Last Unicorn*.

Jedi and Unicorns are symbolically the same. Real Jedi and Unicorns are among us.

hunicornsunited.com/unicorn/starwars

“To those who bitch about werewolf movies: just shut up,” by Ketrino. 2007-07-30

A rant about therians who think that werewolf movies are offensive. Movies have nothing to do with real life, they’re just entertainment.

ketrino.angelfire.com/movierant.html

Pretend, make-believe, role-playing games... and reality

Otherkin are often quick to point out that they aren’t role-playing or playing make-believe that they’re elves (or whatever they say they are). They say they’re serious, and this is real life. However, should we be so quick to disregard the value of role-playing and make-believe as part of our real lives?

“Experimental role-playing as a means of self-discovery,” by Kerowyn Silverdrake. 2002-05-26 ✓

Make-believe as a tool for personal exploration
otherkin.net/articles/roleplaying.html

“Not just pretending,” by Thistle Pleeloolalla
Kachunk

Otherkin aren’t just pretending. Consider, though, that if you pretend something long enough, it can become true.

eristic.net/fey/info/justpretending.php

“Elsewhere,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998
Many folk think we are just pretending to be elves...

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 227

“How I learned to stop worrying and love *White Wolf*,” by VoidEchthros

As a mage, fiction has always guided me
embracingmystery.org/articles/whitewolf-echthros.html

“Role playing games and therianthropy (RPG’s and therianthropy),” by Shifters.org (?)
Criticism of therians who use jargon from *White Wolf*.

shifters.org/newbies/RP.shtml (defunct)

Untitled selections, by Michelle Belanger

Some concepts in the vampire community originated in role-playing games

Psychic Vampire Codex, pp. 18-19, 21, 24, 26

“The Buffy complex,” by Dennaveve

On the danger of people who take role-playing too far and become deluded

sanguinarius.org/articles/Den_buffy_complex.shtml

Using virtual reality

“Sanguinarius community center,” by Sanguinarius Magne and Sphynx Soleil . 2010-02-27
Within the *Second Life* virtual environment, Sanguinarius.org has established an area for real vampires (and otherkin and therians). Note: out of date; location has changed.

sanguinarius.org/SCC.shtml

“Redefining p-shifting,” by Tsu. 2011-10-25

Speculates that virtual reality could offer a way to be perceived in one’s true form.

becomeyourfursona.dreamwidth.org/16734.html

“I love you all; how can I help,” by Feathertail. 2011-10-21

Forming plans to create an OpenID system for non-human avatars in virtual and augmented reality, as a way for otherkin to achieve mainstream recognition

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/145206.html

“Here’s how I can help,” by Feathertail. 2011-10-25
Sequel to the above article.

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/145762.html

“Deconstruction of an idea,” by Feathertail. 2011-11-09.

Further thoughts on how to create an OpenID system for non-human avatars. Considering the role of a personality quiz in constructing such a thing.

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/147838.html

“More on tagging,” by Feathertail. 2011-11-12.

Further thoughts on how to create an OpenID system for non-human avatars.

feathertail.dreamwidth.org/148096.html

Fiction as a model for real and spiritual things

“Blurring the lines,” by Michelle Belanger. 2004-01-08

If real magic is inspired by fictional magic, is it valid? otherkin.net/articles/blurringLines.html

“*Tae alth jarti* (the real thing),” by the Silver Elves
“Much of what modern elves think of them’selves comes from ... novels. Much of what they say about us is inaccurate.”

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 196-198

“From pulp fiction to revealed text: A study of the role of the text in the otherkin community,” by Danielle Kirby ▲ 🎵

An academic essay on how otherkin draw philosophical and spiritual inspiration from mythology as well as fiction

Deacy & Arweck, *Exploring Religion and the Sacred in a Media Age*, pp. 141-154

“Forming vampiric culture and lifestyle,” by Sanguinarius. 2003-02-04
Vampires had to invent their culture, necessarily drew inspiration from fiction
sanguinarius.org/articles/Sangi_culture.shtml

Filling in the gaps, by O. Scribner. 2005-11-27
(Comic) On the problems of diluting fact with fiction
therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051128.html

“My WereCard,” by Cat X. Steppenwolf ✓
Found first other animal-person in Hermann Hesse’s *Steppenwolf*. Then I knew what I was.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/catx.html

Real elves relating to Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*

“Tolkien. Is. Not. A. Reference.” by Seavixen. 2004-01-01
Unless you come from his fictional world, you can’t use him as reference for your elven people
otherkin.net/articles/tolkienNotReference.html

“*Lord of the Rings* movie review,” by Syleniel. 2001-12-20
The way these elves are portrayed are the way that some have always pictured elves
otherkin.net/articles/lotr-syl.html

“Tolkien & the Elves,” by Ilon Bluesky
I think that Tolkien is ONE source on elves, and a good one, yet one must understand a few things about this subject if one is to proceed without venturing off the deep end
rialian.com/elvstolk.htm

The True Elves of Europe: The Unfallen Elves of J.R.R. Tolkien, by Leonid L. Korablev ▲
An abridged English translation of a Russian book about the legendary elves upon which Tolkien’s elves are based. Their appearance, characteristics, and names.
elenari.net/Elves/elfsaga.html

“Missing them,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-09-15

A compassionate view of the surge of people who temporarily posed as elves when the Lord of the Rings movies came out
silverelves.angelfire.com/missing_them.html

“Arda reborn,” by the Silver Elves
It’s not significant whether there were elves in the actual historical past. We manifest elves now.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol 1, p. 28-30

“The dark one’s dream,” by the Silver Elves 🎵
An allegorical story about Melkor from Tolkien’s *Silmarillion*

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 31-32

“Luthien Promethiel,” by the Silver Elves ▲
Compares one of Tolkien’s stories to that of the Bodhisattvas

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 38-41

“Salolfiel,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 91-93

“Vaire and Adistari,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 47-49

“Tymlere,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 78-79

“Hobbits and Halflings,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-08-23 ▲

These elves have actually known some hobbits in our time and still do.

silverelves.angelfire.com/hobbits.html

“All about a (slightly broken) Marchwarden,” by Limbrethil Orophinion, of the Kasalim System. 2011-03-25

Lived as an elf in Tolkien’s Middle-Earth, and entered this human body a few months ago.
limbrethil.blogspot.com/2011/03/all-about-slightly-broken-marchwarden.html

Tië eldaliéva: The Elven Path, by L. A. and D. W. ▲ 🎵
Striving to re-create the spirituality and way of the Elves in Tolkien’s Middle Earth writings. This isn’t a role-playing game or a work of fiction, but rather an actual spiritual path for anyone who wishes to travel it.
lassiquendi.com/TheHiddenRealm

Fictionality and one’s animal spirit:

Dæmons

Basic information

“Dæmon,” by various editors during 2007-2009

An introduction to the philosophy of dæmonism, a way of relating to an animal side. It's based on Socrates and Jung, and Philip Pullman's fantasy novels

therian.wikia.com/wiki/Daemon

“Site history,” by Okibi ★

It started out as a Philip Pullman fan-site with role-play, but there seemed to be something more to it than make-believe. Something real was going on. So the site admin turned it into a serious philosophy site. This, the Dæmon Page, is the main web-site for dæmian philosophy. Apparently everyone involved with dæmianism knows of the site.

daemonpage.com/site.php

“Introduction in short,” by Okibi ✓

An introduction to the philosophy of dæmonism, without mentioning Philip Pullman's fantasy novels, although using terminology from the novels

daemonpage.com/introduction.php

“Introduction: Defining ‘dæmon’”

Pullman was writing fiction, true, but speaking with hidden parts of the psyche is not a new idea. It resembles the Jungian concept of the animus/anima, and the term is derived from a Greek metaphysical concept

sites.google.com/site/findyourdaemon/introduction%3Adefining%22daemon%22

“Dæmon FAQ,” by Okibi

daemonpage.com/faq.php

“Your definition,” by several authors

The definition of dæmon from different points of view

daemonpage.com/definitions.php

“Socrates and the daimon: Let the father of Western philosophy rock your socks,” by Okibi.

Socrates spoke of a “daimon” as an attendant spirit, an intuitive inner voice that guided him.

As such, dæmonism isn't necessarily based directly on Philip Pullman's novels

daemonpage.com/socrates-daimon.php

“Meet your dæmon”

The daemon is known to students of Jungian psychology as the animus/anima, and parents call it an imaginary friend. It's a real part of your psyche. A conscience, a guardian angel, a method of examining ourselves.

sites.google.com/site/findyourdaemon

“Applying Carl Jung to dæmons”

sites.google.com/site/findyourdaemon/applyingcarljungtodemons

“Dæmonism: The basics,” by Winger

The author's personal opinions on dæmonism
freewebs.com/doubleornothing/Daemonism.htm

“About dæmonism,” by Hakumei and Azirus

An introduction to dæmonism... unfinished

freewebs.com/hakumei-chikadtzu/daemonism.htm

“What is dæmonism?” (no author listed, as far as I can find)

freewebs.com/thenoodlebus/whatisdaemonism.htm

Dæmon Wiki, by various authors

Looks like there's not much in this wiki yet, but it's a start.

editthis.info/daemon_wiki

Odkryj swojego Dajmona

(In Polish) On dæmonism

dajmony.info

“Dæmon quest”

(In French) On daemianism

freewebs.com/daemonquest

“What they've done,” by several authors ★

How dæmons have helped and positively influenced your life

daemonpage.com/helpers.php

“Of dæmons & therianthropy,” by Tygerwolfe. 2009

Comparing therianthropy with the dæmons in Pullman's books, noting similarities

tygerwolfe.com/?page_id=93

Advanced information on dæmons

“How to find your own dæmon: Before you start”

sites.google.com/site/findyourdaemon/howtofindyourrowndaemon

“Why bother talking to your dæmon?” by several authors

daemonpage.com/why.php

“Rules’ of dæmonism” (no author listed, as far as I can find)

Really, there are no ‘rules of dæmonism’ that are set in stone. We’re very open to new theories and ideas. However, these are some commonly accepted beliefs...

freewebs.com/thenoodlebus/rulesofdaemonism.htm

“Dæmon genders, forms, and names”

sites.google.com/site/findyourdaemon/daemonnames%2Cgenders%2Candforms

“Fictional dæmons, stereotypes, and truths,”

How the dæmons of fictional people differ, and stereotypes of animals

daemonpage.com/cliches.php

“Further discussion: dæmon forum,” by various authors

Excerpts from discussion, exploring some other questions about dæmons: advice on knowing your dæmon’s form and location and getting in tune with them, why mammalian dæmons are more common, where the dæmon’s consciousness lies, etc

daemonpage.com/forum.php

“Further discussion: dæmon community,” by various authors

Excerpts from discussion, exploring some other questions about dæmons: why dæmons should be smaller or late to settle compared to those in Pullman’s novels, advice on envisioning one’s dæmon in crowds, why it wouldn’t be so great if dæmons were corporeal

daemonpage.com/community.php

“Concentric rings: A theory behind the mechanics of settling,” by Winger

The author’s ideas about how a trait of dæmonism happens

freewebs.com/doubleornothing/concentric%20rings.htm

Dæmons: personal stories

“Your dæmons,” by several authors

Descriptions of various people’s dæmons.

Many of them have an alternative form as a character from an anime

daemonpage.com/yourdaemons.php

“Dæmianism,” by Anna and Kinath

On the author’s personal dæmianism. How Anna discovered her hare dæmon

freewebs.com/anna-kin2/daemian.htm

“Kin rambles,” by Anna and Kinath ✓

Written from the perspective of Anna’s dæmon.

You spend your whole life watching, and one day they start talking to you. You’re not just a tiny-almost-voiceless-force in the back of their head anymore, you’re a respected member

freewebs.com/anna-kin/kin.htm

“Beginnings: One person’s process,” by Winger

The author’s personal experiences with dæmianism

freewebs.com/doubleornothing/Beginnings.htm

“Lokial,” by Hailey and Lokial

The author’s personal experiences with dæmianism. My dæmon is my common sense, my intuition. The Egyptians called them *ka*, Norse called them *fylgia*.

freewebs.com/alaskastreet/lokial.htm

If my heart were still beating, by YahootheDragon.

2011-07-24

Drawing of the artist’s dæmon

deviantart.com/deviation/244446446

The mind of a daemian, by YahootheDragon. 2011-08-15

Drawing of the artist’s dæmon

deviantart.com/deviation/252838818

Spanner and a very close story, by YahootheDragon.

2010-12-11

Drawing of the artist’s dæmon

deviantart.com/deviation/189246960

Advanced fictionality:

Fiction-kin and soul-bonds

When reading a certain story, some people may feel an unusually deep sense of connection, as if the story was written especially for them. They feel differently about this story than any other. They relate to the people and the place. They may even feel an eerie thrill: they recognize the story as if they'd been there in person a long time ago, but how? As otherkin are "kindred to the other," these people are kindred to fiction.

Fiction-kin also call themselves fic-kin, media-kin, otaku-kin, or ota-kin.

Some context: *otaku* is Japanese for "geek," that is, someone obsessed with comics and video games. In Japan, an *otaku* is thought of as socially awkward, or maybe even dangerous. In Western countries, the word *otaku* has experienced semantic drift, and is used instead to mean a fan of specifically Japanese popular fiction. Furthermore, since these entertainments are currently a cool and fashionable part of youth culture in Western countries, a lot of the negative overtones of *otaku* vanished in those places.

The word otaku-kin was coined in a primarily English-speaking community to describe a person who identifies as a character from Japanese fiction. The words fiction-kin and media-kin, on the other hand, can describe a person who identifies as a character from any culture's stories, and so are suitable as general terms.

Soul-bonds are a similar but usually distinct variation on having a spiritual connection to a fictional character. A soulbond is an incorporeal entity (spirit) who a person perceives as looking like a fictional character. A soulbond may believe or act as if he or she is that fictional character, or someone very similar. Some authors who think of their fictional characters as if they were real people are interacting with a soulbond. A person who has a close friendship with a fictional character is called a soul-bonder. If I understand correctly, a soulbonder doesn't identify as a fictional character, just has a relationship with one. Short version: a soulbonders are people who have friendships with fictional

characters, and fictionkin are people who think they are fictional characters.

Soul-bonds

"Anonymous essay on soulbonding," by an anonymous author

I am a writer, and as such, my characters mean a lot to me. I think of them as actual people. In a way, they're part of me, and they are also not me. They are separate people with free will. They don't always agree with me. I am not crazy. I would never allow my characters to push me to do something illegal, immoral, or cruel.

childofmana.tripod.com/soulbonding_essay1.htm

"Soulbonding: An introduction," by Riesz Fenrir.

On having a spiritual connection with a fictional character

childofmana.tripod.com/soulbonding-orig.htm

"Soulbonding," by (no author name listed?) (no date listed?)

enchant.wondershock.net/?page_id=9

"Soulbonding FAQ," by the Eclective

On having a spiritual connection with a fictional character

childofmana.tripod.com/soulbondingfaq.htm

"What soulbonding isn't," by the Eclective

Correcting some misconceptions that people may have about it

childofmana.tripod.com/soulbonding_what-it-isnt.htm

"Soulbonding: The basics," by Winger

The author's personal opinions on soulbonding
freewebs.com/doubleornothing/Soulbonding.htm

Fiction-kin

"The 'Kin raceway... we're off and running again," by moonlight (blackthornglade). 2006-04-28

A person who is an author, role-player, energy-worker, and witch considers a metaphysical explanation for fiction-kin.

otherkin.livejournal.com/450492.html

“Some thoughts on mediakin,” by Lupa

It’s not terrible that some otherkin identify as fictional creatures or characters

otherkin.net/articles/mediakin.html

“Otakukin/mediakin,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 202-206

“Otakukin,” by (no author name listed?) (no date listed?)

enchant.wondershock.net/?page_id=10

“A reflection on alternative identities,” by the

Eclective. 2008-08-31 ★

Comparing otherkin, fiction-kin, and furies, wondering about the deeper commonality behind them. I am a dragon because when I look at the idea of a dragon, it clicks with me and reminds me of me.

eclective.livejournal.com/447714.html

“Temple of the ota-’kin,” by Kinjou Ten

An introduction to the concept of otaku otherkin, or “otakin,” including the etymology of the word, and justification for the philosophy

otakukin.otherkin.net

“What are otakukin?” By Saevitia S.

Introduction to how some otherkin identify as characters from Japanese cartoons

otakukin.atspace.com/what.htm

“Otakukin, otherkin and soulbonders,” by Saevitia S.

otakukin.atspace.com/otherkin.htm

“What do otakukin believe?” by Saevitia S.

otakukin.atspace.com/belief.htm

“The doppelganger problem: what do otakukin do about identical identities?” by Saevitia S.

otakukin.atspace.com/identical.htm

“Does the concept of otakukin negate creativity?” by Saevitia S.

otakukin.atspace.com/creativity.htm

“Japan,” by (no author name listed?) (no date listed?)

Why are stories from Japan of such particular importance to fiction-kin?

enchant.wondershock.net/?page_id=11

“Otakukin,” by the Eclective

How can you have been an anime character in a past life?

intocabile.net/mythos.htm (defunct)

“From fictionkin to animalkin,” by Mist Weaver, of the Chimeras. 2011-06

Written by a fictional animal member of a plural system. Assumes the reader is already familiar with the concepts of fiction-kin, therianthropy, and plurality.

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/77180.html

On both soul-bonds and fiction-kin

“A short history of soulbonding,” by Tatsuya

Rokuro, of the Flatlanders (plural system). ✓

This article is written with the assumption that the reader is already familiar with multiplicity.

In 2001, the first mention of “soulbonding” (mentally communicating with fictional

characters). An overview of this concept’s changing relationship with fan-fiction and multiplicity. The development of related concepts of “muses” and of “otakukin.”

zensenbutai.com/histsb-essay.shtml

Criticism of fiction-kin and soulbonds, and responses to criticism

“Now with handpuppets,” by Mooncalf. 2001-08-07

Criticism of soulbonding. Most characters don’t (need to) have autonomous life. Please consider whether your soulbond is really a puppet under your control.

noises.mooncalf.org/archives/00000037.html

“Response to Mooncalf’s ‘Soulpuppetry’ page,” by the Eclective

A response to the above article. Correcting some further misconceptions that people have about soulbonding

childofmana.tripod.com/soulbonding_puppetry.htm

“Fiction,” by GestaltZe. 2010-03-22

Criticism of fiction-kin. Debunking several claims common among fiction-kin.

deviantart.com/deviation/158159392

“Soulbonding (of all the stupid ideas...)” by Mokele.
Circa 2004

A criticism of soulbonding and explanation of why it’s not real, written by a therian

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/soulbond.htm

(defunct)

Those elusive few who are
neither animals, nor mythological beings, nor fictional characters, nor simply human

It is extremely rare for otherkin to identify as plants or inanimate objects, but such people do exist. They just haven't written much. As such, I apologize for the weakness and lack of material in this section. I will do my best to amend this in future revisions.

For those who value metaphysical explanations, consider this one. Animistic cosmologies assume that all animals, plants, and even inanimate objects have a living spiritual essence (a "soul," or equivalent) similar to or the same as a human "soul." In an animistic cosmology, it is metaphysically possible for a human have a spiritual background that includes non-human and even non-animal entities.

It is worthwhile to mention that for a while, it was fashionable among people who harass otherkin to parody them by claiming to be unusual creatures or non-creatures, in an attempt to expose the absurdity of more common otherkin claims. This signal-to-noise ratio will muddy my attempts to find articles by people who genuinely identify as plants or inanimate objects.

Plant otherkin

I've heard of several plant, tree, and dryad otherkin. However, I have found no *surviving* essays by them. It seems that plant otherkin are both rare and not very vocal. (Well... plants aren't known for being noisy.)

"Green. 'Tis only a color?" by Dok Khao Pansa-Fúsa, of the Qílóra

Writings of an otherkin who is spiritually a plant, and is a member of a plural system.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050822213724/http://greenkin.qilora.com>

Untitled section, by Lupa

A paragraph about one person who had a past life as a plant, but who does not currently identify as a plant.

Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 209.

Inanimate object otherkin

One could argue that a living organic body is just a machine of a far higher level of complexity than humans can currently fabricate by artificial means. When artificial intelligences and machines become more complex, the ways to distinguish between artificial and organic creatures will dwindle to insignificance. Such artificial creatures could be physically and mentally the same as organic creatures. Therefore, there will be no reason for a sentient and sapient machine to lack the same kind of "soul" granted to creatures who were born organically. In a way, this is an extension of Arthur C. Clarke's Third Law of Prediction: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

I've heard of a couple of otherkin who identify as machines, and I knew one who claimed to have had a past life as an artificial intelligence. However, I have never seen an essay by any of them. Even if I had, I would initially suspect such an essay of being one of the parodies described above.

"Glass delusion," by various editors of Wikipedia.

(Not about the otherkin community.)

Historically, there have been people who believed that they were physically made of artificial materials rather than flesh.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glass_delusion

PART V.

BEING OTHERKIN.

Otherkin phenomena

Some peculiar experiences and emotions common to some otherkin include being recognized as 'kin by people who have never heard of it, unconsciously expressing real animal behaviors without having learned that the real animal behaves that way, ability to sometimes recognize other 'kin, and a yearning to go "home."

Otherkin body language and behavior

"Behavioral characteristics of shifters," by Rosalyn Greene

"Shifters have a different body language from that of normal humans..."

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 146-150

"Walk like a *Varanus*," by Mokele. Circa 2003 ★

A friend told this reptile therian that he somehow walks like a monitor lizard. "...an animalistic characteristic was observed by someone unaware of my therianthropy, that I was also unaware of this characteristic, that I had insufficient contact with the animals in question at the time to allow mimicry..."

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/walk.htm

(defunct)

Recognizing otherkin

Look, daddy! by O. Scribner. 2005-09-12

(Comic) On being recognized by children

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20050912.html

"Recognition," by Michelle Belanger

On recognizing psychic vampires

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 65-66

"Instant recognition: 'Were-dar,'" by Mokele. Circa 2003

Introducing the phenomena in which therians can sometimes recognize other therians on sight.

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/weredar.htm

(defunct)

"The not so phenomenal 'Weredar' phenomena," by Madd. ✓

Long and thoughtful explanations for the phenomena in which therians can sometimes recognize other therians on sight.

trueformwithin.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=86&Itemid=28

(defunct)

"These ancient eyes: Werewolf," by Tygerwolfe.

2011-07-03

Recognized during a mental shift brought on by listening to music

tygerwolfe.com/?p=404

"Lost elves: Been gone for too long," by Kyt D.

2005-10-24

Some people are just elf-sensitive. I have been approached by strangers who ask "Are you an elf?"

underthehills.blogspot.com/2005/10/lost-elves-been-gone-for-too-long.html

"Like death's skin," by Gesigewig's. 2004-09-19

Humorous anecdote. Recognition failure

0_winginchair_0.livejournal.com/1358.html

Homesickness

"How to deal with the Yearning, aka, Coping with homesickness," by Ketrino. 2006-08-26

An otherkin emotion: longing to return to your true home, whatever it may be... Earth or another plane, dimension, or planet

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay38.html

"Home sick," by Bunangel. 2008-04-03

An angel otherkin struggles with the paradox of having loved humanity enough to choose to be born a human, and yet now also missing being an angel

kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=53&Itemid=31

Untitled, by Merisida. 2010-01-07

(In German.) On homesickness and yearning

[mermaid-
otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/haufig-in-der-
letzten-zeit-hab-ich.html](http://mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/haufig-in-der-letzten-zeit-hab-ich.html)

“*Sehnsucht!* (Longing!)” by Merisida. 2010-01-05
(In German.) A poem about yearning

[mermaid-
otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/sehnsucht.html](http://mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/sehnsucht.html)

“Pain – 10.14.04,” by ShadowDragon (Josh N.)
2004-10-14

On bad days, a dragon otherkin aches to fly.

[elfwood.com/~jnatzke2/Pain-
10.14.03.3395928.html](http://elfwood.com/~jnatzke2/Pain-10.14.03.3395928.html)

Idyllic, by O. Scribner. 2008-01-05

(Comic) Is it easier to be an animal than a
human, or are we romanticizing nature?

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20080105.html

“Добро пожаловать (Welcome),” by Appa (Arra).

Circa 2008

(In Russian.) Consider the statement that
dragons aren’t real. You may feel two voices in
you that respond to it. The voice that agrees is
your social consciousness, which is a useful
inner critic. However, it’s a cynic, and you
needn’t always obey it. If you feel another,
deeper voice—the one that disagrees and says
you will fly someday—this is your sense of
longing, and its determination and wisdom will
guide you to do marvelous things.

shelter.clan.su/publ/7-1-0-86

Shape-shifting

Continuing from the preceding section about phenomena experienced by otherkin: shape-shifting is one of the defining phenomena of therianthrope experience. Many therians claim that they experience non-physical types of shape-shifting, in which their thoughts or sensations become animal-like. Often, therians had these “shifting” experiences without trying to have them, years before they heard of other therians.

As with anything else to do with therians or otherkin, exceptions abound. Plenty therians never experience any kind of “shift;” they call themselves “contherianthropes.” Furthermore, non-therians can induce a similar type of shift to that which therians experience, called a “shamanic shift.” Nonetheless, shifting as a part of daily life is a significant part of what makes therian experience inherently different from that of most other people.

General information about shifting

“Notes for newbies,” by Swiftpaw

How to shift.

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/newbies.html (defunct)

“On the subject of shifting,” by Reemul

lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955670945 (defunct)

“Astral shapeshifting 101: an alternative

presentation of an old cliché,” by Melissa Pinol
kovacs_files.tripod.com/shape.htm (defunct)

“Random perspectives on shifting,” by an unknown author

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/shapeshifting-hosted.html (defunct)

“Shapeshifting,” by Draco the Silly Dragon

Why? Who? How?

freewebs.com/sillydraco/shapeshifting.htm

“Why shift?” by Kurpin. Circa 1999

lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955816548 (defunct)

“On the subject of shifting,”

lycanthrope.org/~raven/shifting.html (defunct)

“What is a therianthrope?” by ShadowFox. Circa 2005.

Introductory definition of therianthropy... list of types of shift

ravensorrow.com/Theiran.html (defunct)

“Skifte (Shift),” by Ulven. 2006-07-13

(In Dutch.) List of types of shift. Dream, phantom, mirror, physical.

tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id=a_1152798708&title=Skifte

Lists of types of shifts

“The shift list,” by Shifters.org ✓

shifters.org/shifting/types.shtml (defunct)

“Different kinds of shifting,” by Timothy S. (Lance Foxx), 1998.

Jargon list, and types of shift. [This is the earliest *dated* list of types of shift that I’ve found. –ed.]

playspoon.com/twi/shifting.html (defunct),
or under the title “Shapeshifting: A merging of the body and the soul!” at
geocities.com/Area51/dimension/9735/shifting.html (defunct)

“Shifts,” by Yaiolani. Circa 1999

Types of shift

yaiolani.tripod.com/shifts1.htm

“Real werewolf shifting types,” by Jessika. Circa 2002.

angelfire.com/mi2/horror/Shift.html (defunct, archive)

“Shifting,” by Mokele. Circa 2003

List of types of shift

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/shifting.htm (defunct)

“Types of shifts,” by Sonne Spiritwind

project-shift.org/types-of-shifts/

“Shifting,” by She Demon Wolf, of EroX Pack. Circa 2002.

A list of types of shift, sorted by category.

freewebs.com/moonscape/therianthropy/shift.html

“Shifting,” by She Demon Wolf, of Erox Pack

Free-writing on some types of shift (different than the above article)

myweb.ecomplanet.com/LUNE2889/mycustompage0001.htm (defunct)

“Introduction to shapeshifting,” by Quil. 2004-10-14

Types of shifter, and types of shift.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/introshift.html

“Types of shift,” by Banulf, of the Shadow Wulfs pack (or by PilotWolf?) Circa 1998? Updated 2001-02-17.

geocities.com/pilotwolf143/types_of_shift.htm

(defunct) or

oocities.org/pilotwolf143/types_of_shift.htm

“Types of shifting” by the Society of Shadows

catsmaster235.tripod.com/id12.html (defunct)

“Werebeasts,” by Greyhawk. 1998

List of types of shift

angelfire.com/sc/Greyhawk00/were.html

“Some shifting types,” by Nahàni. 2000

Types of shift

angelfire.com/biz4/nahani/stype.html (defunct, archive)

“Chapter 6: New Wolves (Modern Werewolves),” by Dark Wolf

Long discussion of types of shift. Not entirely about real therians: parts of this site are about fictional werewolves.

furnation.com/DarkWolf/lycan6.html

“Types of shifting: A simple manual,” by Naserit

Luncast. Circa 2003.

[Similar to Timothy S.’s list, some entries are nearly word for word.]

hiddenlair.org/shifting.htm (defunct)

“Real werewolf shifting types,” no author listed, n.d.

angelfire.com/mi2/horror/Shift.html (defunct)

“Forms of shapeshifting,” by Razza Wolf. Circa 2001

razza.were.net/articles/shapeshifting.html

(defunct)

“Werebeasts,” by Swiftpaw. Circa 1999

Defining werebeast: anyone who has a part of their soul that’s not human, and shifts into their animal type. List of types of shift.

absinthia.com/otherkin/kintypes/werebeast.html (defunct)

“Shifting,” by Barakus Leviathan. Circa 2002

The list of types of shift from Shifters.org, with some additional comments.

barakusdraconcat.tripod.com/id16.htm

“Library,” by Blue

A list of types of shift. Includes an

“illusion/glamour shift.”

wingedwatchers.tripod.com/library.html

“Shifting,” by Lupa ✓

Types of shift. A comparison of Greene’s and Jakkal’s writings on this topic.

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 126-130

“*Lykantropove a druhy zmen* (Lycanthropy and types of shift),” by Fallen Dragonkin (?)

(In Czech.)

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/zmena.html

“*A Mudança* (The Shift),” by Therian Círculo. 2009-12-24

(In Portuguese.) Types of shift.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2009/12/mudanca.html

Type of shift: dream shifting

Dream shifts are transformations that happen within the imagery of dreams during sleep at night. The person dreams of becoming or being an animal. Any person can experience these, but dream shifts have different meaning to therians than to other people.

