


# Creating a Personal Relationship with the Goddess from Anywhere

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If you can't get to Avalon, don't worry. The Goddess is all around you, and inside you, too!



In this talk , you will discover both practical and spiritual secrets to help you:

- Connect to the Goddess from anywhere, spiritually and virtually.
- Identify and embrace the culture of origin of your favorite Goddess.
- Become part of a sacred spiritual community from afar.
- Develop a spiritual practice that enriches and empowers you.
- Create new ways to nurture your soul.
- You will learn how to call in the blessings of the Goddess daily.



# IF YOU CAN'T GET TO GLASTONBURY ...

- Connect with the energy of the land of Avalon, and the Goddesses, from where you are.
- Locate places in your own backyard and area, where nature can become your own personal Avalon.



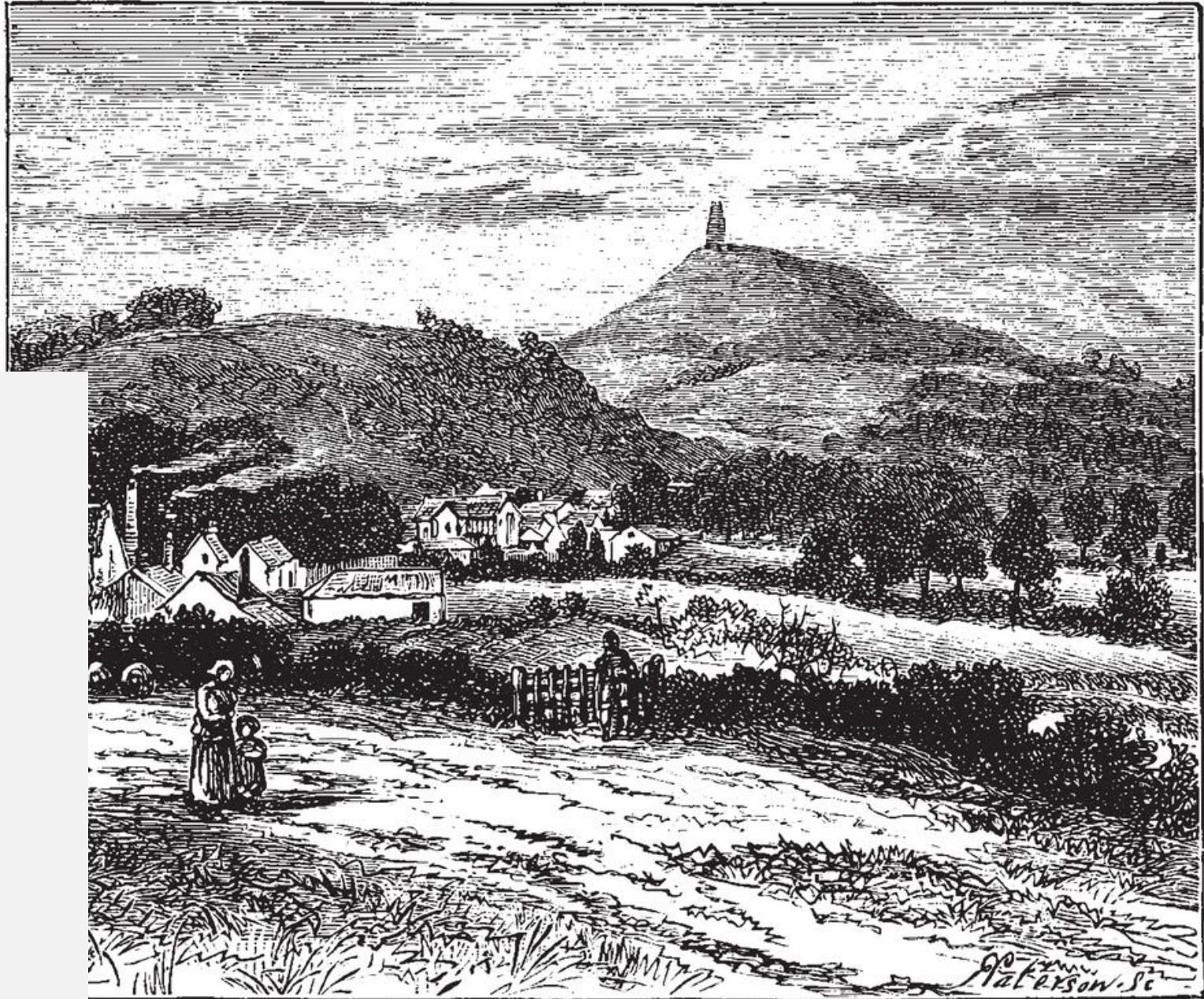
## Get to Know the Celtic Sovereign Goddesses That Call to You


- Also discover goddesses from different traditions.
- And connect with the Goddess as Divine Source, energy, and cosmic guide.



# Study the History of Avalon

- When you can't walk the land, get to know it from learning all you can about its history, as if you are preparing for a visit.
- This can be applied to any historical or sacred spot you aim to visit one day.





## Learn the Mythology of the Land and the Stories that Bring the Past Alive

- Glastonbury is rich with mythology and stories that formulate its sacred stature. This is why they call it Avalon.
- The goddess lives in many sacred places and you can find her by exploring in many myths from around the world.



# Visit Ancient Sites and Antiquities Closer to Home

- Glastonbury is filled with ancient places that hold the holy energies of the past.
- You may also be able to tap into ancient mysteries at sacred sites closer to home.




Connect with Nature  
and Walk the Land  
...Wherever You Are

- Walking the land in Glastonbury is said to connect people to the Goddess.
- Even a small area of nature, like a backyard with grass, can bring you closer to Mother Earth and all her powers.







## Find Holy Places that Inspire You in Your Neck of the Woods

- Many visitors dream of standing at the top of the Tor and looking out on the land from a place most high.
- Climb a hill, or go to the top floor of a sky scraper, and feel the power of being closer to the heavens.



# Create Holy Spaces in Which to Connect with the Goddess

- Glastonbury has temples and areas designated for sacred worship.
- Create and designate your own holy spaces for connecting to the Goddess.



# Establish Inner Spaces for Spiritual Work

- Many people know it is a blessing to travel to Glastonbury and to other sacred sites to connect to the Goddess.
- If you can't travel, she'll come to you.
- **Create an inner altar to honor the Goddess.**
- And call to her with your heart and soul.

