

# Orchard of Avalon Code of Conduct 2015

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 Vision of the Motherworld By Kathy Jones, Original Samhain 2012**

The Motherworld is a society inspired by Goddess, where mothers, and the values of mothering - love, care and support for each other, and for our Mother Earth, 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 a society which is grounded in the fact that we all live upon our Mother Earth. She is the foundation of all that we are and all we have. We need to take care of Her, as well as taking care 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, celebration of children, protecting and taking care of the earth, water, fire, air and space of our world.

Other suggested values for the new Motherworld are: honesty, authenticity, personal integrity, diversity, choice, discernment, inclusion, trust, beauty, emotional expression, listening, clear boundaries, reflection, soul development, empowerment, shadow-healing, the encouragement of self-responsibility, self-worth, self-respect, self-confidence, self-discipline and self-reflection, service, prayer, ceremony, connectedness, gifting, receiving, generosity, sharing wealth, humour, education for all, creativity, non-violent methods of resolving conflict, honouring and protecting Mother Nature and all living beings, ethical production of goods and services, an end to sacrifice - both literal and symbolic, the protection of the vulnerable, and 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 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 carry wounds from our patriarchal conditioning – emotional and mental patterns which may be activated as we try to change our world. In the Goddess and women’s communities, we are particularly aware of our shadow material, which includes envy, jealousy, judgement, competitiveness, collusion, resentment, undermining, back-biting, naming and shaming, hostile projection, anger, 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 relationships, in our lives as Goddess-loving people, in our commitments to Goddess, and prevent us from experiencing true empowerment. Amongst 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. 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 inequalities based on gender, race, sexual orientation, disability and age. We call for an end to all forms of animal cruelty.

This Motherworld Vision is initiated by Priestess of Avalon, Kathy Jones, and the Priestess community of the Glastonbury Goddess Temple, including Amanda Baker, Amanda Posnett, Amber Skyes, Ann James, Beci Monks, Beci Thomas, Carmen Paz, Caroline Lir, Cherry-Lee Ward, Chrissy Heaven, Christine Watkins, Christine Watts, Duncan Howell, Elin Hejll-Guest, Elle Hull,

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

For further info and to make an online commitment please go to:  
[www.goddesstemple.co.uk](http://www.goddesstemple.co.uk)

## **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 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.

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