“Dream shifting,” by Keller. 2004

Dream shifts aren’t real shifts. No wonder that people think they have several animal sides

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/dreamshift.php

“Dream shift,” by BayouPoemSpinner. 2006-04-08

(Poem) A human body drifts to sleep, while the body of the animal awakens

deviantart.com/deviation/31549960

“These ancient eyes: Lone wolf roaming—Shift

Happens 4,” by Tygerwolfe. 2011-06-20

A dire wolf therian's experiments with astral shifting and dream shifting

tygerwolfe.com/?p=398

Spiritual conflict, by Ely Wolf. 2007-06-02

(Color pencils, etc) An illustrated dream about shifting to defend one's family

deviantart.com/deviation/56676136

"My personal dream shifting experiences," by Lance Foxx. 1994 through 2000

Write-ups of over a dozen dreams about shifting

geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/9735/newdreams.html (defunct)

"My WereCard," by Lord Bad Vibes (Sarah, Alice) I struggled to remove the 'problem' until I battled with the wolf in a dream. Every time I struck the wolf I felt the blow. I realized I couldn't remove the wolf from me as I was the wolf.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lordbadvibes.html (defunct)

"My WereCard," by Metawolf

In a dream, encountered wolves, then saw wolf reflection. Then explored spirituality.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/metawolf.html

"My WereCard," by Maverick Wolf

During a two-day coma, dreamt I was a wolf. Since then have felt a deeper link with animals and humans.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/maverick.html

"Dreamshifting," by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 30-32

"Astral and dream shifting," by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 182-183

Type of shift: Shamanic shifting

A shamanic shift is a mental, non-physical shift into a creature which doesn't necessarily represent your inner being. Anybody can perform this kind of shift, therian or not. As such, some of the following writings don't mention otherkin or therians. I

include these writings by outsiders because, due to their different perspective, they may have some insights on shifting that may not have occurred to therians. Unlike mental shifts (discussed in detail later), shamanic shifts are usually brought on intentionally through meditation and/or ritual.

"The nature of shifting," by Morg

Says that everyone can shift. List of types of shift

witchscauldron.net/cauldron/were3.htm

(defunct) or

witchscauldron.net/cauldron/shapeshift.htm

"Shapeshifting meditation," by ASA

Instructions for a magickal shapeshifting meditation ritual: ground, center, cast circle, visualize shape-shifting into an animal of your choice, and then return.

geocities.com/thepaddedwall/meditation.htm (defunct)

"Step-by-step guide to shifting," possibly by Swiftpaw (?)

Instructions for a shifting meditation. First, choose which animal you want to try to 'shift' to. Next, create a quiet space. Clear your mind, and think of that animal...

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/shapeshifting.html (defunct)

"Introduction to shapeshifting," by Ravenari

wildspeak.com/other/shapeshiftingintro.html

"Shapeshifting 101," by Morg. n.d.

Combined with astral projection

witchscauldron.net/cauldron/shapeshift.htm

"Awakening your evolutionary history," by Jean Houston. 1982

Evolution and the reptile brain. A series of shape-shifting visualization exercises, with physical movements, in this sequence: fish, amphibian, reptile, early mammal, early monkey, great ape, early human, modern human, and then the "extended human being." Houston, *The Possible Human*, p. 96-113

"Animal familiars & magick," by D. J. Conway. 1995

In meditation, a guided shape-shifting visualization.

Conway, *Animal Magick*, p. 17-24

“The lesson of adaptation,” by Ted Andrews. 1993
Using thought and posture, make yourself
blend in with your surroundings
Andrews, *Animal-speak*, p. 28-30

Cameo shifting

When a therian experiences a shamanic shift into a type of animal unlike their own animal-side, it's called a “cameo shift.” It can come about intentionally by ritual, or unintentionally, like a mental shift.

“On cameo shifting,” by Strill

Sometimes a therian shifts into another kind of creature, and that creature has nothing to do with their own inner animal-side. Is it yet another additional animal-side? If the cameo shift doesn't represent one's animal self, then what does it represent? How can therians relate to this?

project-shift.org/therianthropy/cameo.php

Spanish translation: project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/cameo.php

“Cameo shifts: Is it a new Wereside?” by Mokele.

Circa 2003

Cameo shifts may account for the therians who say they have several animal sides

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/cameo.htm
(defunct)

“My WereCard,” by Cat X. Steppenwolf ▲

[Is this is the document in which the phrase “cameo shift” was coined? – ed.]

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/catx.html

Shifting by mirror-gazing

I would classify this as a type of shamanic shift, because any kind of person can perform this type of shift, and because it is brought about intentionally through ritual. A person gazes at his or her reflection in a dim-lit room for a long time, and

eventually his or her reflection will change into other faces. This phenomenon is connected with superstitions about mirrors being haunted by ghosts.

Caution: This ritual can produce a very disturbing and unpleasant experience. Even though anybody can do it, not everybody should.

By people who aren't therians

“Illusions induced by the self-reflected image,” by Luis Schwarz and Stanton Fjeld. 1968

(Academic source.) In this study, people with assorted mental variations and genders mirror-gazed in a dim-lit room. Even psychologically “normal” people experienced effects.

Psychologists offer explanations for what happened. The brain tries to find patterns (especially faces), but the eyes can't supply clear information (due to persistence of vision in dim light), so the brain ends up perceiving/inventing weird images.

Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 146:4, 277-284. doi: [10.1097/00005053-196804000-00001](https://doi.org/10.1097/00005053-196804000-00001)

“Might this be the best way to see a ghost?

Reflections from a psychomanteum,” by James Clark. 2011-10-25

A “psychomanteum” is a small, dark room, illuminated only by a candle. Gazing into a mirror in this setting brings on an altered state of consciousness and visions.

themortonreport.com/discoveries/paranormal/might-this-be-the-best-way-to-see-a-ghost

“Mirror spell for shape-shifting,” by Yasmine

Galenorn. 2004

How to mirror-gaze to see other aspects of yourself, of your totem animal, and of your past lives

Galenorn, *Totem Magic* (book)

By therians

Therians don't tend to use or talk about mirror-gazing very much. It's very different from what they consider a shifting experience.

"Using a mirror," by Polar

Instructions for an exercise with a mirror in a dark room, which may aid you in mental shifting or discovering your totem animal
lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955670171

"My WereCard," by Phillupus Cú Glas Conrechta
 Lycanthropos Kelev (Phil)

Mirror-gazed in dark and saw wolf side
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/phillupus.html (defunct)

"My WereCard," by Wolfen (Simon W.)

Mirror meditation, reflection became wolf.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolfen.html (defunct)

Type of shift: mental shifting

When therians talk about shifting experiences, this is usually the type of shift that they're talking about. This type of shift is non-physical. It has some traits in common with shamanic shifts practiced by non-therians.

A mental shift is an altered state of consciousness which therians consider to be a manifestation of their animal side. This altered state can often come about naturally and spontaneously during an ordinary day. During a mental shift, the shifter feels and thinks like his/her animal side.

Some shifters describe this as a meditative state, in which the inner narrative becomes quiet and wordless, in tune with nature.

However, if the shifter feels panicked or out of control during a mental shift (as apparently does happen for some shifters), these are signs that the shifter has an unsafe and unhealthy relationship with his/her animal side. Such a shifter will find helpful ideas on how to correct that problem in the articles in the "balancing the parts of the self" sections elsewhere in this document.

General description and advice

"Reconnection; or, disconnect: how to get your animal back," by Swiftpaw ★

Shape-shifting as a form of daily meditation to nourish your animal-side
otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/reconnection.html (defunct)

"Mental shifting," by Rosalyn Greene

Described as a peaceful, harmonious, meditative state

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 23-30

"Mental shifting," by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 181

Personal experiences

"Feathers," by Meirya. 2005 🎵

How it feels to mentally shift to bird. A sensation of gradual transformation, body and mind.

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/feathers.php

"Through the eyes of a predator," by Razza Wolf.

Circa 2001

How the inner wolf reacted to a rustling in the bushes

razza.were.net/articles/predator.html (defunct)

"An experience of 'mental shifting,' by Yaiolani

The author's personal experiences of mentally shifting to wolf. An altered mental state of well-being and excitement, noticed by others

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc3.htm

"My experiences as an m-shifter," by Tigris

The tiger therian initially mistook this mental shift for a physical shift, but it was all in the mind. Feeling out of control.

shifters.org/shifting/tigris1.asp (defunct)

"These ancient eyes: Wolf driving—Shift Happens 1,"

by Tygerwolfe. 2011-05-09

A mental shift to horse while driving, as well as a phantom shift to dire wolf while driving.

tygerwolfe.com/?p=376

“These ancient eyes: Wolf at your door—Shift Happens 3,” by Tygerwolfe. 2011-05-23
Description of mental shift connected with stress from hunger, and a resultant near accident

tygerwolfe.com/?p=384

“My WereCard,” by Dragos

During a mental shift, it’s a zone, volatile and euphoric, without fear or worry, like a high. Scared a family member.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dragos.html (defunct)

Phantom shifting and phantom limbs

This type of shift is non-physical. In a phantom shift, the shifter feels as if his/her body is shaped like his/her animal side. The shifter may feel sensations of limbs that don’t exist on a human body, such as a tail or wings. Despite the tactile and kinesthetic sensations, these parts are invisible to the eyes of the shifter and to anyone else. This change in body image seems to be a type of phantom limb phenomenon. Some therians feel these phantom limbs most of the time, and some therians only feel them once in a while. Some never feel them at all.

You can find additional writings on phantom limbs in “Metaphysical, magical, and supernatural activities for otherkin” section, where I’ve sorted them if they rely strongly on explanations involving higher planes of existence

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On phantom limbs

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 42-43

Introduction to phantom limbs, by O. Scribner. 2005-10-02

(Comic) Definition, and some of the more strange and unusual examples

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051003.html

“These ancient eyes: Ghost wolf – Shift Happens 2,” by Tygerwolfe. 2011-05-16

Definition of phantom shifts and the philosophy regarding them. First-person description of phantom shift experiences. How to induce via meditation.

tygerwolfe.com/?p=381

“Working with phantom limbs,” by Freetha

A mental exercise in which one meditates and concentrates on the limb. Enough concentration can create a phantom limb even if you didn’t have one to begin with.

otherkinphenomena.org/main/display_article.php?id=14

“Therian video 1,” by Ilrak (IlrakKorax).

(Video.) A narrated cartoon describing what it’s like to be a raven therian, and what it feels like to phantom shift

youtu.be/_XqAU1-jups

“Chronic sheepwalking,” by Ketrino. 2008-08-12

Having phantom shifts on one’s legs while walking. Walking on two, feeling four.

ketrino.angelfire.com/sheepwalk.html

“In which I talk about phantom body parts, because nobody else is doing so,” by the Eclective

The physical sensation’s a lot like hyper-awareness of the body region in question (in the case of wings, shoulder blades)

tangyabominy.dreamwidth.org/50012.html

Tale of two tails, by RainbowGloStix. 2011-09-26

(Drawing.) What if an otherkin felt phantom tails from two other forms at once?

deviantart.com/deviation/260397420

Watch out for kitsune... by O. Scribner. 2005

(Comic) A rare phenomenon

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051114.html

Untitled (*Otherkin Octopus*) by the Magnetons and the Scorpis. 2011-07-09

(“Meme” image, humor. *Caution*: strong language.) Intermittent phantom problems.

fyeahmultiplemanta.tumblr.com/post/7427942479

“Phantom shift,” by Kahea-wolfess. 2007-07-15

(Poem.) A description of the sensations

deviantart.com/deviation/59830468

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

On phantom shifts

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 44-45

see another section: “Metaphysical, supernatural, and magical activities for otherkin”

Phantom limbs experienced by people who are not otherkin

“Supernumerary phantom arm replaces paralyzed arm,” by O. Scribner. 2009-05-23

In a recent study, a woman who is not otherkin had a phantom arm that moved separately from her physical arm. Brain scans confirmed that she can feel and see her phantom arm.

otherkin-news.livejournal.com/1697.html

Types of shifts with other strange effects

“Paranormal aspects of mental shifting,” by Rosalyn Greene ▲

Sometimes a mental shift is accompanied by peculiar effects, such as animal senses by means of extrasensory perception, or unusual physical strength. Greene argues that the legendary berserkers did this.

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 37-47

“Berserkers,” by Gunnwar Skadhasdottir

What is a berserker? There are physical traits of berserkers, and it’s hereditary: a person is either born a berserker or not.

lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955669525

(defunct)

“The berserkrangr,” by Gunnwar Skadhasdottir

A description of what it feels like to undergo the mental, emotional, and physical changes of the berserkrangr state. The history and theory of berserking. Berserk is not just a frothing display of bad temper!

lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955669008

(defunct)

Type of shift: Astral shifting

Not all therians believe in a cosmology that includes an astral plane, so for this topic, please

Type of shift: Bi-location shifting (including apparition shifting)

“My WereCard,” by Jade (Tigger, Rhiannon, J.C.R.). Circa 2001.

A black tiger therian daydreamed about running alongside the car, and then somebody else saw it.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/werecard/jade.html (defunct)

“Bilocation shifting,” by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2011-10

Definition of bilocation shifting, and personal experiences with non-physical bilocation shifting.

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/89909.html

“Bilocation shifting,” by Rosalyn Greene ▲

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 87-105

“Sense and bilocation shifting,” by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 183-184

Physical shifting

Many therians assert that physical shifting is impossible. They warn that anybody claiming to be able to physically shift is gullible or a liar. On the other hand, some therians are open to the idea that physical shifting might be possible. A few therians even insist that physical shifting exists, and is just very rare. People within the therian communities are never in total agreement about anything. The following writings come from all different sides of the controversy: explaining why p-shifting can or can’t happen, hypotheses on how it might work, and descriptions of experiences that the authors claim may have been p-shifts.

Physical shifting is impossible

“Physical shifting,” by Aethyriek

Biological reasons why physical shifting is likely impossible, and therefore one should view claims of physical shifting with skepticism and caution

project-shift.org/therianthropy/pshifting.php

Spanish translation: project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/pshifting.php

“P-shifting: The Mulder and Scully debate,” by

Neserit Luncast

Debunking several claims that have been used to support physical shape-shifting

hiddenlair.org/pshifting.htm (defunct)

“Genetic shifting essay,” by Mokele (Mokele-mbembe). Circa 1998

Criticism of therians who say they’re “hereditary” shape-shifters, and on physical shape-shifting

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/genshift.htm

(defunct) or

angelfire.com/sc/Greyhawk00/genshift.html

“These ancient eyes: Wolf power—Shift Happens 5,”

by Tygerwolfe. 2011-07-19

Physical shifting is the unattainable mountaintop that all therians wish we could reach but know is impossible. Perhaps we’re better off this way

tygerwolfe.com/?cat=12

Physical shifting: Conjecture

If it was possible to physically shift, what would it be like? How would our lives change afterward? What if it turned out differently than hoped? Can we find contentment without it? (See also the “Fiction” section at the end of this eBook for more thorough and free-spirited speculation.)

Perils of P-shifting, by Lupa and O. Scribner. 2007-09-28

(Comic) Humor about what it could be like

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20070928.html

“*Que pasaria si los otherkins obtienen su forma verdadera I* (What would happen if otherkin

obtained their true forms),” by Jamiroth. 2009-05-23

(In Spanish.) Speculation. Although many otherkin yearn to physically transform into their proper shape, consider how problematic it would be.

otherkindespertar.blogspot.com/2009/05/que-pasaria-si-los-otherkins-obtienen.html

Physical shifting: Maybe it’s possible...?

Some authors prefer not to rule out p-shifting entirely. They would rather keep an open mind, and hope that somebody may someday find evidence of how it could happen.

“Lessons from a small insect,” by Yaiolani ✓

A newly pupated insect knew that it could fly even though it had never yet flown. Similarly, therians have persistent instincts, longings, and knowings that tell us about physical shapeshifting, despite a lack of evidence. We simply don’t have the equipment to accomplish it for real yet. Perhaps someday our potential will unfurl.

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc6.htm

“A fictional conversation,” by Yaiolani

A doubter, believer, and “middle” debate whether physical shifting is possible

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc003.htm

“P-Shifting: Where I stand,” by Ketrino. 2008-11-30

I used to not believe... ✓

ketrino.angelfire.com/psthought.htm

“Modern werewolf and werebeast sightings,” by Yaiolani

Werewolf-like creatures reported in cryptozoology may be physical shape-shifters

yaiolani.tripod.com/sight.htm

“Essay on Pshifting,” by ArrowWolf. 1998

I held onto the dream that it might be possible. A believer gave me hope and happiness. How would it work?

geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/1643/pshift.html (defunct)

Physical shifting: Personal experiences (?)

“A possible physical shift?” by Ketrino 2007-06-29

✓ I know it isn't technically possible and that it defies the laws of physics and biology. But I still believe in it, and I think I have even had a few experiences with it. ... The first explanation I can think of was that I woke up, I had an incredibly strong, full body phantom shift... but I feel unsatisfied with this view.

ketrino.angelfire.com/ppsessay.html

“The second slip?” By Lance Foxx. 1999-05-29

Lying in bed at night, meditating upon shifting brought on possible minor p-shift effects

geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/9735/secondslip.html (defunct)

“The Sasebo p-shift,” by Lance Foxx. 1999-08-10 ✓

When he woke up from dreaming about shifting, he's certain that part of his face had genuinely physically changed for a moment

geocities.com/LanceFoxx/thesasebopshift.html (defunct)

“The flow,” by Lance Foxx. 2000-10-29

Induced an m-shift in bed, and triggered another momentary tiny physical shift

geocities.com/LanceFoxx/theflow.html (defunct)

“M- and p-shifting- my take,” by RayneNamibia (Harry U.). 2004-03-18

A reader's summary and interpretations of Lance Foxx's experiences.

deviantart.com/deviation/5936524

“Anonymous physical shift report,” with commentary by Yaiolani

Caution: Explicit, not safe for work. A description of what it's like to physically shift, written by an anonymous author.

yaiolani.tripod.com/pser.htm

Physical shifting: Hypotheses on how it might work, and instructions

Caution: Some of these essays were probably written as pranks. A few involve poisonous herbs or activities that could lead to injury. *All* involve unlikely and far-fetched claims. They make interesting reading, but if you decide to try any of them, exercise caution. I include several articles on this topic that were not written by people who have connection to the therian community, in order to provide additional context. Articles by outsiders should not be used to judge the views of therians upon physical shifting.

“Transformation spells” and “Werewolf spells,” collected by Judika Illes. 2009

Some of these spells come from old legends and folklore. As with the rest of the book, Illes has selected only those spells which use no animal products. *Caution:* risk of poisoning.

[Not from therian community.]

The Encyclopedia of 5000 Spells, pp. 622-627

“Theory and ritual in p-shifting,” by Sterling. Circa 2000.

If physical shape-shifting is possible, what might we expect to do to attain it? Perhaps achieving a certain mental state by ritual.

were.net/~pinky/essays.html (defunct)

“Physical shifting,” by Rosalyn Greene

By a therian who is confident that physical shifting must exist

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 107-132

“Physical shifting and letting go,” by Rosalyn Greene

Instructions and/or hypotheses

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 184-203

“How to get that elusive p-shift! (How to p-shift),” by Molatar Seth Pyrgent. 2004

Instructions for how to physically shape-shift by means of prayer and meditating on certain Bible verses [Context suggests this article was written as a prank. -ed]

molatar.com/Pshifting.htm (defunct)

How to shape shift to dolphin form, by J. G. Dolphin
Mer-people are humans who learned to shape-shift between dolphin and human form,

granting access to star-ships. A long and unique e-book. [Not from therian community.]
dolphinsociety.org/ssdf1index.htm (defunct)

“Biokinesis,” by Robert. n.d.

Use telekinesis to reprogram your genes. [Not from therian community.]

mytelekinesis.com/biokinesis.html

“Biokinesis: Changing eye color,” by Impostor Daniel. n.d.

Will your eyes to change color. [Not from therian community.]

mytelekinesis.com/bio_eye.html

“How to cast spells for eye color change,” by (no author listed?) n.d.

Candles and chanting. [Not from therian community.]

ehow.com/how_2321743_cast-spells-eye-color-change.html

Traits mistaken for shifting

“Shifter’s disease and doubter’s syndrome,” by

Jakkal (Pinky) ★

When every ordinary trait is hastily interpreted as a symptom of a shift

were.net/~pinky/pinkyessays.html (defunct) and
shifters.org/newbies/disease.shtml (defunct)

“What is shifter’s disease?” by Polar ★

An essay requested by Jakkal.

were.net/~pinky/essays.html (defunct)

“Phenomena mistaken for physical shifting,” by

Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 129-132

“How can eye color change with mood?” by (no author listed?) n.d. ★

Temporary, instantaneous changes are merely illusions. Reflections and pupil dilation. [Not from therian community.]

ehow.com/how-does_4967659_can-eye-color-change-mood.html

Other personal experiences with shifting

In actual practice, it can be difficult to categorize a shift as one of the above types. I chose not to sort the following writings by type of shift. Sometimes one finds it difficult to figure out what type of shift one has experienced, because the shift could be interpreted (or misinterpreted) in several possible ways. In addition, some of the essays in this section describe more than one shifting event, of several different types.

“Shift analysis,” by Ketrino

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay41.html

“Shifting experiences,” by GreyWolf

A description of mental shifts (with lost time, which isn’t normally a part of mental shifts), personality shifts, and phantom shifts.

shifters.org/shifting/greywolf1.asp (defunct)

“My WereCard,” by Kota

A mental shift, with lost time

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/kota.html (defunct)

“Shifting,” by SummonerWolf. 2008-04-23

Sometimes, I sit down, close my eyes, and feel out every bit of my body with my mind, becoming conscious of myself. I feel myself changing ...

deviantart.com/deviation/83714417

“My WereCard,” by DevilWolf (Panther of the Wolf, Celina W.)

A wolf therian describes a dream shift, and in more detail describes a type of shift in which she assumes a more wolf-like posture

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/devilwolf.html

“My WereCard,” by Dobutsu ✓

A wolf therian describes dream shifts and mental shifts, as well as an ability to run faster on all fours

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dobutsu.html

“The slip, a shapeshifting experience,” by Lance

Foxx. 1998-09-13

While a were-fox meditates on a train: a mental shift, plus peculiar effects

geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/9735/theslip.html (defunct)

Balancing the parts of the self

As we learned in the previous section, therianthropes occasionally feel much more like their animal side than their human side. Those two sides are different parts of their self. A significant part of otherkin philosophy is based on developing awareness of the different parts of one's self. Now let's explore how the different parts of the self are defined and interrelated.

(See also a section elsewhere in this document: "Relations with humanity, inside and outside.")

Common ways of seeing the parts of the self

"Everyday multiplicity," by The Crisses. 2005-02-23

Even people who don't have multiple personalities sometimes find it acceptable to think of their mind/self as divided up into portions, as interpreted by variety of psychologists and cultures: Id, Ego, Superego. Anima/Animus, Shadow. Inner child. Public and private face.

kinhost.org/wiki/Main/EverydayMultiplicity

"The path of a master," by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 201

Balancing the secular and spiritual parts of life

"Maintaining balance," by Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 238-239

"Why do we bother?" by Archer. 2011-06-18

★ Should you see the otherkin part of your life as less/more important/real than the human part of your life? Does skepticism help, or harm?

otherkincommunity.net/post56818

"Otherworld spell," By Alyshai Alughasa

A magical poem to remove separation between one's mundane and magical life

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/poetry/otherspell.html

The human side and the other side(s)

"Writing about my sides," by Akhila. 2004-10

Technically I should say that I have only one side: me (a combination of clouded leopard, raven and human). I can sometimes tell where a trait/behavior comes from inside me.

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/sides.php

"My WereCard," by Crying Wolf

I have no Were side, only a companion. It's like two spirits in one body, with thoughts intertwined.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/cryingwolf.html

"Balance," by Ketrino. 2008-01-24

My tattoo's symbolism: a yin-yang with wolf paws, representing balance as both wolf and human. I walk as human, and I walk as wolf. Balance keeps both in check.

ketrino.angelfire.com/Balance.html

"О равновесии и трансформации (Equilibrium and transformation)," by wolf. Circa 2007

(In Russian.) Balancing the human conscious and the wolf subconscious halves of a yin-yang.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-21

"Сознание... териантропа (Consciousness... therianthrope)," by Gerry. Circa 2008

(In Russian.) Your daily life is a joint work of human and animal consciousness.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-103

"Revelation," by Joseph B. (Balto5670). 2009-04-24

(Poem) My wolf brother; my theriotype...

deviantart.com/deviation/805690

"Fluidity and fragmentation," by Sonne Spiritwind.

2008-03-21 ✓

Shifting and how it influences the integration of the self.

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/fluidity_and_fragmentation.html

"Losing faith, gaining acceptance," by Razza Wolf.

Circa 1999 ✓

Integration happens naturally after a few years of being aware of one's animal side. As one accepts the animal side, one has less conflict with the animal side.

razza.were.net/articles/faith.html (defunct)

"Being Were and Aware: Balance," by Justin

Advice on compartmentalizing the interests of different parts of the self, listening to each when deciding how to handle a situation, like a committee. Wolf's instinctive responses aren't useful or wise for solving certain problems.

geocities.com/miskawolferavenclaw/beingwereandaware.html (defunct)

Untitled (Swangirl), by Tsu. 2011-09-06

My human and swan sides get along

swanblood.tumblr.com/post/9889111295

Untitled selection by Rosalyn Greene

On integrated and non-integrated therians (that is, therians who see their animal side as themselves, or a separate being) and how a therian can become integrated

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 26-30

"Tips for being a civil (though not necessarily civilized) animal," by Lupa. 2007-03-14 ✓

A key to self-control: don't think of your animal side as a separate entity. Understand that you're the animal at all times, not just when you're angry

house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.88

"Conflict," by Salgensier. 2005-03-05

(Poem) A red wolf therian's poem about suppressing the inner wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/15809521

"Redwolf-human," by SummonerWolf

(Poem) Feeling conflicted between one's human side and animal side: redwolf say run! human say no.

deviantart.com/deviation/92413402

Aroo..., episode 6, by Wolf Shaman. 2005-08-02

(Visual art) A wolf in the army finds it necessary to suppress his therianthropy

deviantart.com/deviation/21533118

"Control freaks – you or your lycanthropy," by Razza Wolf. 1999-08-14

Do we control our animal side, or vice versa? It feels wrong to suppress a mental shift. How does this differ from clinical lycanthropy?

razza.were.net/articles/control.html (defunct)

Being Assertive, by Cyaneus ★

Dragon side offers courage when confronted by a creepy stranger

deviantart.com/deviation/103656808

Personifying strength, by Cyaneus 🎵

An inner conversation with the dragon side

deviantart.com/deviation/103590997

What is strength? by Cyaneus

My inner monologues are more like group discussions

deviantart.com/deviation/103591205

"A manifesto for werewolves," by Chantal Bourgault du Coudray 🎵

(Not entirely about the spiritual therianthropy community; partially about fictional werewolves.) In this academic essay that openly refers to the spiritual therianthropy community of alt.horror.werewolves, Haraway's "A manifesto for cyborgs," and werewolves in fiction, the author examines the werewolf as a symbol of the need to create a healthy, constructive balance between the self and the Other

Curse of the Werewolf, pp. 130-149

"For a non-essentialist understanding of animality," by Akhila. 2011-04 ★

Argues that it is a mistake to view concepts of "animal" and "human" as a clear-cut binary. There's no single "animality" common to all creatures bare humans.

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/animality.php

Identifying as more than one kind of creature

Otherkin who identify as more than one kind of creature may be called multi-kin or blend-a-kin.

Therianthropes who identify as more than one kind of animal may be called polyweres or polytherians.

“Kin conundrum: the puzzle of multi-kin,” by
moonlight (blackthornglade). 2004-11-30
On otherkin who identify as more than one kind
of creature

otherkin.livejournal.com/333920.html

“What about ‘blend-a-kin’?” by Lupa

On otherkin who identify as more than one kind
of creature, possibly mixed together into one

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 242

“My polytherianthropy: Trinity nature,” by Earth
Listener, of Chimera. 2007-07, updated 2010-
09

Physically I am human. Yet every part of me,
that is everything but physical, is not only
human but is seemingly also wolf and shark. I
see the world from three mindsets and
viewpoints, always.

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/70962.html

“Balancing the trinity within,” by Asrith. 2011-05-08

The experiential perceptions of dragon, tiger,
human.

thehornedgate.wordpress.com/2011/05/08

My soul, by Alex E. 2009-11-12

(Pen and pencil) Self-portrait as a chimerical
wolf, with explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/143359778

“Therianthropy: A personal definition,” by

Tygerwolfe

How I discovered each of my animal sides

tygerwolfe.com/?page_id=92

Shadow Fire. “Shadow Fire’s Contribution to the
Were Community.”

<https://web.archive.org/web/20010306025214/>

[http://www.shifters.org:80/newbies/shadowfire1
.shtml](http://www.shifters.org:80/newbies/shadowfire1.shtml)

Wolf and dragon.

Otherkin and “Walk-In” spirit-exchanges

A “Walk-In” spirit is a concept from New Age
spiritualism. Some otherkin believe that in some
cases, this is the means by which a non-human
spirit ended up in a human body.

“Walking in,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 73-76

“Crawl-Ins and Walk-Ins,” by Shunyata. 2009-06-16

A spirit that chooses at conception to
incarnate is a crawl-in. Most incarnate
extraterrestrials are crawl-ins. A spirit that
enters the body any time after conception is a
walk-in.

[starseeds.info/about-starseeds/list-all-
articles/17-crawl-ins-and-walk-ins](http://starseeds.info/about-starseeds/list-all-articles/17-crawl-ins-and-walk-ins)

Otherkin and functional multiplicity

Some multiple personalities (several distinct
personalities within one person’s body) work out a
friendly alliance among themselves so that they can
function responsibly and productively. As such, it is
not a “disorder.” A personality within such a system
may identify as other than human. The communities
of otherkin and multiples have been mingling
peaceably and sharing ideas with one another since
at least the 1990s.