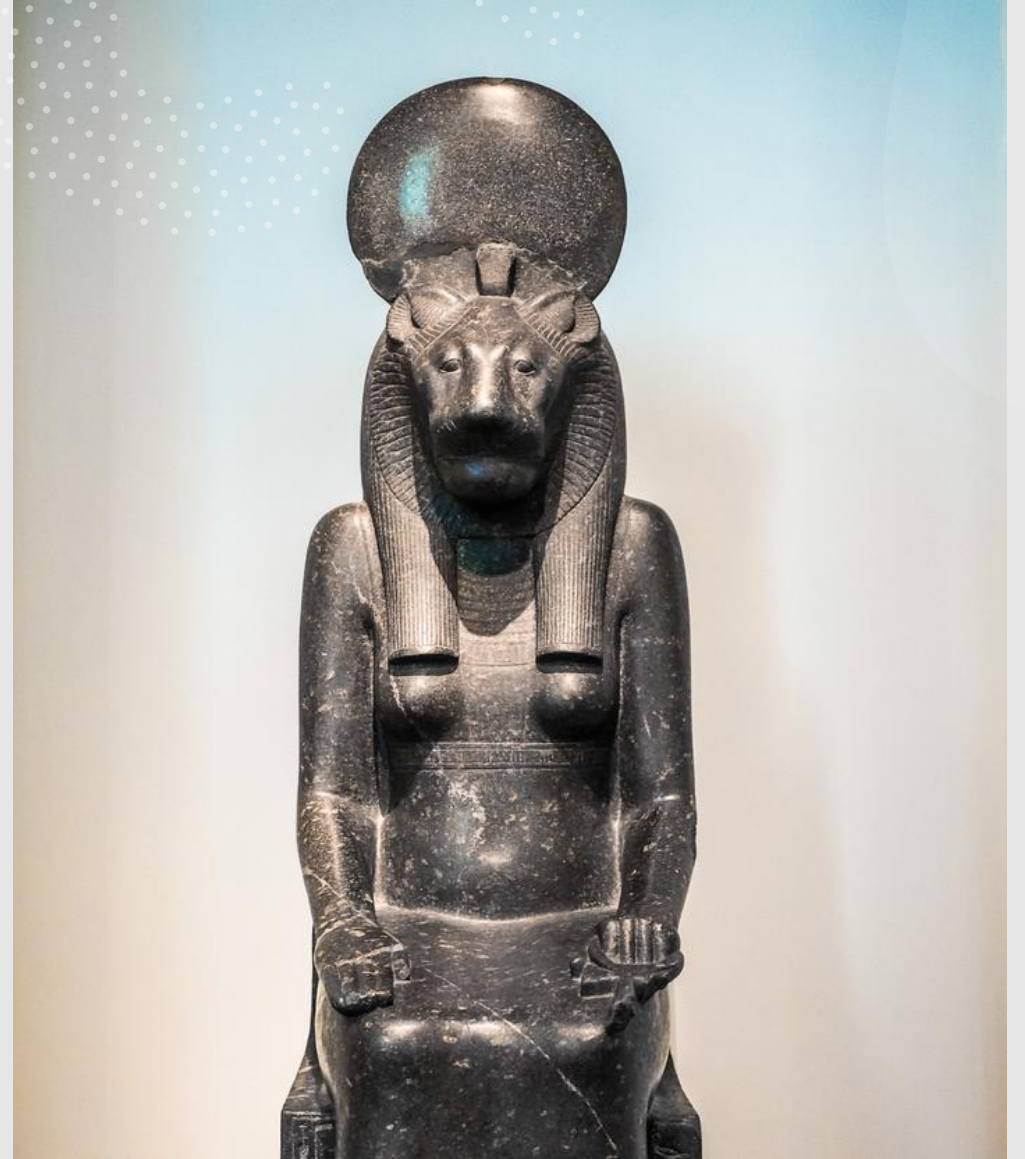


Research  
Your  
Goddess(es)



# Discover Which Goddess Calls to You

When you become clearer about the Goddess you would like to work with, learn everything about Her.



# Read everything About her

- Find books about your Goddess or books that include her.
- Look for history, mythology, religious stories, and insights into how she is worshipped.



# Learn About Her Culture

Find out everything you can about the culture she hails from and how she is viewed and honored in her culture of origin.



# Identify Her Holy Books, Prayers, and Chants

Many goddesses already have prayers that are devoted to them, or that are about them.





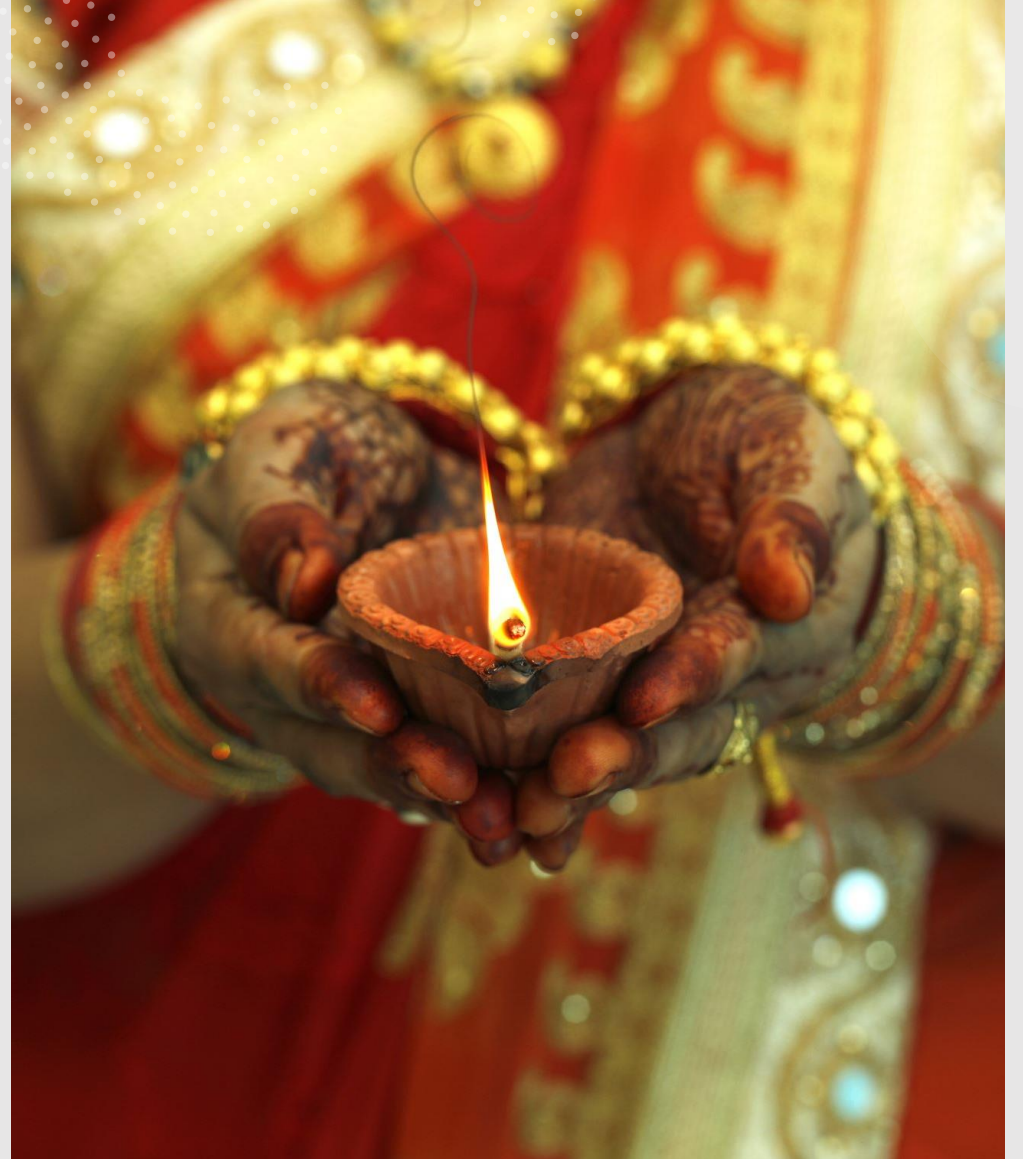
# Learn Her Dances

Discover sacred dances, and movements, that help call your Goddess closer to you.



