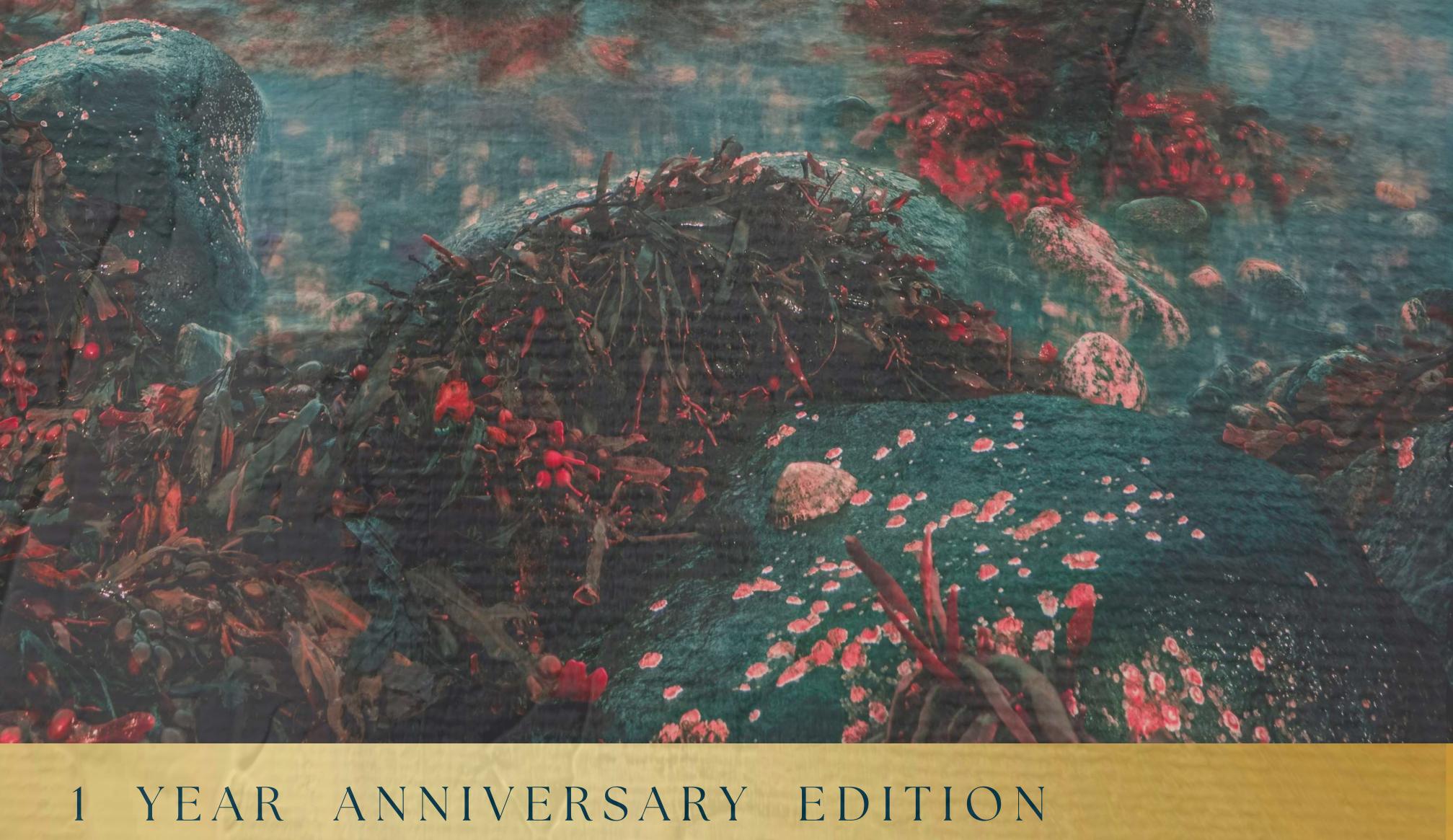


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Temple Echoes Blessing

May this magazine be a flame we tend together. May it root us into truth, weave us into belonging, and remind us that story is sacred. May the voices that rise here be raw, brave, wildly true medicine for the soul, echoes of what we remember and what we are still becoming. Let each word, each image, each offering be alive with the pulse of the temple. And may Temple Echoes continue to ripple through us, as beauty, as connection, as devotion made visible.

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Beloved ELCOME



Welcome to this sacred space of inquiry, remembrance, and return.

The month's theme—How Do You Know Your Purpose?—is one that lives at the very heart of my life. It's not a question I answered once and for all, but continue to live into. Again and again.

I didn't arrive at the word *priestess* easily or quickly; I resisted it at first. It felt too large, too ancient, too vulnerable. Yet, whenever I heard it, I'd feel a vibration in my bones, a whisper in the blood ... a resonance. A recognition. The remembrance of an old, sacred role returning to the surface of my life.

My priestess path began not in a temple, but in grief. Years ago, I carried a child I'd never meet in this world. It cracked me open. In that vast silence, something beyond words came to me. It asked me to feel, listen, and kneel at the altar of life and death. That was my initiation. It's not one I would have chosen ... but it chose me.

I've realized that our purpose doesn't always arrive with trumpets. It arrives in the places we're broken open. In the places we love without reason ... or when life refuses to let us stay asleep.

So how do you know your purpose?

Start by paying attention to where you ache for truth. To the moments you feel most alive. To what you've always felt, but never said out loud. To what you do ... even when no one is watching.



Notice where your grief meets your longing.

Listen for what keeps calling you back. You allow yourself to stop asking if you're ready and begin asking if you're willing.

For me, the path became clearer when I found a living lineage (the 13 Moon Mystery School and then later co-founded the Rosa Mystica Mystery School).

I trained. I was mentored. I sat in temple with other women who were also remembering. Through that sacred container, I learned how to root the mystery, speak what had once been silent, and walk with my wounds and my wisdom. That's the gift of this path. It doesn't require you to be perfect. It asks you to be present. Devoted. Willing to walk with reverence through the unknown.

If you're reading this and you're unsure of your purpose, but you feel a stirring, yet question whether it's real ... you're in the perfect place.

Let's explore this question through stories, practices, poetry, and embodied wisdom from many voices who have heard the call. Let this be an invitation to come closer.

May this offering be a mirror, a portal, a remembering.

Elayre Kalila, Dean of Priestess Presence



It's with deep honor we name the two incredible grandmothers whose great work has laid the foundation upon which the Priestess Presence School of Sacred Arts & Temple is created.

The Quintessia Mystery School is dedicated to the 13 Moon Mystery School, founded by Ariel Spilsbury, which provides structure for the archetypal curriculum we use in our study. This is based on Ariel's guidebook, <u>The 13</u> Moon Oracle, which is the source material for our Priestess work. We strongly encourage you to order a copy of it for this reason.

The Rosa Mystica Mystery School is co-founded by Diana DuBrow and Elayne Kalila Doughty. The scent priestess training is built on the foundation of Diana's Emerald Temple.

Go here to access the amazing holy oils created by Diana DuBrow.

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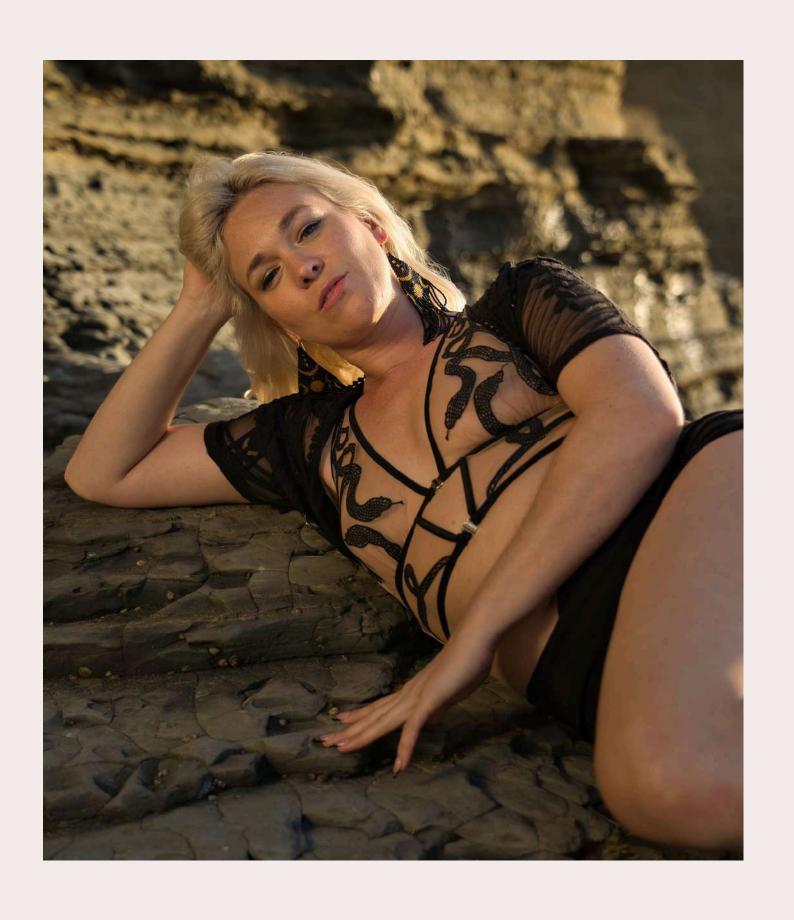
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DEPUTY EDITOR

Amanda first entered the mystery with Priestess Presence in 2021 and took over as Social Sorceress in 2023. Her favorite way to honor the Goddess is on stage as her burlesque alter ego <u>Blue Lightning</u>.