“Astraea multiple personality FAQ,” by Astraea

astraeasweb.net/plural/faq.html

“Multiplicity,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 76

“Crisses’ Otherkin Multiple FAQ, Beta –
archive,” compiled by the Crisses
Unfinished.

astraeasweb.net/plural/cris-multiplefaq.html

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On Lupa’s experiment with intentionally and
temporarily dividing aspects of her personality

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 80-82

“The creation of a system,” by Chimera. 2011-01

A description of the Chimera multiple system
[withintheruins.webs.com/thecreationofasystem.
htm](http://withintheruins.webs.com/thecreationofasystem.htm)

“Singlet and collective naming,” by Chimera. 2010-
09

Our multiple system chose the collective name
Chimera because none of us so far identify as
human.

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/75456.html

“Through someone else’s psychosis,” by Kardegray,
of Chimera. 2010-01

An otherkin member of a multiple system
describes how it got that way

houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/80812.html

Inner worlds

(general, not just otherkin-related
or multiple-related)

A person can craft a world they can visit in their mind’s eye, a world in which the various parts of their selves can interact. In its simplest form, it is a familiar mental space which one likes to visualize once in a while. Developed into its most complex form, an inner world can be a huge complete ecosystem, populated by people with their own culture and personal motivations, visited in dreams or daydreams on a regular basis. Such a world is called an inner world, internal landscape, head-space, mind-scape, or paracosm. All kinds of people use inner worlds in some way, but authors, multiples, and otherkin can find it particularly useful.

People can view the nature of their inner world in a couple of different ways. They may consider their inner world an imaginary but useful psychological tool. (An imaginary world differs from a fictional setting. One doesn’t necessarily write fiction about an inner world, but one can. One can also make fictional settings that are not visited in the way characteristic of inner worlds.) Or they may consider their inner world a real, metaphysical place. In that case, an *inner* world must be distinguished from otherworldly places *outside* of themselves that are accessed by metaphysical means (astral projection). All these distinctions can be unclear. Skeptics prefer to view the latter types (any metaphysical explanation) as the former types (imagination).

Caution: Regardless of such distinctions of otherworldly places, it is always wisest to spend the majority of one’s time possible in the physical here-

and-now, rather than in any place that is imaginary, or metaphysical, or metaphysically accessed. Otherworldly places can teach one to grow, but only the physical here-and-now can keep one fed. Otherworldly friends can help in many ways, but only physically present friends can *literally* lend a hand. The real danger of any kind of otherworld is in forgetting all that, and confusing one’s priorities.

An introduction to inner worlds, by Lauren. 2005
(Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051226.html

“Paracosm,” by various authors

Many people make imaginary worlds, called “paracosms,” coined by Ben Vincent in 1976. Psychologists compare these with imaginary friends and see them as serving a similarly constructive role. History of people known to have paracosms, including the Brontë family.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paracosm

“The internal landscaper, or Adventures in mental topiary (Internal landscaping),” by Bob K.
(FirewheelVortex)

A multiple offers step-by-step advice on how to make an inner world.

kinhost.org/wiki/Main/InternalLandscaping

“There are ruins within this head,” by Chimera.
2011-01

A description of the headspace of Chimera

withintheruins.webs.com/thereareruinswithin.htm

“Intro and stuff,” by Fayanora. 2005-10-29

A description of a multiple’s inner world,
Mindeodean.

inner-worlds.livejournal.com/989.html

“Internal landscape,” by the Crisses

Illustrated description of the inner world of the Crisses multiple system

kinhost.org/wiki/Crisses/InternalLandscape

“That place,” by Sabersinger (Jolantru). 2006-08-08

Envisioned as an ideal home, an interior place to retreat for solitude and tranquility.

inner-worlds.livejournal.com/5743.html

Personal journeys and perspectives

After Awakening, life's adventure continues ever onward. These writings regard progress, dreams, self-description, and Unverified Personal Gnosis. Not advice for others, not just awakening stories

"Experiencing wolf," by Elinox. 2007-11-27

Changing one's opinions about how and why one is a wolf therian

freewebs.com/lupineinstincts/experiencingwolf.htm

"Art," by Twilight Stray. 2005 🎵 ★

I live a double-exposure life... animal marks a page, the girl does too: same mark

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/strayart.php

"There is a wolf that lives on the right side of my brain," by Twilight Stray. 2005

Neurology, creativity, and therianthropy

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/brain.php

"Skinned wolf," by Twilight Stray. 2005 🎵 ▲

Torn between grief and fascination when seeing animal pelts on sale.

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/skinned.php

"It's not my choice," by SummonerWolf

I didn't ask to be canine. It's not faith, not meditation, not soul-searching, not dreams, not soul-names. It's thinking, knowing, observing, running, playing, feeling, needing.

deviantart.com/deviation/75668796

"Jerynn," by Jerynn. 2008-01-22

The progress of a leopard person.

lynxspirit.com/jerynn.html

"ShadowFire's contribution to the Were community," by ShadowFire

A dragon/wolf therian growing up, finding community, loathing labels

shifters.org/newbies/shadowfire1.shtml

(defunct)

"On being a kitsune, part I," by Duo. 2006-09-13

Growing up as a magical Japanese fox spirit

house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.70

"On being a kitsune, part II," by Duo. 2006-09-13

house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.71

"Reiko: A personal experience," by Solo. 2006-09-13

house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.73

"The transformation of the kitsune," by Solo and Duo. 2006-09-13

house-eclipse.org/hex/hex_plugins/content/content.php?content.72

"Stardragons," by Arethinn

The collective consciousness of a star, personified as a polymorphic dragon

eristic.net/fey/types/stardragons.php

"I live in fear: Appreciate what you have," by Quil. 2005-11-29.

A cat isn't all about purrs, love, or light. Yet, it's not about pure darkness...

absurdism.org/therianthropy/fear.html

"One paw in the galaxies: archetypes versus the 'real' thing," by Quil. 2006-02-24 ▲

I'm Leopard like in myth. And then again I'm leopard with lowercase l

absurdism.org/therianthropy/galaxies.html

"The ghostly cat," by Akhila. 2011-05

Research into clouded leopard myths, archetypes, and symbolism.

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/ghostly.php

"Falcons, myth, and meaning," by Technobushi. 2011-04-11

thehornedgate.wordpress.com/2011/04/05

"Mundane reality vs. otherkin reality," by Urytevaera. 2002-07-22

I remember another world. Is it real? And is *this* world real, too?

wingedwatchers.tripod.com/creative/thoughts1.html

"Skin deep: on being animal and human," by Sonne Spiritwind. 2008-11-24

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/skin_deep.html

Intangibility, by Leccathu Furvicael. 2007-10-10
(Sequential art) To accept what I am would
mean believing in it first

deviantart.com/deviation/66991865

“Waters of obscurity: my therianthropic self-
concept,” by Sonne Spiritwind. 2007-08

sonne.sonverrid.org/Essays/selfconcept.htm

“I am a therianthrope,” by SummonerWolf

deviantart.com/deviation/90149263

“So who’s this Brokken guy? (Personal info),” by
Brokken T-Wolf. Circa 2002

Some people have a human outward
appearance and have animal souls within.
Taoist philosophy and an ancient Greek
folktale.

timberwolf.org/html/personal.html (defunct)

A bigger picture, by O. Scribner. 2006-11-06

(Comic) My draconity isn’t so much about me
as it is about discovering a wider cosmology

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20061106.html

Humorous anecdotes

“Funny true stories about shifters (Werewolf humor),” by Yaiolani

A few amusing anecdotes from the experiences of some therians

yaiolani.tripod.com/humor.htm

Reflection strip, by FearisHere (S. J. P.). 2008-07-11



(Sequential art) A lynx strolling down a sidewalk is startled to catch a glimpse of a human reflected on the windows. “Of course the reflection is my physical form whereas the lynx is what I perceive myself to be. Sometimes I just forget and get a little fright when I see something tall and looming instead of my compact grey form.”

deviantart.com/deviation/91395543

“*blinkblink... thud*” by Corin (Mike P.) 2005-09-23



This woman walks in and comments on my astral wings, so I...

0_winginchair_0.livejournal.com/1819.html

“Like death’s skin,” by Gesigewigu’s. 2004-09-19

Otherkin can sense whether someone else is otherkin. However...

0_winginchair_0.livejournal.com/1358.html

And it’s down the hall, that way, by O. Scribner.

2005-09-05

(Comic) Phantom shifts and communication

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20050905.html

These boxes of books sure are heavy... by O.

Scribner. 2005

(Comic) Mental shifts can be useful, sort of

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051121.html

Questionnaire and survey responses

Some otherkin and therians chose to publicly share their responses to surveys. In most cases, I've sorted these writings into other sections, depending on their topic.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/index.html (defunct)

WereCards

The WereCard is a questionnaire created in the early 1990s for use by participants of alt.horror.werewolves. The WereCards have the most responses of any survey, and they include some of the earliest personal essays about therianthropy. However, they were not designed entirely with spiritual therianthropy in mind, because that concept was still too new, and too much of the newsgroup was still oriented toward discussion of werewolves in fiction. The WereCards include some questions that are inappropriate, either because they sound more like a description of a role-playing character or a joke, such as “preferred method of attack,” and “preferred prey,” and some leading questions that seem to tend to sway the opinion of the writer, such as “feelings toward vampires” and “feelings toward normal humans.”

WereCard resources

“Blank WereCard,” no author or date listed

For therians to fill out

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/blkcard.txt (defunct)

“Writing a WereCard,” by Razza Wolf. 2002-06-10

Instructions on how to fill out the WereCard

razza.were.net/guides/werecard.html (defunct)

WereCard archive, by Utlah ✓

A collection of WereCards completed by dozens of therians. The better ones in the list are marked with paw-prints. No longer updated, and so isn't a current representation of the individuals concerned or their beliefs.

Selected WereCards

I'm sorting these alphabetically by the name that the authors list as their “Were name.” I'm including a lot of WereCards here, even ones that involve raw confessions, far-fetched claims, or which I think may have been created as pranks, as these might help explain how some rumors started.

I omit WereCards that have too little written in the “personal therianthropy” section or were otherwise not filled out very much, or were less interesting pranks. I select for the most interesting WereCards, which are those that have whole essays written in them, not just brief responses to each question.

This will never become a comprehensive list of all WereCards ever. There's hundreds of them out there. However, I think this will be the largest, most navigable, and most interesting list of WereCards. If a WereCard doesn't appear here, it might not be because I omitted it, it might be because I didn't see it.

Caution: Many WereCards are not safe for work and may trigger. Due to the types of questions on the WereCards, nearly all WereCards do refer lightheartedly to hunting and violence, and nearly all of them combine fact and fantasy in a way that will confuse inexperienced readers.

By Ally.

Wolf who dream-shifts. I view Therianthropy as an explanation of the wild blood inside everyone... there is an Animality for everyone.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/ally.html (defunct)

By Anton Lupus Wulfen (ALW). 2000

lupus.lycanthrope.org/About/Card.html (defunct)

By Arlun

Wolf. Learned about wereism on Internet, then tried mental shift. Big part of life now.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/arlun.html (defunct)

By Artful Dodger

Wolf with m-shifts. Thought I was crazy, then discovered others like me. Self-acceptance.

Still learning to integrate the two sides

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dodge_r.html (defunct)

By Ashen Claw

A wolf with dream shifts. Story of awakening and involvement with community

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/ashen.html (defunct)

By Ashwolf

A wolf, with story of awakening and involvement with community

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/ashwolf.html (defunct)

By Axl (blazingshadow12403)

Timber wolf with mental and phantom shifts.

Felt like wolf for entire life. Had first shift last year, a vivid full-body phantom shift. Then found other therians last month.

deviantart.com/deviation/146385274

By Azure Howl

Coyote. Mental shift after a hunt.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/azure.html (defunct)

By Bestial

Werewolf. Dancing while high on magic mushrooms, had vision of turning into wolf, instructed by older wolf demon. Later, found I could trigger this state any time. My subconscious identified a symbol that it needs to grow, strengthen itself, give me confidence.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/bestial.html (defunct)

By Blakvale

Wolf. Dream shifts as an elderly wolf. Harassed by a hyena spirit, sometimes unpleasantly forced to mental shift to hyena, which feels like being invaded, whereas the wolf shift feels wonderful.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/alice.html (defunct)

By Black Wolf.

Timber wolf, mental and phantom shifts. Knew I was a wolf since middle school. Had first mental shift when watching wolves at a park

deviantart.com/deviation/146387932

By BluHowl

Wolf. I look at myself as a wolf in human skin.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/bluhowl.html (defunct)

By Bloodmoon Dancer

Vampire wolf. A friend told me about my vampiric blood and awakened it. Drank, ate rare steak, had fits of animalistic rage that offended friends and family. [Readers, please note that neither being a vampire nor a therian is an excuse for acting out, and nobody will stand up for you if you do. -ed.]

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/bloodmoon.html (defunct)

By Catboy (Bluecat)

Cougar. Took audio test when entering Army, found unusually good hearing. Once, a partial physical shift to fight: no memory of it, but remembers itching beforehand, and woke with blood in mouth.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/catboy.html (defunct)

By Cathbad

Polywere, wolf. In childhood, shifted. Taken to psychologist for violent tantrums. Loner. Called a werewolf by stranger. Want to shift and run away from it all, but also human, with a wife and child.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/cathbad.html (defunct)

By Cat X. Steppenwolf ✓ Tiger. I read Hermann Hesse's *Steppenwolf*, and knew what I was.

This was many years before AHWW existed. Later, changed from wolf to tiger.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/catx.html

By Christian

Red fox visits in dreams. Dream shifting.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/christian.html (defunct)

By Clover-Paw

Wild cat, formerly thought I was a wolf.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/cloverpaw.html (defunct)

By Crying Wolf

I have a wolf spirit companion

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/cryingwolf.html (defunct)

By Coyote Moon

Coyote. As a child, had a conversation with a werecat in a vision. In Cali, sang to coyotes.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/coyotemoon.html (defunct)

By Darkness Falls

Wolf. In childhood, walked digitigrade. During college, went camping under stars, had to howl at moon in celebration. Felt wonderfully awake and alive and free. Later, had first dream shift. Later, found AHHW.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/darknessfalls.html (defunct)

By Darkwalker (David J.)

Wolf. Physical shift into “Crinos form.” [Crinos form is a word from fiction. I include this clearly fabricated story in case this person may have been a source of confusion for others. – ed.]

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/darkwalker.html (defunct)

By DevilWolf (Panther of the Wolf, Celina W.)

Wolf. Daydreamed about running through forests to calm self. One night, I’m not sure if it was dream or real, I woke and saw myself as a wolf in the mirror. Felt relaxed and confident. Often at night, pose changes to be wolf-like, feel tickle of fur growing. Then found AHHW.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/devilwolf.html (defunct)

By Dobutsu. Wolf. Grew up with pet wolf-dogs. I run quickly on four legs. I recognize people by smell. When I look at the moon, I feel different. I wake up from dream shifts feeling sore from running. Anger induces mental shifts in which I growl and find it hard to walk on two legs.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dobutsu.html (defunct)

By Dragos

Wolf. During a mental shift, it’s a zone, volatile and euphoric, without fear or worry, like a high. Scared a family member.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dragos.html (defunct)

By Dream Runner

Wolf. The wolf and young woman live as the same, yet different entities. Mental shifts when angry or sad, but have since learned to control this, shifting when calm, comforted by wolf.

Had a phase in which inner wolf became depressed that she could never have pups.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dreamrunner.html (defunct)

By DreamWolf. Wolf. In childhood, made many misunderstood attempts to shift to wolf before I understood wolf was me.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dreamwlf.html (defunct)

By DustWolf

European gray wolf, dream shifts. Found AHHW in teens. I love my packmates.

deviantart.com/deviation/49161543

By Echoes of Jade

Wolf. Was closer to my childhood dog than to my family. After he died, dreamed of being a wolf running next to him. Began to act canine. Then found AHHW.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/echoofjade.html (defunct)

By Furtail

Wolf. I don’t consider myself a Were, I’m a wolf in a man’s body. My soul is a wolf soul. I had a past life as a wolf. Awareness happened due to childhood near-death experience.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/furtail.html (defunct)

By Genevieve

At puberty, gained a wolf-like perspective.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/genevieve.html (defunct)

By GreySnowWolf

Was a wolf in a past life. Part of me is wolf.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/greysnowwolf.html (defunct)

By Grim Wolf (Andrew A.)

Timber wolf. My sister is a vampire, and so were her friends, and so naturally I tried to kill them. Then my sister introduced me to my own kind. [Uh, this card is a prank, right? –ed.]

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/grim.html (defunct)

By Hanhepi hi Wipeta. Wolf. Autistic. Found solace walking dog in woods

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/hanhepi.html (defunct)

By Harry

Tiger. Feline instincts. Performed a feat of remarkable strength when fighting off a bully, thanks to a mental shift. My ancestors were killed for being Weres and Wiccans, and my family has a silver allergy. [Wicca and Weres both originated in the 20th century. –ed.]

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/harry.html (defunct)

By Hope. Chicken/wolf gryphon.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/hope.html (defunct)

By Howlie. Wolf is my totem and role model

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/howlie.html (defunct)

By Karra. Catlike in behavior

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/karra.html (defunct)

By Khato Berian (Erik T.). Siberian tiger, snow leopard, timber wolf dream shifts.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/khato.html (defunct)

By Kiric HeartWolf

Wolf, plus horse, raven. How I met my first friend: she held out her hand, said, “Hi, I’m a vampire.” I took her hand, said, “Hi, I’m a werewolf.” Best friends ever since.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/heartwlf.html

By Kota. Wolf. In childhood, felt closer to dogs than family, ate with them, played on all fours with them. In teens, dream shifts of running with wolves, feeling free. First mental

shift happened when outdoors, overwhelmed by emotions: then felt an enjoyable pain, lost time, woke up feeling tired but energized. I run through woods alone at night to induce mental shifts.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/kota.html (defunct)

By Kveldulf. Wolf. Dream shifts. Sometimes rage builds up and I have an outburst. I think this reflects the wolf in me. I’m a berserker.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/kveldulf.html (defunct)

By Ladywolf (Kathleen). Wolf. I’m a loner, at home in the woods. Once I caught a rabbit and it bit me. Wolf was teaching me to hunt.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/ladywolf.html (defunct)

By Lao Lang (Dee S.)

Gray wolf. Age five, visited a park, and was licked by a wolf. Changed my life.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/laolang.html (defunct)

By Lila Laviren (Miss Lila Wolf, Kate D.)

Werewolf. Age five, was fond of and was once bitten by a family member’s wolf-dog. Other family members raised full-blood timber wolves.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lila.html (defunct)

By Lone Wolf (Jonathan). Werewolf. Had a dream shift about a mental shift. I keep my interest in werewolves secret from my family.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lonewolf.html (defunct)

By Lone Wolf (Laura). My mate gave me the name Lone Wolf for a CB handle. I’ve gradually become more wolf-like in body language. What will my kids think?

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lonewolf.html (defunct)

By Lord Bad Vibes (Sarah, Alice)

Expelled due to violent tantrum. Struggled to remove the ‘problem’ until I battled with the wolf in a dream. Every time I struck the wolf I felt the blow. Realized I couldn’t remove the wolf from me as I was the wolf.

- swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lordbadvibes.html (defunct)
- By Loupa D'Ambre. Wolf. Dream shifts of running with wolves. Tested with extremely acute hearing. After 30+ years, my wolf side and I have come to an almost perfect balance.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/loupa.html (defunct)
- By Lupa (C.). My spirit double or *ka* has been in wolf form for a very long time.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lupa.html (defunct)
- By Maloran. My whole life I've dreamed of being an animal, sometimes a coyote, sometimes a cat, a snake, a hawk, or a dragon. When I'm especially hungry, angry, or scared, my canine teeth physically shift into fangs.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/maloran.html (defunct)
- By Mange. Anthro wolf in dream shifts. As a child I knew, told my friends, they laughed at me, so I repressed my Were side and denied its existence. In recent years, I've come to accept it
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/mange.html (defunct)
- By Maverick Wolf. Teased about being a loner. Realized my inner animal was an alpha wolf. I was hit by a car, and during a two-day coma, dreamt I was that wolf. I had faced my inner animal and since then have felt a deeper link with animals and humans. I'm hard to anger and seldom unhappy.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/maverick.html
- By Metawolf. Timber wolf. In a dream, encountered wolves, then saw wolf reflection. Then explored spirituality. Aura shift.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/metawolf.html
- By Nightlyre. Mexican wolf. Sent to psychiatrist for depression. I decided that if I was going to do without prescriptions, I'd better find out who I really was inside.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/nightlyre.html (defunct)
- By Niita. Wolf. Claims to have become a physical shape-shifter after having been bitten by a strange man in the woods as a child. [Transmission of lycanthropy by biting is an invention of 20th-century cinema. It does not appear in the old folktales or legends. –ed.]
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/niita.html (defunct)
- By Nitestalker (B.). Wolf behavior. Dreams of being a wolf. No mental shifts.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/nitestalker.html (defunct)
- By Omen Dyonises Raincloud (F. M. III) Tiger. Fascinated at park, saddened by Siegfried & Roy.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/omen.html (defunct)
- By Olomoc Age 8, eye contact with wolf at park, fainted.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/olomoc.html (defunct)
- By Phillipus Cú Glas Conrechta Lycanthropos Kelev (Phil) ✓
Canis lupus. Secondly, *Orcinus orca*. Resembles 16th century profile for werewolf, and berserker. Eyes can turn yellow. Found wolf side by divination. Wrote, co-directed, and starred in play as a werewolf. Mirror-gazed in dark and saw wolf side, then coyotes began to howl outside. Various dream-shifts. My werewolf nature is here to protect and instruct myself and others, and to embrace difference, physicality, and paradox.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/phillupus.html (defunct)
- By Padfoot Bedlam Dogstar. Circa 2003. Canine cladotherianthrope. Wolf was my first spirit guide showing me the path of therianthropy. It started with a dream shift.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/padfoot.html (defunct)
- By Polaris. Bear. After finding AHHW, began having dream shifts.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/polaris.html
- By Polenth. 1998

Dragon. “I’ve known for as long as I’ve known what a dragon is. My friends and family know, but not because I told them. They guessed.”

polenth.demon.co.uk/general/werecard.html

(defunct)

By RandomShifts (O. W.)

Polywere. From childhood, mental and dream shifts into various kinds of animals.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/randomshifts.html (defunct)

By RED. Wolf. First mental shift happened when playing at being a werewolf with friends. Became violent.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/red.html (defunct)

By Redian Bosciano Wolff

deviantart.com/deviation/49088423

By Sabersinger. Wolf. Secondly, tiger.

Confirmed by psychic. Dream shifts.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/sabersinger.html (defunct)

By Sabretoothed Ermine

Smilodon, weasel. Always liked to playfight like animals. When I discovered the online Werecommunity, at first I thought spiritually-based Weres were insane. However, I confronted myself about this hypocrisy: my spirituality was the same.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/sabretoothed.html (defunct)

By Shadow (C. H.)

Eastern timber wolf. Having a Were side is like having a second view on every subject.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/shadow.html (defunct)

By Shadow Bard. North American gray wolf.

Fascinated by wolves. Dream shift.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/bard.html (defunct)

By Shadowfang (D. L.)

Wolf. Dream shifts of many kinds of animals, until made eye contact with wolves at a park

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/shadowfang.html (defunct)

By Shadow Flash (A.) 1998-11-11

Polywere. The first time I considered my Wereness was when I found a webpage about it. Since then, my phenotypes have taken a while to surface. I don’t fit into one category easily. I’m most like a combination of many animals at once.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/sflash.html (defunct)

By Shadow Wolf (J. B.)

Wolf. Secondly, horse. On a spirit walk, met and merged with a wolf.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/shadowwolf.html (defunct)

By She Demon Wolf, of Erox Pack

A wolf with dragon attributes.

myweb.ecomplanet.com/LUNE2889/mycustompage0009.htm (defunct)

By Shiya

Cheetah. M-shift at beach. Later, heard about otherkin. Then discovered my animal. Phantom shifting almost every minute. Strangely, I have feathered wings, can see them, move them. I don’t know why.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/shiyah.html (defunct)

By Silver (J. B.)

Wolf. M-shift, etc, but not p-shift. Haven’t lost a fight to anything since my first change. I was bitten by a viral lycanthrope after my first change. [Transmission of lycanthropy by bite was invented in a movie. It is fiction. –ed.] I am a Christian, so I will choose not to p-shift if it turns out to be magic.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/silver.html (defunct)

By Silverback (H. J.)

Timberwolf, dromaeosaur. Discovered therian comm. as a child, then started soul searching. Joined a pack, it helped. Good friends.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/silverback.html (defunct)

By Skoll. Wolf. Rustic childhood, taught respect for ecosystem, saw wolf as noble.

Dream shift, woke up outside. Feared inner wolf at first, then embraced it, finally whole. I was the wolf, we were one and the same.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/skoll.html (defunct)

By Solulo (Lycanthia Solulo, C. B.)

Wolf. With childhood friends, pretended to be foxes. Felt that I was a fox. My obsession with foxes developed into that of wolves. Dream shifts. While practicing *T'ai Chi*, had a vision or out-of-body experience about wolves. Met wolf spirit guide.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/solulo.html (defunct)

By Sonrai SunGazer. 2002

House-cat. Describes an astral shift.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/sonrai.html (defunct)

By Soul Seeker (M.) 1999

Wolf, tiger. In teens, still love playing at being an animal. M-shift during geometry class.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/soulseeker.html (defunct)

By Soul-that-Seeks (C. K.)

Canine. Learned kindness from dog.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/soulseek.html (defunct)

By Stalks-By-Night (G. T.)

Timber wolf. By meditation and divination, discovered and released wolf side. I learned to control the wolf part and combine it with my human side as one. We Werebeasts are a rare blend of spiritual and physical, man and beast.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/stalks.html (defunct)

By Strype (D.) ✓

Tiger. I've felt a phantom tail for as long as I can remember. Later, could feel fur, muzzle, ears, and saw stripes. After I figured it out, I began feeling better about myself, losing weight, getting stronger, more energetic, creative, and happier than ever. After all, I was looking for this for years. A secret now, but someday I'll get stripes tattooed all over.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/strype.html (defunct)

By Swiftpaw. Jaguar with a full life

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/swiftpaw.html (defunct)

By Swordmaiden (HowlingWolf, D. B.)

I met a man who was a Were, and he brought it out in me, as I have in him. My eye color changes. A friend had a dream about me as a wolf. While chatting online, I nearly had a full physical shift, and have started to p-shift other times. I think like a wolf and talk like one would if it was in human form. M-shifted once while working at radio station.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/swordmaiden.html (defunct)

By Tigerfolly

Tiger. I'm domesticated and social. I'm proud of and loyal to my owner. My goal is to live my life as a pet. Discovered this in a dream.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/tigerfolly.html (defunct)

By Timberwolf (Old Wolf, R. C.)

Wolf. Dream shifts.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/timberwolf.html (defunct)

By Tyger (TygerWulff) Circa 1997.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20020429103613/http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/tyger.html>

Wolf, tiger. Played at being an animal. Adopted, found out birth-parents were Native Americans named Wolf.

By Uath (J. M.). Circa 1998.

At 15, I

decided I wasn't human, but then what was I? I figured werewolf, because I loved wolves so much. Searched online and found AHHW.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/uath.html (defunct)

By Uncle Wolf (T. T.)

I am a fusion of wolf and man, intellectual but primal. Akela the Wolf and Bear are the spirit guides I follow. Dolphin or otter helped my swimming ability. I am a Christian, but have added other beliefs. All gods are one god.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/unclewolf.html (defunct)

By Utlah

Arctic wolf/coyote therian. Awakening and involvement with the AHHW community.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/werecard.html (defunct)

By Vacai (D. L.)

In teens, befriended a vampire and a werewolf.
I'm a witch and vixen, conscience of the trio.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/vacai.html (defunct)

By Vaershakkae

Wolf. Misanthropy. Dangerous mental shifts.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/vaershakkae.html (defunct)

By VulpesVelox (Swift Fox, K. M.)

Red fox. All my life I've been deeply in love with foxes. Dream shifts.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/vaershakkae.html (defunct)

By WarCry of the WoodLands (Danny M. F****r)

Wolf. Dislikes vampires. [Likely fictional. -ed.]
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/warcry.html

By Warrior (L. M.). Wolf. Told my friend, and she said she'd been feeling the same way.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/warrior.html (defunct)

By Whitefell (Sonicide, Alice). 1998

Wolf. Misanthropy. As child, neglected, raised by neighbor's dog. During mental shift, can't read. Once, physically shifted, with witnesses. [Sounds like this might be one of the people who Rosalyn Greene asked for information about p-shifting. -ed.]
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/whitefell.html (defunct)

By Whitewolf (B. D.). Wolf, falcon. My Totem asked to become a part of me, to help me be something more. We became one spirit.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/whitewolf.html (defunct)

By Whyte Wolf K.

Wolf. My Were side taught me a lot about anger, but it also taught me a lot about trust. I have a true friend, but I lost more to outbursts.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/whytewolfk.html (defunct)

By Willow

deviantart.com/deviation/142934628

By Winter Eyes (BludWulf, D. I.)

Werewolf. My goal is to lead my own pack.
Tranquil dream shifts, wake rejuvenated.
Pondered these and found meaning.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wintereyes.html (defunct)

By Windigo the Feral

Dreamed of being a "windigo" creature, and only later heard of stories of windigos. Long after that, found out about other therians
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/windigo.html (defunct)

By Winged Wolf

therianthropy.wingedwolfsion.com/WWpther.html (defunct)

By Wolf (Tony)

Childhood fear of a shed, "knew" a dangerous wolf was inside it. On vision quest, opened shed door, became wolf, and other wolf is Mother. Physically shifted for first time while making love to wife.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolf.html (defunct)

By Wolf02 (GrayWolf, Alastair)

Dream shift, and when I woke up, felt my body shift back to human.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolf02.html (defunct)

By Wolfen (Simon W.)

Mirror meditation, reflection became wolf. Wolves have admirable qualities that I follow throughout my life.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolfen.html (defunct)

By WolfFang. 1998

Wolf. Dream shifted as big cat at first due to misconception that wolves are evil. Found AHHW. Worked at wolf sanctuaries. Attending college to be a Wildlife Biologist.
swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolffang.html (defunct)

By Wolflope (Wolf Walker, C. L. S.)

Wolf. As child, had spiritual connection to pet wolf-dog, thought of myself as her child, a wolf cub.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/wolflope.html (defunct)

[Note: The WereCard section is not complete. I am going to continue collecting more WereCards in this section. I am not finished exploring Utlah's *WereCard Archive* yet. Additionally, I want to find many WereCards that were never in Utlah's *WereCard Archive*.]