# Attend or Witness Rituals to Honor Her

- Observe and learn rituals from the faith and culture your Goddess hails from.
- Attend rituals in person or online that are offered by practitioners, or temples, that honor your deity.

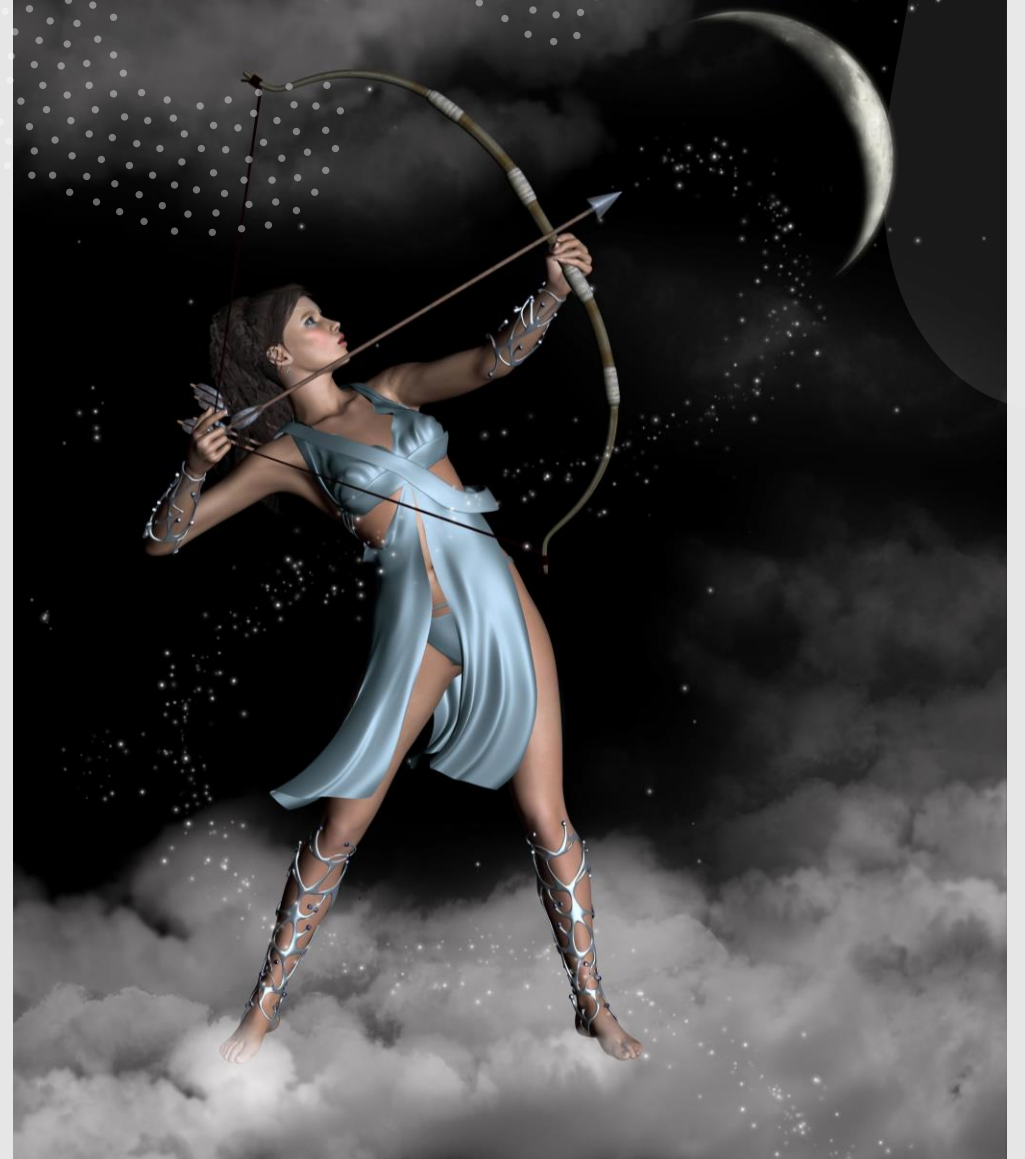


Invite Her to  
Your Home  
and Life



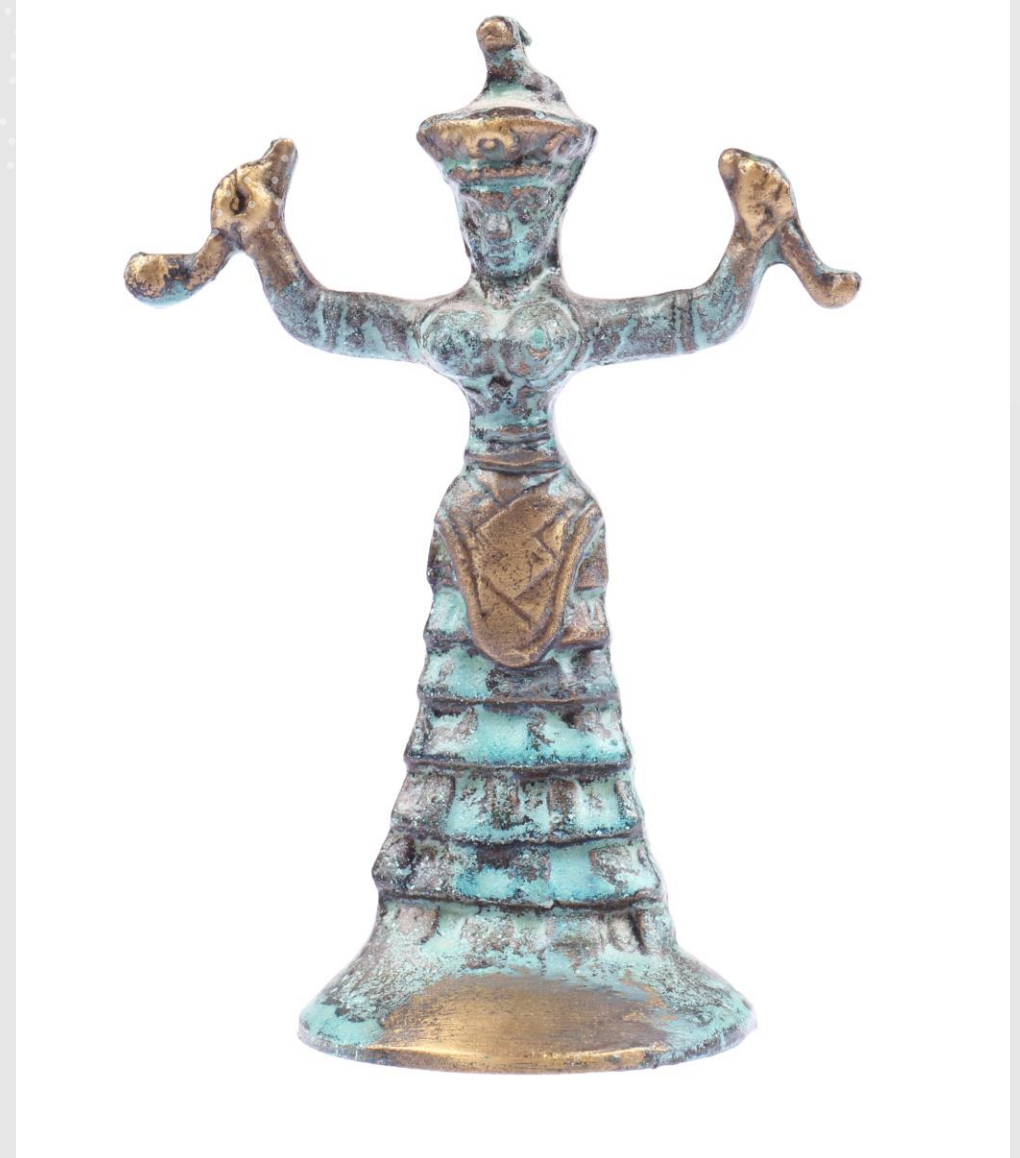
# Create spiritual intentions

- Clarify the kind of relationship you would like to have with your Goddess.
- Write your intentions down in your journal.
- Set forth on a path to turn your hopes and dreams into reality.



