THE NEW ENGLAND GODDESS TEMPLE'S



The New England Goddess Temple Presents The Triple Spiral Mystery School's Goddess Immersion & Priestess Path

A three-year path of study incorporating

The Divine Feminine, Myth, Imagination, Creativity, and Leadership

Are you called to ~ or are you curious about ~ the Goddess? Are you drawn to ritual and ceremony? Do you feel an intimate connection with Mother Earth and all of life? Do you work with nature? Nature spirits? Do you yearn for a supportive Sisterhood? Do you believe there is an alternative way of being in the world, one that is supportive, non-competitive, passionate, compassionate, interconnected, loving and magical? If so, the Priestess Path is for you!

The Triple Spiral Goddess Immersion is a deep exploration of the Divine Feminine's ancient stories and mythologies, archetypes, and creative expressions within the container of a supportive Goddess community. This is a unique virtual opportunity to combine self-care, personal growth, and education. Participants emerge empowered, confident, and ready to bring their talents and skills as a leader in an earth-and-feminine-based consciousness.

Participants will receive a Priestess certification upon completion of the One-Year Spiral, and High Priestess certification upon completion of the Three-Year Spiral with Ordination to further support their work as leaders in the world.

The New England Goddess Temple's Triple Spiral Mystery School is a partner of Ubiquity University and offers a core curriculum toward a Doctor of Ministry or PhD in Engaged Wisdom with a concentration in Goddess Studies for those who wish to complete their higher education degree. Participants will receive 23 Ubiquity University credits. The past several thousand years have seen an attempt to obscure and even obliterate the Great Mother. The result is a world disconnected from and even destroying our very own Earth. However, after millennia of repression and subjugation, we are witnessing the Feminine rising again. We believe we cannot become whole, cannot make our way back towards recognizing our Oneness, until the Divine Feminine reclaims Her place and is fully embraced in the consciousness of humanity.

We are seeking Leaders, women who understand the time is NOW for us to step forward in recognition of the Divine Feminine ~ with Her infinite faces and facets. It is TIME for humanity to acknowledge and celebrate the myriad qualities of the Goddess...and within each one of us: Sacredness, connection, wholeness, healing, compassion, creativity, strength, courage, empathy, love. She is...we are...the birther, the nourisher, the nurturer, the healer, the caregiver, the magician, the musician, the wild one, the midwife, the maiden, the mother, the crone, the creator, the destroyer, the lover, the wise one.

Myths and ancient stories can serve as a powerful reflection and metaphor for our own personal growth. The archetypes within ancient stories and myths still guide and teach us in our lives in today's world as we experience our own difficulties and challenges. Conscious use of our imagination and engaging in creative expression provides for an embodied experience of the archetypes/myths/ancient stories.

<u>This highly experiential virtual 9-month wisdom journey</u> is designed for individuals who are interested in coming together within the container of a supportive Goddess community to learn \sim through personal experience \sim about incorporating elements of **imagination**, **myth**, **archetypes**, **a variety of forms of creative expression**, **and meditation** into their personal lives through the lens of the Divine Feminine. This virtual deep dive is for individuals seeking to expand their own wellbeing, those interested in immersing in Goddess studies and the transpersonal, and for those seeking new, creative ways to bring their wisdom out into the world.

Dates: Ongoing. Each spiral runs March through January

Synopsis:

This one and/or three-year course is a personal journey or "Goddess Quest" with an emphasis on the Maiden/Mother/Crone energies/archetypes that is split into three trimesters over nine months. Participants will come together in a virtual community each month and learn about and explore different ancient stories/myths/archetypes of the Divine Feminine under the larger theme of the "Maiden," "Mother" and "Crone" through the lens of different cultures. Each Goddess archetype will guide us on a creative journey that will lead us to discover hidden, unconscious aspects of ourselves. We will explore how each archetype is reflected through our own personal journey. A range of creative modalities will be offered and explored such as visual arts, creative writing/poetry, sound/music, movement, play, cooking, and guided meditation and supports each of us to discover the methods of expression that are most comfortable for us so that we can also assist our clients in finding their full expression.

This Goddess Immersion curriculum is a *living curriculum* that allows room for it to grow and change according to the energy in the eco-field, the facilitators' evolving insights and wisdom, and the present needs and interests of the participants. The following are Guidelines that provide a fluid container for our Goddess Immersion.

Year 1 – The Maiden

The overarching theme of Spiral One is that of the Maiden. The central messages of this archetype involve starting anew, a rebirth, the idea of heading out on a new journey or pilgrimage as a seeker of Spirit. There is often a childlike innocence to the Maiden, but also resurrection, renewal, self-discovery, receptivity, empathy, playfulness, passion, beauty, fertility, and the creative aspect of ourselves. The Maiden is a young, spirited adolescent or woman who is young at heart. She takes in the world around her with fresh eyes. Her mind is bursting with creativity, hopefulness, and imagination. She feels that she has the world at her feet and is able to create and become anything of which she dreams. She thinks highly of herself, and gives others the benefit of the doubt. She is curious and inquisitive. She is living from her heart, un-jaded by the pain of the world, and feels empowered in her unique gifts and strengths. This archetype shows us how to stand in our authentic magnetism- our power to attract our wants and needs that are for the highest good, and to graciously repel all that has not been serving us. Examples of this archetype include Persephone, Artemis, Butterfly Maiden, Freya, Pele, Ixchel. Within the Maiden archetype are also aspects of the Mother and Crone who demonstrate some of the above attributes.