Responses to the Furvey (Furry Lifestyle Survey) and Thervey (Therian Survey)

By Polenth. 1998-11-23

A dragon's responses to the Furvey.
polenth.demon.co.uk/general/furvey.html
(defunct)

By Polenth. 1998-12-27

A dragon's responses to the Thervey.
polenth.demon.co.uk/general/thervey.html
(defunct)

Surveys for Lupa's *A Field Guide to Otherkin*

"Appendix C: The ubiquitous survey," by Lupa

Lupa's own complete responses to the survey
that she sent out
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 279-284

"Survey 1: Lupa's otherkin survey," by Meirya. 2005-09

A bird therian responds to the survey that Lupa
used to research her book, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*
dreamofhorn.com/nest/feathers4.html

"Field Guide to Otherkin: Survey responses," by
Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin). 2005-10
dreamhart.org/2010/06/field-guide-to-otherkin-survey-responses

"Lupa's survey answers," by Dragonslorefury. 2005
A dragon otherkin responds to Lupa's otherkin
research questions.
deviantart.com/deviation/84840636

"Otherkin survey (2)," by Arethinn. 2006-02

A sidhe's responses
eristic.net/fey/info/survey2.php

Therian Meme

Therian Meme, by Susano-Reborn. 2009-12-16

This is the original, blank "Therian Meme" for
other therians to fill out.

deviantart.com/deviation/146984468

Therian Meme, by GestaltZe. 2009-12-28

A red wolf therian's responses

deviantart.com/deviation/148392657

Therian Meme, by Dragonslorefury. 2009-12-21

A dragon otherkin's responses

deviantart.com/deviation/147551918

Therian Meme, by Enju Y.. 2010-05-11

A dragon's responses.

deviantart.com/deviation/163708021

Therian Meme, by TarawynWorldWalker. 2011-02-24

A shapeshifter therian's responses
deviantart.com/deviation/198710251

Other survey and questionnaire responses

"Survey 2: Therianthropy.org's entry questionnaire,"
by Meirya. 2005-11

A bird therian responds to a questionnaire
required of new members on a certain site
dreamofhorn.com/nest/feathers5.html

"Newland profiles – Polenth," by Polenth

A dragon's responses to the survey for a
gryphon newsgroup
polenth.demon.co.uk/gryphon/polenth.html

"Otherkin survey," by Arethinn. 2005-11

A sidhe's responses to an unidentified survey
eristic.net/fey/info/survey1.php

PART VI.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF OTHERKIN.

Religion, or lack thereof

Therianthropy isn't a religion. Otherkin isn't a religion. Each therian or otherkin person is free to individually follow, invent, or ignore any religions in whatever way they are individually inclined to do. Personally, I've known very few otherkin who follow the exact same religion as one another. I've known otherkin and therians who are Christian (of various sects), atheist, Hindu, Jewish, Wiccan, and so on. Personally, I love reading essays that explain how one relates their therianthropy to their other beliefs about the cosmos, because it fits into each cosmology in such a different way.

Otherkin isn't a religion,
nor is it a cult,
nor even perhaps a spirituality

"The number one misconception," by

SummonerWolf. 2009-01-25 ★

Therianthropy is not about a god, nor about a set of rules. Animal people do not follow commandments. Otherkin do not all go to a church, or have spiritual leaders.

deviantart.com/deviation/110705840

"Otakukin and religion," by Saevitia S.

Because it deals with the afterlife, people erroneously assume that otakukin belong to some kind of new religion. ... Additionally, otakukin may be of any religion.

otakukin.atspace.com/religion.htm

"Cults and otherkin," by Judea

An informal outline, arguing that the otherkin community isn't a cult, because the otherkin community lacks most of the characteristics that would define a dangerous cult

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/cults-and-otherkin

"Aren't people who think they are werewolves just

New Age freaks?" by Yaiolani

The shifter community is not something that grew out of the New Age movement, and it

generally has little to do with modern Neo-Paganism either.

yaiolani.tripod.com/newage1.htm

"Aren't people who think they are werewolves

members of some cult?" by Yaiolani ✓

No, because they don't and can't recruit, and they don't have any agreed-upon doctrines

yaiolani.tripod.com/cultish.htm

"Lycanthropy and the Utlah," by Utlah

It provides a similar function to religion

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Articles/personal_lycan.html

"Doctrines and beliefs, oh my!" by SphynxCatVP

Vampirism doesn't inherently have spiritual or faith-based (religious) doctrines or beliefs. It's a state of being: we just are. It's also not inherently a lifestyle. However, there are vampires who take a spiritual or faith-based approach to vampirism...

sanguinarius.org/articles/SC_most-doctrines.shtml

"Priestess," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters p. 18-20

"Perfect love and perfect trust," by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters Vol. 1, p. 25-27

"Holding wonder," by the Silver Elves

The Elves are not a religion ... Nor is there an Elf religion

Magical Elven Love Letters Vol. 1, p. 49-51

"Otherkin isn't a religion, but..." by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 214-218

Otherkin and religion/spirituality (general)

"Spirituality and religion," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 211-214

Christianity and alterhumans

Being both an alterhuman and a Christian

On Dragons' Wings, by DrakeLightBearer

Writings for dragon otherkin who are also Christians, arguing that draconity and Christianity go together perfectly well. Bible study and advice.

dragonswings.org

"Christianity and Weres," by Wolf VanZandt. 2010

A werewolf explains how he is also a Christian.

Once, there were holy werewolves

theriantimeline.com/christianity_and_weres

"Body and the soul," by Reemul

A therianthropic interpretation of a passage from Genesis

lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955668766

(defunct)

"Gnostic transformations," by Reemul

A therianthropic interpretation of a passage from the Gospel of Thomas

lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955668447

(defunct)

"Lance Foxx talks with Art Bell and Father Malachi

Martin," by Lance Foxx. 1997-07-11

A transcript of when Lance Foxx called into a religious radio talk show

geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/9735/transcript.html (defunct)

Jesus Wolfie, by Vargablod. 2004-05-30

Color pencil illustration, depicting Jesus as a giant wolf regarding smaller wolves with a parental affection, with explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/7690977

Shelter, by Sarah Lee W. 2004-08-04

Color pencil illustration. "I drew this shortly after hurricane Charley ... my family and pets were safe ... I drew this picture of Jesus sheltering two elf children and a dragon child that represents my dragon self."

elfwood.com/art/s/w/swilliamson/shelter2.jpg.html

Molatar's Castle, by Molatar Seth Pyrargent. 2004

Ostensibly by an evangelical Christian dragon otherkin. Makes far-fetched claims. May have been written as a prank.

molatar.com (defunct)

"The Holy Spirit gets around," by Teresa. 2004-11-22

Some amused commentary by an outsider about *Molatar's Castle*. If you form a community around some shared interest, sooner or later someone in it is going to get Born Again.

nielsenhayden.com/makinglight/archives/005797.html

Matthias, Charles. "What does it mean?"

<https://web.archive.org/web/20010217052444/>

<http://www.shifters.org/~tsl/essays.shtml>

A rat therian who is a Catholic.

Combining Christianity with other beliefs

Reemul. "Grace."

lycanthrope.org/~raven/Grace.html

On exploring both a Gnostic and a totemic path, with Raven Totem.

"My WereCard," by Uncle Wolf (T. T.)

I am a Christian, but have added other beliefs, such as animal spirit guides. All gods are one god.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/uncle.html (defunct)

The place of one's specific nonhuman type or species within Christian cosmology

"The otherkin (*Die Anderen - Otherkin*)," by Apu Kuntur (Stefan N. K.). n.d.

A dragon otherkin points out the connection between dragons and angels: *seraphim*, the Biblical "fiery flying serpents."

kondor.de/shaman/otherkine.html

Original German:

kondor.de/shaman/otherkin.html

"I, an angel? Flying With Angel Wings - The Path to Myself (*Ich, ein Engel? Auf Engelsflügeln zur Erkenntnis*)," by Apu Kuntur (Stefan N. K.)

More thoughts on the similarities of dragons and angelic *seraphim*.

Original German: kondor.de/angel/seraph.html

English: kondor.de/angel/seraph_e.html

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On otherkin who remember a past life in the Christian heaven

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 192-193

“Chapter II: The Bible and unicorns,” by Roy Wilkinson. 1998

What does the Bible say about unicorns?

Argues that unicorns symbolize the children of Ephraim, who are here to bless the world, and who have been scattered and mixed with all people, so their spiritual identity slumbers in people of all races. If “unicorn” is just a mistranslation for a word of uncertain meaning, maybe that was God’s will.

Are You A Unicorn?, pp. 7-39

“Chapter V: Jesus and unicorns,” by Roy Wilkinson. 1998

In the middle ages, the unicorn symbolized Jesus; the hunt in the Unicorn Tapestries is an allegory for his martyrdom. Jesus has much in common with unicorns.

Are You A Unicorn?, pp. 68-77

“Chapter VI: The unicorn and the rainbow,” by Roy Wilkinson. 1998

Both of these symbolize God’s promises to humankind

Are You A Unicorn?, pp. 80-81

Symbols for Christian therianthropes

Forgiveness2, by Pariahpoet. 2005-08-27

Drawing of lion and tiger therians, accompanied by the therian theta-delta symbol, with a cross superimposed on it.

deviantart.com/deviation/22238879

Theta Delta Deus, by Alyssa M. 2010-11-18

The therian theta-delta symbol, with the dash in the center changed *into* a cross, rather than having the cross superimposed *on* it.

Accompanying text by TaniMay explains some Christian therian philosophy

deviantart.com/deviation/186670278

Therian pride t-shirt, by Rowan of Wonderless.

2009-04-27

The aforementioned Christian variation on the therian theta-delta symbol, as a decoration on a shirt, along with another variation with a wolf in the center of the theta-delta, flanked by feathered wings

deviantart.com/deviation/120727900

Christian Therianthropy Symbol, by Mist-Howler, 2011-06-10

(Graphic design.) A different Christian variation on the therian theta-delta symbol. A different cross, and inscription in Hebrew.

deviantart.com/deviation/212641253

“Behind the symbol...” by Mist-Howler. 2011-06-11

An essay explaining of the symbolism used in the above Christian therianthropy symbol.

deviantart.com/deviation/212645441

Alienated by Christianity

“A wolf’s religion,” by PistolVaunWulf (Spiritwolf, Spiritwolfalpha). 2010-12-25

A few months after Awakening, a wolf therian attends a sermon, and realizes that Christianity feels all wrong

deviantart.com/deviation/190920692

Judaism and the Kabbalah in relation to alterhumans

Citrakayah. “Judaism and me.” March 2020.

https://citrakayah.ucoz.org/index/judaism_and_me/0-73

Greene, Rosalyn. “Relationships between shifter species.” *The Magic of Shapeshifting*. 2000. pp. 74-79.

A chart which has unexplored potential for correspondences with the Tree of Life (p. 79)

Silver Elves, the. *Elven Tree of Life Eternal*.

silverelves.angelfire.com/elftree.html 🎵

An interactive journey through an elven interpretation of the Tree of Life

Taoism and alterhumans

Tao Te Kin: The Kin way of true virtue, by Otherkin

Awakening. 2007-10-29 🎵

An otherkin-themed spinoff of Stephen Mitchell's English paraphrase of the Taoist classic book, the *Tao Te Ching*. You should compare both texts simultaneously
kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=category§ionid=5&id=30&Itemid=31

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

The relationship between shape-shifting and the Book of Changes (*I Ching*). Particular hexagrams about change.

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 215-216

Hinduism and otherkin

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On Rakshasa otherkin and their place in Hindu cosmology

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 196-197

Buddhism and otherkin

"Pixie prince," by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 211-212

Shintoism and otherkin

Untitled selection, by Lupa

Some kitsune otherkin are Shintoists

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 201-202

Reconstructionist religions, Neo-Paganism, and Wicca in relation to otherkin

Neo-Pagans looking at otherkin

"Where should we stand on Otherkin?" by Jason.
2005-12-04

A response to Lupa's article on *WitchVox*, "Otherkin and the Pagan community." A summary of some of the hostile attitudes that Pagans have toward otherkin.

wildhunt.org/blog/2005/12/where-should-we-stand-on-otherkin.html

"Confessions of a former otherkin," by BellaDonna Saberhagen. 2011-11-13

Inexperienced Neo-Pagans initially go through a phase of deluding themselves and one another into believing excessively far-fetched things, such as being otherkin. Personal experiences. Be cautious about spirituality, and accept being human.

witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=uspa&c=words&id=14693

Untitled selection, by Lupa

When explaining to a group of Pagans that one is otherkin, some otherkin have received unfavorable or confused responses, and some otherkin have received favorable and understanding responses.

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 44-45

On being both a Neo-Pagan and an otherkin

Untitled selection, by Anton

On being a therianthrope and Nordic Reconstructionist Heathen (Asatru)

Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 98

"On Pan," by Borach M. 1998-02-14

A Pagan satyr otherkin explains why his god is Pan

reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/pan.html

"To be human," by Kebechet. 2011-03-12.

A wolf otherkin relating to the ancient Egyptian pantheon.

danceswithnetjer.blogspot.com/2011/03/to-be-human.html

My spirituality, by Westly Ehrin R. 2002-11-14

An allegorical image of a personal cosmology, with interpretation. The Goddess and God as human-like animals: masculine Hyena and effeminate Wolf, respectively. *Caution*: nudity.

deviantart.com/deviation/901670

“Elf song,” by the Silver Elves

On the relationship of the Elves to Wicca
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 62-63

“Elven Wicca, Wiccan Elves,” by the Silver Elves.

Circa 1999

ips.net/elve/elfinwicca.html (defunct)

Untitled selection, by Lupa

Draconic Wicca and how it changed a magician to be more dragon-like

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 225-226

Dragons of Gaundaria, by Scorpius111

Draconic witchcraft, with a few references to Conway’s *Dancing with Dragons*. Argues that dragons exist, but in spirit, not in physical form. They’re real in the astral realms, and they also live in human bodies. The author is a dragon-kin who describes adventures on the astral plane.

angelfire.com/d20/gaundariadrag

Otherkin of other paths

Atheism, agnosticism, philosophies that aren’t organized religions, independent development of spiritual ideas, unique and personal belief systems, and invented religions. (I’m putting these together in a section because the divisions between them are less clear-cut than with “organized” religions. Please understand that I intend no offense.)

“Life and religion,” by Kefira. 2004

I don’t believe in souls or afterlife. I’m not an atheist. I believe in gods, but I don’t worship. Nonetheless, lioness is the base of who I am

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/lifereligion.php

“Cameleon natures,” by the Silver Elves

On being spiritual but not religious

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 242-244

“The World Dragon,” as told by Casteglan

On a creator goddess which many of the Elves of Alorya believe in, as recalled from the past-life memories of those elves.

stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/worlddragon.html (defunct)

“I used to call myself a Thiderean,” by Baxil the Dragon. 2002-11-20

Navigating a private religion, choosing to keep it relatively private

tomorrowlands.org/nov2002b.html#11202002

Geol sanctuary, by Alex E.

A therian invented a religion called Geolism, and tells all the details about it here

alex-erdman.webs.com

Reincarnation

Basic concepts:

On having been other kinds
of creatures in past lives

“The reincarnation theory of otherkin,” by Lupa.

2005-12-04

How some otherkin answer “Where do we come from? Why are we here?”

witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=usor&c=words&iid=10338

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On reincarnation as an explanation for why otherkin are otherkin

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 57-66

“Humans, reincarnation and extinction: The role of animals in modern reincarnative theory (Animal reincarnation theory),” by Daemonikk. 2006-11-08

deviantart.com/deviation/42750152

“Reincarnation,” by Ketrino. 2007

A therian’s high-school essay summarizing the characteristics of the belief in reincarnation, including people who believe they were non-human beings in past lives

ketrino.angelfire.com/reinessay.html

Lest we forget, by DrakeLightBearer

Writings by a Christian dragon who believes in reincarnation, offering advice on how dragon otherkin may recall memories of past lives as dragons.

dragonswings.org/Essay/LWF/once.shtml

Therian Child, by SilverThreads. 2010-09-11 ▲ 🎵

A short unfinished picture-book about how a therian child came to be. A fox kit’s rebirth as a human. Our past mothers are proud of our transition and are watching over us always. Let us make them proud.

deviantart.com/deviation/178869172

“Souls and reincarnation,” by Shunyata. 2009-03-17 (From starseed community.) What might souls be, and *why* should they incarnate? Most souls aren’t mature enough to gain voluntary control over their incarnations, but a few types of

beings do so voluntarily: Avatars, Tulkus, Ascended Masters, and starseeds. Starseeds have gained maturity on other planets, but haven’t yet reached Nirvana.

starseeds.info/about-starseeds/list-all-articles/9-types-of-starseeds

“Past life memories?” by SombraStudio. 2011-02-05 Criticism. A therian argues: You didn’t have a past life as an imaginary creature. That’s impossible, because those creatures don’t exist.

somboramalamutt.wordpress.com/2011/02/05/past-life-memories

“The spiritual side of furry,” by Manawolf

I was a squirrel in a former life. However, I don’t believe in souls, a concept integral to reincarnation. So what is this connection with squirrels? If it makes you happy and improves your life, maybe it doesn’t matter if it’s real or has reasons.

firstlight.net/~chythar/manawolf/articles/spirit.htm

How to remember past lives

“Accessing memories,” by Tocosar Ætlanatra (Dandelion AE). 2001-12-31

Advice on recalling past life memories, for the newly awakened

otherkin.net/articles/memories.html

In Russian:

werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1&id=63569256 and shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-6

“How to recall some memories,” by Eyovah

Some strategies and meditations, and a magic ritual rialian.com/eyovah1/memoryrecall.html

“Past life recall techniques,” by Melishal. 2003-03-03

Many types of recall. For remembering non-human past lives in particular

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=86&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

“The Lostkin Project: Techniques,” by various authors

Lostkin are otherkin who have no memories of their past lives. Here are some techniques for remembering past lives.

lostkin.otherkin.net/technqs.htm (defunct)

“Beginning memory work,” by Michelle Belanger
Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 232-235

How does one know that one’s past-life memories are for real?

“Questioning sanity,” by Syleniel. 2000-11-21

How can somebody be two conflicting things?

How much of your past life applies now?

otherkin.net/articles/questioning.html

“The perils of remembering,” by Spearcarrier.
2000-05-13

Inner strife: intense emotions; confusing truth with wishful thinking.

otherkin.net/articles/remembering2.html

“Cryptoamnesia and past life memories,” by Michelle Belanger. 2001-03-23.

Could you have misinterpreted a “hidden memory” as a past-life memory?

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/other/Cryptoamnesia.html

“False’ memories,” by Syanin. 2011-05-28

Cryptomesia and otherkin. Could false memories have value and meaning anyway?

pirate.is/nautilus/2011/05/18/false-memories

“At the core of memory,” by Rialian

In response to fears of cryptoamnesia, and the continued honest search for truth.

rialian.com/core-of-memory.htm

“In defense of royalty,” by Tocosar Ætlanatra (Dandelion AE). 2002-01-07 ★

Why do so many people talk about having been royalty in past lives?

otherkin.net/articles/royalty.html

Memories influencing the present

“Ethics and Rememory,” by Rialian

Does one allow those past selves to take over, to overrule the present self in importance?

(This essay was published in *Kinships*

Magazine Vol 1, Issue 1.)

rialian.com/rememory.htm

“Remembrance,” by Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 56-57

“Spiritual immortality,” by Michelle Belanger

Psychic Vampire Codex, p. 84-85

“Soulbonds (Soulmates and soulbonds)” by Dan O’Dea. 1999, 2003

A soulmate or soulbond is a person with whom you tend to reincarnate time after time, helping each other learn lessons. Not necessarily a romantic relationship. Significance for non-human reincarnates. [No, this isn’t about fiction-kin. This is a different use of the word “soulbond.”]

otherkin.net/articles/soulbonds.html

“That life isn’t this life,” by Tirl Windtree. 2002-04-12 ★

If you knew one another in a past life, must you be together now? Not necessarily

otherkin.net/articles/thisThat.html

“What it really means to be Faeborn,” by Skyling.

2003-01-07 ✓

Thoroughly explains how people who were other species in past lives are different from average humans now.

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=83&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

“What good are memories of past lives? Why should I remember?” by Syleniel. 2002-12-20

otherkin.net/mirror/promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=articles&id=81.html (defunct)

“General,” by FAE administrators

Answers to three questions: How do I know what is a memory? What is Actively Living your

Inner Self? Can you have more than one awakening?

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=FAQ&file=index&myfaq=yes&id_cat=1&categories=General&parent_id=0
(defunct)

Personal recollections

Many of the writings I've found on otherkin sites that are ostensibly stories of past lives aren't clearly labeled as to whether they're works of fiction or not, so I've omitted all those that aren't clear. The writings that I include here are the ones where the author openly and clearly states that he/she believes that what he/she is writing is true and that he/she is writing down his/her own memories of past lives. I can only take the author's word for it, because only the author knows whether he/she sincerely believes in what he/she says or not.

Personal recollections (otherkin)

"What used to be," by Gregory Vasilisa M. 2007-06-25

A poem about being a reincarnated otherkin.
"The memories come back to me in the night ...
I feel my true face beneath this skin./ A longing
for beauty returned."

deviantart.com/deviation/58418909

"Arhúaine's story," by Arhúaine

Memories of a past life in Elfhome, which may have been Alorya. Now I'm reincarnated here, in a human body, in a world that reminds me a little of Alorya.

absinthia.com/otherkin/memories/Arhúaine.html (defunct)

"An elf's story," by Arhúaine

Memories of a past life in Elfhome (Elphame). Similar to the above article, but not identical. History and language of that place. I'm not certain why elves gather together in this reality now, or why we all desire to find our kin.

rialian.com/Arhúaine.htm

"My story," by Arhúaine

Memories of a past life in Alorya. Similar but not identical to the above articles.

stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/mystory.html (defunct)

"Dancing with memory," by Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin). 2009-11-06

I remember Alorya

dreamhart.org/2009/11/dancing-with-memory

"The story so far," by Sileniel. Circa 1997

A history of an elven people, and how they ended up here

rialian.com/elvsile2.htm (defunct)

"On reincarnation and my past lives," by 'Lesia

Several past lives, some as elves

adrastai.com/spirituality/0806_pastlives.shtml

"Elf: my past," by Caimdearg

Memories of a past life as an elf of the world of Arvalos

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/elf-my-past

"Rememberings," by Miaren Crow's Daughter

home.otherkin.net/miaren/rememberings.html

"What is a Fei?" by Melishal. 2002-04-10

A description of the Fei, a fairy-like creature of Til'Quintas, described by someone who remembers them from a past life

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=56&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

"A brief look at V'lurians," by Takkaddu, of Ko. 2002-10-23 ▲

A description of the physiology and history of the V'lurians, based on the author's recollections of having been a V'lurian in a past life. The V'lurians are dragon-like humanoids. Gives an explanation for how and why a V'lurian came to be reincarnated as a human instead.

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=78&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0 (defunct)

V'lurians and their many aspects, by Takkaddu, of Ko. 2007

More description of the V'lurians

komotomo.com/vluria/vluria.html

“One in two, two in one,” by Renzoku Lysandarria
(Heaven K.) 🎵
(Poem.) Reincarnated dragons reunited.
elfwood.com/~heaven4/One-in-Two-Two-in-One.3390819.html

Personal recollections (therians)

“Past lives,” by Barakus Leviathan. Circa 2002
Memories of being a hereditary physical
shapeshifter in 4th century Ireland
barakusdraconcat.tripod.com/id19.htm

“On eagle’s black wings,” by Ketrino. 2008-05-12
Memories of a past life as a black eagle
ketrino.angelfire.com/oebw.html

“My deinonychus life,” by Ketrino
Memories of spending one’s first incarnation
as a dinosaur
ketrino.angelfire.com/mydeinlife.html

“My past lives,” by Asazi
A therian recalls several past lives as
dinosaurs, humans, and a dolphin, as well as a
dragon on another world.
reocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Cockpit/7561/lives.htm

Metaphysical, supernatural, and magical activities for otherkin

Some otherkin believe in metaphysics, supernatural phenomena, and magic. Some otherkin don't believe in any of those things at all.

You can find many articles about magic, but this book only lists articles about magic that relate directly to otherkin. At the very least, these articles were written by otherkin. There are far more articles about magic that are hosted on otherkin web-sites, but if the article doesn't even mention otherkin, I try not to include it here. As a result, if you're looking for basic introductory articles on magic, this document will not help you. If real magic is an all-new concept to you, this directory should *not* be the first place where you learn about magic.

Metaphysics, supernatural phenomena, and magic are usually part of or derived from a religious cosmology. For articles that are strictly about otherkin and religion (yes, even religions that include "magic" as part of their practice, such as Wicca), please see the "Religion, or lack thereof" section earlier in this book.

Do otherkin, in particular,
have magical abilities?

"Majikal abilities," by Arethinn, about 2000

Do otherkin have magical abilities? Or are magical abilities common to all of humankind?
eristic.net/fey/info/majikalabilities.php

"Magical anime powers, or lack thereof," by Saevitia S.

We're all bound by the same physical laws as everybody else. Then again, some people believe in some small kinds of magic.
otakukin.atspace.com/magic.htm

"Power up!" by DrakeLightBearer

A Christian dragon offers some explanations for why dragon otherkin don't have powers, and how we ought to use those powers if we do have them.
dragonswings.org/Essay/pu.shtml

"Some food for thought," by Arhúaine. 2003-01-09

Are otherkin better and more powerful?

Actually, they're about the same as anyone else
otherkin.livejournal.com/119709.html

"*Tarivar kinatuli*: (spiritual genetics)," by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

"For folk who believe that elves cannot exist, our inability to demonstrate great powers is just further proof..."

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 190-191

"Humans have magic, too," by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 252-253

Defining metaphysics, magic,
and the supernatural,
and what they have to do with otherkin

"Why mention magick on an otherkin site?" by Aetherkin. 2006-05-24

Otherkin are no more or less likely to be skilled in Magical practices than anyone else, but there do seem to be some patterns within the otherkin community

kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18&Itemid=32

"The Magic," by the Silver Elves. 2009-10-03

What most folks call God, these elves refer to as The Magic.

silverelves.angelfire.com/themagic.html

"Finding our own magic," by the Silver Elves. 2009-09-11

Where did magic and religion originally come from? What kind of magic do the elves practice?

silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/09/11

"Spaces between," by Rialian

The metaphysical energies of otherkin, powerful and shifting

rialian.com/spacesbetween.htm

"Elf magic," by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

We often get questions about our elfin magic, and the truth is that our magic is as varied as the elves themselves...

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 120-121

“Elfin magic,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1998

jps.net/elve/elfinmagic.html (defunct)

“The magic of shapeshifting,” by Rosalyn Greene

Magic for therians

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 203-206

“Otherkin and magic,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 218-219

“Mystical vampirism,” by Sarah D.

Vampires tend to be attracted to the mystical and supernatural, but mysticism is easily abused. A spiritual hunger ought to be nourished with real mysticism, not just things mysterious. Learn to distinguish between those.

sanguinarius.org/articles/SD_myst_vamp.shtml

Creative visualization and guided meditation for otherkin

“The Dreamspace,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

On creative visualization, and actualizing one's dreams (ideals)

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 126-127

Elements and otherkin

“Magical elements,” by Rosalyn Greene

On the four classical philosophical elements and their associations with therians and shifting

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 211-213

Tarot, Runes, and other forms of divination and magical symbols

“Elf Tarot,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 82-83

“Tarot: The voice of Elfin,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1999

jps.net/elve/ELVENTarot.html (defunct)

“AFD dragon Tarot,” by Polenth. 1998-10

Just for fun, Polenth randomly associated each participant of alt.fan.dragons with a Tarot card, by drawing a random name, and then associating it with a random card.

polenth.demon.co.uk/dragon/tarot.txt

“Magical symbols and talismans,” by Rosalyn Greene ▲

Associations of therians and shifting with *I Ching* hexagrams, Futhark runes, and numerology

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 215-218

Astrology and incarnate extraterrestrials

“What are star markings?” by Lavandarielle. Circa 2009

The natal charts of starseeds, lightworkers, and indigos have one or more seven recurring planetary degrees.

starseedhotline.com/starmarks.htm

“The discovery of the star seed codes,” by Lavandarielle. Circa 2009

In 1980, the author noticed a pattern in many people's natal charts

starseedhotline.com/discovery.htm

“A starseed reading from Tameem,” by Cyan d'Arcturus. 2011-03-21

Determining someone's likelihood of being an incarnate elemental by examining their natal chart. You have Sagittarius ascendant, which is common in starseeds...

starseeds.net/profiles/blogs/a-starseed-reading-from-tameem

Faery-glamour

“Glamorie,” by LunaFae

Defining Fae glamour and how it works

promethianweb.com/fae/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=41&mode=&order= (defunct)

“On glamour, reverie, and ravaging,” by Borach M.

1998-12-08

A satyr otherkin describes his experiences with glamour

reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/glamour.html

“The touch of Fae,” by Meirya. 2008-03

Considering the functioning of a fae-kin's glamour

dreamofhorn.com/nest/feathers9.html

Herbs, potions, drugs, and salves for otherkin

As far as I've seen, drugs aren't a hugely significant or formative part of otherkin and therian culture. I've very rarely seen drugs discussed by otherkin or therians at all.

Caution! Don't accidentally poison yourself! Carefully research the toxicity of any plant that you use. Many magical recipes fail to warn you that the included herbs could poison, harm, stain, or stink. Never assume that an herb is harmless; never take someone's word for it if they say so.

If you do use drugs for spiritual purposes, observe some safety rules, including these: don't do any drugs if you're still growing, research a drug before you use it, and have a sober guide with you to keep you out of trouble.

“Are shifters just drug or alcohol induced hallucinations?” by Yaiolani ✓

The medieval witch-trials say that werewolves induced their transformations with herbal salves. Likely a hallucination. However, therians have mental shifts without drugs

yaiolani.tripod.com/drug1.htm

“Magical herbs,” by Rosalyn Greene

Warning: danger of poisoning! A discussion of some herbs which folklore and witch-trials associated with shifting and animals. Many of these herbs are poisonous.

