

Caim

(kyem) n.

Sanctuary; a magic circle of protection;
stain, blot; circular prayer drawn by
hand around one's body to invoke love
and protection in dark times.

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I am fascinated by religion, even though I do not believe or subscribe to any one dharma. I grew up in a Catholic family going to parochial school for 8 years. Even though I do not believe in religion I am obsessed by the use of religious symbols and mythology used throughout history. When I was twenty I read Joseph Campbell's *Power of Myth*. Campbell discussed one culture where a person would draw a circle in the sand and sit inside to find peace. Since treading this passage, I have been drawing circles in hopes to find quiet and tranquility.

A year ago I started meditating and with each meditation I drew an imaginary circle around myself. Last spring Dr. Gene Rice and I held an Undergrad Research Project called *The Mindful Drawing Project* with 12 faculty and students. We meditated and drew, as we all searched for peace and contentment.

The work in this exhibit was created within the last 12 months, a majority in the last three. All of the processes in this work bring me peace: weaving, spinning, embroidery and drawing. This work is not narrative but instead documents time and reflects the inside of my circle.