# Get a Goddess Icon

Find a statue of your Goddess that represents the energy of her divine presence and grace, or that reflects her ancient history.



# Find Holy Art That Your Love

Seek and image that brings your  
Goddess alive for you. It can be a  
classic painting or a modern  
rendition.



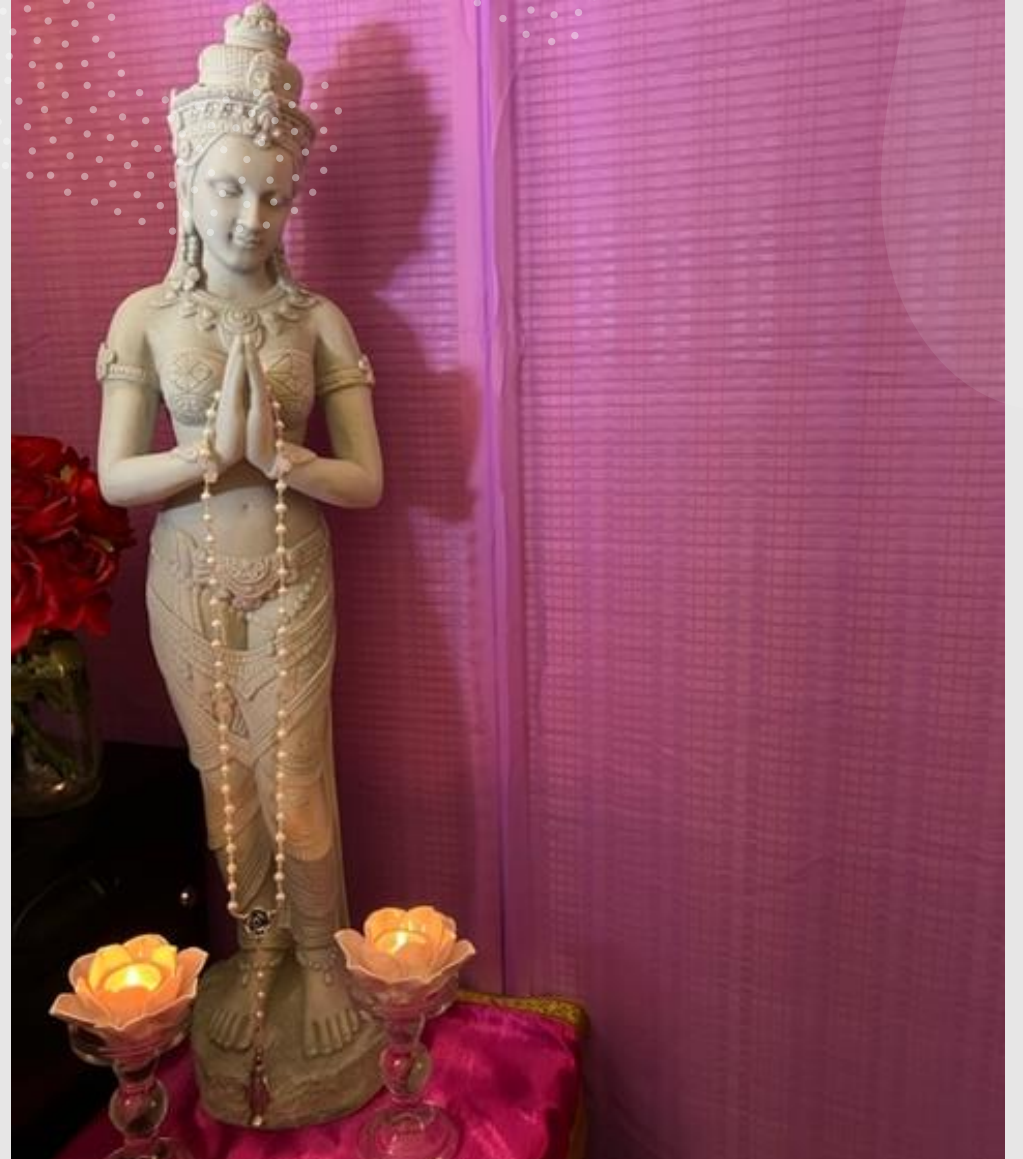
# Build an Altar

- Build an altar devoted to the goddess you love to work with, or one that you are getting to know.
- It is a magical space for setting intentions and for prayer, rituals, and connecting to a deity.