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 206-210

“My WereCard,” by Bestial

Dancing while high on magic mushrooms, had vision of turning into wolf. Later, found I could trigger this state any time. My subconscious identified a symbol that it needs to grow, strengthen itself, give me confidence.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/bestia.html (defunct)

Stones, crystals, and metals for otherkin

“Magical stones and crystals,” by Rosalyn Greene
Stones associated with therians and shifting
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 213-215

“The grand design,” by Lavandarielle (?). Circa 2009

Quartz crystals for starseeds, Walk-Ins, Lightworkers and Indigos.

starseedhotline.com/grand.htm

“Obsidian, so-called crystal healing, therianthropy, and me,” by Quil.

Skeptically considering qualities attributed to obsidian, and qualities of self.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/obsidian.html

“Moonstone FAQ,” by Yaiolani

Folklore mentions this stone in relation to werewolves and the moon. Is it useful to modern spiritual therianthropes?

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc9.htm

“The myth of the silver bullet,” by Rosalyn Greene

On silver's association with the Moon, its spiritual qualities. Therians aren't necessarily allergic to silver, but silver may be more successful at disrupting an etheric body of a shifter experiencing a bilocation shift. A supernatural origin for the legend. [*Editor's note:* The silver bullet story was invented in 20th century cinema. This motif does not appear in old werewolf legends. To search for the “origin” of this “legend” is nonsensical.]
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 103-105

Magical rites and spells

“Claiming the heritage of the elder folke,” adapted
by Arethinn

eristic.net/fey/living/elderfolke.php

“Rivendell Faerie Working (Working in the Fae
Realms),” by Rialian (?). 2000-11

Assembling stones in a pattern to open up the
place to Faerie, they noticed that the river
rocks had mysterious marks on them...

rialian.com/rivendel-working.htm

Higher planes of existence

“The hitchhiker’s guide to other realms,” by

Amanjaku (?). Circa 1998

Some places that one can visit by means of
astral projection

users.ntr.net/~sidhe/realms.htm (defunct)

Higher planes: energy-work

“Other forms of magic,” by Lupa

On energy-work

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 229-230

“Energy,” by Lupa

On otherkin having a connection to an
archetypal or metaphysical energy

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 96-97

“Psychic vampirism: The experience of energy,” by
ShadowMind. Circa 2009

Descriptions of what it feels like to sense
energy

darknessebraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/91

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Therians have an unusually high amount of
chi...

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 145

“Shifting energy,” by Rosalyn Greene

According to Greene, shifting energy is a
metaphysical trait of therians

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 151-154

“Building your shifting energy,” by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 173-179

“The energies that bind,” by Barakus Leviathan.

Circa 2002

I feel that we, as otherkin, have a higher, or
more reactive energy level, which in theory we
could use to take “true form.” ... A chakra
visualization.

barakusdraconcat.tripod.com/id22.htm

“Reverse engineering the orgone crystal matrix,” by

Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin). 2009-02-26 🎵

Also known as a babalon matrix or reiki matrix,
one was at Walking the Thresholds 2 in 1999.

Among other uses, can enhance the

manifestation of otherkin traits, promote

Awakening and the recovery of otherkin past-

life memories. Detailed descriptions of

experimental designs, with photos.

dreamhart.org/2009/02/reverse-engineering-the-babalon-matrix/#more-209

Higher planes: energy-work: psychic vampirism

For more information on vampires, see the

“Vampires” section earlier in this book.

“Dynamic energy exchange,” by Michelle Belanger

Similar to feeding. A donor and a taker set up a
feeding loop.

sanguinari.org/articles/MB_energy_exchange.shtml

Higher-plane anatomy of otherkin: chakras and wings

“Challenge: Energetic health,” by Meirya

How does the metaphysical anatomy of
otherkin differ from that which is defined as
“normal and healthy” for most humans?

thehornedgate.wordpress.com/2011/11/06/challenge-energetic-health

“Chakra work: structures and properties, more fully
understood,” by Siege. 2010-08-17 ✓

The chakras of otherkin differ. Many dragons have an additional chakra for the tail.

otherkin.livejournal.com/540828.html

“The upside-down of grounding,” by Child Of The Fae. 2011-11-15

The metaphysical anatomy of this Fae otherkin differs from the standard metaphysical anatomy of a human. This creates a challenge when performing metaphysical acts such as “grounding.” Assumes reader is already familiar with metaphysical anatomy and grounding.

child-of-the-fae.dreamwidth.org/1475.html

“The otherkin (*Die Anderen - Otherkin*),” by Apu Kuntur (Stefan N. K.). n.d.

Why does a dragon in a human body have human meridians? Why do Christian clairvoyants perceive dragon otherkin as angels instead?

kondor.de/shaman/otherkine.html

Original German:

kondor.de/shaman/otherkin.html

“Non-analogous subtle body extremities,” by

Gesigewigu's. 2004-10-11 ✓

Hypotheses on the role of wings, halo, or horns in etheric anatomy

otherkin.livejournal.com/314086.html

“The use of wings,” by Arethinn. 2005-05-24 ✓

Perhaps wings are a feature of the energetic shape of many faeries, used for sensing or manipulating energy

otherkin.livejournal.com/397394.html

“Wings,” by WildElf. 2004-08-23 ✓

Why do so many otherkin have wings? Some of these winged creatures couldn't physically fly. Perhaps they're energy constructs for decoration, sensing or manipulating energy, or shielding.

otherkin.livejournal.com/306718.html

“Being winged,” by Ketrino. 2006

Why do some therians see their animal side as having wings added on, when the animal in nature doesn't look that way? Winged wolves are strangely common among therians.

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay32.html

“Flying wolf,” by Dreama (DarkSideoftheSun13)

Wolf is different for me. Some other wolves have wings, like I do.

deviantart.com/deviation/65703666

“That claim won't fly...,” by Mokele. Circa 2003

(Not on etheric anatomy, but it is on wings, and I'd like to organize all the articles on wings together.) Criticism. Explains why real, physical dragons are impossible: wouldn't be able to fly, and couldn't have evolved on earth

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/dragon.htm

(defunct)

“Why can't I have wings?” by an anonymous author.

2008-04-01 (Yes, April Fool's, I know.)

(Again, not on etheric anatomy, but on wings.)

Criticism. A transhumanist explains why it's anatomically impossible for a humanoid to gain functional wings by surgery.

hplusbiopolitics.wordpress.com/2008/04/01/why-cant-i-have-wings

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene ✓

According to Greene, therians have a very different etheric anatomy than average humans. A therian has *two* etheric bodies: one human, and one animal

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 36-37

Higher planes: astral projection and astral shifting

For more information on shifting, see the “Shape-shifting” section earlier in this book.

“Astral shifting,” by Rosalyn Greene

Shifting while astral projecting

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 34-37

“These ancient eyes: Lone wolf roaming—Shift

Happens 4,” by Tygerwolfe. 2011-06-20

A dire wolf therian's experiments with astral shifting and dream shifting

tygerwolfe.com/?p=398

Untitled, by O. Scribner. 2005

(Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20051107.html

I'd say I was trapped... by O. Scribner. 2006-02-05

(Comic)

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060206.html

Holding the stars in my paws, by KrazeeJack. 2010-08-27

(Digital art) Self-portrait of astral shift as polar bear

deviantart.com/deviation/176980313

Higher planes: incorporeal beings and otherkin

Some otherkin communicate with incorporeal beings (spirits), if they believe in a cosmology that includes such entities (not all otherkin do).

“Our faeries gather,” by the Silver Elves. 2009-09-01

A magical working with incorporeal faeries and other household spirits, who assisted voluntarily and on friendly terms, rather than commanded as some magicians do.

silverelves.angelfire.com/faeriesgather.html

“Flower faeries of the wilderness,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

We doubt that nature created little etheric people to care for her flora and fauna; this is an anthropomorphic view of the creative spirit in all things. Plants and animals have their own consciousness. We do know there are faerie spirits.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 123-124

“Casteglan,” by Arhúaine. Circa 2000

Developing one’s own beliefs,
and one’s attitudes
towards the beliefs of others

“Believe it or not?” By Meirya ★

Tips for forming one’s own personal metaphysical beliefs. Consider external consistency with science, lore, and experience. Is it self-consistent? Consider alternative

Remembering someone from a past life, calling out to him in the present, and ending up having a conversation with him in spirit

stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/casteglan.html (defunct)

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

On therians having spirit guides that are incorporeal animals

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 49-52

“Evocation,” by Lupa

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 228-229

“Astral vampires and dreamwalking,” by Michelle Belanger. 2007

sanguinarius.org/articles/MB_astral_vampires.shtml

Gateways to elsewhere, and manifestation

Rebuilding the Gateways, by various authors. Circa 1997 🎵

Hypotheses and observations on how to rebuild long-lost gateways between worlds, and past-life memories of how these used to work.

rialian.com/gateways/elvsgate.htm

Metaphysic experimentation, or The spirit circle phenomena, by Jafira Dragon. 2008 ▲

In the desert, an enthusiastic dragon mage tries to make a dimensional gateway

jafiradragon.com/Spirit.htm

explanations. Consider the source. Etc.

nest.dreamofhorn.com/wings6.html

Spanish translation: [project-](http://project-shift.org/es/introspection/believe_or_not.php)

[shift.org/es/introspection/believe_or_not.php](http://project-shift.org/es/introspection/believe_or_not.php)

“Proof? Is that too much to ask?” by Anajiel. 2003

On people in the community who make far-fetched claims of supernatural abilities. I’m open-minded, but I’m not gullible.

darknessebraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/189

PART VII.

THE SECULARITY OF OTHERKIN.

Secular otherkin

Some otherkin argue that being otherkin is not a spirituality, at least not in their own personal experience. They don't define themselves as otherkin in terms of reincarnation, or having an animal soul in a human body, or anything metaphysical. They consider themselves unusual creatures, but they make no claims of supernatural traits. Perhaps they don't believe in anything supernatural or spiritual at all.

They don't just omit these things: they seek out explanations that suit them better. They explore and describe their experiences as otherkin according only to secular frameworks of knowledge. They value critical thinking skills, psychology, and the scientific method. The psychological explanation for otherkin is popular among them, and I expect that the metaphorical explanation for otherkin might satisfy some of them as well.

Secular definitions of otherkin

"The experiential nature of therianthropy," by

Mokele. Circa 2003 ★

Therianthropy isn't a religion, spirituality, philosophy, or psychology. It's an experience. One doesn't need to believe in it for it to affect them. Many therians felt it and shifted before they'd heard of it.

therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/exp.htm

(defunct)

"Intro to therianthropy," by SombraStudio. 2010-12-24

It isn't religious. It isn't necessarily spiritual. It could be psychological.

somboramalamutt.wordpress.com/2010/12/24/intro-to-therianthropy

"Therianthrope (version2)," by She Demon Wolf

What is therianthrope, in non-spiritual terms?

freewebs.com/moonscape/therianthrope/therianthrope.2.html

"Animality defined: So what am I talking about anyway?" By Quil. 2006-01-01.

Not science or spirituality. A therian is simply one who acts as an animal.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/defined.html

French translation:

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/definie.php

"It's not my choice," by SummonerWolf

I didn't ask to be canine. It's not faith, not meditation, not soul-searching, not dreams, not soul-names. It's thinking, knowing, observing, running, playing, feeling, needing.

deviantart.com/deviation/75668796

The psychological explanation for otherkin

Please see a section earlier in this book, called "What if being otherkin is a mental variation?"

The scientific method applied to otherkin experience

This is a more organized way of gathering information about one's personal experiences as an otherkin, and using it to form conclusions about how and why one is an otherkin.

Please see a section elsewhere in this document called "Progress by questioning and scientific method," which is in the "For new otherkin" section.

Researching real-world information about the animal side

The development of one's understanding of being a therianthrope involves seeking information about animals as they live in the real world. Secular therianthropy in particular values such information above information about animals drawn from folklore or intuition.

Please see sections elsewhere in this document called “Progress by research,” “Observation and study of real animals,” and “On

inexperienced therians who have inaccurate ideas about animals.”

Activities, interests and hobbies for Otherkin

Being otherkin as inspiration for actions

“Beyond furry,” by Tirran (Ronald O). Revised 2002-09-01

When you first discover your spiritual identity as an animal or a dragon or something, you may be tempted to spend most of your time exploring that. However, don't neglect important things like family and career. Your animal side is only one part of your identity. Go beyond your animal side.

users.vianet.ca/~grizelda/fur/beyond.txt

(defunct)

“Be yourself,” by Lupa

Don't spend all your time soul-searching. Live your life. Being otherkin is just one part of your life. You may also be a parent, an employee, a mover and shaker...

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 263-264

Motivation, by O. Scribner. 2006-08-28

(Comic) Does your therianthropy motivate you to do wonderful things in your life?

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060828.html

“Beyond Identitykin,” by Lupa

Integrate your therianthropy with your life instead of centering your life around it.

otherkin.net/articles/identitykin.html

“Otherkin identity: Is it more than just a label?” By Taylor Ellwood

Does being otherkin provide you with a calling, with wonderful actions to do?

otherkin.net/articles/identity.html

“I aspire to dragonflight,” by the Eclective. 2004-05-30

I believe in wishes and hopes

eclective.livejournal.com/55487.html

“I self-create,” by Draegonhawke. 2005-06-14

An allegory of an ambitious tree, on aspirations to make one's wishes true

draegonhawke.livejournal.com/157823.html

Untitled, by the Eclective. 2006-09-04

Prove it? It's a faith. You can't prove it objectively. So let your proof be in your actions. Stop trying to prove it, and start living it.

otherkin.livejournal.com/469297.html

“Vision,” by Cypherwulf. 2006-09-02

On otherkin who do or do not put effort into manifestation

otherkin.livejournal.com/466606.html

“Doing something – are you?” by Jess ~Moonlight Lily~. 2011-03-20

Incarnate extraterrestrials believe they're here on a mission to help the Earth. It's not sufficient to sit around and talk. You have to *do* something.

starseeds.net/profiles/blogs/doing-something-are-you

Being otherkin in ordinary actions

“Mystery of everyday things,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998

The elfin create adventures from mundane experience

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 202

“Daily work,” by Arethinn. 2003-06

I constantly ask myself how I embody magic at this moment

eristic.net/fey/living/daily.php

Untitled, by the Silver Elves. Circa 1999

Elves find fun in everything, even things that aren't usually thought of as much fun

jps.net/elve/letters.html (defunct)

Games, sports, and hobbies

In informal discussion, I've heard otherkin talk about wonderful activities that they adopted for reasons connected with their identification as otherkin. A few winged otherkin have adopted hang-gliding or have become pilots. However, relatively few have written public articles about these

activities. I suspect that otherkin-inspired activities may be more common than appears.

“Real shifters and their werewolf-related fan

activities,” by Yaiolani

On some hobbies and interests explored by therians

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc4.htm

“Otherkin & society: ‘Waiter! There’s an otherkin in my medieval soup!’” By Alyessa Oaktree, of The Crisses. 1998-06-21 ▲

How to integrate otherkin into the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)

otherkin.net/articles/medievalsoup.html

“Elven chess; Elfland,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1999

We learned Elven Chess from Eldri Littlewolf and Anodea Judith.

jps.net/elve/elvenchess.html (defunct)

“Elven chess: A game for all seasons,” by Diane

Darling, as taught by Eldri Littlewolf. 2004 ▲

More information on an artistic, freeform game of cooperative pattern-making. Various kinds of creatures rearrange odds-and-ends on a board. Oberon Zell-Ravenheart, *Grimoire for the Apprentice Wizard*, p. 127

“The tree people,” by the Silver Elves

On the value of coloring-books

Magical Elven Love Letters p. 10-12

“Join the joy ride,” by the Silver Elves

Play and have fun. After each sorrow, keep returning to joy

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 103-104

Collections and material culture

“Weapons,” by Quil and Katsune. 2004-08-29

Blades as stand-ins for feline claws, even though no violence is desired.

absurdism.org/therianthropy/weapons.html

“Plushie addiction,” by Lone Wolf. 1999

A light-hearted, tongue-in-cheek article about therians who collect stuffed toys.

wolfdan.critter.net/interest/plushies.htm

Food and diet

Food! By O. Scribner. 2006-02-13

(Comic) Therians consider being a vegetarian, a hunter, or apathetic

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060213.html

Kin Diet, by (author unknown?)

(Blog) A collection of recipes selected to please various types of otherkin and therians.

<http://kindiet.tumblr.com>

Environment(alism)

Admiring or longing for wilderness, nature, or being out in the weather. Feeling moved to do something to protect natural places.

“The memory of trees,” by Sabersinger 🎵

Yearning for and sustained by a vision of a sun-dappled forest, like a natural cathedral

rialian.com/memory-of-trees.htm

“Rain,” by Ketrino

A wolf craving rain

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay18.html

“Out of housecat mode: Letting loose, and alone,” by Quil. 2007-06-22

I don’t want to play with yarn. I want to stand out in the rain at night under the stars

absurdism.org/therianthropy/houserant.html

“Elves and ecology,” by Anjel. 2005-03-30 ✓

I wasn’t an elf in a past life or anything, but I do associate myself with elves. To me, elves live in harmony with the earth. I’ve dedicated my life to the pursuit of ecology

otherkin.livejournal.com/374650.html

“Welcome to Paradise,” by the Silver Elves. 2008-11-24

This is the end of the time of the greedy and violent people who pave paradise. As elves, it’s our duty to dream a more peaceful world into manifestation.

silverelves.angelfire.com/paradise.html

“Sanctuary Earth,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 200

Otherkin and their careers

Untitled selection, by Lupa
In which being an otherkin multiple system influenced a job choice
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 38
Untitled selection, by Lupa
Some angel otherkin choose careers where they help or heal
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 195

Glamour-bombing

Performance art and sneaky art installations intended to inspire belief in fairies and magic. Despite the name, glamour-bombs are non-violent: they don't involve any explosives, but they may blow someone's mind.

“Glamourbombing,” by Arethinn
A brief introduction.
eristic.net/fey/gbomb/index.php
“Glamourbombing: Definition/Origins,” by Ambianya Wolfkitten
eristic.net/fey/gbomb/gbombing.php
“Glamourbombs and other magical items,” by Lupa
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 219-223
“Glamourbombs: An all-inclusive (hah!) list,” compiled by Arethinn
A list of ideas for glamour-bombs.
eristic.net/fey/gbomb/glamourbombs.php
“Glamourbomb words,” by Arethinn
A list of phrases that one could write on glamour-bombs which involve the use of text.
eristic.net/fey/gbomb/glamourtext.php
Believe, by Chaoscomesatnite
Visual art: photo of a glamour-bomb project. Walnut shells filled with glitter and a message, which were left in random places

deviantart.com/deviation/14190241

“Glamourbomb self-scoring system,” by Arethinn.
2004-04-26 ★
When planning a glamour-bomb, a rating system for determining whether it's a wise idea. Glitter is pretty, but have you ever tried to clean it up!?
eristic.net/fey/gbomb/rating.php
“Frosted sugarspice,” by the Eclective
What glamour-bombing is and why I do it
intoccabile.net/glamourbombing.htm (defunct)
“On the aftermath of the '04 election: Beyond glamour-bombing,” by Rialian
Glamour-bombing is just a flash in the pan; we need an enduring hearth. Proposing some more effective alternatives to cause real change.
rialian.com/glamorbombing.htm
“Spreading glamour,” by Blue, of Winged Watchers
wingedwatchers.tripod.com/creative/glamour.html

Home and travel

“Elda: Star people,” by the Silver Elves
On travel
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol 1. p. 37-38
“Eldamar,” by the Silver Elves
On making a home
Magical Elven Love Letters p. 15-16
“Зверь и Логово: Понятие территории для зверя (The beast and its lair: The concept of therian territory),” by Haruka Sagara. 2007
(In Russian.)
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-7
Untitled excerpt, by the Silver Elves
On the magical home of the Silver Elves, describing the significance of the various objects, with photos.
Dan and Pauline Campanelli, *Circles, Groves, and Sanctuaries*, pp. 100-107
“Great conceptions,” by the Silver Elves
A mythologized view of the events in travel, home, and family

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 215-216

“The magic bracelet,” by the Silver Elves

A sequel to “Great conceptions”

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 216-218

Working with dreams

Do dreams belong in the secular section? They could well be spiritual, if anything ever was... but then again, you don't need to believe in dreams to have them.

“Dreams and their significance to otherkin,” by

Arkady. 2002-08-17

Keeping a dream diary should be essential for all otherkin. Paranormal aspects of dreaming.

otherkin.livejournal.com/78794.html

“Of dragon dreams...,” by Baxil the Dragon

Contemplating the significance of a dream from several nights ago

tomorrowlands.org/oct2000b.html#10202000

Family

Love

“Unicorn’s day (The day of unicorns),” by Roy Wilkinson. 2008
On any day, show your love to someone, sincerely and spontaneously. An alternative to the artifice of Valentine’s Day cards.
unicornsunited.com/PAGE12.HTM

“Soul mates,” by the Silver Elves
What would you do to find your true loves?
rialian.com/elvsilv8.htm

“I am wild,” by SummonerWolf
Wolf therian romance in prose
deviantart.com/deviation/85908154

Love and friendship, by Cyaneus
(Comic) Three parts of a self struggle with the challenge of being in love with a friend
deviantart.com/deviation/103657024

White Knight, by Cyaneus
(Comic) Dragon: Fight me!
deviantart.com/deviation/103600456

Heartbroken, by Cyaneus
(Comic) Does this mean I’m heartbroken?
deviantart.com/deviation/103592246

Single, by Cyaneus
(Comic) Single isn’t the word for you.
deviantart.com/deviation/103594524

Self-sacrifice, by Cyaneus
(Comic) When does it stop being noble?
deviantart.com/deviation/103656871

Devout, by Cyaneus
(Comic) A mythology of love
deviantart.com/deviation/156031993

“Shadows of elfin,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998
Love and happiness are creative powers that come into existence through our efforts to manifest them
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 229-231

“Merging beneath a star,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-1998
Love is an act of magic
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 122-123

“Revel-utionaries,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 258-261
“I remember you: The story of T.M.,” by ‘Lesia.
2006-03-15
A soul-mate, from one life to the next, from one world to the next
adrastai.com/spirituality/0306_tm.shtml
“Mendor: starmates,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 145-146
“Our magic painted pictures,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 207-208

Marriage and similar long-term loving commitments

“Chapter IV: Unicorns in love,” by Roy Wilkinson.
1998
A unicorn person considers the symbolism of the romance in Beagle’s *The Last Unicorn*. Unicorns can and do love, find a soul-mate, marry, and have children. Unicorns are a good match for one another. Male unicorns, being gentle and sensitive, don’t fit the typical image of masculinity in our society.
Are You A Unicorn?, pp. 58-67
“For the love of a satyr,” by Borach M. Circa 1998-07-13
Although satyrs find it difficult to think about monogamy, this one was surprised to fall in love, and decided to get handfasted together
reocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8651/love.html
!
“Trueldon: eternal star kin,” by the Silver Elves.
Circa 1982-1983
Elven concepts of marriage
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 107-109
SalemFuchs and Kazeuta, by Love (the DA couples community). 2005-10-26
(Photo) Story of how a pair of therians fell in love and got married
deviantart.com/deviation/24488723

Sexuality

“Sex magic,” by the Silver Elves

On sexuality

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 167-168

“Hot for each other,” by the Silver Elves

On sexuality

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 252-253

“Sex in Tularin culture,” by ‘Lesia

Memories of sexuality in a race of Elenari

adrastai.com/articles/0706_es.shtml

Otherkin as parents,
or choosing not to have children

“Cubs,” by Aalueryian. 2005

Not wanting to have children... instead, the
impossible longing to have cubs

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/cubs.php

“My WereCard,” by Dream Runner

Had a phase in which her inner wolf became
depressed that she could never have pups.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dreamrunner.html (defunct)

“The magical family,” by the Silver Elves. Circa
1984-1998

The Silver Elves constructed a Magical Rune to
aid those spirits who were to be born to find an
atmosphere most conducive to the fulfillment
of their interplanetary destiny. The magic was
successful, and several conceived.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 231-233

“A faery princess,” by the Silver Elves

As they grow up, children are conditioned to
lose touch with their imagination and elfhood.
That’s why it’s important for us who are
conscious of our own elfhood to raise our littles
with as much freedom and elf determination as
they can handle.

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 53-54

“Nature’s child,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1984-
1998

On how other people tend to treat their
children, and how elves treat their children

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 117-119

“Elven parents,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 148-149

“Born to be wild,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 186-187

“Elf children all,” by the Silver Elves

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 156-157

“Our littles,” by the Silver Elves

“Whether he chooses to call hims’elf an elf (as
he does now in deference to us) does not
concern us. All important is that he ... finds
happiness and aid others to do so”

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 239-240

Gender

Otherkin and women's issues

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

Some women have problems exploring their animal side due to internalized sexism. They may initially misinterpret their wolf side as a different, more meek type of creature.

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 173

On the gender of the animal side

“Lioness,” by Kefira. 2004

On being not just a lion, but a lioness, distinctly female

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/lioness.php

“Transgender sheep?” by Ketrino. 2006-11-22 ▲

On being a woman who has a male animal side (a bighorn ram)

ketrino.angelfire.com/essay49.html (defunct)

Otherkin compared with transgender

“Transspecies diagnosis,” by Rua. 2011-09-27 🎵

Argues that the DSM-IVTR criterion for gender identity disorder (transgender) matches otherkin so closely that one need only swap the word “gender” for “species.” Argues that if we could get transspecies recognized as a mental “disorder,” it could be a step toward getting otherkin accepted in mainstream society.

iamsidhe.blogspot.com/2011/09/transspecies-diagnosis.html

“Otherkin,” by the Eclective

Comparing transgender and transspecies
intocabile.net/other_intro.htm (defunct)

“(En)gendering a Were/Shifter Identity,” by Sabersinger

A feminist wolf looks at the intersection of transgender and trans-species

otherkin.net/articles//engenderingWere.html

Russian:

werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1&id=50706827

“Being Other: An essay on dysmorphia and incarnation,” by Aetherkin

Compares gender dysmorphia to otherkin, defining otherkin as another type of body dysmorphia. Discusses some spiritual and psychological explanations for dysmorphia.

kilobox.net/otherkin/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23&Itemid=31

“Tumblr social justice community,” by an

anonymous cartoonist, with commentary by Inkscars.

(Comic) Is it or isn't it offensive to compare otherkin to people who are transgender? Why?

inkscars.tumblr.com/post/12161293559

On being otherkin as well as transgender

Untitled selection, by Lupa

Some otherkin and some residents of multiple systems have genders that don't match their physical body

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 41-42

How I see myself, by ToniSerinn. 2004-05-15

(Digital illustration) Self-portrait as a furry woman. My mind and soul are female.

deviantart.com/deviation/7308282

“Walking my Path,” by Akhila. 2005-10

Setting off on a course as a trans-man and a therian. Traveling, changing, being

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/path.php

“Journey,” by Akhila. 2006-11

Cat and bird since youth. I travel along in liminal space

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/journey.php

“Animal people folklore,” by Akhila. 2006-09

Clouded leopard myth. Living as animal person, trans-man, not caught up in semantics

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/folklore.php

“Liminal animal,” by Akhila. 2007-10

Unlike the real animal because there is no
clouded leopard in Paris

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/symbolism.php

“The liminal being,” by Akhila. 2009-10

As trans, at the fringes of what most people
know, surreal as legend, as true as anyone

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/liminal.php

“Gender vs animality,” by Akhila. 2007-10

Transmen probably are the closest relatives to
werewolves together with *Canis lupus*

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/trans.php

“The self-made man and the predator,” by Akhila.
2010-10

Trans, DIY, empowerment...

akhila.feralscribes.org/essays/predator.php

Personal appearance

How do you make yourself look like your true self? Or do you choose not to? I'll only link to materials that unambiguously talk about how the personal significance of these changes are related to otherkin or therianthropy. There's not much of this. Neither the otherkin nor the therian subcultures have been based around fashion choices. Also see the section on "Symbols," for some examples of how symbols of otherkin have been used for jewelry, clothing, and tattoos.

Hairstyles

"Hair and therianthropy," by Keller. 2004

I've worn a variety of haircuts, and none of them necessarily made me feel more leopard or not.

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/hair.php

Jewelry

Black coyote, by Morgandria. 2005-03-23

A symbolic necklace for a coyote therian.

deviantart.com/deviation/16443933

Clothing and costume

Streetwear

Beast Within shirt, by WatergazerWolf. 2004-07-21

A t-shirt design with a wolf ripping its way out

deviantart.com/deviation/9085987

Unusual fashion

"Threads of magic," by the Silver Elves

On elven self-expression through idiosyncratic clothing

Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 152-154

"Vampyre 'alternative style' theory," by Erych. 2007

Maybe some vampires prefer alternative fashions (such as goth) due to receiving nourishment from the psychic energy of attention (being stared at)

darknessembraced.com/vampires/real-vampire-articles/115

Costume and prostheses

"Dress the part," by Ambiana Sindar-wolfkitten

Wear your wings. Observations at a masquerade party for pagans and otherkin

eristic.net/fey/living/dressup.php

For a costume party... By O. Scribner. 2005-05-01.

(Comic) Odd phenomena in costume

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060501.html

"Fursuiting," by Lone Wolf

Wanting to be a wolf and to have the body of a wolf ... dressing up as an animal is the next best thing

wolfdan.critter.net/fursuits/index.htm

Gazer fursuit design, by WatergazerWolf. 2004-05-28

(Color pencil) "Why a fursuit if I'm a therian and not a furry? Well, I think a fursuit helps get you in touch with your inner were and self, so why not? Besides, I think many furries are therians that are yet unrealized."

deviantart.com/deviation/7651081

"Performance artist becomes cat, horse," by O. Scribner. 2011-08-16

(Not about the otherkin community, so far as I'm aware of.) How Marion Laval-Jeantet used digitigrade leg extensions to mimic a cat and, later, a horse. She also used a horse blood transfusion.

otherkin-news.livejournal.com/8894.html

"Disabled woman given mermaid tail to help her swim," by *The Telegraph*. 2009-02-26

(Not about the otherkin community, so far as I'm aware of.) Nadya Vessey, an amputee, gets

a custom prosthetic mermaid tail from Weta Workshop, which ordinarily designs cinematic special effects.

telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/4839818/Disabled-woman-given-mermaid-tail-to-help-her-swim.html

Untitled selection, by Rosalyn Greene

On the usefulness of costumes

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 161

“Magical skins and costumes,” by Rosalyn Greene

▲ On costuming as a way to get in touch with and openly express the inner animal. Make foreleg extensions so you can run on four legs
Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 219-221

Tattoos

Pawtagram, by Zexlurkyxlys. 2010-04-10

Tattoo on my hip, of my own design.