MEET the TEAM

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DESIGNER

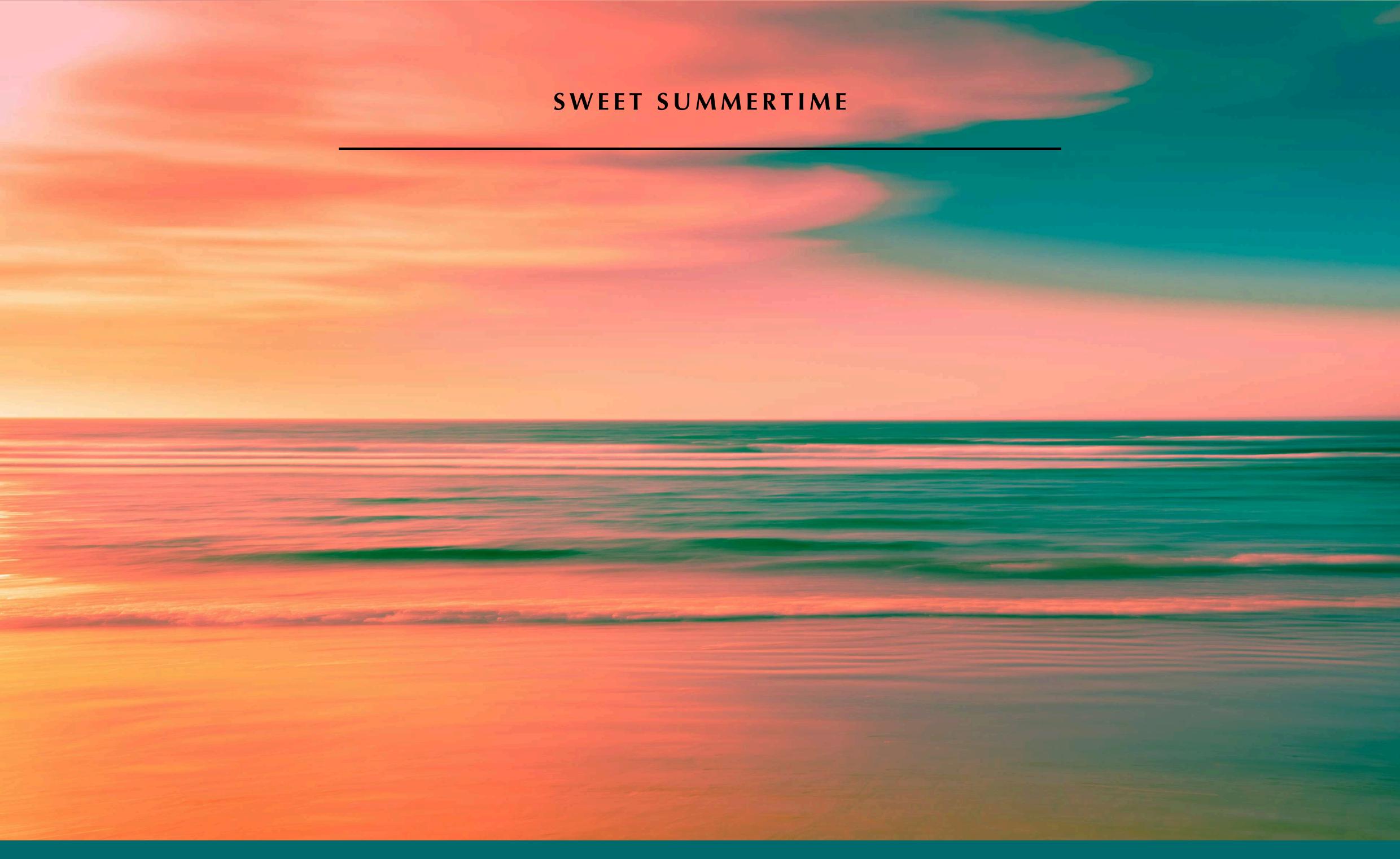
Since joining the temple in 2022, <u>Pauline</u> has been its creative force, bringing visions to life with her craft and digital prowess. She has dedicated herself to self-discovery, making living life an art through her work in design, mixed-media art, photography, and prose.

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Hail & Welcome, Summer Solstice

Summer is so close, we can taste it here in the Northern Hemisphere! We're counting down the days until Summer Solstice on June 20th, where we'll revel in the longest day of sunlight all year and honor sweet *Sol* for the beautiful blessings it bestows upon us.

Also known as Midsummer, Summer Solstice is celebrated across cultures with traditions centered around the sun and enjoying nature. This is the perfect time to hug a tree, get in the nearest body of water, and whisper words of affirmation to the local flora and fauna.

In our temple, this halfway point in the year is marked by celebrating all that has bloomed with the intentions we set in January.

Gratitude and abundance reign supreme! We know that magic is ignited when we pause to reflect on all the blessings we've already received.



June 25, 3pm PST (replay available)

Root | Remember | Rise with the Moon

YES, I'M MANIFESTING WITH THE MOON

You're invited to a sacred hour of connection, reflection, and ritual.

Each month, under the velvet darkness of the New Moon, we gather to remember who we are. We sit in the still night to feel the seeds being planted through our desires and intentions.

Together, we amplify these seeds to:

- Attune to the lunar rhythm & anchor your energy for the month ahead
- Receive a blessing, embodiment practice, & guidance with initiated priestesses
- Engage in a live ritual practice to open your body & vision
- Connect with a circle of women walking the same priestess path
- Be nourished through the power of sitting in temple, together

Free Live Zoom Gathering

Summer Solstice

Honor the beauty of renewal...

Sunday, June 22 12pm PST | Zoom

The wheel has turned again ... and you're invited to enter the holy day of Summer Solstice and relish in the beauty and abundance of what you've been manifesting since New Year.

Summer Solstice is the time where the Sun has reached the highest point in the sky. It's a powerful time for us to nourish, celebrate, and honor—in wonder!—all that was seeded in January and now is in full bloom.

Join our annual Summer Solstice ritual & you will:

- Celebrate the cornucopia of your life
- Identify all the great abundance in your heart that's to be shared
- Feel an overflow of devotion & gratitude

Come, celebrate what's emerging...

JOIN SUMMER SOLSTICE



This month's oracle is a loving reminder that purpose and fulfillment arise from being fully present in the moment. In what ways do you avoid being present? This is where you shut down your purpose. Whether you feel alive and on purpose right now, take a moment to drop into your heart temple and recognize the beauty that surrounds you. Embrace yourself with unconditional love for exactly where you are. Welcome whatever feelings arise when you come back to unconditional love.

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Astro Report

Jupiter enters Cancer this June, putting a magnifying glass on all things Cancerian – home, family, security, and intuition. Expect amplified blessings in all of these areas! Cancer season is always emotional, but Jupiter offers a collective boost in compassion that will make riding the waves much sweeter. Luck and emotional healing abound.

Venus in Taurus - June 6: Sensuality and stability reign supreme with this transit. Indulge in long-lasting pleasure that engages all the senses. Bring practicality to the forefront in your relationships to find solid ground for the longhaul.

Jupiter in Cancer - June 9: The planet of expansion returns to Cancer for the first time since 2013. Jupiter is exalted here, so expect emotional bonds, nurturing, and compassion to grow with more ease. Use this time to connect with family and strengthen your bonds.

Sagittarius Full Moon - June 11: The Strawberry Moon offers feelings of hope and abundance. Reflect on the blessings that are being illuminated. With Uranus conjunct the Sun and opposite the Moon, prepare for unexpected revelations.

Mars in Virgo - June 17: When exacting Virgo meets forceful Mars, we're encouraged to take action in the most efficient ways. But make sure to have a plan in place for cooling off if tensions start to rise when things don't turn out "exactly right."

Cancer Season Begins - June 21: The sign of the crab brings our focus to family, security, and home-related matters, with emotions turned all the way up. What makes you feel safe and comforted? Pour into your sanctuary – both at home and within.

Cancer New Moon - June 25: The New Moon in Cancer wants you to nurture your emotional needs, particularly in your relationships with others. Lean into tenderness and vulnerability. What has been hidden that you are now ready to seed?