# Create an Indoor Shrine

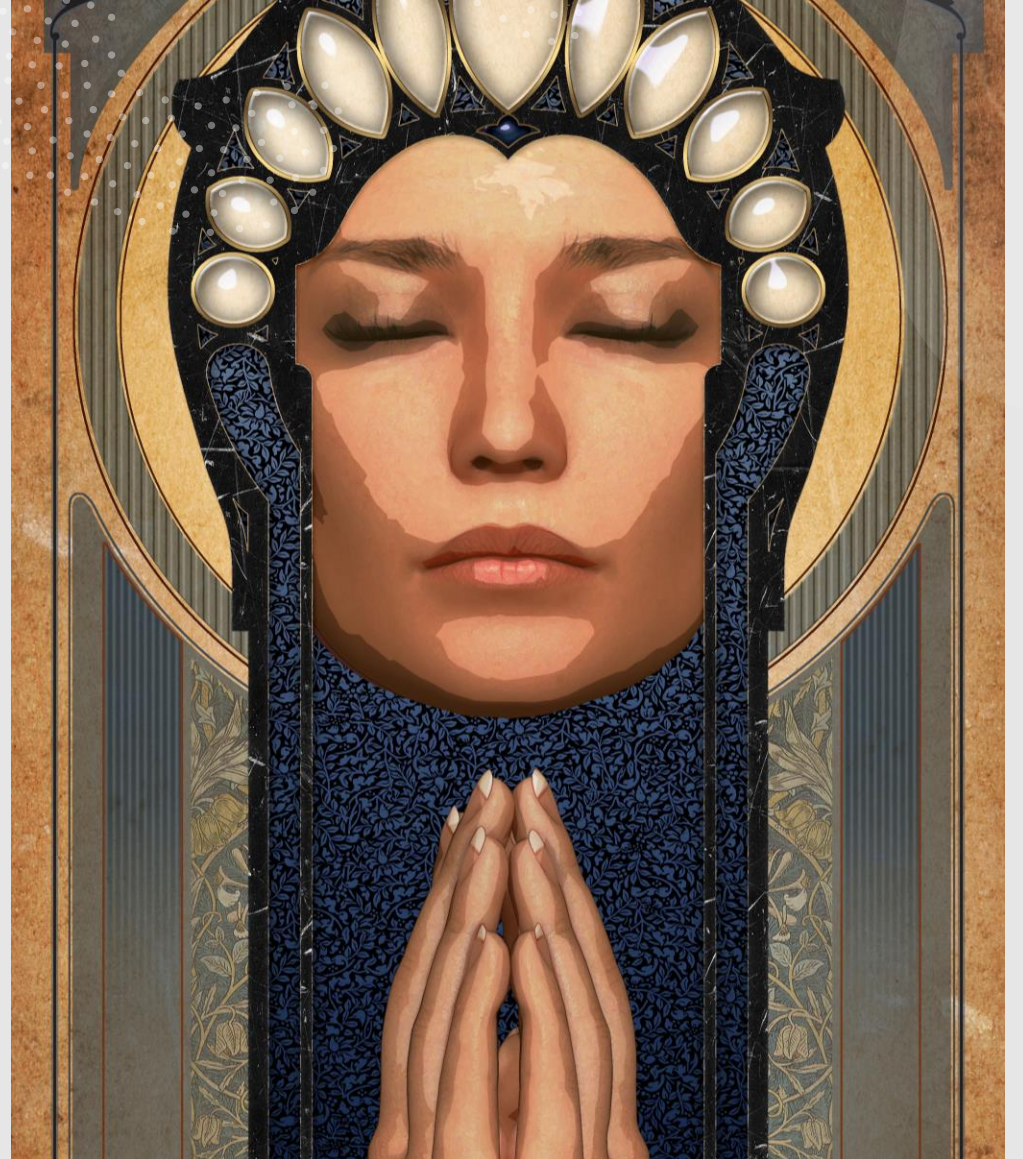
- Select a larger statue of your Goddess and make it part of your inner sanctuary
- Leave offerings and request blessings.





# Pray to Her

- Get in the habit of praying to your Goddess and thanking her, in advance, for helping you with whatever you have asked for.



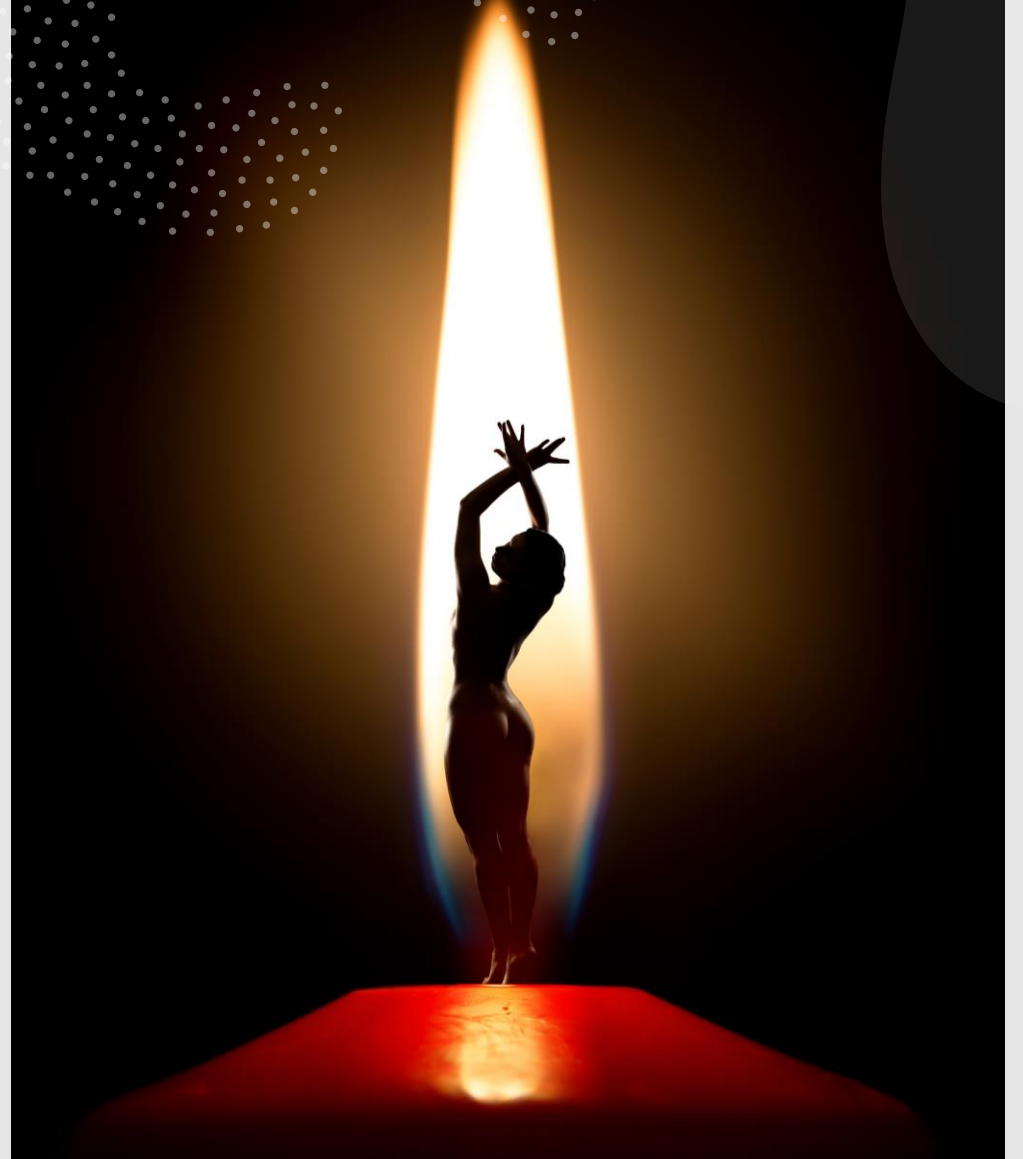
# Meditate With Her

- Start your day with a brief meditation to help center yourself in the energy of your Goddess.
- Set your day with the intention that she is walking with you and she is by your side.