Heartagram represents life and death, love and hate. Pawprint is for therianthropy. I'm human, but I'm canine

deviantart.com/deviation/186444553

Dragon Kin – Buchstaben... by DracheHoly. 2009-08-28

Tattoos on forearms reading “Dragon Kin.”

deviantart.com/deviation/135037640

“Balance,” by Ketrino. 2008-01-24

My wolf-paw yin-yang tattoo

ketrino.angelfire.com/Balance.html

Surgical body modification

Although this topic comes up sometimes in informal and/or private conversations, I haven't found any public articles on this subject. As far as I've ever heard, otherkin who actually *get* otherkin-related surgical body modifications are extremely rare... I'd guess there might be a half-dozen of them at most.

General theory on surgical body modification

“Redefining p-shifting,” by Tsu. 2011-10-25

Argues that otherkin should consider surgery and virtual reality as a real way to attain physical transformation. Gives a few speculative examples.

<http://becomeyourfursona.dreamwidth.org/16734.html>

The Species Modification Directory, maintained by Spectrum_X. Created 2011-11.

Permanent and temporary methods, costumes and surgery. This directory is a new work in progress, but it will eventually be comprehensive. *Caution:* Some of the embedded videos show surgery and could disturb.

speciesmodificationdirectory.weebly.com/index.html

“Species mod directory and kin should have a *Wild Hunt* equivalent,” by Spectrum_X. 2011-10-24.

Proposal for the above project, and a call for entries.

spectrum-x.dreamwidth.org/50690.html

“Dr. Daedalus,” by Lauren Slater. 2001-07-01.

(Not about otherkin.) Dr. Joe Rosen interviewed in *Harpers Magazine* regarding his proposal to someday give patients extra body parts, including wings and tails. The interviewer explores how these could change human society: would only rich people have wings? Official version, with illustrations, but not publicly viewable:

<http://harpers.org/archive/2001/07/0072395>

Complete text, lacking illustrations:

darkforum.com/archive/index.php/t-49526.html

And in print, lacking illustrations:

Lauren Slater, “Dr. Daedalus,” in *The Best American Science Writing 2002*, Matt Ridley, ed., New York: HarperCollins, 2002, pp. 1-20.

“I'm having my wings done,” by Johann Hari. 2002-03-10.

(Not about otherkin.) Dr. Joe Rosen, surgeon, says that people can have wings and tails implanted, and then their brains would adapt to include these parts in the neural map. This

news article also describes Enigma, a man who had horns implanted.

guardian.co.uk/society/2002/mar/11/health.lifeandhealth

Specific types of surgical body modification

“Ear-pointing surgery,” by O. Scribner. 2011-04-08

At least five people have had a kind of body modification that gives them pointed ears to look like elves. Apparently none of them are otherkin. I have not found any articles where these people openly say that they are involved with the otherkin community.

otherkin-news.livejournal.com/7821.html

“Why can’t I have wings?” by an anonymous author.

2008-04-01 (Yes, April Fool’s, I know.)

(Not about otherkin.) A transhumanist explains why it’s anatomically impossible for a human to gain functional wings by surgery.

hplusbiopolitics.wordpress.com/2008/04/01/why-cant-i-have-wings

PART VIII.

THE ARTS.

Visual Art

“A picture is worth a thousand words,” you know, so I include visual art in what is otherwise a mostly directory of writings. When possible, I try to sort the visual art into other, more appropriate topics. For example, I move self-portraits by unicorn otherkin out of this section, and put them into a section about unicorns elsewhere in this directory.

Superimposed faces and forms

Superimposing an image of one’s animal side with one’s human appearance has become a common way for therians to represent a phantom shift in art, because (for me, at least) it’s a surprisingly accurate representation of how it actually feels. As Twilight Stray wrote in the aforementioned essay, “Art:” “I live a double-exposure life.”

Therian spring, by Swandog. 2004-04-07 🎵

(Color pencil) Wolf and human form superimposed, with Celtic knot-work border
[deviantart.com/deviation/6388567](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/6388567)

Phantom shift, by CivilisedWookiee. 2007-06-25 🎵

(Photo-manipulation) Wolf and human face superimposed. You feel your aura change
[deviantart.com/deviation/58382304](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/58382304)

Two in one, by Inuki42. 2004-08-13 🎵

(Digital art) Human and dragon face superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/9738438](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/9738438)

If only they could see, by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2010-01-06

(Colored pencil) Wolf and human form superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/149440882](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/149440882)

Wolf in me, by KanishtaaNaijuuk 🎵

(Photo-manipulation) Wolf and human form superimposed, in forest scene
[deviantart.com/deviation/15679232](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/15679232)

Pensive, by Katanisk (Kit C.)

(Pencil) Wolf and human form superimposed. Portrait of Merlepup’s fursona.

[deviantart.com/deviation/127393289](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/127393289)

OK - Phantom limb study, by Shiruie-chan. 2010-10-02

(Color pencil) Dragon and human form superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/181283671](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/181283671)

OK - Phantom limb study II, by Shiruie-chan. 2010-10-02

(Color pencil) Dragon and human form superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/182742116](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/182742116)

Dragonkin II, by Shiruie-chan

(Color pencil) Dragon and human form superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/181283770](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/181283770)

Dragonkin III, by Shiruie-chan

(Color pencil) Dragon and human form superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/181283844](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/181283844)

Therianthropy - shades of gray, by Tygerwolfe. 2009-03-25 🎵

(Pencil) Wolf and human form superimposed in an intentionally confusing way, with explanation for why
[deviantart.com/deviation/117135821](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/117135821)

Marker fun, by CorbieLaughter. 2009-05-05

(Markers) Wolf and human form superimposed, running on all fours, with therian theta-delta symbol nearby
[deviantart.com/deviation/121568133](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/121568133)

Dragon within, by MetalheadLizzy. 2007-11-06

(Mixed media drawing) Dragon and human forms superimposed
[deviantart.com/deviation/69190678](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/69190678)

Phantom shift study, by DarkSideoftheSun13

(Dreama). 2010-11-29
 (Markers)
[deviantart.com/deviation/187906381](https://www.deviantart.com/deviation/187906381)

Therian spirit, by NizhoniWolf. 2007-04-05

(Pencils) Wolf and human form superimposed

deviantart.com/deviation/52507001

Other self, by Ebbalynn13. 2009-06-17
(Painting) Self-portrait as human and maned wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/126317314

Otherkin portrait, by Ayden. 2007-01-31
(Mixed media) Self-portrait as human and gryphon

deviantart.com/deviation/50643346

A klutz like no other, by Leccathu Furvicael. 2006-03-15 🎵

(Comic) A dragon otherkin's phantom wings cause some problems at school

deviantart.com/deviation/30424491

ID view size, by AmuthAlexiel. 2007-05-29
(Photo-manipulation) Dragon and human form superimposed

deviantart.com/deviation/56443841

My shadow..., by Kibawolfsoul. 2010-05-22
(Digital art) Wolf and human form superimposed, with wolf-shaped shadow

deviantart.com/deviation/164929381

Dragon soul, by Kivuli. 2006-07-25
(Digital painting) Ghostly dragon superimposed on panther. "One part of me is a dragon."

deviantart.com/deviation/36889897

Otherkin, by Shinigami Lashae. 2004-03-25
(Digital painting) Human with ghostly wings

deviantart.com/deviation/6084841

Birthday card, by Shinigami Lashae. 2004-05-13
(Digital painting) Human with ghostly wings

deviantart.com/deviation/7258370

Ethereal feelings, by SilverThreads. 2010-08-23
(Sequential art) "This is a really old Blog picture having to do with a Therian experience. You probably won't understand the sudden animal limbs in this picture if you don't know about Therianthropy. It's showing more what we 'feel' is actually there rather than what we 'see.'"

deviantart.com/deviation/176577442

What's missing, by DarkSideoftheSun13 (Dreama). 2008-06-18
(Staged photo) A human's shadow on pavement, with chalk outlines adding wings, tail, and ears.

deviantart.com/deviation/89102679

Ominous desire, by Nominus Experts. 2008-10-29
(Painting) "How often do you wish you could be outside what you are inside?"

deviantart.com/deviation/102101273

Animal, by CruelaDeVil. 2004-06-09
(Photo-manipulation) Tiger superimposed on human. "When your soul is an animal, you can't hide it."

deviantart.com/deviation/7956547

Fake therianthropy magazine, by PerianArdocyl. 2011-08-15 🎵
(Photo-manipulation) Dolphin superimposed on human. A speculative cover design for what a magazine about therianthropy might look like.

deviantart.com/deviation/253163047

Split portraits

Another popular strategy for representing the outer and inner self (or the human and other side) divides a portrait down the middle, with one side the human, outer appearance, and the other side representing the inner self. I compare this to "split portrait lighting," a photographic technique which cloaks half the face in shadow.

The lupogryph within, by Obsydian. 2002-11-07
(Color pencil) Wolf-gryphon and human sides

deviantart.com/deviation/873214

Skin, by Strype. 2003-09-02
(Digital painting) Tiger and human sides. "He is invisible, his feline features hidden under human skin. ... He yearns for his real body ... but his fur stays under his skin"

deviantart.com/deviation/2898678

The wolf inside, by Sadariuswolf
(Photo-manipulation) Wolf and human sides

deviantart.com/deviation/48064345

Therianthropy, by KurushimeruOkami. 2011-05
(Acrylic diptych) Wolf and human sides

Who I am inside, by IxlHelenalxl. 2010-10-13
(Photo-manipulation) Wolf and human sides

deviantart.com/deviation/182600892

Torn, by Leccathu Furvicael. 2003-12-13

(Pencil) Dragon and human sides, and their respective worlds

deviantart.com/deviation/4214183

Two faced, by FearisHere. 2008-08-25

(Drawing) Lynx and human, with long explanation. "...it's about two 'sides' like a coin, both seeing things from a different perspective yet both the same ..."

deviantart.com/deviation/96034496

"--- 'SPIRIT' ---" by CunningFox. 2005-08-09

(Digital painting) Wolf and human sides, with long explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/21542853

Parts of the self metaphorically represented as reflections and shadows

Many cultures have thought that the reflection or shadow cast by a person symbolized the soul or inner being. This isn't to be taken literally, because the physical body always casts a shadow and reflection that resemble the physical body. Some therian artists use this old symbol to represent their inner self.

Illu for school magazine, by CelticMagician. 2010-11-21

(Photo-manipulation) Human casts wolf shadow on the autumn grass

deviantart.com/deviation/187026715

In the mirror, by Earth Listener, of Chimera. 2006

(Pencil) Wolf indoors, casts reflection of human outdoors

deviantart.com/deviation/149381634

Reflection, by Tusami (Riley, CanineHybrid). 2006-06-06

(Photo manipulation) Human casts dragon reflection

deviantart.com/deviation/35915688

Phantom shift, by DarkSideoftheSun13. 2007-01-20

(Color pencil and markers) Human (with juxtaposed wings, tail, and ears) casts a simply human reflection

deviantart.com/deviation/47067818

Mirror, by KShadow1151. 2010-08-09

(Digital painting) Human casts an animal reflection

deviantart.com/deviation/174606844

Look in the mirror, by Ilrak (Flippinkmoon). 2011-01-19

(Digital illustration) Human casts two reflections: one human, one raven

deviantart.com/deviation/194170904

Shaharasaian echoes, by gothikfaerie. 2007-01-12

(Drawing) Human casts a different reflection. One of the illustrations printed in *A Field Guide to Otherkin*

deviantart.com/deviation/46499234

Parts of the self metaphorically represented as costume or mask

I'm working on it, by Kaoine. 2007-09-18

(Digitally colored) An angel in a human suit.

deviantart.com/deviation/65212383

Shed, by Leccathu Furvicael. 2010-07-03

(Pencil) A human shedding a dragon skin. Caption explains the meaning in detail.

deviantart.com/deviation/170059311

oC Behind the mask, by DigitalShark. 2008-06-14

(Digital sketch) "Can you see who i am behind the mask i wear? My symbol of being an otherkin."

deviantart.com/deviation/88631375

Human disguise, by LiekaQOD (Lyekha, Liëka). 2009-03-15

(Digital painting) A winged fox wearing a human mask

deviantart.com/deviation/116011217

Human costume, by DarkSideoftheSun13

(Color pencil) A wolf in a human suit, with explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/57942274

Human costume 2, by DarkSideoftheSun13

(Color pencil) A winged wolf in a human suit

deviantart.com/deviation/91205223

Parts of the self represented in a state of transformation, transition, or combination

In some cases, this means representing an animal-side as partially human-shaped, even though the artist doesn't normally perceive it as human-shaped.

Falconperson, by FearisHere. 2008-11-30

(Traditional media) Artist writes, "I'm often interested in hearing about Bird Therians. Must be hard having bird instincts and not having a body to match the mindset. The feeling of wanting to soar and dive in the skies and having these puny featherless limbs and huge heavy legs instead."

deviantart.com/deviation/105090477

Therian longing, by FuzzyWolfy. 2010-11-02

(Markers) Self-portrait in transitional form between human and wolf, singing to moon

deviantart.com/deviation/184834992

Head in the stars..., by Doraneirok. 2011-02-01

(Digital art) Self-portrait as dragon, made human-like, with explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/195811854

Between the body and the soul, by Arikla. 2008-01-01

(Painting) Wolf and human, combined

deviantart.com/deviation/73525030

Throw your hands up, by KrazeeJack. 2010-07-22

(Photo-manipulation) Self-portrait as a polar bear

deviantart.com/deviation/172326985

Sam dream -- the cliff, by DarkSideoftheSun13. 2008-01-12

(Color pencil)

deviantart.com/deviation/74480983

I gotz horns, by Caziodor. 2008-05-07

(Digital illustration) An ungulate. "My theriotype presented anthropomorphically."

deviantart.com/deviation/79349673

Mo Anam, by Illahie. 2006-08-15

(Traditional mixed media) Self-portrait as humanoid wolf, with additional symbols

deviantart.com/deviation/38061402

Shinjuku swan maiden, by Tsu (Swanblood). 2012-01-09.

(Digital painting) Self-portrait, winged person

deviantart.com/deviation/278642225

Otherkin eyes

The eyes, "windows to the soul," symbolize the inner self. Some otherkin and therian artists use that symbol as another strategy for representing their inner selves in their art.

Windows of the soul, by WiseDragonQueen5 (Eryn). 2005-10-07

(Colored pencil) A dragon form, within a human's eye. My spirit-character, true self

deviantart.com/deviation/23774381

Wolf eyes, by Wolf Daughter. 2009-03-30

(Photo-manipulation) A human with the eyes of a wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/117649194

Inner eye, by Rowan of Wonderless. 2009-07-21

(Pencil) An enormous wolf's eye. "I kept thinking of this as 'my eye' as I drew it; so I would like to dedicate this piece to all the people out there with an 'inner wolf' like me."

deviantart.com/deviation/130352335

Group portraits of different parts of the self

For example, human and animal sides standing alongside one another, as if they were separate beings, even though they're both parts of the same person.

Set me free, by Illahie. 2004-04-10

(Watercolor pencil) Wolf spirit emerges from human body.

deviantart.com/deviation/6457424

Oshiete, by Rowan of Wonderless. 2009-09-09

(Digital art) In their separate worlds, winged wolf and human wonder about Truth.
deviantart.com/deviation/136518990

Me, myself, and I, by Swandog. Late 1980s
(Pencil) Self-portrait, plus wolf and eagle alter egos
deviantart.com/deviation/6494596

4 lives, 3 deaths; 1 rebirth, by lupusperangelespenna. 2011-01-19
(Digital illustration) Several past lives, assembled
deviantart.com/deviation/194074056

Inner being, by Shiruie-chan. 2011-01-15
(Colored pencil) Dragon and human
deviantart.com/deviation/193570183

Not really sure myself, by Tgguitarist (Yaxerins, Nicholas, Melanie). 2009-06-25
(Colored pencil) Dragon and human
deviantart.com/deviation/127230473

I am more than..., by Lauryl. 2008-04-01
(Digital painting) "...this earthbound form."
Dragon and human
deviantart.com/deviation/81668798

Otherkin – what am I? by Mukis (Randy N.). 2007-01-22
(Color pencil) Human and animal side
deviantart.com/deviation/47189593

Otherkin – where should I be? By Mukis. 2007-01-22
(Color pencil) Human and bull side, not based on a real individual
deviantart.com/deviation/47191104

Otherkin – will I ever know? By Mukis. 2007-02-21
(Color pencil) Human and other sides, a self-portrait
deviantart.com/deviation/49336533

Three souls, by Tuuli Bergdrachin (Nathalie). 2009-04-02
(Drawing) Western dragon, Chinese dragon, and human
deviantart.com/deviation/117876555

Polywere, by Tygerwolfe. 2007-03-23
(Digital painting) Surrounded by other animal-sides
deviantart.com/deviation/51518065

Musical alchemy, by Lynne. 2004-04-15

(Digital painting) Dragon and human violinist.
"Tis me. In two forms, which really end up being the same thing anyway, just in a different perspective."

deviantart.com/deviation/6590957

Dance the night away, by Lynne. 2005-08-30
(Traditional media) "The Dragon, is, of course, my Dragon self ... [and] my two composer headvoices."

deviantart.com/deviation/22366445

A new symbolic family portrait, by Lynne. 2005-11-04
(Drawing) "this is the family I have in my inner world..."

deviantart.com/deviation/24822185

My soul loves you, by Lynne. 2006-12-28
(Drawing) Includes long explanation, with quote from Emily Dickenson

side7.com/image/326457

Aubrey: Double portrait, by Lynne. 2002-12-04
(Digital painting) Dragon and human sides.
"Aubri, and his... whaddya call it... trueform, soul shape, Dragon, higher state of being..."

side7.com/image/229863

Tracks

Another strategy is to show the track of the animal along with the human footprint or handprint.

Therianthropy cat, by Sonne Spiritwind. 2007-03-24
(Digitally colored) A cat's forepaw leaves a human handprint.

deviantart.com/deviation/51586669

Longing, by Flaming Craig Head. 2007-03-18
(Photo) Human handprint next to a canine's track, with explanation

deviantart.com/deviation/51162511

Tracks, by CorbieLaughter. 2009-10-16
(Markers) Wolf paw-print superimposed on human hand-print

deviantart.com/deviation/140486414

Portraits of the inner self

I've sorted most of these illustrations into other topics instead, according to species.

Playing in the field, by Dragonslorefury. 2008-12-26
(Colored pencil) Self-portrait as dragon and wolf partner

deviantart.com/deviation/107446355

Climbing that mountain, by Illahie. 2004-05-11
(Painting) Self-portrait as wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/7196581

Howl from the heart, by CelticMagician. 2010-06-17
(Digital painting) Self portrait as winged wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/168051395

Samango, by DarkSideoftheSun13. 2010-11-13
(Digital painting) Self-portrait as winged feline

deviantart.com/deviation/186114252

Winged wolf, by WingedWolfPsion. 2007-06-04
(Color pencil) "My astral representation."

deviantart.com/deviation/56849381

Self-portrait WindSeeker, by WindSeeker (Courtney W.). 2004-05-12
(Digital painting) Self-portrait as winged wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/7223708

WindSeeker, by WindSeeker (Courtney W.). 2003-11-13
(Digital painting) Self-portrait as winged wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/3825698

Myself, by Enju Y.. 2010-09-03
(Digital painting) Self-portrait as a dragon. I'm a dragon otherkin

deviantart.com/deviation/177969841

Planner, by TsumeRokaro (karasureign). 2010-09-15
(Drawing) Self-portrait as winged wolf, with theta-delta symbol. I'm a therian

deviantart.com/deviation/179372003

The other me, by IxIHelenalx
(Digital illustration) Self-portrait as wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/185181202

My theriself, by Darkfire-kitty. 2010-09-25
(Digital illustration) Self-portrait as wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/180532029

The day after tomorrow, by Cottoncritter (Miserycat, Chelsea). 2010-10-22

(Digital painting) Self-portrait as winged wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/183603420

To live, by Cottoncritter (Miserycat, Chelsea). 2010-03-09

(Digital painting) Self-portrait as a winged wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/156771550

Earth elemental dragon forest, by Kanishtaa Naijuuk. 2010-11-15

(Digital painting) Self-portrait as dragon

deviantart.com/deviation/186256050

Otherkin Zee, by DigitalShark. 2008-01-15

(Digital painting) "This is by far, the most accurate picture of my main otherkin form."

deviantart.com/deviation/74704294

My therian form, by Enju Y. 2010-05-10

(Color pencil) Self-portrait as a dragon. I'm a therian/otherkin.

deviantart.com/deviation/163653126

Here I am, this is me... by NightTracker (Rachel P.). 2005-08-31

(Color pencil) Self-portrait as a "draganine," half-dragon, half-wolf.

deviantart.com/deviation/22419602

Sak'Hareth, by Tanith Sacristar (Jokress). 2009-02-03

(Drawing) Self-portrait as a dragon. Otherkin.

deviantart.com/deviation/111661158

Misc art about otherkin and therians

Depict what can't be seen, by O. Scribner. 2006-01-02

(Comic) Examples of several different strategies for depicting both the human and the unseen animal side

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060102.html

Mandala intro graphic, by Swandog. 2005-10-17
(Illustration) An elaborate design integrating many symbols of personal significance

deviantart.com/deviation/24125800

Wolf Walker – Digital Art Class, by Tygerwolfe. 2009-04-24

(Photo-manipulation) “The assignment was to create a movie poster for a fictional biographical movie about ourselves.”
deviantart.com/deviation/120312009
Shift happens – detail, by Dragonslorefury. 2009-12-03
 (Painting on leather) Wolf therian
deviantart.com/deviation/145578114
Mortal body, deathless soul, by WildSpiritWolf. 2007-09-19
 (Human blood on parchment) A winged wolf.
 “This was painted during my trip. It was done in the blood of our Pack’s alpha who was more than enthusiastic to supply the ‘paint’.”
deviantart.com/deviation/65298895
I’m not crazy... right? by Sage of the Halo. 2004-01-26
 Overwhelmed by critical statements made against otherkin
deviantart.com/deviation/4938864
Have you forgotten us..., by Dragonslorefury. 2008-12-26
 (Pen) “a drawing of some of the more rare types of otherkin”
deviantart.com/deviation/107444113
My autumn tree, by Cottoncritter (Miserycat, Chelsea). 2009-06-09
 (Digital painting) I finally drew the land in my heart, the place I go to in my mind.
 You can barely see it, but my wolf therian form is sitting at the tip of the cliff.
deviantart.com/deviation/125392935

Mortuary birds bury a friend, by Cyaneus
 In memory
deviantart.com/deviation/103600345
Prayer of Saint Francis, by Cyaneus
 Vulture as personification of love
deviantart.com/deviation/103594060
Prayer of Saint Francis redux, by Cyaneus
deviantart.com/deviation/103594381
Phantom wings, by Fareme. 2002-12-19
 (Digital art)
deviantart.com/deviation/1042322
Awaken the inner dragon, by Andy W. 2007-08-28
 (Digital art) “If you like dragons, think a bit more about them. Ask yourself why you like them so much. Perhaps you will discover something phenomenal. Perhaps you will discover your true self...”
elfwood.com/art/n/e/neo2008/awaken_the_inner_dragon_small.jpg.html
Break the chain, by Vargablod (Vargablóð). 2006-10-27
 (Graphic illustration)
deviantart.com/deviation/42088093
2006 Thanksgiving, by GryphonHB (Aedelthryd, Heather B.). 2006-11
 (Cartoon) Humor
deviantart.com/deviation/65731121
Alivsest, by Jocarra (Jen P.). 2008-03-17
 (Photo montage) With long explanation of therianthropy
deviantart.com/deviation/80255222

Symbols for otherkin and therians

General writings about symbols for otherkin and therians

Some otherkin and therians have chosen some symbols to represent themselves. All of these symbols are unofficial. Since we have no central organization, there's no way to make them official. That is as it should be. Some therians use these symbols, and some therians don't, either because they dislike these symbols, or are opposed to the concept of using any symbols to represent themselves. Just as with any other single trait of the community, we're never in total agreement about anything, and that is as it should be. Many therians haven't heard of any of these symbols because they aren't involved with the parts of the communities that use these symbols. As such, the seven-pointed star isn't "the" symbol for otherkin, and the theta-delta isn't "the" symbol for therians. Each symbol is just a symbol that *some* therians choose.

Razza Wolf. "The Weresymbol: Branding spirituality." Circa 1999-2003.
<http://web.archive.org/web/20041024034331/http://www.therianslair.org/articles/wereologo.html>

Criticism. This therian explains why it's undesirable to use *any* kind of symbol to represent therianthropy, because this would indicate a religion-like unity that therians don't actually have.

"Symbols," by Lupa

Mostly on the seven-pointed star, but a little about the therian theta-delta too
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 52-53

The seven-pointed star

In a vague sort of way, the seven-pointed star has been gradually adopted to represent elves, fairies, and—by extension—otherkin. The Silver Elves wrote about the septagram in the 1980s, but in the 1990s,

a group of otherkin adopted it independently of this, not knowing about the coincidence until a while later. The seven-pointed star (septagram) is an ancient and simple geometric figure, and for this reason it has been used to symbolize hundreds of different things. Otherkin is only one of many things that a septagram could mean. As such, I take care to select only the writings and representations of the septagram which the authors or artists themselves openly claim is related to otherkin philosophy.

Writings

"Elven Star or Faerie Star," by Leaf McGowan

The variety of things that the seven-pointed star has symbolized, including otherkin
technogypsie.com/faeid/elvenstar.html

"What is an Elvenstar?" by Devan of Elvendrums

The seven-pointed star is also known as the elven star because can represent a belief in fairies

elvendrums.com/elvenstar.php and
rialian.com/star.htm

"The Septagram: One Celestial's View on the

Septagram," by Christopher A. (WyldeSatyr)

Some remarks on the seven-pointed star (a geometric figure variously called an acute heptagram, septagram, or septegram) that has been adopted, to some degree, as an unofficial symbol of otherkin.

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/other/angelosevenstar.html

"Syrandir (Enchantment)," by the Silver Elves

The significance of each of the rays of a seven-pointed star

rialian.com/elvsilv5.htm

"The Septagram: An Essay on the Seven-Pointed Star," by Magpie

Correspondences of the seven points

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/orc/other/magpiesevenstar.html

“The Otherkin Avatar Project,” by Michelle Belanger.
2008-12-29

Applying magical symbolism and a type of otherkin to each of the seven points of the star.
rendingtheveil.com/the-otherkin-avatar-project

“The Otherkin Avatar Project revisited,” by Shaynin, of Clan Nautilus (a plural system). 2011-06-02
Further thoughts on and modifications of the above concepts and symbols.
pirate.is/nautilus/2011/06/02/the-otherkin-avatar-project-revisited (lost) or
clannautilus.wordpress.com/2011/06/02/the-otherkin-avatar-project-revisited

“Fae: Elements and symbols,” by LeanhuanRose
Associating seven “elements” with the seven points of the star. Similar to Magpie’s essay.
main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/metaphysics/fae-elements-and-symbols

“Signs and portents: Magical symbolism and meaning,” by Lanthinel. Circa 1999
Based on some of the above writings, an elven interpretation of the seven points
fastlane.net/homepages/worlow4/Lanthinel/signs.htm (defunct)

“Seven sisters seven stars,” by the Silver Elves
Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1, p. 102-103

Representations

CatchingDreams_Morij_7OKin, by Mizuenzeru.
2007-01-08
(Crafts) Woven into a dream-catcher
deviantart.com/deviation/46252272

Star pawprint tattoo WIP, by SylverWind-Wolfenkin.
2008-01-09
(Drawing) Tattoo design with *trompe l’oeil* emboss effect. Septagram, circled, with paw-print in center.
deviantart.com/deviation/74229854

Otherkin star septagram, by KanishtaaNaijuuk.
2010-03-13
(Digital illustration) Diagram, showing correspondences of the points
deviantart.com/deviation/157090202

My tattoo idea, by KanishtaaNaijuuk. 2010-03-13

(Graphic design) A paw-print with septagram in center. Surrounded by symbols of the Classical four elements, and crescent moons
deviantart.com/deviation/157090317

Pawprint septagram, by Artemus Black. 2005-09-21
(Graphic design) A paw-print with septagram in center.
deviantart.com/deviation/23170523

Paw print ID, by Artemus Black. 2006-01-23
(Graphic design) A paw-print with septagram in center, flanked by kanji
deviantart.com/deviation/28068792

Mandala, by GuephRen. 2008-09-04
(Graphic design) As part of a mandala, incorporating a striding wolf and other designs
deviantart.com/deviation/97036563

Therian theta-delta symbol

In 2003, in the WereList web forum, some therians decided that they would like to design a symbol to represent therianthropy, and this is what they came up with. It’s two Greek letters, interlaced. For the names of these letters, the symbol is sometimes called the “theta-delta.” It’s also sometimes called the “were-symbol,” but that name has been applied to other symbols used by the therian community. One person made a graphic of it, and distributed it in several file formats, so that it would be easy to customize. It’s meant to be graphically simple so that it looks good large or small, and no particular colors are associated with it.

The forum thread in which the symbol was invented was lost in a crash soon afterward, perhaps only a few months. There was an excellent page about it somewhere on WikiTherian.org (lost). Since the original thread is missing, and the first and most comprehensive web-pages about it are missing too, I’ve noticed that some newcomers have developed the misconception that the theta-delta symbol is ancient and mysterious! It’s not at all. It’s only a few years old. Its invention was well

documented... it's just that the documents have gone missing.

There used to be lots of web-pages about the theta-delta, some offering a download of the original image files to customize, but I can't even find links to those specific pages anymore. Could they all be so lost?

If anybody has archives of the lost documents, web-pages, and forum threads, please send them to me. I'd like to reassemble this puzzle soon, before newcomers start thinking that the theta-delta was invented by cave-people or something.

