

# Laurie Cabot: the Dukakis court witch

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President and Nancy Reagan may have their court astrologer, but Michael Dukakis has his official witch.

In 1977, Massachusetts Governor Dukakis formally presented Laurie Cabot with a state honor, the "Paul Revere Citation," proclaiming her the "Official Witch of Salem, Mass." Cabot received the reward, for which she was recommended by State Rep. Elaine Noble (D-Boston), ostensibly in recognition of her work with dyslexic children, whom, by her own account, she got to "go into an alpha state and alter their brain waves."

## 'No use for Christianity'

The recipient of the Dukakis award is someone who has practiced witchcraft for 40 years—and who has avidly sought to promote this dangerous garbage at every opportunity.

Cabot boasts that she has "no use for Christianity or the Bible," and instead follows the precepts of the old pagan religion of the Goddess.

Although she claims that she is a "good witch" who does not practice satanism, anyone who believes that a real distinction exists between "white" and "black" witchcraft is deluding himself. The revival of witchcraft of all stripes, with its ritualistic torture and murder of innocent children, along with the carefully orchestrated rise of the rock-drug counterculture, has been a key element in the "New Age" plot to eliminate all traces of Judeo-Christian civilization in the United States.

Scion of the oligarchical Cabot family, the 55-year-old Cabot says she has been involved in witchcraft for decades, and claims to possess powers that enable her to alter the brainwaves of herself and others.

Cabot is a leading figure in Wicca, a high priestess in the Council of Isis. She resides in Salem, the site where the witch trials of the 17th century took place, where she runs a witches' shop, Crow Haven Corner, serves on the board of the Witches' Museum, and is a prominent member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Salem is a hotbed of occult activity. Published accounts say that 2,000 of its 38,000 residents consider themselves witches. Witchcraft plays a central role in the town's tourist industry.

According to one well-informed source, Dukakis's elevation of Cabot as Salem's official witch is part of the reason

why. Dukakis's action "opened the doors for satanism and voodoo," which have subsequently proliferated in the town. Cabot used the award "to encourage witchcraft to come out of the woodwork."

Local people say the award was a "turning point," which made it not only legitimate, but desirable, to be known as a witch.

Some observers contend that Dukakis may not have realized what he was doing in naming Cabot as the official witch, that she shamelessly promoted herself for the award, and that Dukakis merely rubber-stamped it.

Even if that were true, Dukakis has had plenty of opportunities over the last ten years to rescind the award, but has repeatedly refused to do so. "He has never repudiated it," says one local source, "even though his office has been contacted repeatedly to distance himself from Cabot." He's just "shrugged off" the requests.

Dukakis's endorsement of Cabot fits perfectly with his Aquarian, New Age outlook, exemplified by his tolerance for drugs, defense of homosexual "rights," and sponsorship of legislation to permit "unnatural and lascivious acts."

## Neutralize LaRouche

In the wake of the uproar over the candidate's mental health, Dukakis's connection to Isis-worshiper Cabot is emerging as a campaign issue—as it should. Not only does his promotion of Cabot provide further evidence of his mental instability, the prospect of having someone who tolerates witchcraft running the United States is horrifying.

A California minister, Rev. George Otis, has called on the candidate to separate himself from Cabot, and to denounce witchcraft. Like his stubborn refusal to release his medical records, Dukakis, as of this writing, remains adamant in his refusal to disassociate himself from Cabot in particular, and witchcraft in general.

For her part, Cabot is incensed over the efforts to sever her from Dukakis. She told a journalist recently that "This has to be inspired by [Lyndon] LaRouche. He hates me! He put my picture on the front page of his paper. He equates me with satanism and called me a lesbian, which I'm not. Not that I'm against lesbianism, I'm just not one myself. He doesn't want to receive enlightenment about the superiority of the old ways to Christianity. He and the fundies refuse to understand the superiority of the Goddess."

"I'm using my powers to neutralize LaRouche's negative energy," Cabot disclosed. "I can go into an alpha state and alter my brain waves so that I can turn LaRouche's negative energies back against him. That could harm him—not that we ever do anything harmful!"

Cabot claims she does not know the Dukakises personally, but thinks Kitty Dukakis "is just wonderful." The two met when a delegation of craftsmen from the People's Republic of China visited Salem. "Kitty is lovely, she's almost regal," Cabot gushed.