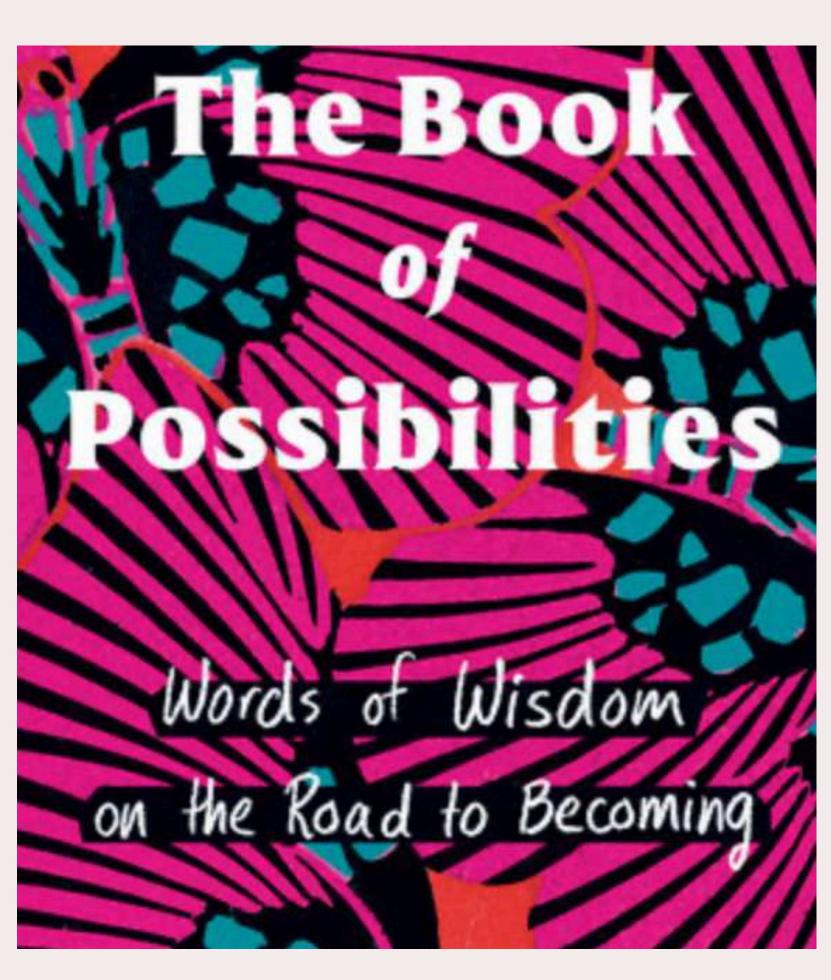


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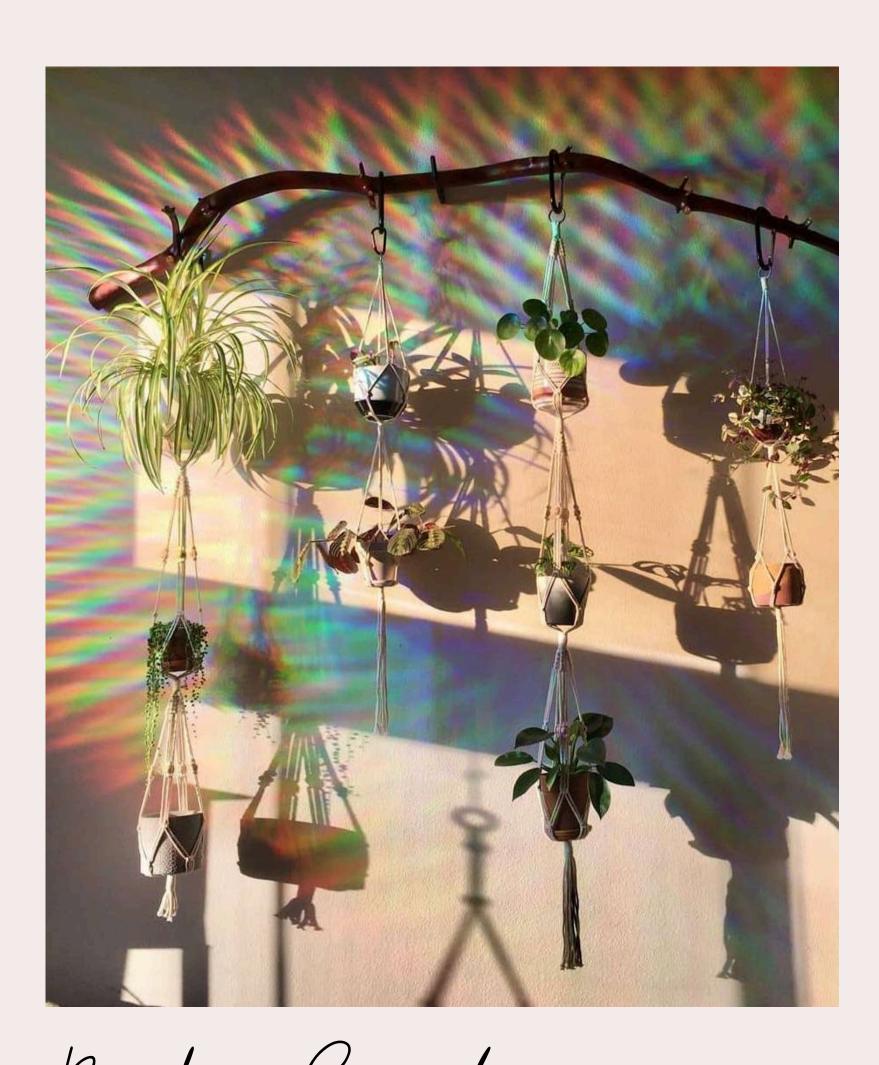
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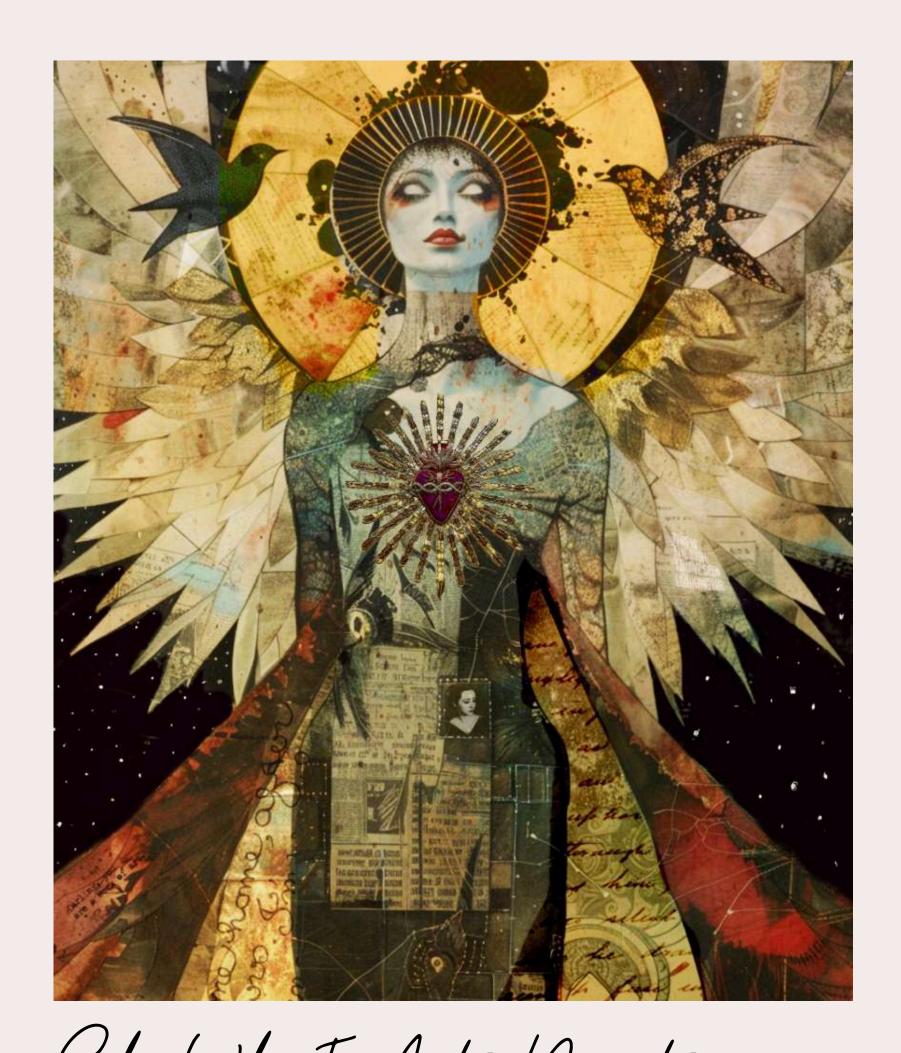


The Book of Possibilities

Bee Quammie invites women & girls to embrace the power of possibility in this empowering collection.



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Call on this month's archetype with this gorgeous Invocation of the Muse print to activate creativity.

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WITH ALESSANDRA MARY

Alessandra is back for more seasonal living insight and inspiration for celebrating the Summer Solstice, also known as *Litha*, on June 21. This official start of summer marks the longest day of the year and is a celebration of light, the brightest star in our galaxy, and all that you truly are. This turning of the wheel is the juiciest of the year, because it's an invitation to slow down and receive the things you've been working so hard towards. It's Mother Nature's permission slip to chill. As the sun fills the sky with its radiant presence, taking up all the space it desires, so too, may you take up as much S P A C E in your life to sip and savor the sweetness of what brings you the most joyous delight. Here are some of Alessandra's favorite ways to honor this essence of rejuvenation throughout Litha and into the lazy, late days of summer.

DOOR-OPENING SPELL

With the solstices representing climax (peak light or peak dark), and therefore a tipping point threshold, this spell harnesses solar power to unlock the door you need to open to experience the success, sweetness, and simplicity you seek.

While this is best done first heart's desire thing on Litha morning, feel free to do it anytime you feel called throughout this season ... or under the first new moon after Summer Solstice. heart's desire heart's desire feel shows the large state of the solstice. heart's desire heart's desire feel shows the large shows the solstice heart's desire heart's desire feel shows the large shows the solstice heart's desire feel shows the large shows

Ingredients you'll need:

white candle dried chamomile or mint pen & parchment key charm

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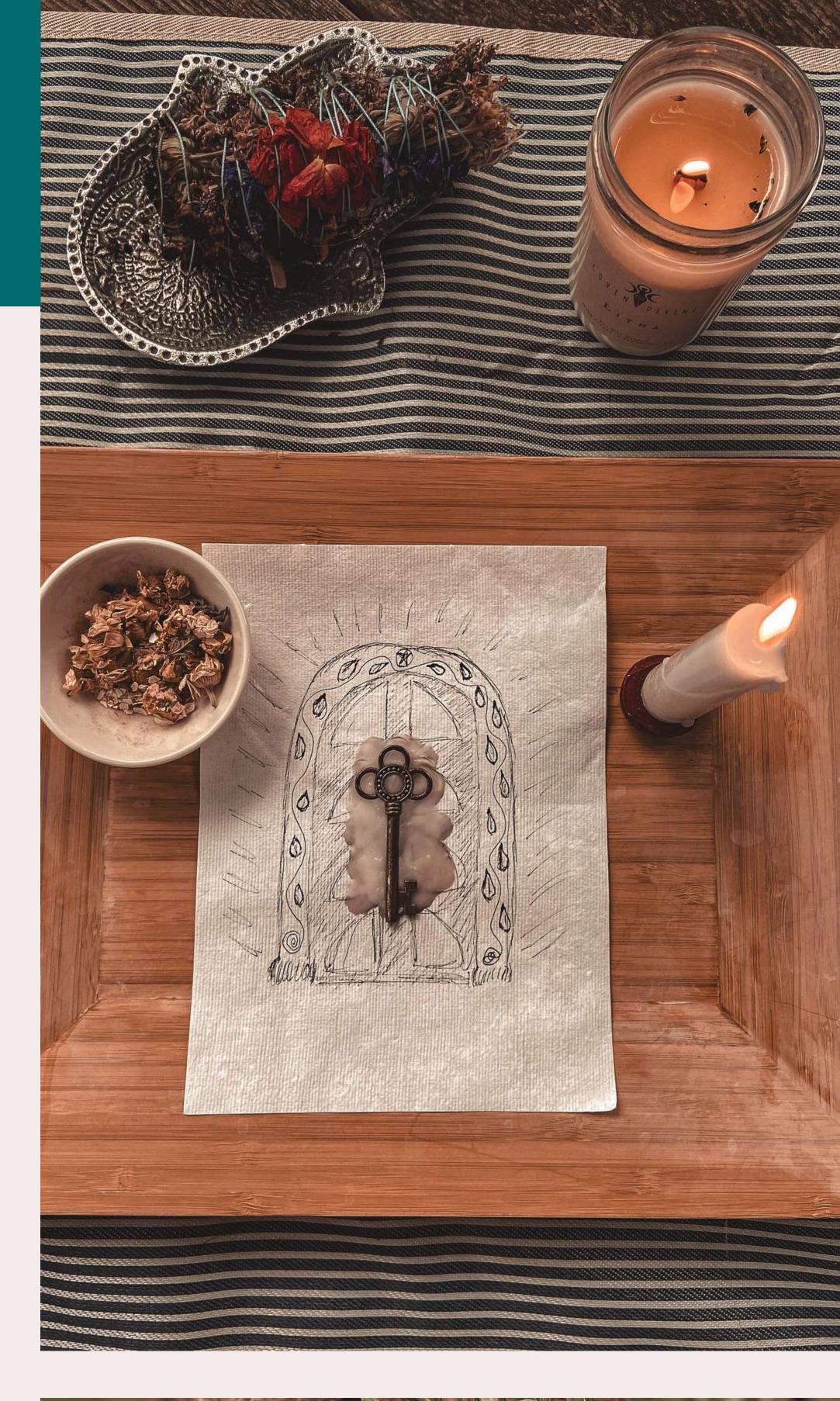
- 1. Set sacred space by cleansing/clearing your ritual items & yourself either with smoke or a bell.
- 2. Place the key on top of the herbs while you open the container. Take 3 long, luscious, deep breaths to ground yourself in the present moment.
- 3. Visualize the door you desire to unlock and what's available to you on the other side. Feel into what it would be like to open this door & walk through.