Writings

"Theta-Delta," by various editors

The accompanying example wasn't made using the original files.

therian.wikia.com/wiki/Theta-Delta

"Therian symbol," by various editors

therian.wikia.com/wiki/Therian_Symbol

Representations and variations

Theta-delta symbol for Padfoot, by Dogzilla. 2004-01-08

(Graphic design) This hand-drawn variation adds a full-body running wolf in the center, and omits the dash in the center of the theta. The date this image was posted means that WereList invented the theta-delta in 2003, not 2004.

deviantart.com/deviation/4596216

Therian symbol, by Meirya. 2004-01-22

(Graphic design) Adds a phoenix in the center, and subtly incorporates several other symbols—moon and stars—by adding a texture fill to the symbol's lines. Clues that images such as this were created using the original files: cinched shape of the theta's dash, and negative-space margins around the interlacements.

deviantart.com/deviation/4860824

Therian symbol, by ArionHunter. 2004-03-10

(Graphic design) In this variation, a dragon replaces the outer ring of the theta. Created using original files.

deviantart.com/deviation/5761126

My Were symbol thingy, by DragonessTawnya.

2004-09-22

(Graphic design) Created using the original files, but with an addition: footprints superimposed on it.

deviantart.com/deviation/10817863

My symbol, by Tamer of Lynada. 2004-10-25

(Color pencil sketch) In addition to the theta-delta, a Christian cross, a horse-shoe, and a pair of feathered wings.

deviantart.com/deviation/10916232

My symbol 2, by Tamer of Lynada. 2004-11-02

(Graphic design) A finished version of the above symbol, sans wings and theta's dash, but still with cross and horse-shoe

deviantart.com/deviation/11945293

Theta Delta Deus, by Alyssa M. 2010-11-18

The therian theta-delta symbol, with the dash in the center changed *into* a cross, rather than having the cross superimposed *on* it.

Accompanying text by TaniMay explains some Christian therian philosophy

deviantart.com/deviation/186670278

Therian pride t-shirt, by Rowan of Wonderless.

2009-04-27

The aforementioned Christian variation on the therian theta-delta symbol, as a decoration on a shirt, along with another variation with a wolf in the center of the theta-delta, flanked by feathered wings

deviantart.com/deviation/120727900

Christian Therianthropy Symbol, by Mist-Howler,

2011-06-10

(Graphic design.) A different Christian variation on the therian theta-delta symbol. A different cross, and inscription in Hebrew.

deviantart.com/deviation/212641253

"Behind the symbol..." by Mist-Howler. 2011-06-11

An essay explaining of the symbolism used in the above Christian therianthropy symbol.

deviantart.com/deviation/212645441

Therianthropy symbol, by LoneDarkWolf (Kira).

2005-08-14

(Graphic design) An embossed version using the original files. Says it was for somebody on the WereNation forums.

deviantart.com/deviation/21733428

Tribal therian symbol, by Stone Wolf

(ArchangelUzziel). 2006-03-26

A variation on the basic theta-delta symbol, this one includes a stylized (“tribal” style) howling wolf head in the center. Hand-drawn, but based on original files. Omits two things: theta’s dash, and negative space in points of interlacement

deviantart.com/deviation/30948333

Friend’s therian symbol, by Stone Wolf

(ArchangelUzziel). 2006-03-26

A variation on the above

deviantart.com/deviation/30947836

Therian wallpaper, by ZachM. 2006-05-07

(Graphic design) For use as computer desktop wallpaper. Interlaces in same direction as original, but omits theta’s dash, meaning that it wasn’t made with the original file

deviantart.com/deviation/32975385

Therian symbol, by Meercamenace. 2007-09-10

Created using original file. Adds photographs of a wolf and lioness in the center.

deviantart.com/deviation/64587966

My zoanthropy symbol, by Ryugetsu. 2008-08-05

Created using original file. Adds a yin-yang. Includes story of interest in Shintoism

deviantart.com/deviation/93865515

My personal logo, by Lycaox. 2008-10-06

Created using original file. With symbols of justice in the center

deviantart.com/deviation/99989701

Therian style?, by Erzahler. 2009-02-02

As a revolving, four-sided 3D computer render, plus a pair of wings. Doesn’t interlace. Hyphen is present, but has serifs rather than a cinched shape

deviantart.com/deviation/111623268

Therian symbol car-hang, by Turret-Wolfheart.

2009-06-05

(Craft) As a metal ornament hanging from a car’s rear-view mirror. Howling wolf head in center. Omits theta’s dash

deviantart.com/deviation/124937389

Large beadwoven piece, by MidniteWolf139. 2010-02-22

As a beaded design. This uses a variation with a full-body wolf in the center

deviantart.com/deviation/155104031

Theta-delta vines, by wolfiscrazed. 2010-08-17

As part of a pen and pencil illustration

deviantart.com/deviation/175766215

Into a wolf’s soul, by Paige W. 2010-09-14

As part of a portrait of the inner wolf

deviantart.com/deviation/179302275

Theta-delta, by bpz3. 2010-10-07

(Graphic design) Repeated thrice, ornamented with bear tracks

deviantart.com/deviation/181880721

Roya Cuvari tattoo, by Percy E. II. 2010-09-23

As part of a symbol within a fictional setting

deviantart.com/deviation/180315411

Empire of the black rose, by jtobler

(Graphic design) With rose in center. “The flag of a fallen empire from my story. And yes, they are Therians.”

deviantart.com/deviation/156029842

Me - Update, by SylverWind-Wolfenkin. 2011-02-02

As part of a pencil illustration

deviantart.com/deviation/195886346

Therianthropy, by Migoto-Ookami (Silver Anemos-Lupa). 2011-07-12

(Graphic design) Incorporates depictions of common types of therians and otherkin. I am a wolf therian.

deviantart.com/deviation/221139430

As decoration for jewelry

Completed bracelet, by MidniteWolf139. 2007-02-23

(Craft) As a decoration on a beaded bracelet

deviantart.com/deviation/49494042

PariahPoet's bracelet design, by MidniteWolf139.

2007-02-23

(Craft) As a decoration on a beaded bracelet, flanked by wolf paw prints superimposed on Christian crosses

deviantart.com/deviation/49493822

Redfeather commissions, by Elinox. 2008-08

(Craft) As a decoration carved onto an antler slice, for a pendant

deviantart.com/deviation/182554125

Sublime Metamorphosis, by Molly M. F.

(Porkshanks) 2008-10-20

(Craft) As a hand-made pendant made of copper, nickel, etc, with a tiny key dangling

deviantart.com/deviation/101315467

Theta-delta necklace, by Earth Listener, of Chimera.

(n.d.)

(Craft) As a bisqueware pendant

deviantart.com/deviation/149448964

Therianthropy necklace, by dancingkatz1 (Haley M.,

Ani). 2010-08-01

(Craft) As a decoration on a pendant

deviantart.com/deviation/173608185

Theta-delta, by Silver1steps. 2010-08-26

(Craft) As a pendant covered in fuzzy yarn

deviantart.com/deviation/176952827

As decoration for clothing

Therian shirt, by Luke Wolf. 2010-09-15

(Craft) As part of a decoration on a shirt

deviantart.com/deviation/182758726 and

deviantart.com/deviation/182758081

Therian beanie, by JennieO-of-Hyrule64. 2010-09-

23

(Craft) As a decoration knitted on a hat

deviantart.com/deviation/180318137

Coat design, by Aika-Shi21. 2008-12-29

(Design) As a decoration on a hooded coat

deviantart.com/deviation/107822200

As tattoo, or tattoo design

Theta-delta tattoo for Aconite, by StrydingSoul

(Cass). 2008-01-23

(Design) Tattoo design, incorporating a few other symbols

deviantart.com/deviation/75402812

Therian symbol - tribal wolf, by DracheHoly. 2009-08-27

(Tattoo) As an actual tattoo. Includes "tribal" howling wolf head. This is the design made by Stone Wolf in 2006

deviantart.com/deviation/134913603

Therian zodiac tattoo design, by Alex E. 2009-11-21



(Design) Encircled by two additional rings: one of zodiac signs, and one of a set of philosophical elements. Includes elaborate explanation of symbolism in context of an original religion.

deviantart.com/deviation/144324408

Tattoo, by TsumeRokaro (karasureign). 2010-09-22

(Design) As part of a design for a modest little tattoo, to be covered by a wristwatch

deviantart.com/deviation/180191095

The life tattoo, by QuatreBornes. 2010-04-09

(Design) As part of a design, along with a stylized Eye of Horus symbol, etc.

deviantart.com/deviation/160156868

Tattoo sketch, by Kriati. 2009-10-13

(Design) As part of a design for a tattoo. Dash missing, replaced with pawprint

deviantart.com/deviation/140179517

Otherkin emblem

Also called the otherkin sigil or otherkin logo, this symbol was designed in 2002 by dragon Kaltezar. The sigil has a circular border around the faces of three species: an elf, a dragon, and a wolf. These are some of the most common species for people to identify as, when other than human.

"The Otherkin Emblem," by Kaltezar. 2002. ✓

A loop containing three faces: dragon, elf, wolf. The philosophy and design process.

Downloadable graphic designs and stencils. “there was no universally accepted ‘symbol’ for otherkin ... There is the Seven pointed star ... if you were to show it to a complete stranger, do you think they could possibly pull ‘otherkin’ from it? I didn’t think so, and decided to do something about it. ... Needless to say, it proved to be a daunting task. I’m not sure there is any religion in the world, which comes close to the diversity of otherkin. Trying to group it all together in one small symbol, proved to be nearly impossible.”

kaltezar.furvect.com/otherkin.html

Otherkin symbol, by DracheHoly. 2009-08-27

The above symbol as a tattoo

deviantart.com/deviation/134915327

Otherkin, by wildelbenreiter (Fin Z.). 2011-04-16

Redrawn in a different style

deviantart.com/deviation/205144975

Therian flag and Were-prints

In 2004, a therian artist named Watergazer Wolf designed these symbols for therians to use.

Therian Wereprints, by WatergazerWolf (Vanessa K.). 2004-07-21

(Graphic design) These “Wereprints” are the footprints of animals, modified to partially resemble a human’s handprint, usually by adding an opposable thumb, but toes are also lengthened to be more like fingers. This is a selection of Wereprints for a variety of animal species. “Here’s a sample list of the wereprints. You can use whatever print you think is affiliated the most with your personal wereside.”

deviantart.com/deviation/9102919

Therian Flag design, by WatergazerWolf (Vanessa K.). 2004-07-21

(Graphic design) “Here are two sample Therian/Were flags, one with the white circle and the other with a gay pride circle, each having the canine wereprint. This is what the

overall flag will look like, the only change being the center circle, which will be somewhat unique to everyone, as it is here the wereprint will be placed.” The flag bears a trio of moon phases on a red field, with dangling feathers and medicine bag.

deviantart.com/deviation/9103026

Therian Flag CREATE YOUR OWN, by

WatergazerWolf (Vanessa K.). 2004-07-21 (Graphic design) “Here’s a sample flag you can use in the creation of your own Therian/Were Pride flag. Copy and paste your chosen wereprint into the circle.”

deviantart.com/deviation/9102952

Wereprint tattoo, worn by ZebraWolf. 2004-10-28

Were-print as a tattoo

deviantart.com/deviation/11822455

Wolf dance tagua pendant, by Foxfeather Ž.

(Foxfeather248)

Were-print engraved on a wedge of tagua (a plant material used for imitation ivory)

deviantart.com/deviation/12170144

Wereprint antler carving, by WatergazerWolf

(Vanessa K.). 2005-02-19

(Craft) “It’s my medicine pouch with a carved deer antler pedicle,” which is engraved with a Wereprint.

deviantart.com/deviation/15342640

Wolf Shaman’s new tattoo, worn by Wolf Shaman.

2005-12-04

As a tattoo

deviantart.com/deviation/26031490

Therian symbols by Twilight Stray

In 2003, a therian artist named Twilight Stray designed a set of customizable therian symbols. They’re just called “therianthrope symbols,” with no special name. To the left, a crescent moon with a spiral within its hollow, representing change, and optionally, to the right, an animal’s footprint, representing one’s species. One can use an arbitrary color to fill the footprint, but the moon remains white.

Therian symbol ideas, by Twilight Stray. 2003-11

The original sketches

deviantart.com/deviation/3694731 (lost)

Therian symbol ideas colored, by Twilight Stray.

2003-11

The same sketches, but with more additions, and color

deviantart.com/deviation/3705900 (lost)

Therianthrope symbols, by Twilight Stray. 2004-03



A finished chart, explaining the symbol's significance and how to customize it

deviantart.com/deviation/5732791 (lost)

Therianthrope symbols revisited, by Twilight Stray.

2004-03

A second chart, showing some further potential variations, such as using the spiral to represent the main pad of a wolf paw, with the prints of toes alone to the right... or combining the footprints of several animals if one has more than one animal-side... or representing animals that leave no tracks by showing a fin

deviantart.com/deviation/6019665 (lost)

Symbol icons, by Twilight Stray. 2004-03

Graphic designs using the crescent and spiral, but not the footprints, so as to represent the concept of therianthropy itself

deviantart.com/deviation/6226144 (lost)

Sticker ideas, by Twilight Stray. 2004-03

Some of the above graphic designs, adapted for use as bumper stickers or other labels, some bearing the motto "Are You aWere?"

deviantart.com/deviation/6226088 (lost)

Pouch, by Twilight Stray. 2004-12

(Craft) A hand-made pouch, decorated with one of the above symbols. This is the one with a crescent, spiral, and wolf toe prints.

deviantart.com/deviation/12562830 (lost)

Other symbols

Weresymbol contest, maintained by BleuLynx and Kamatu, 1999-2000.

Participants of AHWW designed and voted on several "weresymbols" to represent the therian community, without depicting specific animals. The three winning symbols were designed by Jakkal, Mokele, and Lynx Canadensis. Contemporary AHWW newsgroup posts mention that two symbols incorporated the scientific symbol for Animalia, and one showed a fiery animal head. I'm not aware of any surviving representations of any of these symbols. Do you have them in your archives? Please help out.

thechangingtimes.com/~weresymbol (lost)

The Animalia symbol:

symbols.com/encyclopedia/24/243.html

Re-combinations of any of the above symbols

Guardian Sagas new cover, by Harushimo. 2010-10-05

Seven-pointed star interlaced with therian theta-delta, as a cover illustration for an urban fantasy novel about otherkin and therians.

Includes summary of the book

deviantart.com/deviation/181612124

Signature codes

Signature codes were trendy on the Internet for a while, beginning with the invention of the original Geek Code in 1996 up to maybe about 2003. Although people still use signature codes, they've lost popularity now that anybody can have a personal web page and image hosting. Signature codes are a way of conveying personal information in a condensed manner, so that you can describe your appearance and personality in your signature when you post to a web forum or Usenet newsgroup. Some people developed signature codes specifically for use by otherkin and therians.

The Dragon Code, created by Red Dragon (Daniel H.) sometime in 1996, maintained for a while

by Baxil the Dragon, and now maintained by Wyrms, revised 1999 ✓

A popularly-used signature code created for use on alt.fan.dragons to describe dragon personas, it has been developed to describe any kind of creature.

wyrms.org.uk/dc/

The Gryphon Code

Based on the Dragon Code, adapted to better describe gryphon personas, for use by the Gryphon Guild.

gryphnguild.org/code/

The WereCode, by Blackfang

Based on the Furry Code, created for use on AHW. Its instructions are in the middle of the AHW Combined FAQ. Obscure.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Community/combinedfaq.html

The Were (Geek) Code, by SabreLion. Created 1998-02-24, later revised by Jakkal
Created independently of the other WereCode, this was also based on the Furry Code, and created for use by therians on WereNet and AHW. Obscure.

were.net/werecode.shtml (defunct)

Languages, constructed or remembered

Some of these are constructed (that is, invented intentionally for use by otherkin), or remembered (recalled from a past life), or channeled (received from incorporeal sources). Some credit for this section goes to Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin), who collected [links](#) to many remembered languages on Dreamhart.org.

Untitled selection, by Lupa

On languages remembered from past lives
Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 63-64

Writing systems:

Alphabets, pictograms, runes, and ciphers

ClaWrite, by Baxil the Dragon 🎵

(Constructed.) An alphabet cipher with an efficient graphic design so simplified that it can be etched with three dragon claws. Like short-hand, with practice one can write it a bit faster than the Roman alphabet, so it's useful for note-taking.

tomorrowlands.org/draconity/clawwrite

Dragon Runes, by Isedon Goldwing. 2001 🎵

(Constructed?) A phonetic alphabet for dragons, similar to the Futhark runes but quite different from them. Like the Futhark, each rune has a philosophical meaning, and they can be used for divination and magic. Some of the names and philosophy are based on Syrosa's past-life memories of dragon language (Druatch) and society.

dragon-runes.com

Vocabularies, grammars, words, and phrases...

Vocabularies of elven languages

"Elven language list," maintained by Rialian

(Remembered.) A lexicon of words and phrases from a variety of different elven languages, not

just one. Identifies the source language for each word/phrase.

rialian.com/langtext.htm

"Words remembered (Elven language page),"

maintained by Rialian

(Remembered.) A different version of the above page.

rialian.com/elven-language.htm

"Li'star'i word list (Elven language

page)," maintained by Rialian

(Remembered.)

rialian.com/listari-language.htm

"Lexicon Elandra," based on the above, revised by Lanthinel.

(Remembered.)

fastlane.net/homepages/worlow4/Lanthinel/lexicon.htm (defunct)

"Language," by Arhúaine

(Remembered.) From a language of the elves of Alorya

stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/language.html (defunct)

"An Aloryan glossary," collected by Jarandhel Dreamsinger (Jarin)

(Remembered.) A well-organized "catalog of words and phrases which have been remembered by those who remember being elves on a world we refer to as Alorya." Each word's entry lists pronunciation and which elf remembered it.

dreamhart.org/2009/07/an-aloryan-glossary

"Elenari language dictionary," by Estara Korai.

2000-03-15

(Remembered.) Based on the memories of the author and of several others from the Elenari mailing list

greenworld.spiritualitea.net/elenaridict.html

Elenari Orthography Project, by Kelurian. 1999 ▲

(Remembered, constructed.) "The goal of the Elenari Orthography Project is to create a unified, standardized system of spelling words of Elenari origin or importance, using symbols readily available in computer applications."

kelurian.virtualave.net/index.html (defunct)

“Crisses ‘Kella’ Dictionary (Kella Elvish),” by Dreal and Star, of The Crisses. 2004-12-30
(Remembered.) Kella means “of the elves”. As I’m filtering through the things I’ve written in the past, I’m finding things like elvish words I came across in my memories. Vocab, phrases, grammar.

kinhost.org/wiki/Crisses/KellaElvish

“Elven-English dictionary,” by Digital_Elf

“Another elven dictionary project, again borrowing much from the existing Elenari language projects. This one does appear to include additional words not found in the others, though their origin is unclear. Much of the site is heavily influenced by role playing games.” (Description from Dreamhart.org)

digitalelf.pluto.ro/elven/dictionary.html

“Elven dictionary,” by Taleena, of the Rainbow Elfs

“Appears to contain many terms from the other Elenari dictionaries, though there may be others as well” (Description from Dreamhart.org)

members.fortunecity.com/taleena18/id3.htm

“Sylvyn: An Elven language,” by the Silver Elves.

Circa 1999

(Constructed.) Vocabulary and grammar invented by the Silver Elves. This is just a teaser for a long book that they may someday publish about it.

jps.net/elve/sylvyn.html (defunct)

“‘Remembered’ words,” by Arethinn

(Remembered, possibly.) Retrieved via glossolalia, searching for the right sound-feel of an idea, somewhere between remembering and channeling.

eristic.net/fey/living/words.php

Vocabularies of dragon languages

“Druatch,” by Syrosa

(Remembered.) Vocabulary from Druatch, one of the languages used by dragons, which a dragon otherkin named Syrosa remembers from a past life.

[dragon-](http://dragon-runes.com/Wiki/index.php?title=Druatch_Dictionary)

runes.com/Wiki/index.php?title=Druatch_Dictionary and

ayresta.tripod.com/dic.htm and

roswell.fortunecity.com/warminster/339/dra3.html

“Drogandaegae language,” by NahTahDahNah (?).

Circa 2007

(Channeled.) Vocabulary from a dragon language, channeled from incorporeal dragon spirits, as well as some from a dialect of Druatch. However, the author discovered that most of these words are incorrectly translated, and many were actually profanity. The post on this forum is an archive of the lost web-page where this information originally appeared.

dragonhall.myfreeforum.org/viewtopic.php?t=19

“Welcome to Shinoa,” by Shiari

(Remembered, constructed.) “A reference for Shinoarnii, a remembered draconic language that is also being used in original fiction by the person who remembered it.” (Description from Dreamhart.org)

shinoarnii.tripod.com

Vocabularies of various other languages

Primal: The furry language, created by Trickster

Wolf in 2001-07, maintenance ongoing. 🎵

(Constructed.) Primal is a written and spoken language with its own unique alphabet and sentence structure. Among humans, Primal is intended for use by the furry, were, therianthrope, and otherkin communities. Compared to other popular constructed languages, Primal has a larger lexicon and more complex system of grammatical construction than either Klingon or Quenya, and yet easier to learn than most natural languages.

trickster.wereanimal.net/Primal

“The Brrrn/Brinn language,” by Amanjaku, Linz, and Valindë Wilwaren. 1998

(Remembered.) Some vocabulary used by otherworldly feline-like nomadic peoples.

reocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1015/here/brinnlang.html

Languages that aren't like languages
as we usually think of them

Some “languages” don't have concrete alphabets or vocabularies... speaking in tongues (glossolalia), reading between the lines, and communicating telepathically in images and impressions.

“What was ‘home’ called?” by Tal
(Remembered.)

rialian.com/talintro.htm

“Star language,” by Dustfromamoth. 2001-08-28

In *How to Live Large on a Small Planet*, Solara described a kind of speaking in tongues (starseed community)

everything2.com/user/dustfromamoth/writeups/Star+Language

Music

The otherkin community has never been primarily driven by creating music or based around appreciating certain kinds of music, as some subcultures are... but music is a part of everything, sooner or later.

General

“The music of the elves,” by the Silver Elves. Circa 1999

jps.net/elve/elfmusic.html (defunct)

Music by otherkin

Some otherkin have made music. In some cases, they even made music about otherkin.

Aeron – *Palterion: The Far Memory of the Elves*.

The Elf Queen’s Daughters created a band, Aeron, and in 1978 Aeron published an album called *Palterion: The Far Memory of the Elves*. If anybody can find a trace of this album now, please let me know.

Crime and the Forces of Evil – *Dick Tracy Must Die*.

Rage-driven acoustic elfmetal, by otherkin
crimeandtheforcesofevil.com

Drakonic – *Out of Darkness*, and *Spaded Tales*. 🎵

David “Skant” P., an otherkin dragon, composes and performs instrumental music in a variety of styles influenced by classical, metal, and techno.

artists.mp3s.com/artists/186/drakonic.html
(defunct, partly lost)

Elvendrums – *Drumstruck*, *Gateway to Faerie*, and *The Dragon*.

A band of otherkin elves
elvendrums.com

Hetoreyn – *Elven Moods* and *Elven Moods II*.

Hetoreyn is an otherkin elf and ambient music composer who has made soundtracks for film. elvenmusic.com and hetoreyn.com with an explanation by Hetoreyn here: otherkin.net/community/recommended/album.html?id=75

Music appreciated by otherkin

Some otherkin have assembled lists of songs that they think of as reminiscent of some otherkin-like concepts. (Plus, every once in a while, some of these lists include some of the above otherkin musicians.)

“Otherkin music (Recommended otherkin-related reading, listening and viewing),” compiled by Arethinn

eristic.net/fey/info/music.php

“Recommended reading,” compiled by various editors.

Includes a section on music appreciated by otherkin, sometimes with explanations as to why.

otherkin.net/community/recommended/index.html

Feralheart, compiled by Tsu (Swanblood).

A music mix of songs that are written from the perspective of an animal, interpreted as therianthropic

<http://8tracks.com/swanblood/feralheart>

Unicorn Wave, by Avenger.

An Internet radio station maintained by an otherkin unicorn, streaming a playlist of songs thought to be evocative of the feelings of otherkin unicorns.

live365.com/stations/uneairkagh (lost)

Poetry

Otherkin and therians have written hundreds of poems. However, I'll only list poems that are unambiguously about otherkin. Those are relatively uncommon.

When possible, I list the poems under other topics elsewhere in this directory. (For example, a poem about one's feline side goes in with the essays about felines.)

General poems about otherkin and therians

"Otherkin," by Ryan (Team-Deamon). 2005-06-06

Take a look within/ I am Otherkin ... Fly away/
To the place/ Where I used to be myself ... I
will no longer hide. (Author isn't otherkin.)

deviantart.com/deviation/20275738

"I am otherkin," by OtherkinCatfolk (Firnīs). 2011-02-06

You see an average human, but that is not me.

deviantart.com/deviation/196442100

"Therian," by CivilisedWookie.

I am under no delusional spell/I am no demon
thrown up from hell./Two spirits inside this
body dwell./The animal being the least wicked
and fell.

deviantart.com/deviation/53599728

"Therian," by BlueArmageddon (Mel). 2008-05-07.

...is something you cannot see ... It's the soul of
a wolf within thee

deviantart.com/deviation/85042308

"Who am I?" by Kalanco (William). 2007-11-20.

... I'm a dragon,/living in a human world ...

deviantart.com/deviation/70277503

"Animal inside," by WolfSongForever (Mary). 2009-06-04.

People say "Animals are brainless." Yet... have
they ever seen through the eyes of one?

deviantart.com/deviation/124821020

"Therians," by Spudnik (Aki7the7worried, Brooke).
2009-05-09.

A whimsical rhyme about therians

deviantart.com/deviation/122017065

"Ode to therianthropy," by Erin S. (Star-Blazer).
2009-05-29

For Creative Writing class, required to use
"lofty language."

deviantart.com/deviation/124131581

"Ode to therianthropy II," by Erin S. (Star-Blazer).
2009-05-29

deviantart.com/deviation/124132345

"Ode to otherkin," by Technologic-Skies. 2011-04-10

We can no longer be ignored

deviantart.com/deviation/204315875

"Therian poem 3," by Invaderzatyr77 (Eshay).

Depressed about being human: ... no muzzles
or paws/All we have are thumbs ...

deviantart.com/deviation/66137073

"Wolf within," by BlackWolfDS

deviantart.com/deviation/54888860

"Believing in invisible wings," by Lhene-Amira
(Helen). 2008-11-02

The spiritual quest has many goals/To be an
Other means seeing your soul

deviantart.com/deviation/102494456

Poems on various more specific topics

"Stormclouds," by Rakeela. 2004-06-09

A dragon's exhilaration in windy weather

deviantart.com/deviation/7965640

"Upon wings," by Quelonzia. 1995

Whether upon wings or upon mortal feet,
There is a song of rejoicing within.

stormdancer.net/poetry/wings.html (defunct)

"The call of the wind," by Seth Drake (SeHT). 1994
▲ Once I had wings to lift me,/To make me part
of the wind's song ...

furafinity.net/view/4229727

"Therian," by Desiree (MissWulphie, Feyenaru).
2011-03-21

As I grew to my nature, hopeful and proud...

deviantart.com/deviation/201683927

"Unity," by KanishtaaiNaijuuk. 2011-07-12

Illustrated. For there is only one of us,/but only
half of me can you see ...

deviantart.com/deviation/221095116

“Guardian whispers,” by Ymaryn. 2005-08-13

A guardian angel comforts an otherkin

deviantart.com/deviation/21715475

“Lite of dark life’s end,” by Keiji Miashin. 2003-10-
30

Despair and longing

deviantart.com/deviation/3651600

“On phantom wings,” by Cassander (Cassander42).
2011-05-22

Return me to the peace I’ve known/When on
phantom wings I fly

otherkin.livejournal.com/553717.html

“If dragons were real,” by Cassander
(Cassander42). 2011-08-12

It’s a funny feeling/ when you say “if dragons
were real” ... as if you cannot see me ...

otherkin.livejournal.com/556238.html

“I’m a dragon,” by Cassander (Cassander42). 2011-
06-05 >>>

“I’m a dragon”/ declares a man at the next
table over/ my head turns ...

cassander42.livejournal.com/17686.html

Unicorn poetry, by various authors

A collection of poems by unicorn people

unicornsunited.com/PAGE11.HTM

Fiction

I'm only including stories here that are unambiguously about otherkin spirituality and philosophy, and the *author* has made clear that the story is *intended* to comment upon otherkin. I won't accept just any old urban fantasy story about werewolves or transformation or whatever. Quite a few of these works of fiction include supernatural aspects like that, but they have to mean something about real otherkin, too.

Otherkin and transformation

These science fiction or fantasy stories explore what it would be like to physically transform, and what it could mean on a philosophical level. Unlike many transformation stories, in these, an unambiguously otherkin or therian protagonist wants or has previously longed for the transformation.

"Birth of a dragon," by KaniS (Chris D.) Revised
1998-02-21

A genetic engineer creates and becomes his ideal life form... but what inspired this goal?
draconic.com/fordragons

Otherkin and transformation of many (Changing Times stories)

In real life, some otherkin have speculated, prophesied, or yearned for an event in which magic returns to the world, and all otherkin regain their true forms. Some otherkin write fiction in which this happens, as a way of discussing what it might be like. These stories generally fall within the urban fantasy genre. Unlike average urban fantasy stories, however, these philosophical tales try to relate to real otherkin.

The Tomorrowlands, maintained by Baxil the Dragon

★ The Tomorrowlands universe is a shared setting for various authors to write works of fiction, in which the world Changed in 1996. These stories explore what the impact of magic and therians would be on today's world, and address social issues of therianthropy in a fictional context. The therians successfully work to make peace with the rest of the populace, to some extent.

tomorrowlands.org/story/index.html

The Day the Universe Changed, by various authors.
2001

A collaborative work by several authors. Transformed otherkin become fugitives. This story is intriguing, but unfinished and abandoned.

universestory.com (defunct, partially lost) or
universestory.org (defunct, partially lost)

Transformations, by Goagleon (Steelfeather). 2007-02-15

(Sequential art) Urban fantasy. All the therians suddenly transformed. Unfinished.

deviantart.com/deviation/48840022

Otherkin in miscellaneous fiction

"Form or substance?", by Quelonzia Stormdancer.
1997 ✓

In a future where everybody changes their species, she has reasons to remain human
stormdancer.net/stories/formorsub.html

"Memoirs of a professional WereFairy," by Lion Templin (writing under Bob). 1998

How do people become therians? Maybe a fairy zaps them with a wand to turn them into therians. This short work of fiction is written from the perspective of such a fairy. Humor. *Caution*: strong language, gross concepts.

forum3.aimoo.com/Foundthings/Lycan-Woods/Lion-Templin-1-292287.html

"Леопард? (Leopard?)" by Bagira625. 2007-12-07

(In Russian.) A science experiment in which a leopard grows up in a human body. She

eventually discovers the therian community.

