

Annushka Motyka, the famous Ukrainian women's rights activist and open pagan, was born near the village of Udryts'k, which is very close to the city of Dubrovytsya, in December of 1798. Her parents, Vasyl and Zoya (Bahns'kyia) Motyka, were farmers. When Annushka was young, she loved to bathe and play in a stream near her village, which she claims, "was most sacred to Veles, the god of the waters." She also believed this had an effect on her supernatural abilities later on in life. She claims while she bathes in the stream, she would feel a great calmness, almost overwhelming. "It was almost like Veles chose me for something" she wrote.

When describing her spiritual life, Annushka says that the god Rod was the first spirit to inhabit the "great black void". Somehow his daughter and wife, Rozhanisa, came into being. It is Rozhanisa who gave birth to the universe and everything else. Her spirituality also has a darker side. "The first races of men, the ice people, were once the only race to live on Earth, but later other races arose. These races, the sand people, the dirt people, and the rock people, were once as pure as the ice people, but are now corrupted. All the races evolved from the ice people. The sand people are the ancestors of the Semites, the dirt people, the ancestors of the blacks, and the rock people of the Europeans. The rock people and the dirt people are more pure than the sand people, especially the Semitic Hebrew."

She would often bash the religion of the Jews. "Judaism of the bible is a different religion from the modern Jewish religion. The Hebrews of the bible worshiped at one temple, the modern at many. They live inside of different countries and empires to dissolve the banking systems of the host countries by inventing things like interest, to become more powerful and rich. They will not stop until they run the governments of their host countries, forcing Judaism on the people within."

Despite the fact that she was an Anti-Semite and a racist, Annushka Motyka was a great woman. She fought for women's rights, was an early neo-pagan, and a healer and prophet.