

Orchard of Avalon Code of Conduct 2020

1. I respect and am supportive of all members of the Orchard of Avalon and endeavour to work harmoniously with all Orchard members.
2. I continue to study, learn and develop as a Sister/Brother of Avalon or as a Practising Priestess or Priest of the Goddess and or Avalon.
3. I aspire to live my life according to the Developing Rites and Responsibilities of a Priestess/ Priest of the Goddess and of Avalon, and of a Sister/ Brother of Avalon.
4. I embrace the Values of the Motherworld, of love, care and support for all beings and for the Earth Herself.
5. When conflict arises between me and another member of the Orchard I call upon my PIRL* Circle Sister/Brothers for help in resolving the conflict, as well as other Priestesses or Priests or experienced Orchard members.



*PIRL is Priestess In Real Life – PIRL circles are local/regional groups of priest/esses that meet up in person to share and support one another in their priestess work and lives. Pirls would meet physically however many times they wish, e.g., weekly, monthly, etc. In any area a priestess/priest or a small group needs to take the initiative to start a Pirl in their area. PIRLs have begun in Glastonbury, London and Devon.

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Developing Responsibilities, Practices and Rites of a Priestess or Priest of the Goddess, of a Priestess or Priest of Avalon, and of a Sister or Brother of Avalon

A Priestess or Priest of the Goddess and of Avalon, and a Sister or Brother of Avalon is a wo/man who chooses to pursue a path of spiritual service in sacred devotion to the Lady of Avalon, Goddess of the Sacred Land of Avalon, to Her people, Her Temple and to the sacred and transformative energies of the Isle of Avalon.

We bring Goddess alive through our devotion and service to Her, through our worship and prayer, our daily actions, our creative expression, our ceremonies, study, practice, art, music, dance, through our everyday lives. Becoming a Priest/ess of Avalon involves change in every facet of our being, bringing us into alignment with our soul's true purpose in this lifetime. This does not happen overnight, but with every breath we take. She is the way, She is the goal, and She is the inspiration for all we do, so that we become kinder, more loving and wise human beings.

The following are suggestions for individual development in all branches of the Orchard of Avalon, which includes all who have successfully completed the First Spiral of the Priestess of Avalon Training and agree to abide by its Code of Practice and Ethics. It is especially for those who continue their training and aspire to become Priestesses and Priests of the Goddess and of Avalon - offered with love. They have been discussed and modified at Orchard meetings and in teaching circles and have developed over time.

The Developing Responsibilities of a Priestess or Priest of Avalon

1. To live and act with personal integrity.
2. To be kind, honest, compassionate, loving and wise.
3. To love and care for ourselves at all times.
4. To harm no-one.
5. To be responsible to self and others for all our actions, both positive and negative.
6. To be prepared to deal with the consequences of our mistakes and failures.
7. To respect, honour and support all members of the expanding Orchard of Avalon.
8. To respect the right of others to have their own spiritual beliefs.
9. To seek to co-operate with others and not to seek to generate conflict.
10. To maintain interpersonal confidentiality.
11. To know our limitations and work with them, and to know that we are limitless.
12. To learn to discriminate between the real and the unreal.
13. To refrain from committing hubris (offending Goddess) eg damaging Her Earth, Her animals, Her people, etc., by thoughtlessness or by design.

The Developing Practices and Rites of a Priestess or Priest of Avalon

1. To maintain a daily spiritual practice, invoking the Presence of the Lady of Avalon, Goddess of our Sacred Land, often.
2. To listen for and respond to Her words of truth.
3. To serve the Lady in the ways She instructs us.
4. To trust Her, knowing that She leads us through life's experiences for our greatest good.
5. To live and express ourselves consciously in the flow of Her energy and in rhythm with the cycles and seasons of Her nature.
6. To generate the energies of Avalon and connect others to those energies.
7. To continue to expand our knowledge and experience of Goddess through being with Her on Her sacred land in all seasons, through personal study and continuing self-development, and the practice of Her ways. To share those ways with others.
8. To generate and maintain sacred space.
9. To perform ceremonies of all kinds in the flow of Her energy with due preparation and awareness of purpose, with care and attention to detail, both visible and invisible.
10. To support those who are experiencing the Dark Face of the Goddess.
11. To offer comfort and healing in Her name.
12. To serve regularly and often in the Glastonbury Goddess Temple and in other Goddess Temples throughout the world, at the Glastonbury Goddess Conference and other Goddess Conferences.
13. To aspire to Her ecstasy.

The 2020 Vision of MotherWorld

By Kathy Jones

MotherWorld is the society in which Mother Earth, Mothers and the values of mothering and caring for each other and for all Her creatures and Nature - are placed in the centre of our lives and communities.

MotherWorld is the society in which creative, nurturing and life-affirming values, actions, insights and awareness are honoured and encouraged in women, men, children, all genders, all races. It is the society that is grounded in the fact that we all live upon our Mother Earth. She is our Great Mother, the Source and Foundation of all that we are and all that we have. We are Her offspring. We need to take care of our Mother, of each other and of all life.