Caution: Violence.

bagira625.ucoz.ru/publ/2-1-0-2

Lists and reviews of books and other materials

General and miscellaneous thoughts on books

Books, by O. Scribner. 2006-07-03

(Comic) If somebody published a book about otherkin, what could happen?

therithere.comicgen.com/d/20060703.html

Book-lists, and reviews of several books

“Review of books that mention our subculture,” by Yaiolani ✓

Regarding three books that mention the modern spiritual therianthropy subculture, and how they got it wrong. Steiger’s *The Werewolf Book*, Cohen’s *Werewolves*, and Ashley’s *Complete Book of Werewolves*.

yaiolani.tripod.com/artc01.htm

“Books: New Age,” by Yaiolani

List and reviews of books about shapeshifting and animal totemism

yaiolani.tripod.com/booknew.htm

“Recommended reading,” by Rosalyn Greene

Magic of Shapeshifting, p. 241-344

“Bibliography,” by Lupa ✓

An annotated bibliography, including web-sites as well as books, much of which are about or pertaining to otherkin

Field Guide to Otherkin, p. 289-306

“Books with bite”

Reviews of books about werewolves

geocities.com/CelinaWolfe/Books.html

(defunct)

“Is there any truth to the werewolf legend?” by

Grey Wolf ★

Three ways werewolves are interpreted

amzn.com/sy/1Q64HAW5L62BT

“The bookstore,” by Shifters.org

A list of some books about shape-shifting, totems, werewolves, and animals. No reviews.

shifters.org/ontheinside/bookstore.asp

(defunct)

“Reviews of Were-stuff,” by Ketrino

Reviews of media about otherkin, as well as fictional werewolves and other creatures.

ketrino.angelfire.com/reviews.html

“Books for shifters,” by Werewolf02

amzn.com/U1DMVVVVKIM7Q0

Therianthropic Resources Site, edited by Tornir.

2002-2005 ✓

Extensive list of books about animals, and folklore about shape-shifters

nanopardus.freeseve.co.uk/books/index.html

(defunct)

“Recommended reading,” by various authors

Books, movies, and music evoking an otherkin-like atmosphere or concept

otherkin.net/community/recommended/index.html

“Recommended otherkin-related reading, listening and viewing,” edited by Arethinn

Resources inspirational or helpful to otherkin

eristic.net/fey/info/reading-nonfiction.php

“Otherkin helpful nonfiction,” by Rita M.

amzn.com/U/R60BRMDKR8SG

“Otherkin, Fey & Wanderer books,” by Justine M.

amzn.com/U/1L7XBWGPZC3BD

“Otherkin and therianthrope book-list,” by O.

Scribner. 2004 to 2011 ✓

A list of all books about otherkin and therians

orion.kitsunet.net/nonfic.html

“Recommended reading list,” by 'Lesia

Some books interesting to otherkin. No reviews.

adrastai.com/spirituality/0806_reading.shtml

Books of a feather, by Tsu (Swanblood). 2011 ▲

Fantasy novels about winged people, reviewed from the perspective of a winged person.

booksofafaether.dreamwidth.org/profile

“Books – Real vampires and vampirism”

A list of some books on real vampires, with descriptions of them

darknessembraced.com/vampires/42

Reviews and contexts for individual

non-fiction books

(For reviews and contexts for individual fiction books, see a different section of this directory: “Fiction reviewed in context of otherkin,” which is in the “Fictionality” section.)

“Totem Magic,” by Arethinn. 2007-01-24

Reviewing Yasmine Galenorn’s book *Totem Magic: Dance of the Shapeshifter* in context with therianthropes. Points out differences.

t-o-book-club.livejournal.com/12379.html

“Interview with Lupa,” by Jason. 2007-05-18 ✓

A Pagan blogger interviews Lupa, author of *A Field Guide to Otherkin*.

wildhunt.org/blog/2007/05/interview-with-lupa.html

“A Field Guide to Otherkin,” by SummonerWolf.

2008-08-19

A therian feels enthusiastic about reading Lupa’s book, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*

deviantart.com/deviation/95360052

Other directories of otherkin writings and art

This directory is not the only one of its kind. There are other directories like it, each with their own focus. They're essential resources for our community, but they're difficult to keep up to date. I appreciate learning of more, so please inform me of them. If someday you find that I haven't kept this directory up to date, you could check some of the others.

The WereLibrary, maintained by Aethyriek

A directory of off-site non-fiction writings about therianthropy by many authors

werelibrary.org

Otherkin.net: Articles, maintained by volunteers

On-site non-fiction writings about otherkin by many authors

otherkin.net/articles/index.html

Otherkin Alliance: Articles

On-site non-fiction writings about otherkin by many authors

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles

Otherkin phenomena, maintained by Kahoku

On-site non-fiction writings about otherkin

otherkinphenomena.org

"Otherkin links," by Jarandhel Dreamsinger ★

A directory of off-site writings and other web resources

dreamhart.org/links

Draconity Resource Project

On-site and off-site non-fiction writings about dragon otherkin by many authors

weyr.org/~raki/drp (defunct, partially lost)

PART IX.

DOCUMENTS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

Documents in Other Languages

(sorted alphabetically by the language's name in English)

In Czech (Česky)

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

“Otherkin,” by Aeldra Nightwood. 2011-01-28

An overview of otherkin philosophy, experiences, and community. Notes that since the disappearance of the forum on AstralSpire.com, there seem to be no Czech-language otherkin communities.

divinorum.cz/symposion/otherkin

“Otherkine - kým jsi a kým chceš být? (Otherkin:

Who are you and who do you want to be?)” by Adzia. 2009-01-03

An overview of various types of otherkin and their recent history. Also offers definitions for therians, starseeds, vampires, and furies.

Caution: a gross photo.

cavern.cz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=355&Itemid=28

“Otherkin,” by various editors

cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin

“Otherkin - čo / kto to je? (Otherkin – what/who is it?)” 2010-08-31

otherkin.blog.cz/1008/otherkin-co-kto-to-je

Introductions to otherkin, for mixed audiences

“O Otherkinech (About Otherkin),” no author listed

astralspire.com/otherkin.html (defunct)

“Kdo jsou Otherkin..? (What are otherkin?)” by

Fallen Dragonkin (?)

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/otherkin.html

“Jake je to být otherkin? (What is it to be

otherkin?)” by Fallen Dragonkin (?)

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/bytosti.html

“Lykantropové a Theriantropové (Lycanthropy and therianthropy),” by Fallen Dragonkin (?)

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/lykantropie.html

Awakening

“Procitnutí (Awakened),” by Fallen Dragonkin (?)

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/procitnuti.html

Checklists and quizzes

“Mozná jste otherkin, pokud.. (You might be

otherkin if...),” collected by Arethinn

A humorous tongue-in-cheek list of otherkin characteristics

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/aspecting.html

Original English:

otherkin.net/harmonyDiscord/humour/youMightBeIf-full.html

Finding one's true species

“Zjistete, jaký druh otherkin jste (Identifying your

otherkin species: Ten tips for the terminally tantalised),” by Sprite Rêvenchatte. 2004

Kinds of research and introspection to try

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/universe.html

Original English:

otherkin.net/articles/identifying.html

We're a lot of fabulous beings

“Elfské rasy (Elven race),” by (no author name listed?)

Some material about Elenari

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/elfove.html

“*Draci* (Dragons),” by Fallen Dragonkin and Syros

On different types of dragons. Some material
by Syros, translated from English

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/draci.html

Shape-shifting

“*Lykantropove a druhy zmen* (Lycanthropy and types of shift),” by Fallen Dragonkin (?)

zazrcadlem.bravehost.com/otherkin/zmena.htm

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In Danish (*dansk*)

Defining therians

“*Fakta og teorier* (Facts and theories),” by ShadoW
~ Wolf’er. 2006-08-17

Overview of werewolves in legend, followed by
overview of modern therian philosophy.

[tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id
=a_1155847835&title=Fakta%20og%20teorier](http://tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id=a_1155847835&title=Fakta%20og%20teorier)

In Dutch (*Nederlands*)

Newcomers who misunderstand

“*Therianthropys 3 løgne* (Three lies of therianthropy),” by Lion Templin. 1999.
Therians in AHWB break into two groups: “wannabes” and “trues.” Lie 1: Individuality. (Uniqueness.) Lie 2: Therianthropy is easy to believe in, hard to live. Lie 3: Therianthropes aren’t like humans.
tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id=a_1126091997&title=Therianthropys%203%20l%F8gne
Original English:
forum3.aimoo.com/Foundthings/Lycan-Woods/Lion-Templin-1-292287.html

Shape-shifting

“*Skifte* (Shift),” by Ulven. 2006-07-13
List of types of shift. Dream, phantom, mirror, physical.
tusmoerke.dk/object_show.php?type=article&id=a_1152798708&title=Skifte

In French (*Français*)

Introductions to otherkin and therians

L'animalité définie (Animality defined), by Quil.

2006

akhila.feralscribes.org/2006/lanimalite-definie

La thérianthropie [I - L'identité animale]

(Therianthropy. I – Animal Identity), by Akhila.

2009

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/presentation1.php

“*Une brève introduction au sujet* (A brief

introduction to the subject),” by Swiftpaw. 1999

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/introduction.php

“*Une introduction au concept d'Animalité*

(introduction to the concept of animality),” by Kusani.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/animalite.php

“*Qu'est-ce qu'un Otherkin?* (What is an otherkin?),” by Tirl Windtree.

Translated from English by C. V.

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/what.html

“Otherkin,” by various editors

fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin

“*Thérianthropie* (Therianthropy),” by various editors

Most of this entry is about shape-shifters in legends, but (as of this writing) some of it is about spiritual therianthropy

fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Th%C3%A9rianthropie

Advice for new-comers

“*Alors...vous êtes Éveillé?* (So... you're Awake?)” by

Miaren Crow's Daughter

Answering basic questions about awakening, compiled from Miaren's live workshops.

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/wakeup.html

Original English:

otherkin.net/articles/wakeup.html

“*La Claque* (The Slap, or The Thwack: Noticing it for the first time),” by Quil. 2005.

Awakening is a recognition of something you've been all along, not dependent upon when you discover the subculture of therianthropy

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/claque.php

“*La nécessité de la recherche* (The need for research),” by Quil. 2004-05-11

On the necessity for animal-people to research the nature of their animal side.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/recherche.php

“*Connaît-toi toi-même, Connaît en toi l'animal*

(Know thyself, know thy animal)” by Quil. 2006.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/connaistoi.php

“*InstaWeres [Partie I]*,” by Katmandu. 2001

On people who decide that they're therians without taking the time to learn what it means

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/insta1.php

“*InstaWeres [Partie II]*,” by Katmandu.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/insta2.php

“*Skinside out*,” by Meirya. 2006

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/skinside.php

“*Vous pourriez être Otherkin si...* (You might be

otherkin if...)” from a list edited by Arethinn. A humorous list of otherkin characteristics; an expansion of the above list. Unfinished translation from English.

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/youMightBeIf.html

“*L'Ombre du Mythe* (The Shadow of myth),” by Tirl Windtree

How well do you understand the myths upon which you base yourself?

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/myth.html

Original English:

otherkin.net/articles/myth.html

Jargon development

“*Pourquoi l'argot ça craint* (Why slang sucks),” by Swiftpaw.

Against specialized therian jargon.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/argot.php

Original English:

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/myterm.html (defunct)

“L’avenir de la thérianthropie online (The future of online therianthropy),” by Swiftpaw.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/avenir.php

We’re a lot of fabulous beings

“Ancien folklore (Older Folklore),” by Tinne.

A non-otherkin Pagan looks critically at the problems with otherkin who identify as fae.

otherkin.net/articles/enFrancais/folklore.html

Original English:

otherkin.net/articles/folklore.html

Fictionality

“Dæmon quest”

On daemianism, inspired by Philip Pullman’s fantasy novels

freewebs.com/daemonquest

Otherkin community

“La thérianthropie [II - La communauté]

(Therianthropy. II - Community),” by Akhila.

2009

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/presentation2.php

“Webweres: quand les nioubis construisent des pages web (Webweres: Newbies making web-pages),” by Ozenwolf.

Advises that therians shouldn’t make web-pages until after a couple of years, when they’re more experienced and can contribute useful material.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/webweres.php

“Les Greymuzzles,” by Swiftpaw.

Some community history and questions about authority.

akhila.feralscribes.org/french/greymuzzles.php

In German (*Deutsch*)

Introductions to otherkin and therians

“Draconity FAQ,” by Baxil and Pattarchus

Stormwind. 2009

Based on, but not altogether a translation of,
Baxil’s Draconity FAQ in English.

pattarchusstormwind.de/index.php?id=faq or
nexus-draconis.de/FAQ.html

From English: draconity.com/faq

“*Ich bin ein Drache (Die Otherkin-FAQ)* (I am a
dragon [The otherkin FAQ]),” by Apu Kuntur
(Stefan N. K.)

Based on, but not a translation of, Baxil’s
Draconity FAQ in English.

kondor.de/shaman/faq.html

“*Therianthropie* (Therianthropy),” by various editors

Currently, this entry doesn’t say much about
spiritual therianthropy.

de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Therianthropie

“Alt.horror.werewolves FAQ”

Translated from English, with permission

lykanthrop.de/ahww

Advice for new-comers

“*Wie man sicher sein kann: bist du ein otherkin?*”

(How to be sure: Are you otherkin?)” by Kahoku.

kahoku.otherkinphenomena.org/article_howtobesure_de.html

Original English:

kahoku.otherkinphenomena.org/article_howtobesure.html

Otherkin community traits

“*Das vergessene Hirn* (The forgotten brain),” by

Jörg R.

lykanthrop.de/essays-dvh-digest

First-person bestiary

“*Würde ich wirklich?* (Would I really?)” by Jörg R.

lykanthrop.de/essays-wuerdeichwirklich-digest

We’re a lot of fabulous beings

“The otherkin (*Die Anderen - Otherkin*),” by Apu
Kuntur (Stefan N. K.). n.d.

Are dragon otherkin also *seraphim* angels?

kondor.de/shaman/otherkine.html

Original German:

kondor.de/shaman/otherkin.html

“*Das Gefühl allein zu sein...* (The feeling of being
alone...)” by Merisida. 2010-01-15. I don’t know
any other mermaid otherkin like me... [mermaid-
otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/das-gefuehl-
allein-zu-sein.html](http://mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/das-gefuehl-allein-zu-sein.html)

Personal journeys

“*Veränderungen* (Changes),” by Merisida. 2010-01-
12. How I’ve changed since I Awakened as a
mermaid. [mermaid-
otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/veranderungen.
html](http://mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/veranderungen.html)

Otherkin phenomena

Untitled, by Merisida. 2010-01-07

On homesickness and yearning. [mermaid-
otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/haufig-in-der-
letzten-zeit-hab-ich.html](http://mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/haufig-in-der-letzten-zeit-hab-ich.html)

“*Sehnsucht!* (Longing!)” by Merisida. 2010-01-05

A poem about yearning. [mermaid-
otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/sehnsucht.html](http://mermaid-otherkin.blogspot.com/2010/01/sehnsucht.html)

In Greek (ελληνικά)

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

“Ο Μαγικός Κόσμος των Otherkins (Otherkins- Οι 'Ανθρωποι Δίχως Ανθρώπινη Ψυχή!) (The magical world of the otherkin [Otherkin: the people with a non-human soul!]),” by Βάγια Ψευτάκη. 2010-02-20 ✓

(In Greek.) Brief but thorough overview of a wide variety of ideas common among otherkin. Cites Mamatas and Polson. Article was originally published in the journal *Mystery*, vol. 25, December 2006.

enydria.blogspot.com/2009/06/otherkins.html

Another copy of the same article, but without author cited:

rc-cafe.blogspot.com/2010/02/therkins-o.html

“*Otherkin*: Το φαινόμενο,” by Nekys Nemia. 2009

(In Greek.) Overview similar to the above.

nekys.com/46/otherkin-%CF%84%CE%BF-%CF%86%CE%B1%CE%B9%CE%BD%CF%8C%CE%BC%CE%B5%CE%BD%CE%BF

In Hebrew (עִבְרִית)

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

שרק נראים כמו בני אדם קוראים לי איציק ואני דרקון: על בני אדם
(My name is Isaac and Dragon: the people who
only look like humans), by Alma Gore. 2009-
02-13.
Published in the Israeli Maariv news. Original
Hebrew. nrg.co.il/online/55/ART1/853/029.html

In Hungarian (*magyar nyelv*)

Introductions to otherkin, for mixed audiences

“Gy.I.K. (FAQ)” by (no author listed?)

What is an otherkin? How do you know whether someone is really 'kin? What is Awakening? What is a true form?

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/gyik.html

“Kin vagyok!... Vagy kin vagyok? - Fedezd fel a kinoldalad (I'm kin! Or am I? – Discover the kinoldalad),” by (no author listed?)

On people who are or aren't really kin.

Determine by feelings, psychology, appearance...

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/iamkin.html

How did otherkin come to be otherkin?

“Miért vagyunk itt? (Why are we here?)” by (no author listed?)

Earth as experience, or as hell. Here on a quest, or by exile. Here to save the world, or here because it's home.

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/why.html

Angels, devas, and demons

“Démonok: A furcsa új élet – Életem démonként (Strange new world: My life as a demon),” by Kohaku

A demon otherkin describes what it's like.

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/demons.html

Original English:

kahoku.otherkinphenomena.org/article_strange_newworld.html

“Démonok: Tehát úgy gondolod, hogy Démon vagy... Hogyan tovább? (So you think you're a demon... now what?),” by Simim23

A demon otherkin explains that demons vary
freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/demons2.html

Original English:

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/so-you-think-youre-a-demon-now-what

Otherkin looking critically at humans

“Emberek... Egy Kin szemszögéből (Humans... from the perspective of a 'kin)” by (no author listed?)

A retort to otherkin angst. If you hate, then you hate yourself. I would recommend you love more, and love yourself, and your world. Renew your childlike wonder.

freeweb.hu/otherkinpraesidium/leirasok/humans.html

In Polish (*Polski*)

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

“*Otherkin – dziwactwo czy fantastyczny sposób na życie?* (Otherkin – a quirk, or a fantastic way to live?),” by Ewelina Czarnecka. 2011-08-29

An introduction to otherkin for outsiders. *We-Dwoje* is a women’ magazine which is otherwise mostly about fashion and health.

we-dwoje.pl/otherkin;-:dziwactwo;czy;fantastyczny;sposob;na;zycie.artykul,9740.html

“Otherkin,” by various editors

pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin

“*Smokowatość FAQ* (Draconity FAQ),” by Baxil,
translated by Nufuwyr

About those who call themselves dragons.

tomorrowlands.org/draconity/faq/faq_pl.html

Original English:

tomorrowlands.org/draconity/faq

Fictionality

Odkryj swojego Dajmona

On dæmonism, inspired by Philip Pullman’s
fantasy novels

dajmony.info

In Portuguese (*Português*)

Introductions to Otherkin and Therians

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/termos-comumentes-usados-com-o-pouco.html

“*Introdução à Introdução* (Introduction to the Introduction),” by Therian Círculo. 2008-01-24.

★ What therianthropy is not. In original Portuguese.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/introduo-introduo.html

“*Introdução à Therian Comunidade* (Introduction to the Therian Community),” by Therian Círculo. 2008-01-25.

Therianthrope philosophy and how it began. Original Portuguese

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/introduo.html

“Otherkin,” by various editors

pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otherkin

“*Teriantropia* (Therianthropy),” by various editors

pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teriantropia

Otherkin community

“*Therian Comunidade e Sub-Cultura* (Therian Community and Subculture),” by Therian Círculo. 2009-11-12. ✓

Reasoning why it should be called a subculture. Original Portuguese.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2009/11/therian-comunidade-e-sub-cultura.html

Responsible behavior and ethics

“*Nossas Chamas* (Our Flames),” by Therian Círculo. 2010-03-07 ✓

Three guidelines for wise therians. Original Portuguese.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2010/03/nossas-chamas.html

Defining otherkin

“*Você é um Therian?* (Are you a therian?),” by Strill. 2008-07-26.

Disambiguating animal-side from totem. What is meant by “connection” to animal side.

Translated by Therian Círculo.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2010/03/uivos-sagrados-irmaos-trago-agora-uma.html

Original English: project-shift.org/therianthropy/areyouatherian.php

Shape-shifting

“*A Mudança* (The Shift),” by Therian Círculo. 2009-12-24

Types of shift. Original Portuguese.

therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2009/12/mudanca.html

Jargon glossaries

“*Desvalando o idioma da Theriantropia* (The Language of Therianthropy),” by Therian Círculo. 2008-01-26. ✓

A brief glossary of therianthrope jargon. Original Portuguese.

In Russian (русский язык)

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

“Иные (Otherkin),” by various editors

ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%98%D0%BD%D1%8B%D0%B5

“Териантропия (Therianthrope),” by various editors

ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%BF%D0%B8%D1%8F

“Драконность (Драконизм) Часто задаваемые вопросы и ответы (Draconity FAQ),” by Baxil the Dragon. ✓

An introduction to how some people identify as adragons. Translated from English in 2003-12-26, and then with annotations in 2004, by Red Dragon and Sekoh (Секох).

dragon-nest.ru/def/draconity.php

Original English: draconity.com/faq

“Драконность (Draconity),” by various editors ✓

From the Russian Wikipedia article on draconity, which is itself no longer extant. The Ukrainian article on draconity is based on this one and is still extant. This says that the Russian dragon community has a chat on IRC Rusnet #dragons and the first Russian dragon gather was held in Moscow in 2005 June-July.

dragons-nest.ru/def/draconity_wiki.php and

drakony.net/pages/drakonstvo/index.html

(defunct)

Therians developing jargon

“Краткий обзор современной контериантропии (A short view on modern contherianthrope),” by Lion Templin. 1997

Coining a word for shifters who don't shift

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-15

Original English:

shifters.org/awereness/lion1.shtml (defunct)

Defining therians

“Человек потенциально разумный (People potentially reasonable),” by Bagheera (bagira625). 2007-07-12

(In Russian.) Therians compared with feral children. Raise an animal among humans, and it's still an animal. Raise a human among animals, and it becomes animal-like. Animal instincts fill in for the human lack of instincts. Therians are defective animals, but they *are* animals.

bagira625.ucoz.ru/publ/1-1-0-1 and

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-50

Therians in antiquity

“Любопытная теория (An interesting theory),” by wolf (wolf_diary). 2006-10-16

Every legend is based on a grain of truth. Perhaps those legendary werewolves are our ancestors.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-91 and

wereseyes.livejournal.com/2084.html

How did we come to be?

“Териантропия как тест нового разума в старой тушке (Therianthrope as a test of new mind in an old body),” by Койот Один (Coyote One). 2008-09 ▲

I don't believe the spiritual hypothesis of the origin of therians. I think therians are a throwback to *Australopithecus*. This may explain why therians usually identify as smart mammals, but never invertebrates or primates.

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-125

“Гипотеза о происхождении териантропии (Hypothesis on the origin of therianthropes),” by Skipper. 2008
 Natural philosophers once believed that ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny. Maybe therians arrested at a stage of that process, and so can access that part of genetic memory.
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-79

Otherkin community

“Почему териантропия - субкультура (комментарии к статье Алдема) (Why therianthropy is a subculture [Comments on Aldema's article]),” by Lia-Ram. 2008-06-01
wereseyes.livejournal.com/7212.html

“Круговорот драконов в природе (Cycle of dragons in the wild),” by Хартаханы (Hartahany) ★
 Prose, describing what it feels like to Awaken and say “I am a dragon!” and then eventually discover that there are other people who feel the same way...
drakony.net/pages/krugovorot/index.html
 (defunct)

“Карта сообществ и сайтов, посвященных териантропии в интернет (Map of [Russian-language] communities and websites dedicated to therianthropes,” by Persinval. 2006-12-14
 A chart summarizing each place, its main topics of discussion, whether one must register to access the materials, and who owns it.
wereseyes.livejournal.com/3118.html

Community demographics

“Что такое оборотень на самом деле. Эмпирическое обоснование. (What is a werewolf actually. Empirical support.)” by wolf (wolf-diary). 2006-09-04
 According to statistics, every fifteenth thousandth person is born a therianthrope, and more than half of therians don't survive to 24

years. [This article doesn't say where these statistics came from, or who they were conducted by, or anything. I must say that they can't possibly be factual. I include it here because I'd like to keep track of a potentially harmful urban legend like that. Anyone know where those numbers supposedly came from? - ed]
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-17

Community history

“Териантропы в инете в настоящее время (Therianthrope in the Internet now),” by Lonest Wolf. 2007-01-18 ▲
 A description of how the Russian therian community has developed. Three years ago, such a notion as therianthropy didn't exist on the Russian-speaking parts of the Internet. Unlike the English-speaking therian community, the Russian therian community hasn't merged with the draconic and furry communities.
therianthropyru.livejournal.com/16218.html
 and shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-93

Newcomers who misunderstand

“Популярность териантропии (Therianthrope popularity),” by Yennefer z Vengerbergu (?). circa 2007
 A few years ago, many people started saying they were therians without understanding what it really means. In an attempt to tell real therians apart from such posers, forums became unfriendly. Therianthropy is not and never can be a subculture, because it's not a cultural phenomenon, it's a psychological type. The furry fandom, however, is a subculture, and that's where the mix-up happened.
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-41

Secrecy

“Человек и Зверь (Man and beast),” by Yennefer z Vengerbergu (?). Circa 2007
(In Russian.) Reasons why therians give up on trying to explain therianthropy to outsiders
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-3

Therians looking critically at humans

“Жизнь глазами ВерВолка (Life from the eyes of a wolf-kin),” by Ketrino
How humans look from the perspective of an outsider. There is so much about society I wish to understand ... it looks like a strange scene from an alien planet
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-105

Original English:

main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/specific-otherkin/life-from-the-eyes-of-a-wolf-kin

“Люди как низшие существа (Humans as lesser beings),” by Keller. 2005
Argues that being a therianthrope is being human, and that saying humans are lesser is hypocritical
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-62

Original English:

akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/humans.php

First-person bestiary

“Я не Оборотень (I am not a werewolf),” by Lupa.
Is a wolf in a human body the same as a werewolf?
werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1&id=82065625 and
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-4

Original English:

otherkin.net/articles/notAWerewolf.html

“О людях-волках серьезно (зарисовки из жизни) (On the men-wolves seriously [sketches from life]),” by Wolf Diary. 2007-07-17

On the usual appearance and behavior of the modern wolf therianthrope person
therianthropyru.livejournal.com/18249.html

Reincarnation

“На пути к воспоминаниям (Accessing memories),” by Tocosar Aetlanatra (Dandelion AE). 2001-12-31
Advice on recalling past life memories, for the newly awakened
werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1&id=63569256 and shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-6
Original English:
otherkin.net/articles/memories.html

Balancing the parts of the self

“О равновесии и трансформации (Equilibrium and transformation),” by wolf. Circa 2007
Balancing the human conscious and the wolf subconscious halves of a yin-yang.
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-21
“Сознание... териантропа (Consciousness... therianthrope),” by Gerry. Circa 2008
(In Russian.) Your daily life is a joint work of human and animal consciousness.
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-103

Therians and totems

“Differences between therianthropy and totems,” by Twitterpainted. Circa 2008
(In Russian.) Here’s a way to tell: do you look at your animal side as a stereotyped symbol? Or facts about the real animal in nature?
shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-90

Gender

“Зарождение "were" личности ((En)gendering a Were/shifter identity),” by Sabersinger
A feminist wolf looks at the intersection of transgender and trans-species. Translated from original English by Klia.

[werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1
&id=50706827](http://werewolf.org.ua/index.php?page=library&pid=1&id=50706827)

Original English:

otherkin.net/articles/notAWerewolf.html

Home and travel

“Зверь и Логово: Понятие территории для зверя
(The beast and its lair: The concept of therian territory),” by Haruka Sagara. 2007
(In Russian.)

shelter.clan.su/publ/2-1-0-7

Fiction

“Леопард? (Leopard?)” by Bagira625. 2007-12-07
A science experiment in which a leopard grows up in a human body. She eventually discovers the therian community. *Caution: Violence.*

bagira625.ucoz.ru/publ/2-1-0-2

In Serbian (*srpski*)

Introductions to otherkin

“Otherkin,” by Građevinski Obrt “BMP.” 2009-03-30

A brief definition of otherkin

skolamagije.blogspot.com/2009/03/otherkin.html

In Spanish (*Español*)

Introductions to otherkin, for outsiders

“*Otherkin, mas que humanos* (Otherkin, more than human),” by Dynara. 2011-04-07 ✓
(In Spanish.) An introduction to various kinds of otherkin and therians, based on articles on Otherkin.net. Illustrated.

runamagica.blogspot.com/2011/04/otherkin-mas-que-humanos.html

“¿*Qué es la Teriantropía?* (What is therianthropy?)” by Aethyriek

project-shift.org/es/therianthropy/whatis.php

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Laopa translated this from English on 2010-12-29.

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Original English: draconity.com/faq

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Translated from English

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Translated from English
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Translated from English
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2006-11-22
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decide to become otherkin?

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by Sonne

Translated from English
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For some people, otherkin was just a phase

“No pasa nada si no Se es un teriántropo (It's okay
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Translated from English
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shift.org/es/introspection/notatherian.php](http://project-shift.org/es/introspection/notatherian.php)

Otherkin community

“La necesidad de pertenencia (The need to
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Translated from English
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Translated from English

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by Elinox

Translated from English

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Cameo shifting

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Strill

Translated from English

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General shifting information for therians, and lists of types of shift

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Translated from English

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verdadera I (What would happen if otherkin

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