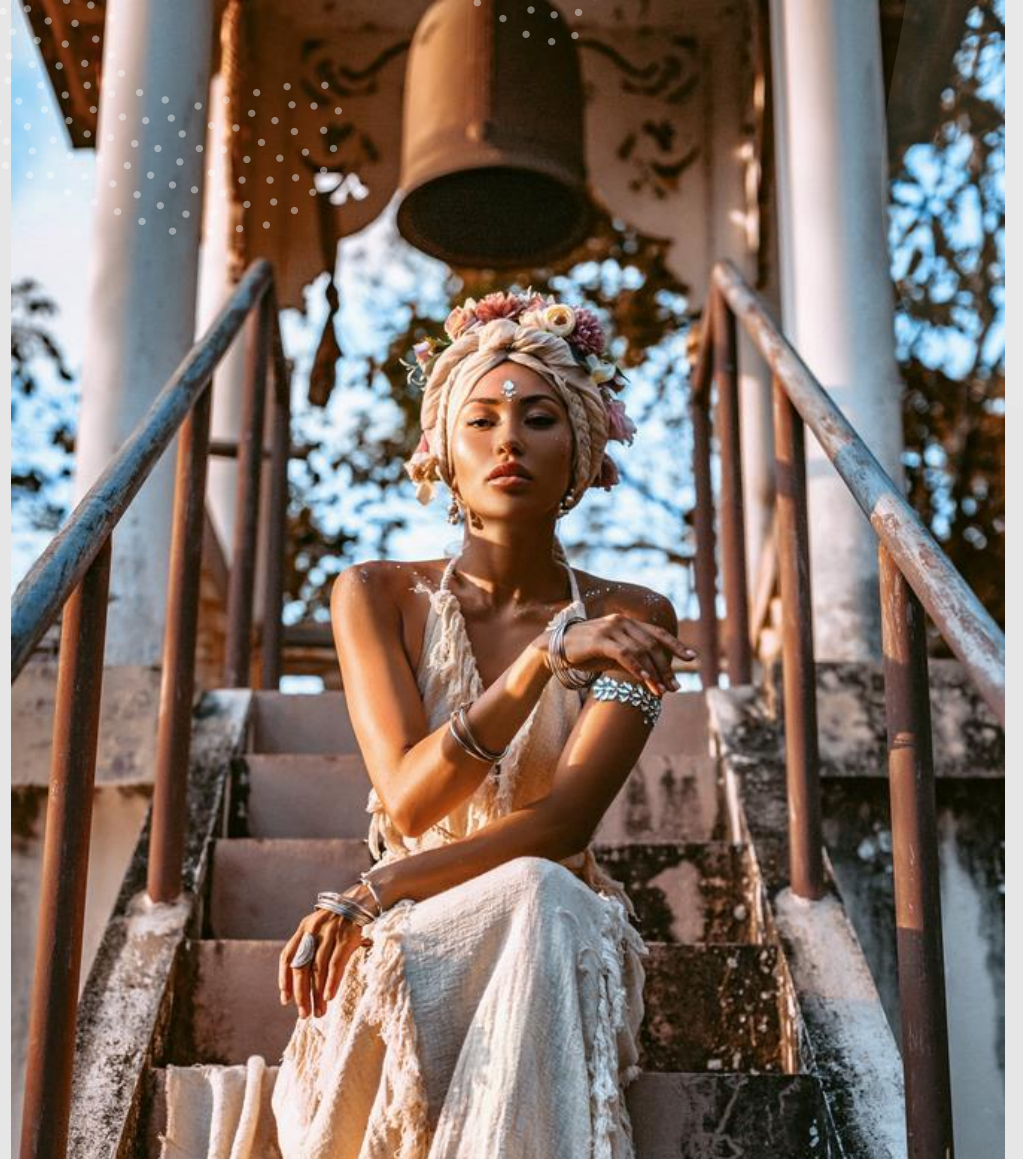
# Light Goddess Candles

- A candle is a way to bring in the light of the divine.
- It is said that your prayers go up to the Divine in the smoke and help manifest your true desires.



# Embody Her

- Wear clothing, jewelry, headdresses, crowns, and fabrics that help you feel connected to your Goddess.



# Open to Receiving Her Blessings

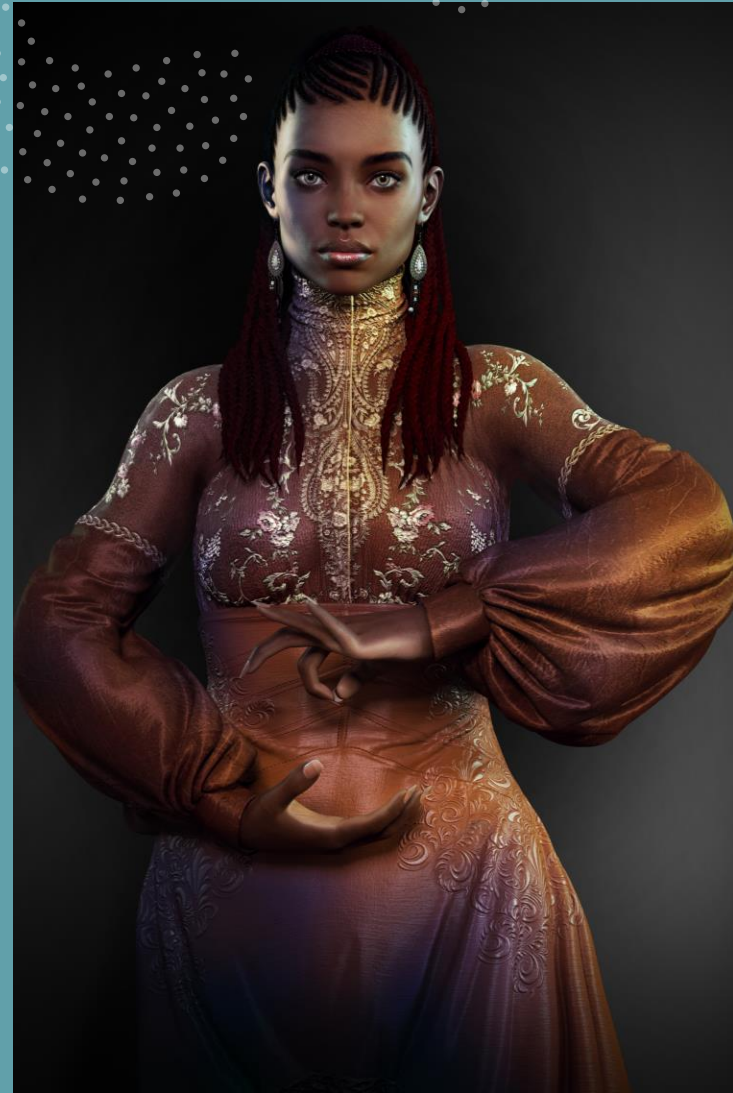
- Aim to open every day to the multiple blessings of the Goddess.



# Create a Personalized Spiritual Practice

Blend in the traditional ways she is worshipped and celebrated in her culture of origin, and look for ways to adapt that into your own personal spiritual practice with the Goddess.

You can create a personalized relationship with the Goddess by bringing together the best of all worlds and you never have to leave home!



Connecting  
with Her in  
the Physical  
World



# Find Her in Temples

- It doesn't matter whether it is a Goddess temple or a Buddhist or Hindu temple, the Goddess can come alive in any tradition or practice.