4. Draw the door on your paper, light the candle, and repeat this incantation 3x as you hold your hands around your ritual setup:

Behind this door lies the abundance I require
By key and flame and
Midsummer fire
I unlock the pathway to my heart's desire

- 5. Drip the candle wax onto your door drawing and set the key into it so they bond. Sprinkle the herbs onto the key, then fold the paper into an envelope and seal the edges with wax. Leave the paper out to charge in the Summer Solstice sun.
- 6. Before sunset, throw the paper into a bonfire or light it in a fireproof container. As it burns, envision the door opening wide before you and feel your desires coming to fruition. Pour this energy of abundance, actualization, & appreciation back into the fire through breath, song, or movement, sending a ripple effect of activation out to the ethers.

Here is a playlist customtailored for this ritual. The last song would be perfect for this final energetic piece. Take note of dreams and intuitive nudges that flow in over the coming days, weeks, and months.







Despite what society demands, you're meant to slow down and do less when summer comes. There's a reason it's called summer BREAK. After working so hard on your creative projects, aspirations, garden, or yourself, it's time for relaxation and replenishment.

As you pause to soak up the sunshine, take an afternoon nap, or read a book beneath a tree, there's nothing better to accompany the soothing of your soul than a refreshing beverage.

Effortless ease is key during Summer Solstice, and with this special brew of sunbrewed simplici-tea, so this spell shall be!

Here's Alessandra's favorite brew:

1 Tbsp of calendula – the sun herb herself provides upliftment & cooling ease for the body
3-5 sprigs of mint – soothe the belly's digestive fire for balance during this fiery season
3 lemon slices – get an extra boost of vitamin C &

citrus flavoring

Add ingredients to a jar, fill with spring water, cover with a cheesecloth and rubber band, & place in the solstice sun for about 3 hours. Infuse your intentions into the tea, perhaps asking to be nourished, to feel a sense of ease & calm, or for your inner light to radiate like the sun.

The solar rays beaming down on your glass are a jolt of magic, not only drawing out the beneficial properties of the herbs but also activating ancient cosmic codes, which you'll then be drinking into your cells!

When ready, strain ingredients through the cheesecloth and enjoy this sunny, simple tea over ice, perhaps adding some leftover dandelion honey from Beltane!

Open yourself up to receive any transmissions as you delight in this drink.

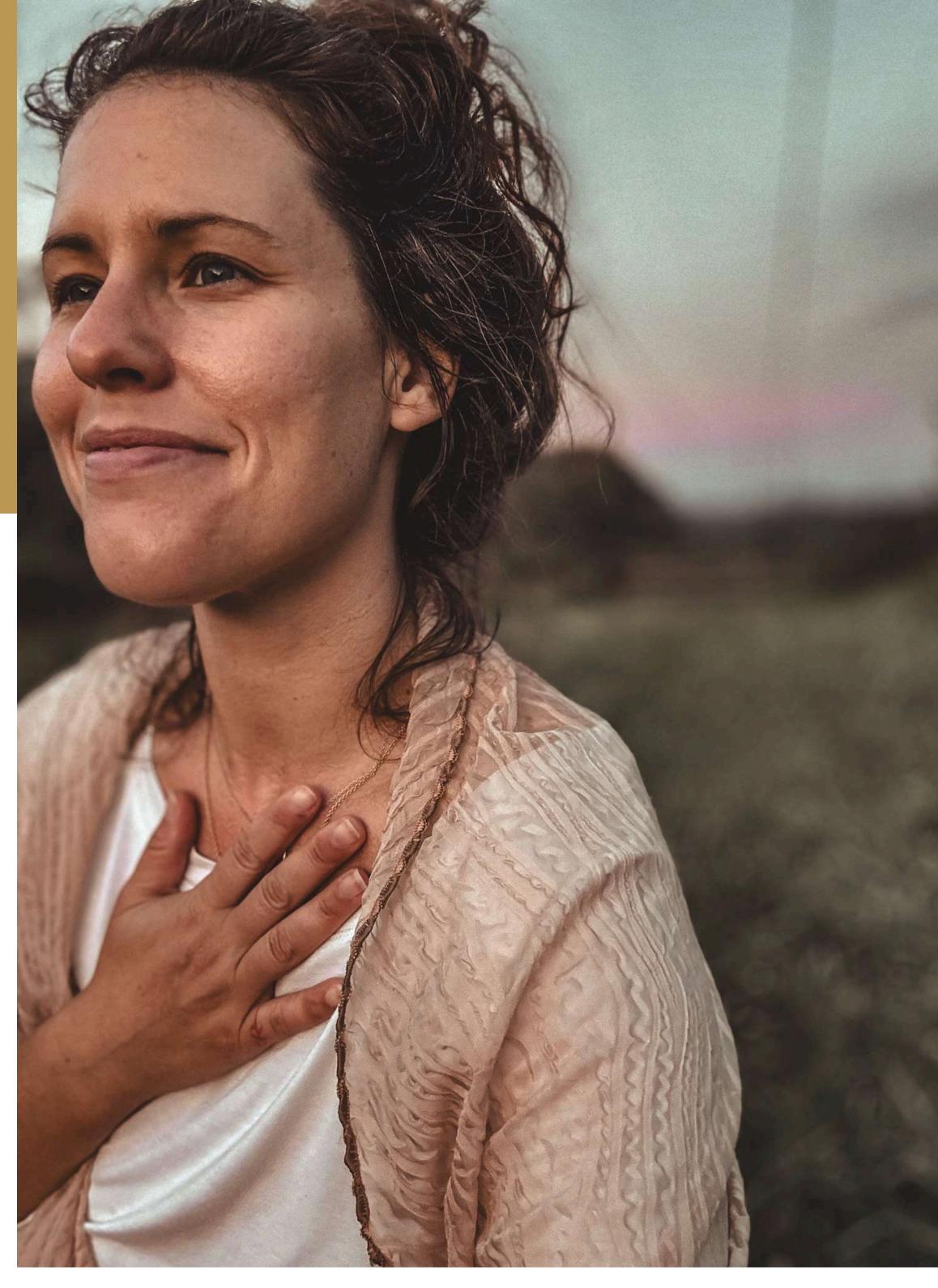


SOLAR SOAKING

Summer Solstice Sun offers incredibly healing rays of magic and restoration. Whether you do this at sunrise, noon, or anytime in the afternoon, it will provide you with a cornucopia of benefits such as relieving stress, building focus, boosting immunity, improving sleep and enhancing your mood.

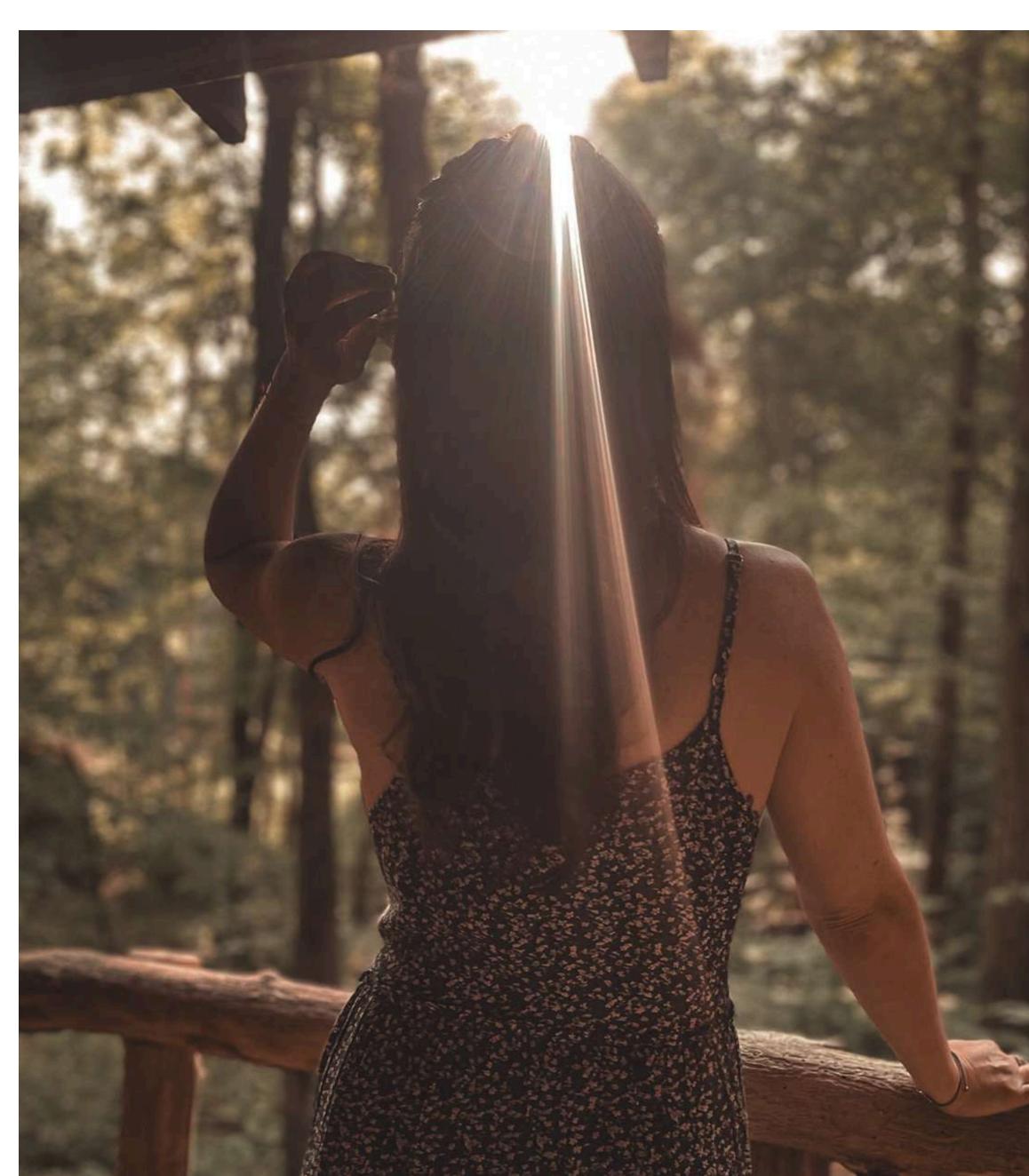
As you step into the light, facing the sunshine, deeply breathe in the warmth of the shining sun. Ask it to restore you as you imagine drawing its radiant power into every cell of your body.