Human mothers gift life and love to babies. Mothers carry new life in their wombs usually for nine months and give birth to children, who are dependent upon them for many years. Mothers are the primary caregivers in the world who nurture and raise children. They do not do this alone, but with the loving support of fathers, the wider family and society. These children are the future of our human species, of our world. If we do not care for and support mothers and all parents, that lack of support damages the ability of mothers to unconditionally gift love and care to their children. In turn children go on to become damaged adults, and so the cycles of harm continue. Our families and societies need to honour and take care of all Mothers.

This Vision of MotherWorld calls for a sea-change (from Shakespeare's 'Tempest') in the ways in which we live upon our Mother Earth, and in how we recreate and develop our societies for the future. It encourages all individuals and communities to recognise and honour Mothers, all Women, and all who care for others, our thoughts and feelings, our bodies, our experiences, our voices and our values. This Vision asks that we all open to the Deep Feminine in our personal and collective lives.

The primary values for the new MotherWorld are:

Honouring Mother Earth as a living being. Protecting and taking care of the Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Space, and all beings living in Her world. Honouring all forms of mothering, honouring fathers, honouring all carers, and the celebration and nurture of children and young people. Love for each other, kindness, support, respect, care and compassion.

Suggested values for the new Motherworld include:

Honesty, personal integrity, authenticity, relationship, diversity, choice, discernment, inclusion, trust, beauty, emotional expression, listening, hearing, clear boundaries, reflection, soul development, empowerment, shadow-healing, compassion, happiness, the pursuit of wisdom, the encouragement of self-respect, self-responsibility, self-worth, self-confidence, self-discipline, self-reflection and self-love; prayer, ceremony, service, connection, partnership, generosity, sharing wealth, gifting, receiving, 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, and valuing the Wisdom of the Elders and of the Ancestors.

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 and the pollution of Mother Earth and Her atmosphere, are recognized as shadow expressions of humanity, which need to be challenged, deconstructed, transformed and healed. In MotherWorld healing practices for individuals, communities and for the Earth Herself are encouraged and made readily available to all.

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

In MotherWorld one of our first works is to love and support each other in taking responsibility for our repressed and often hostile shadow emotions. These shadows can 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. They often prevent us from experiencing true empowerment. We have developed skills and techniques of emotional expression, such as really listening to each other and offering reflection and support when needed, so that we may heal these wounds. This personal healing work needs to and can, accelerate at this time with the help of the MotherWorld community, which holds us in compassionate safety as we work to heal our wounds.

The name MotherWorld comes from Barbara Walker's novel '*Amazon*', where it describes an ancient fictional matriarchal society living close to the Earth. This Vision is not a return to such a society. It is a groundswell forward movement to a new kind of motherlife-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 recognise that we are all held safely in the Great Mother's embrace.

The Call of MotherWorld

- We call for the empowerment of women and girls, men and boys.
- We call for the payment by governments and societies of a good living wage to all mothers and to the carers of dependent children, less-able young people and adults, of the elderly, the infirm and the sick.
- We call for peace in our world.
- We call for an end to intimidation and power-over aggression in all forms.
- We call for an end to all violence – violence against women and girls, boys and men, including assault, rape, genital mutilation, circumcision, slavery, people trafficking, torture, murder and war.
- We call for an end to the arms trade and the personal and societal ownership of harmful weapons.
- We call for an end to hunger and starvation, poverty, homelessness and 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 purposes.
- We call for an end to all forms of human and animal cruelty.
- We call for an end to all inequalities based on gender, race, sexual orientation, disability and age.

The Time is Now for these changes to occur.

The MotherWorld Vision was first received in 2012 by Priestess of Avalon, *Kathy Jones*, and was developed, expanded and refined by the Goddess community of the Glastonbury Goddess Temple. The Vision is continually inspired by the Lady of Avalon, Great Goddess of love, compassion, healing and transformation on the Sacred Isle of Avalon, the Place of Apples. This 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, men and all genders everywhere, who are endeavouring to bring Goddess and 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.

In August 2019 the United Kingdom MotherWorld Political Party was created, and Sue Quatermass was the first MotherWorld candidate to stand in the UK General Election. We hope that there will be more MotherWorld candidates in UK elections and more MotherWorld parties in other countries.

Since 2012 the Vision has been supported by hundreds of people who have signed their commitment to MotherWorld on line and by post. Everyone who agrees with this Vision is invited to make their personal commitment on the Facebook MotherWorld page and to begin to create Motherworld in their own communities.

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

Commitment to the Motherworld

The following are suggested commitments to be made by all those who wish to co-create the Motherworld:

I commit myself to loving and supporting the vision, the people and the values of MotherWorld as described. My intention is to help bring 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 for its healing.

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You can register your own commitment to the MotherWorld by sending it to Glastonbury Goddess Temple, 2-4 High Street, Glastonbury BA6 9DU, United Kingdom or by signing online at <https://goddesstemple.co.uk/motherworld> or the [MotherWorld Facebook page](#).