# Discover Her in Churches

- The Divine Mother lives in millions of Mary statues around the world. This photo was taken in Queens, New York.



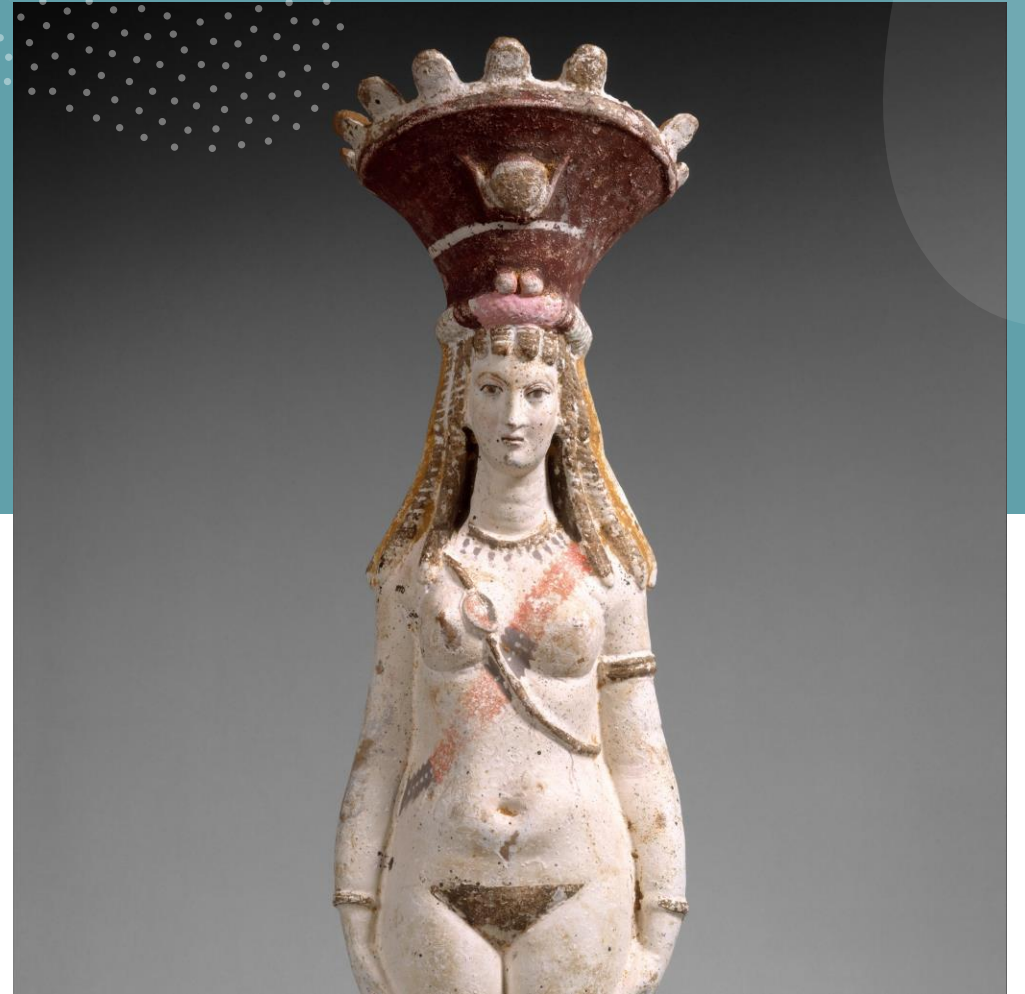
# Visit Her Sanctuaries

- There are holy places around the world where you can connect to her energy.
- This is an images of a powerful Madonna and Child, taken at the Cloisters in New York City. It is a monastery-turned-museum.



# Visit Her in Museums

This statue of Isis as Venus lives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There are millions of Goddesses and related artifacts in Museums around the world.



# Find Her in Special Exhibitions

- The Dinner Party, by Judy Chicago, is on exhibit at The Brooklyn Museum.
- It features 39 place settings of extraordinary women in history and Goddesses, as well as 999 names of divine beings, sacred females, and human heroines.
- In 2022, The British Museum has an exhibit called "Feminine Power" in 2022 and The Morgan in has an exhibit of Enheduanna and the Women of Mesopotamia.



# See Her at Local Shrines

- There are shrines and places of pilgrimage all over the world.
- Look for places to connect with Her energy.
- This is an image of our Lady of Woodstock, in Woodstock, New York. Her shrine is just off the road for anyone to visit (She is hosted by the authors of *The Way of the Rose*).



# Seek Her Presence In Your Own Backyard

- Walk outside to your nearest tress or greenery and connect to the natural energy of the Goddess.
- Make offerings of mandalas, or food for her birds.



# Immerse in an Online Spiritual Training

- Search for people who teach about the Goddess and enroll in their programs from wherever you are.



# Connect with Others Who Love the Goddess

- Find communities filled with people who also love the Goddess and find ongoing support, education, ceremonies, and virtual experiences.





# Create programs to offer your own goddess wisdom

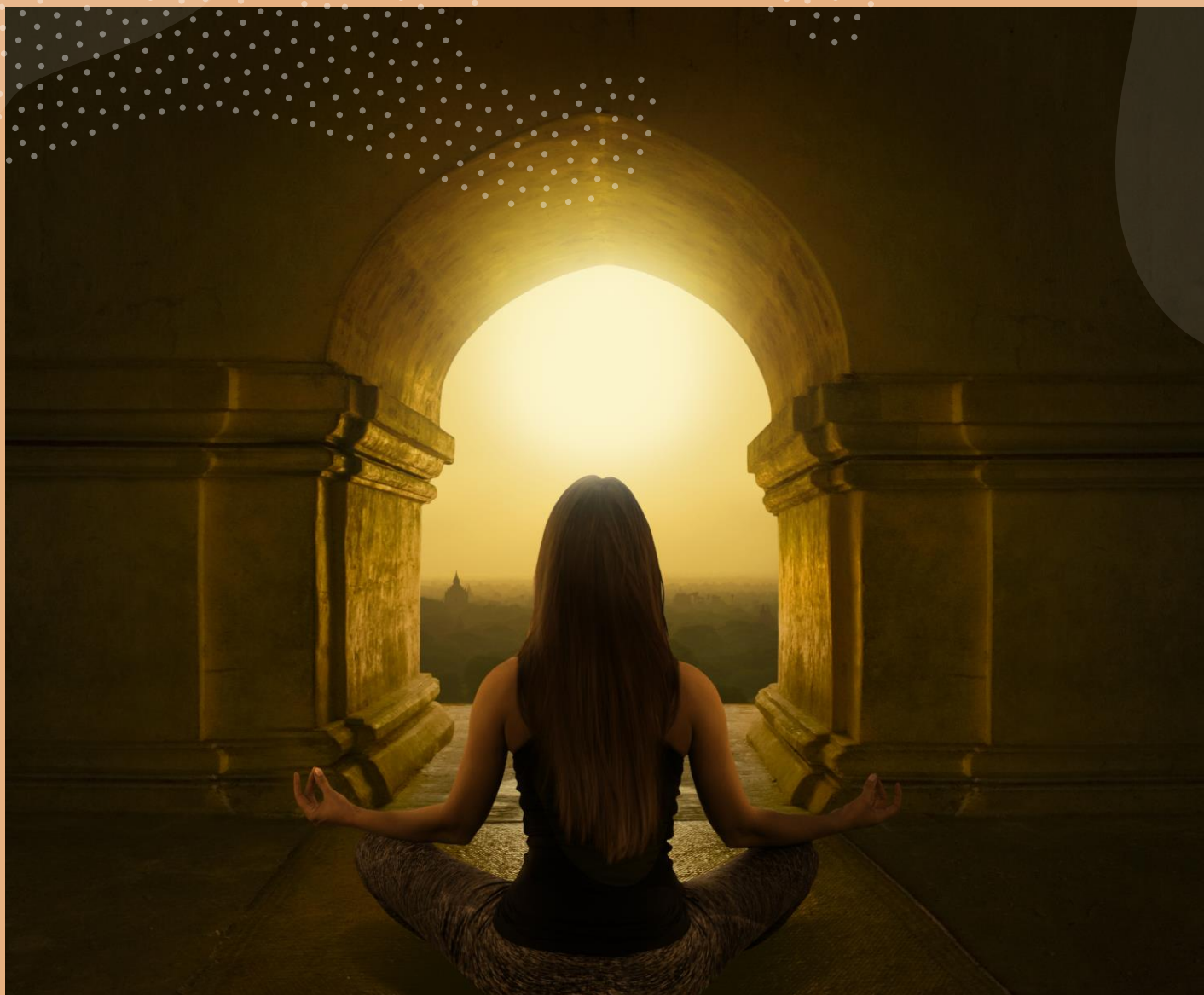
- Another way to gather in people from around the world who share your interest in Goddess spirituality is to create courses, meditations, and prayer groups to share spiritual support.