If you like, <u>listen to this meditation</u> while you soak in the sunlight or simply open your ears to whatever natural sounds are unfolding around you.

When you are complete, say a prayer of gratitude and bow in whatever way feels most aligned and intuitive for you.



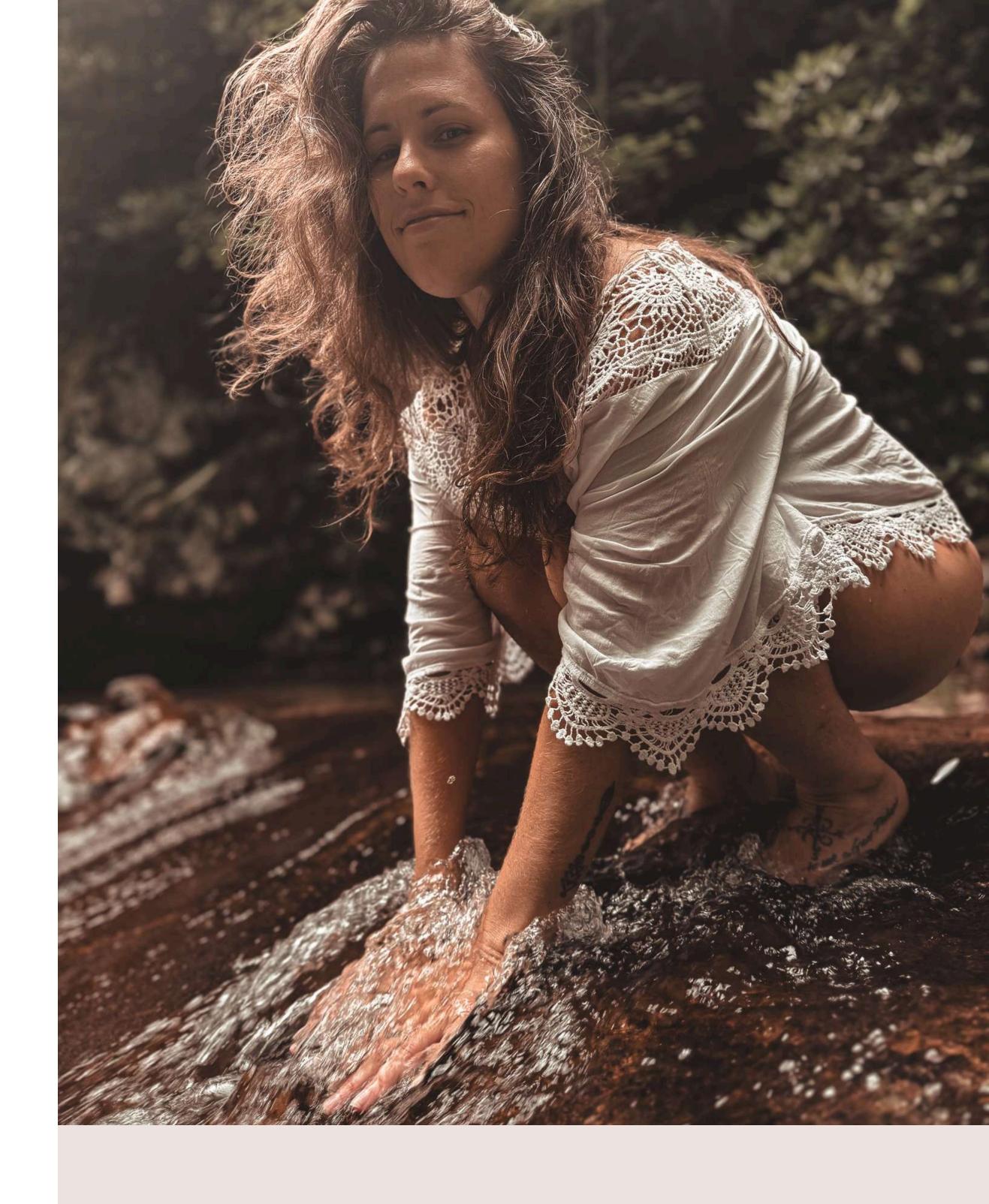
COVEN CANDLE

For fire mages and candle connoisseurs, the Litha ritual candle celebrates the Summer Solstice, offering you an intentional essence of rejuvenating warmth and a unique incantation to work with as medicine on your journey of transformation, as you align with the power of presence through simply being right here, right now.

This candle features hand-poured soy wax for a longer, cleaner burn, a crackling wooden wick for extra tranquility, and a non-phthalate, toxic-free, clean, uniquely scented fragrance of soft linen and ozonic sea minerals to offer you the most refreshing sensory experience of Litha you've ever inhaled.

Grab yours today by clicking here.





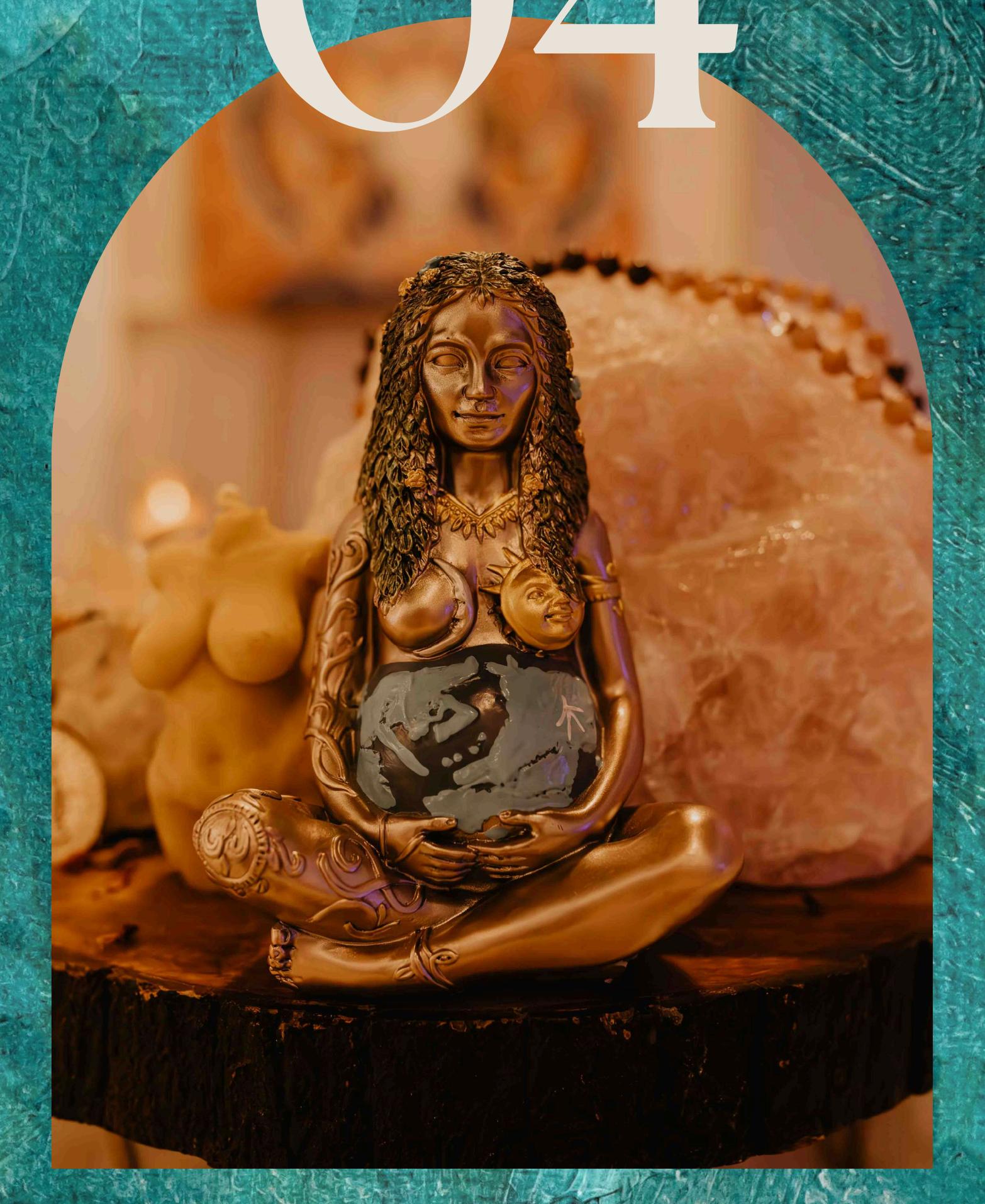
MEETTHEMAKER

Alessandra Mary is a ceremonial priestess and holistic alchemist devoted to cyclical, mystical living and guiding the collective to make life sacred again through hearth & home magick.

Her passion for Sacred Feminine Spirituality and connecting deeply with self, source, and surrounding is what led her to create <u>Coven Divine</u>. She wholeheartedly believes in the power of co-creating your desired reality with the divine through daily rhythms and rituals. Her offerings are meant to support you in exploring your inner landscape, reclaiming your intuitive wisdom, expressing your authentic truth, remembering your innate divinity, and embodying an intimate relationship with the magic that lives within and all around you.

Connect further at <u>@covxndivine</u> on Instagram or on <u>covendivine.com</u>.

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PURPOSE ON THE PRIESTESS PATH

PRIESTESS PURPOSE

by Amanda Marie

In a world of constant noise, how do you hear the voice of your soul? As priestesses, how do we live in devotion to our purpose, or even uncover what it is in the first place?

