

MotherWorld

The Vision of the Motherworld April 2013

This Vision of the Motherworld is inspired by the Lady of Avalon, Goddess of love, compassion, healing and transformation on the Sacred Isle of Avalon.

The Motherworld is a society where mothers and the values of mothering - love, care and support for each other, and for our Mother Earth and all Her creatures and nature, are placed in the centre of our lives, rather than being left out on the periphery.

The Motherworld is the society in which creative and life-affirming values, actions, insights and awareness are honoured and encouraged in women, men and children. It is the society, which is grounded in the fact that we all live upon our Mother Earth. She is the source and foundation of all that we are and all we have. We need to take care of Her, of each other and all life.

The primary values for the new Motherworld are:

Honouring Mother Earth as a living being. Love for each other, kindness, support, respect, care, compassion. Honouring all forms of mothering, honouring fathers, and the celebration and nurture of children. Protecting and taking care of the earth, water, fire, air and space in Her world.

Other suggested values for the new Motherworld are: honesty, personal integrity, authenticity, relationship, diversity, choice, discernment, inclusion, trust, beauty, emotional expression, listening, clear boundaries, reflection, soul development, empowerment, shadow-healing, the pursuit of Wisdom, the encouragement of self-responsibility, self-worth, self-respect, self-confidence, self-discipline and self-reflection, prayer, ceremony, service, connection, partnership, generosity, gifting, receiving, sharing wealth, humour, creativity, education for all, non-violent methods of resolving conflict, honouring and protecting Mother Nature and all living beings, ethical production of goods and services, the protection of the vulnerable, valuing the Wisdom of the Elders and of the Ancestors.

The Motherworld is the society where the patriarchal structures and values of dominance, power-over control and coercion, greed, excessive profit, destructive competition, violence, rape, war, slavery, suffering, hunger, poverty, pollution of Mother Earth and Her atmosphere, are recognised as shadow expressions of humanity, which need to be challenged, deconstructed, transformed and healed. In the Motherworld healing practices are encouraged and made readily available to all.

In the Motherworld it is recognised that all human beings, women and men, carry wounds from our patriarchal conditioning – emotional and mental patterns which may be activated as we try to change our world. In the Goddess community we are particularly aware of our shadow material, which includes envy, jealousy, judgement, competitiveness, collusion, resentment, undermining, back-biting, blaming, naming and shaming, projection of negative emotions such as anger, shame and rage; fear, loneliness, lack of self-love, lack of self-esteem and lack of self-confidence, which are the result of individual cultural and karmic life experiences.

In the Motherworld one of our first works is to love and support each other in taking responsibility for our repressed and often hostile emotions. These shadows undermine all our best endeavours to change the way we act in our personal and social relationships, in our lives as Goddess-loving people living in a patriarchal world, as Her priestesses and priests, in our personal commitments to Goddess; and prevent us from experiencing true empowerment. Amongst many of us we already have developed skills and techniques of emotional expression, of really listening to each other, offering reflection and support so that we heal these wounds. This personal healing work needs to accelerate at this time and can with the help of the Motherworld community.

Although the name 'Motherworld' comes from Barbara Walker's novel 'Amazon', where it describes an ancient fictional matriarchal society, this is not a return to such a society. It is a forward movement to a new kind of mother-centred community, where all are valued, supported and appreciated, and where we can experiment together with new ideas and forms. Motherworld evokes a loving world where we are held safely in the Great Mother's embrace.

The Call of the Motherworld

We call for the empowerment of women and girls, men and boys. We call for an end to all violence – violence against women and girls, boys and men, including assault, rape, genital mutilation and circumcision, slavery, people trafficking, torture and war. We call for an end to intimidation and power over aggression in all forms. We call for an end to the arms trade and the personal ownership of harmful weapons. We call for an end to hunger and starvation, poverty, homelessness, the ownership of the resources of the earth by the few, at the expense of the many. We call for an end to all human and animal sacrifice for religious, political or social ideals. We call for an end to all forms of animal cruelty. We call for an end to all inequalities based on gender, race, sexual orientation, disability and age.

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The vision is also being received by others in different communities and places in the world, and in different forms. The Motherworld vision is inclusive and without borders. It supports all people - women, children and men everywhere, who are endeavouring to bring feminine values back into our lives and societies, changing our world for the better. The Motherworld favours diversity of expression, as a Mother loves all of her children, with their different characters and expressions.

Motherworld communities and networks can be formed by any group of people who agree with its values and principles. We ask that we make the commitment to the Motherworld, connect with each other and stay connected, creating a world-wide network of love and support for our creative values and actions.

The Motherworld Vision will be grounded and activated ceremonially at the 2013 Glastonbury Goddess Conference July 30th-August 4th 2013 Website www.goddessconference.co.uk.

Commitment to the Motherworld

The following are suggested commitments to be made by all those who wish to co-create the Motherworld. If you would like to please use this commitment and the words of this vision on your literature.

I commit myself to loving and supporting the Vision, the People and Values of the Motherworld, as described.

My intention is to help bring the Motherworld into being in my thoughts, words and actions in the world.

I support the Motherworld Vision.

I commit to taking responsibility for my own emotional and mental wounding and its healing.

Name

Signature

Date

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To help create the Motherworld I am already/plan to.....
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Please send in your commitment and plans to :

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We will record and hold all names and commitments.