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# WEIRD ISMS

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**WITCHES** WERE LONG AGO ACCEPTED AS AN ESTABLISHED FACT. THE CONSENTANEITY OF THEIR TESTIMONY WAS CONSIDERED, BY THEIR INQUISITORS, AS IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF THEIR REALITY. THE CONCENSUS BEING, THAT TO BECOME A WITCH ONE MUST FIRST FEED A CONSECRATED WAFER TO A TOAD, WHICH IS THEN BURNED, & THE ASHES ARE MIXED WITH THE BLOOD OF AN UNBAPTISED INFANT, THE POWDERED BONE OF A HANGED MAN & CERTAIN HERBS, THE NATURE OF WHICH WE DO NOT FEEL IT CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC WELFARE TO DIVULGE. WITH THIS NOXIOUS BREW THE WITCH ANOINTS THE PALMS OF HER HANDS & A STICK, WHICH WHEN PLACED BETWEEN HER LEGS IMMEDIATLY TRANSPORTS HER TO THE CONVOCATION OF WITCHES.