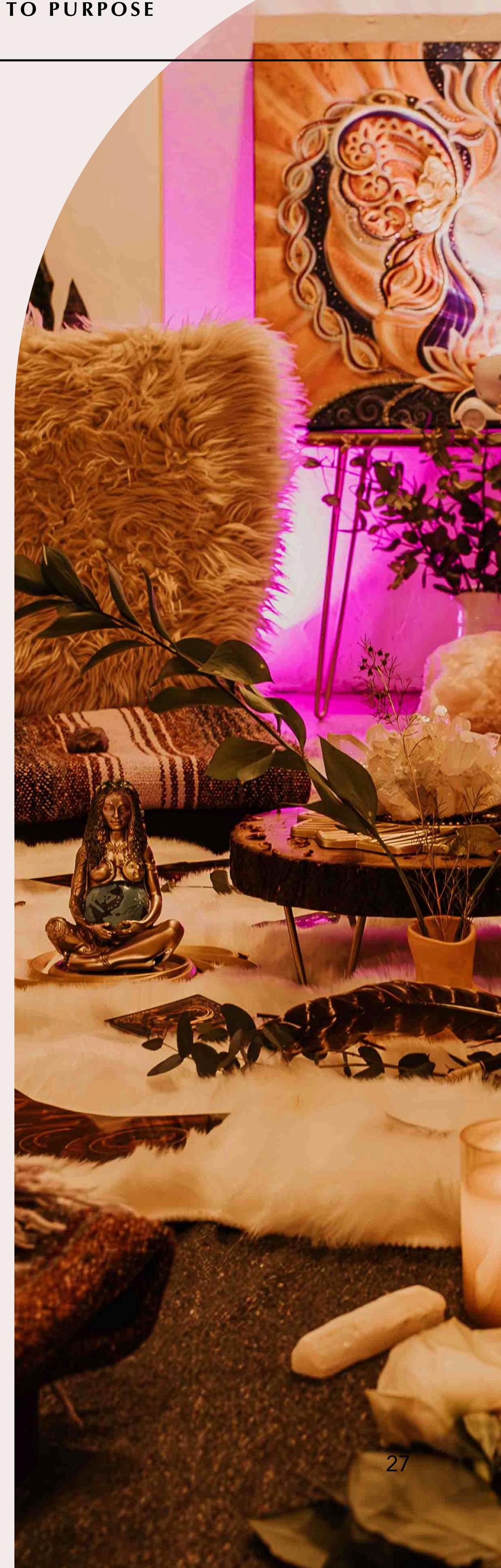
We all feel this deep longing—a sacred yearning, an ancient ache for purpose. Something that gives meaning to the chaos. It's a pulse we feel in our bones, our wombs, our souls.

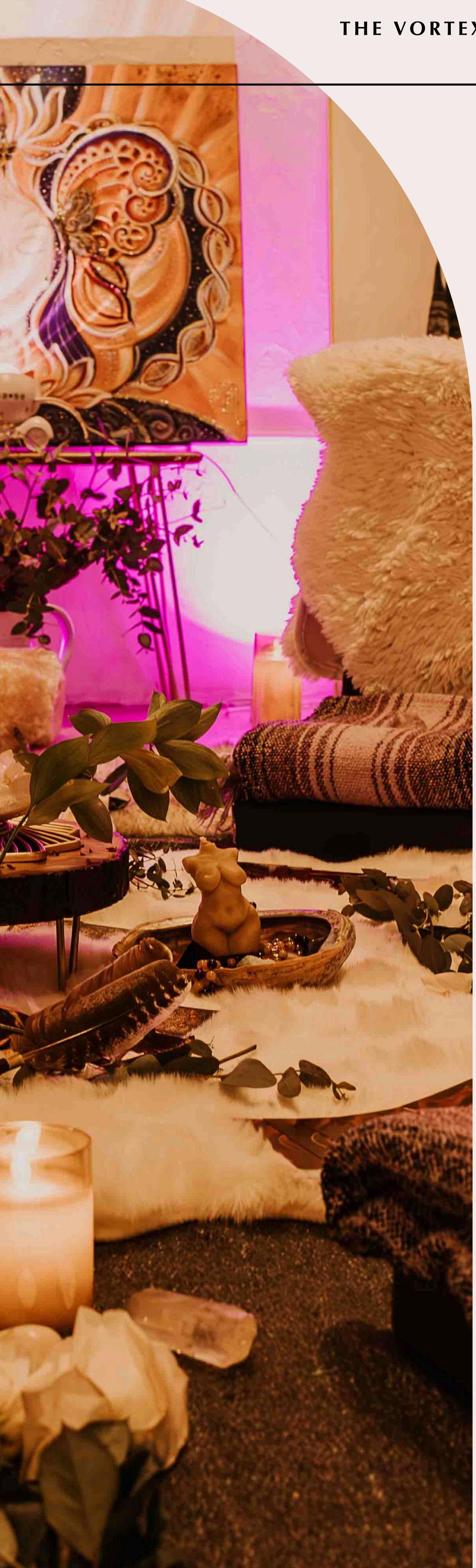
Purpose isn't a role, a job, or a destination. It's a living frequency we tap into when we cultivate the skills to listen.

The Vortex Bay Area is an alternative wellness studio designed to help people come home to the truth of themselves. It offers transformational modalities like ceremonies, Reiki, sound journeys, breathwork, and intuitive channeled readings.

In honor of *Temple Echoes* and The Vortex's oneyear anniversaries this June, we spoke with cofounders Marísa Lilliana and Emma Grace Manchester about their journey with purpose, including training in the 13 Moon lineage.

What emerged is a deeply embodied map of remembrance, synchronicity, and radical trust in the unseen, and the creation of their dream business in Benecia, California.





FINDING THE PRIESTESS PATH

For both Emma and Marísa, priestess remembrance began in their spiritual and familial lineages. Raised in Catholic environments, both women felt the pain of what was missing.

"Where are the women, and why is it so bloody and sad?" Emma wondered as a child.

Christianity gave her a foundation for the sacred and contextualized the role of the priestess when she later encountered the Magdalene through Sarah Jenks' work.

"When I began listening to her weave in Mary Magdalene, it opened everything up for me," she said.

She now sees the rose petals sprinkled throughout her path to the priestess, like the rose-covered rosary her father gave her as a kid, and her little sister's middle name being Magdalene.

Emma joined Priestess Presence in 2023, and there was no going back.

Marísa's path opened through her cousin, Noema, who introduced her to the 13 Moon lineage. When Noema connected her to Elsa Alegria, an Ordained 13 Moon lineage bearer & focalizer, something ancient awakened in her.

"When I heard [Elsa's] voice, it was like, oh yeah, yes. Something switched in me. She kept saying, priestess, priestess, priestess. I just got so excited," Marísa said.

Though she didn't have the word for it growing up, she had a strong example of the priestess in her life through her grandmother, Juanita Marrero Berríos.

THE VORTEX & THE PATH TO PURPOSE

"The pillar in my family was my grandmother, the matriarch, who was a devout Catholic, but she was the priestess," said Marísa. "She was a minister in her church, and she always led with this incredible presence."

Despite not knowing herself as a priestess or medicine woman due to the effects of colonization, her grandmother blended devotion, spiritual insight, and quiet power and mirrored the indigenous wisdom Marísa later claimed through her training.

"We'd always talk about our dreams or who visited us, and how to protect yourself from unwanted energies. That was just a very interwoven thing. So while I may not have heard the word priestess at that age, she was the priestess in my life."

When Marísa's abuela passed away in 2018, Noema was being trained by Eden Amadora (in the 13 Moon lineage) and insisted that all the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters be the pallbearers instead of the men.

At her burial, all the women passed around a burgundy thread.

"At the time, I didn't know that we were honoring her as Great Mother," Marísa said. "Her [my grandmother's] wisdom came just as all of our wisdom comes, innately, from within, and through our bodies and our connection to nature and each other in this matriarchal way."







UNMASKING

But the path to purpose isn't always straightforward.

For Emma, it's been a long process of questioning everything, especially as an eldest daughter hiding behind her RN title.

"In the Great Mother temple, Elayne asked me, 'Who are you without that mask?' And I had no idea," Emma said.

After nearly two decades of identifying with her job title and being a "good girl," Emma now sees her gifts as innate and knows that people trust her instinctively.

"I just started weeping because for 18 years, I thought people trusted me because I'm a nurse ... But it's just me ... I don't need any title."