Year 2 - The Mother

The overarching theme of Spiral Two is that of the Mother. The central messages of the Mother archetype involve nourishment, growth, self-care, compassion, love, tenderness, protection, creative power, sovereignty, personal power, and warrior. The Mother is the source of all life. She represents the love and nurture humans need. Her greatest gift is to sustain and renew her surroundings – which can take the shape of a family, a garden, or a community project. She lives and breathes female authority and fosters growth wherever she goes. She presides over the realm of life and death. She has the heart of a lioness, and she defends those she loves at all costs. She has plenty of love to spare and readily gives all of it to those around her. Her empathy, compassion and care are what also makes her a great helper. The Mother archetype is often the first to help those in need and will always make sure that everyone else is taken care of before looking at herself. The archetypal Mother possesses great generosity that reaches into all aspects of life – whether it is giving gifts, emotional support or advice and wisdom. If there is anything she can give, she will. Examples include Gaia, Durga, Kali, Corn Mother, Gaia, Guan Yin, Virgin Mary, Athena, Isis, Rhiannon, Sekhmet, Demeter, Nut, Asase Yaa.

Year 3 - The Crone/Wise Woman

The overarching theme of Spiral Three is that of the Crone/Wise Woman. The Crone is sometimes referred to as the "Hag," a word derived from the root word "hagia" which means "holy" in Greek, and it once mirrored the high respect held for older wise or holy women. There was a time many moons ago when a woman was revered and celebrated as she entered the blood rite of menopause, often considered to be around mid fifty in age. In many ancient cultures, Crones were the medicine women, healers and guides and held a designation of honor and respect. With the "wise blood" of their wombs retained, the Crone is seen as being one with the magical and visionary properties which emboldens her dance around the wheel of life. After having passed over the threshold of menopause, there is often a new found confidence amongst many women who were once more reserved. The Crone no longer cares what anyone thinks or says about them, and their voices grow louder, direct and true. The Crone uses her wisdom which comes from reflecting on all of her previous life stages and experiences as transformative justice. The Crone helps us through transitions, drawing us inward during difficult times. She brings meaning to the shadow side of us that dies and comes to life again, just as the dark moon turns new once again. The Crone symbolizes the cycle of life (birth-life-death) that is present in the human experience and in all creation. Examples include The Cailleach, Hekate, Baba Yaga, Mictecacihuatl, Grandmother Spider, The Morrigan.

We hope you will say YES to this magical nine-month online Priestess Path Certification, with an option for a three-year High Priestess Certification!

Requirements for Priestess Certification:

*Join ONE 9-month Goddess Immersion Spiral beginning in March of each year *A willingness to be present *Participation in ALLactivities and videos available *Goddess Quest in-person offering *Demonstrating leadership in our larger Goddess Sisterhood through ONE live Zoom sharing, ONE video offering, weaving connection, and more *Monthly altar work, wheel of the year rituals, meditations, journaling, supportive reading *A Leadership Project and Written Reflection

Requirements for High Priestess Certification and Ordination:

*Join ALL THREE 9-month Goddess Immersion Spirals beginning in March of each year *A willingness to be present *Participation in all activities and videos available *Goddess Quest in-person offering *Demonstrating leadership in our larger Goddess Sisterhood through live Zoom presentations, live video offerings, weaving connection, and more *Monthly altar work, wheel of the year rituals, meditations, journaling, supportive reading *A pilgrimage to the Isle of Avalon, Glastonbury, England (optional; offered once every three years) *A Leadership Project and Written Reflection at the completion of each Spiral

Suggested Supportive Titles (Read three per spiral):

Spiral 1:	The Path of the Priestess, Sharon Rose
	The Dance of the Dissident Daughter, Sue Monk Kidd
	Women Who Run with the Wolves, Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés
	The Wind is My Mother, Bear Heart
	A Short History of Myth, Karen Armstrong.
Spiral 2:	The Divine Feminine: Exploring the Feminine Face of God, Anne Baring
	Goddesses, Joseph Campbell
	The Great Goddess, Jean Markale
	The Chalice and the Blade, Riane Eisler
	The Mother Tongue: Intimacy in the Ecofield, Will Taegel
Spiral 3:	The Great Cosmic Mother, Monica Sjoo, & Barbara Mor.
	Daughter of the Goddess: The Sacred Priestess, Naomi Ozaniac
	The Holy Book of Women's Mysteries, Zsuzsanna Budapest
	The Living Goddesses, Maria Gimbutis
	Goddesses: Mysteries of the divine feminine, Joseph Campbell