Connect to  
Your Inner  
Goddess



Activate the  
Sacred Altar  
Within You



Surround  
Yourself with  
the Light of  
the Goddess



Call Her with  
Your Heart  
and Soul



Thank Her  
for  
Everything.  
Everyday.



You Are a  
Sovereign  
Goddess  
in Human  
Form!



# Closing Prayer

Beloved Divine Mother,

You are just a whisper away. So close, as if in the next room.

We call to you, Merciful Mother, who gives compassion and love without condition.

Love us all as we learn to love and honor ourselves.

Fill us with your grace. Bless us with your presence.

Thank you for letting us serve in your name.

May all who here be blessed by you in all ways.

Help us bring healing to our world.

Thank you for all you have given.

And so it is.



# Gratitude to Awesome Glastonbury Teachers

My heart, soul, mind, and life have been touched and transformed by so many wonderful teachers. Thank you!

- Annabel Du Boulay
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- Demelza Fox
- Holly Rhiannon Hamilton
- Marion Brigantia and Katinka Soetens
- Elsa Field
- Maria Jones
- Dr. Lynne Sedgmore
- Kathy Jones
- Sally La Diosa Pullinger.
- And in the US, Starhawk and Connia Silver

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# About Rev. Laurie Sue Brockway

Rev. Laurie Sue Brockway, D.Min, has written extensively on spirituality, the Goddess, self-esteem, emotional health, relationships, and weddings.

Her deep interest in Goddess studies began when she was a journalist specializing in women's empowerment and it led her to become an ordained minister focused on interfaith spirituality and women's spirituality. The foundation of her ministry is to celebrate all faiths and traditions and to include all aspects of the Divine.

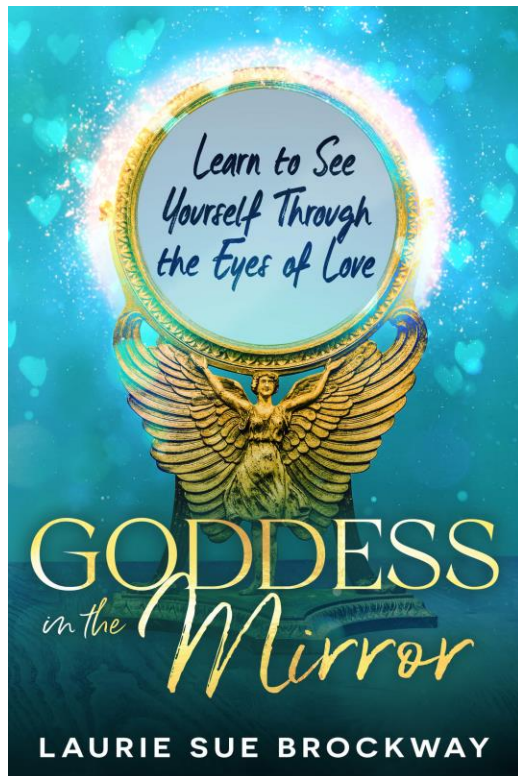
She is the author of more than 25 books, including, *The Goddess Pages*, *Goddess in the Mirror*, *Goddess Lessons*, *Lakshmi Magic*, *Lakshmi Devotional*, *Alakshmi*, *Wedding Goddess*, *Your Interfaith Wedding*, *Your Hindu-Interfaith Wedding*, *Pet Prayers and Blessings*, *Soulmate Feng Shui*, and *She Who Scrivens*.

She has a psychology B.A. degree in Human Development and attended graduate school for Marriage and Family Therapy. She is also a graduate of The New Seminary for Interfaith Studies, where she was ordained in 1999, and later received her Master of Interfaith Studies (M.Is) and Doctor of Ministry (D.Min). Her dissertation was on the Goddess Lakshmi. She is currently back in graduate school, studying the intersection of the Divine Feminine and public history.

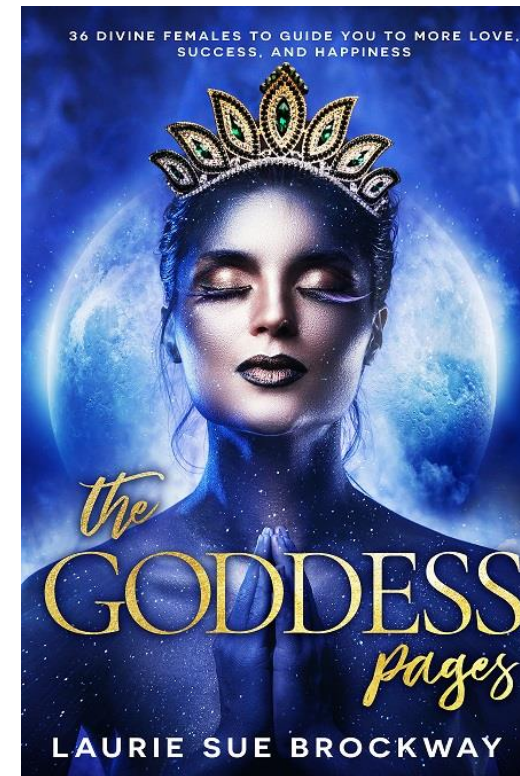
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## Goddess in the Mirror



## The Goddess Pages



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*May the Goddess Bless You  
and Protect You*