FOLLOWING BREADCRUMBS

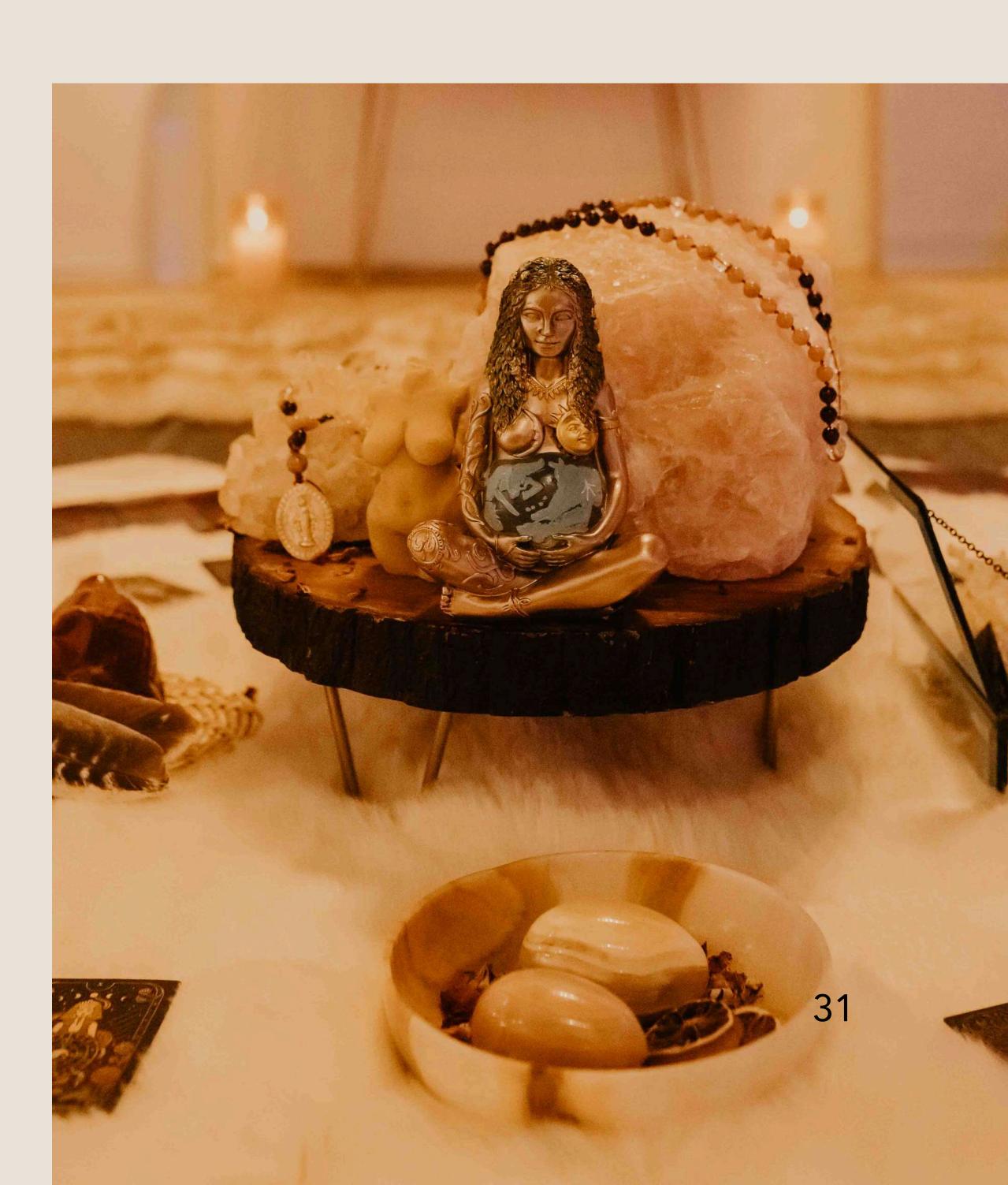
For Marísa, the word *purpose* once felt pressurized and rigid. But her understanding has shifted. "It evolves with the season I'm in, with the season the world is in," she said. "But the essence remains true."

A water sign, she was always an innately spiritual person. Practicing with her grandmother and studying with a myriad of teachers helped her to develop her gifts over time, but she still questioned what was hers to do with them.

Through dreamwork, archetypal study, and intuitive listening, she began following the signs and synchronicities.

"I think it's really about following the breadcrumbs, having enough foresight to see into the future, but letting the blanks fill in, and continuing to just follow the thread," she said.

She never expected the breadcrumbs to lead to The Vortex.



A CHANCE ENCOUNTER

Around the same time she started on the priestess path in 2022, Emma moved to Benecia, the town Marísa grew up in. She was stepping out of the spiritual closet and started leading ceremonies in a space she shared with other spiritual practitioners.

In December 2023, she attended a holiday market with some of her fellow facilitators, including the third *Vortex* co-owner and founder, BrandiBette Smead, affectionately known as Bee.

Marísa already knew Bee through the community and ended up connecting with their group at the market. It was her first time meeting Emma.

"We were chatting, and I'm like, whoa, who is this?! I want to be her best friend," Marísa said.

A month later, they realized they were 13 Moon sisters.

Pregnant with her third child, Emma had just paused her temple training as Marísa was beginning her first spiral through the archetypes. They bonded over the connection and allowed the universe to continue working in mysterious ways.

A SACRED PAUSE

Purpose often emerges from spaciousness and integration.

"During that pregnancy, I was called into a sacred pause. I don't know if The Vortex would have been born if I hadn't paused in that way," Emma said.

It was a turbulent time. The lease had just been dropped on the space Emma and Bee were renting. Bee wanted to get another space together, but Emma felt uncertainty and financial pressure with her maternity leave quickly approaching.





While Emma started to put her plans in place, Marísa reconnected with Bee. Marísa had just started offering oracular readings for business owners, and Bee needed guidance on her next steps.

"I could see it so clearly. I was like, 'you need to feel your feelings about the other space closing, but [the new space] is here-not yet, but it's here," Marísa said.

One week later, Emma, Bee, and Marísa signed the lease on *The Vortex*.

A QUANTUM LEAP

It all happened fast—but with grace.

Emma and Bee felt so lit up by Marísa's presence, they invited her in. Emma shared: "I had so much trust. I didn't even know Marísa yet, but I completely trusted her."

The synchronicity deepened when Marísa checked her year-ahead oracle reading. The card for March said simply: "YES."

Though they weren't an already-established business, the realtor and building owner trusted their vision from the beginning.

Even the building owner's husband, who was terminally ill, kept telling her, "These are your women."

He passed the day they signed the lease. He knew his wife would need this healing refuge.

EMBODIED LEADERSHIP

Purpose doesn't often lead with logic.

"If we hadn't been stepping into our paths so fully, this wouldn't have presented itself with such ease," Emma said. And when I say ease, I mean the doors just opened. We had to keep taking aligned action and showing up, but we knew, because of the way that it was just tumbling forward, that this is our work."

Since *The Vortex* opened in June 2024, it's become a sacred hub for ceremony, healing, and remembrance. Marísa shared:

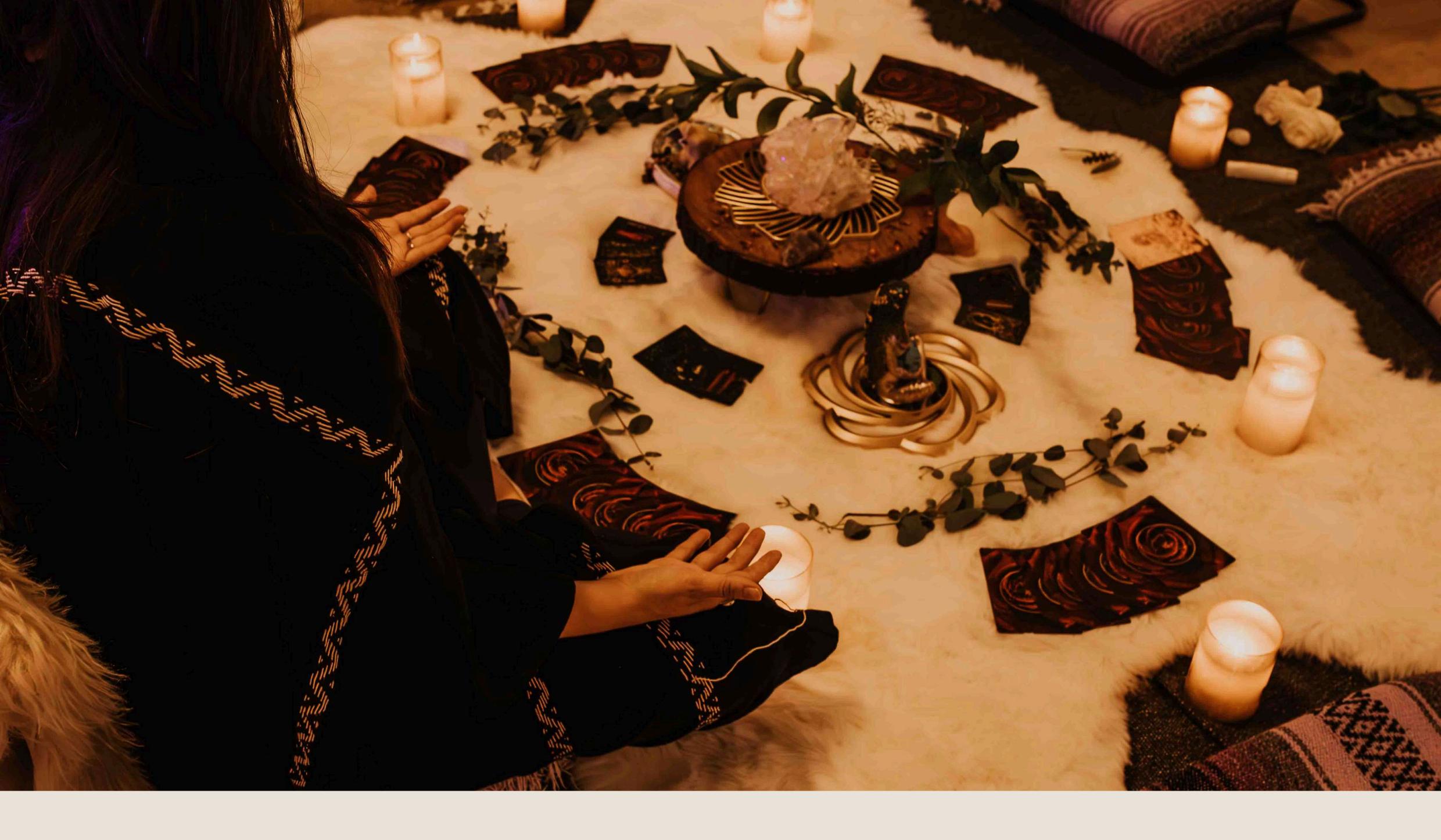
"The temple is wherever women gather. We are the temple. Life is the altar. There's no separation."

They lead from integrity and presence—not from perfection.

"Showing up as leaders in the way that we are, we have to continually check in with each other on how we're curating a space that is safe and in integrity," said Emma.

They welcome facilitators from rich cultural lineages and continually check themselves with hard conversations.

"It's messy, but we're creating a stage for people to flourish," said Emma. "We're returning to right relationship."



It continues to be a process of surrender and deep trust, leaning into the power of three. Marísa brings the maiden energy, Emma the mother, and Bee the crone, all weaving their unique threads to a shared tapestry.

"The deep trust has been the most beautiful gift of doing this work – like real in your fucking bones surrender and trust. There's no comparison to what I used to think trust and surrender meant compared to what it truly does mean to me now in an embodied way," Marísa said.

SACRED ATTUNEMENT

From this sacred attunement, a new kind of leadership is born—one that responds, rather than imposes.

Purpose, they've found, arises not through planning, but presence.

"From the beginning, we've talked about how incredibly important it is to not just show up as performative," said Emma. "That means that we're working these practices into our lives every day, every moment. The more we're coming home to ourselves, it just shifts."

Marísa shares how she's learned to let go of perfection and instead tune in.

"I get to respond, instead of needing it to look a certain way," said Marísa. "That's how you know you're in your purpose."

When signups for her guided visualizations slowed, she didn't make it personal. She stayed curious.

We're going to respond to what people are asking for. And in that, I also get to respond to where I'm being called ... Never did I make it about me. Never did my ego feel like, Oh no, people aren't showing up. I must suck at this."

It's a continual return to trust—of self, of body, of spirit.

"Coming home is like, we're listening to our body and the sensations, what's coming through, because that's going to tell you your fuck yes, and your fuck no," said Emma. "And be aware of the people you surround yourself with. Because they're gonna help elevate you or just keep you down."

BECOME YOUR PURPOSE

Purpose is not something you have to chase—it rises to meet you when you remember to get still and listen to your inner voice.

If you've been feeling lost on your own path to purpose, the women of *The Vortex* offer this:

"First and foremost, we have to give ourselves the permission to do less so that we can access stillness and get clear and begin to hear and see and feel the breadcrumbs," said Marísa.

"Be quiet. Disconnection is an illusion. The world is designed to overwhelm, overstimulate, and distract us. It is all about finding the stillness, getting really comfortable looking in the mirror, hearing our own thoughts, and getting curious and compassionate as we explore the depths of ourselves."

The Vortex is a sacred echo of what happens when three women listen deeply.

It's a sacred space where remembering is made tangible. A place to soften, to listen, to let the voice within grow louder than the noise outside.

Through presence, ritual, and community, they remind us: our purpose is not something to perform—it is something to become.

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OUNTESSIA

Like to go deep? Let's go...



Quintessia's Archetypal Gateway The Muse

COMEPLAYWITH...

The Muse

Come to the carved, sparkling turquoise door, my love! Enter the mystery of *play*.

Leave behind your plans of what's supposed to be.

This is the time to embrace spontaneity.

What will you create?

Can you let your curiosity and wonder entice you?

Will you allow yourself to see all the possibilities?

Come play!

Bring your joy!

Bring your sparkling power!

Sprinkle your unique magic around the world.

Nothing is fixed, my love. Be free!

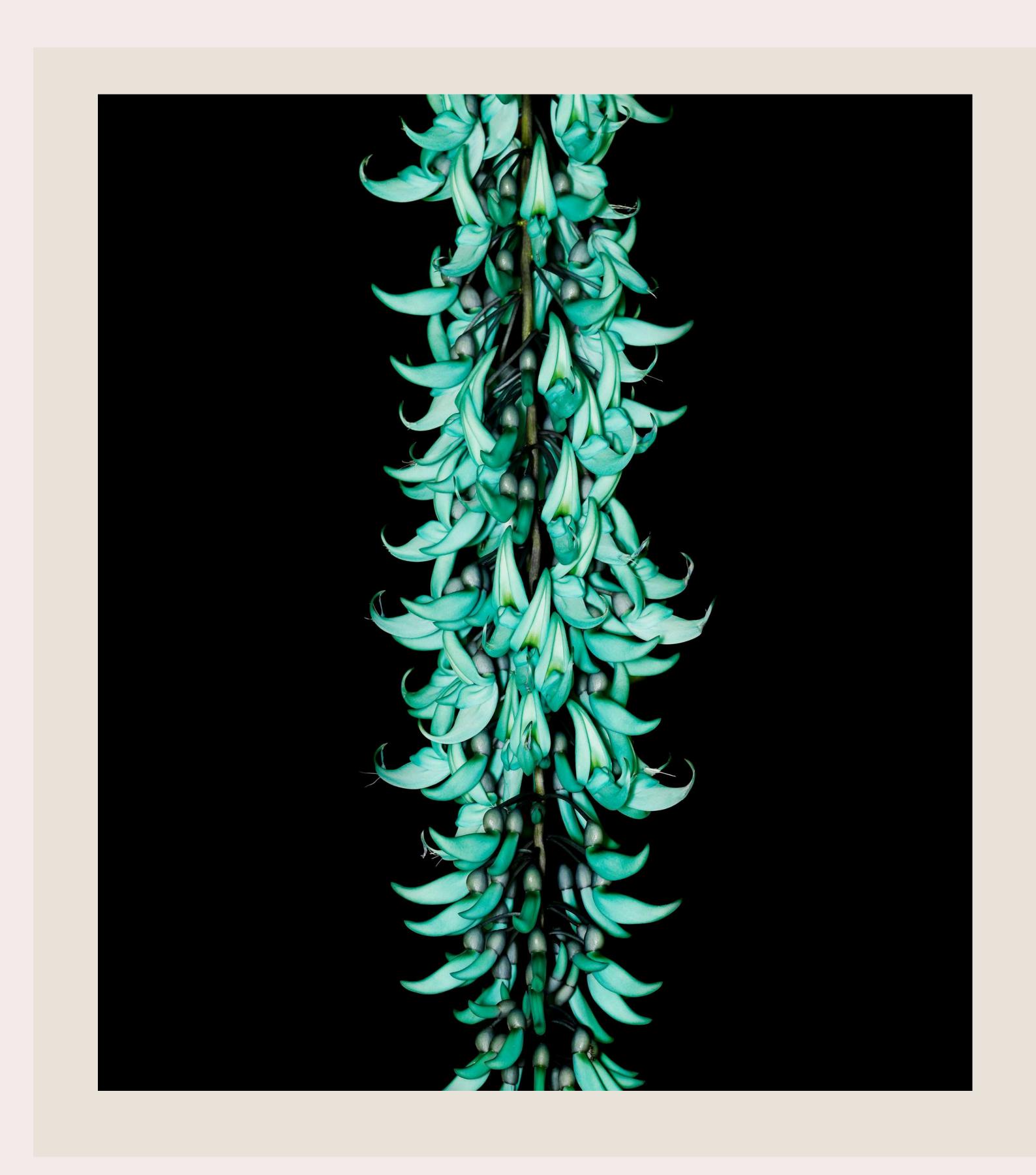
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Remember your imagination.

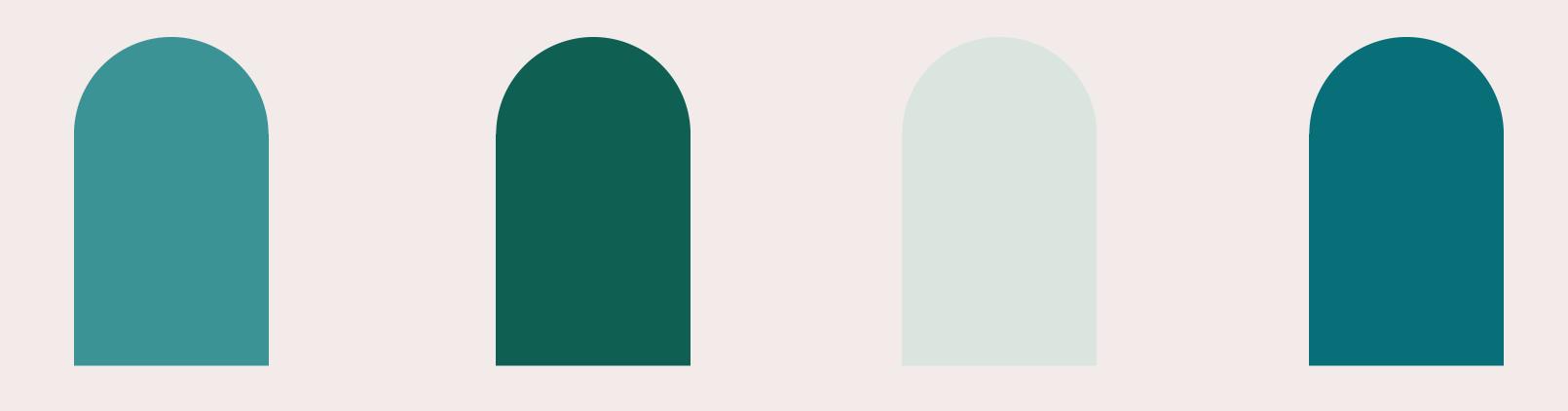
Come! Enter this Temple of Joy

ENTER HER TEMPLE

TURQUOISE & TEAL



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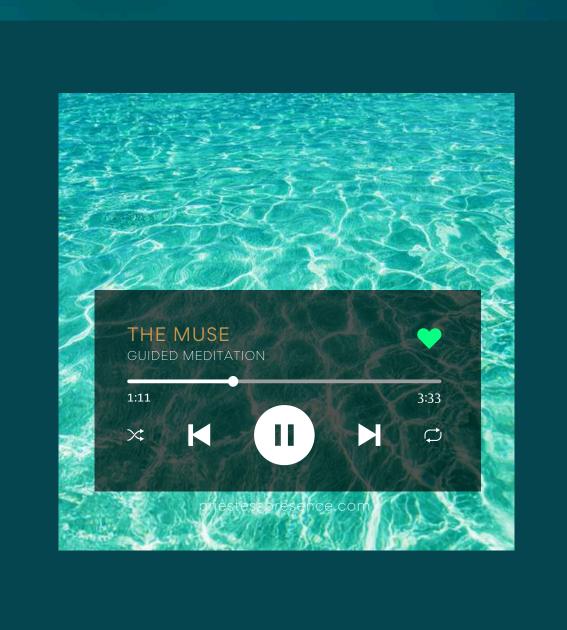


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Get to know your inner Muse

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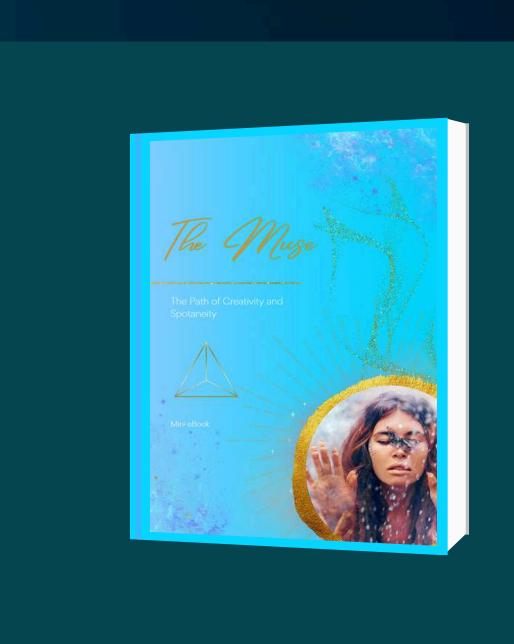
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Activate the Muse & discover how She shows herself inside of you.



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Recite this daily invocation to the Muse to begin taking practical self-care steps that awaken your natural gifts and talents while deepening your personal connection to Her.



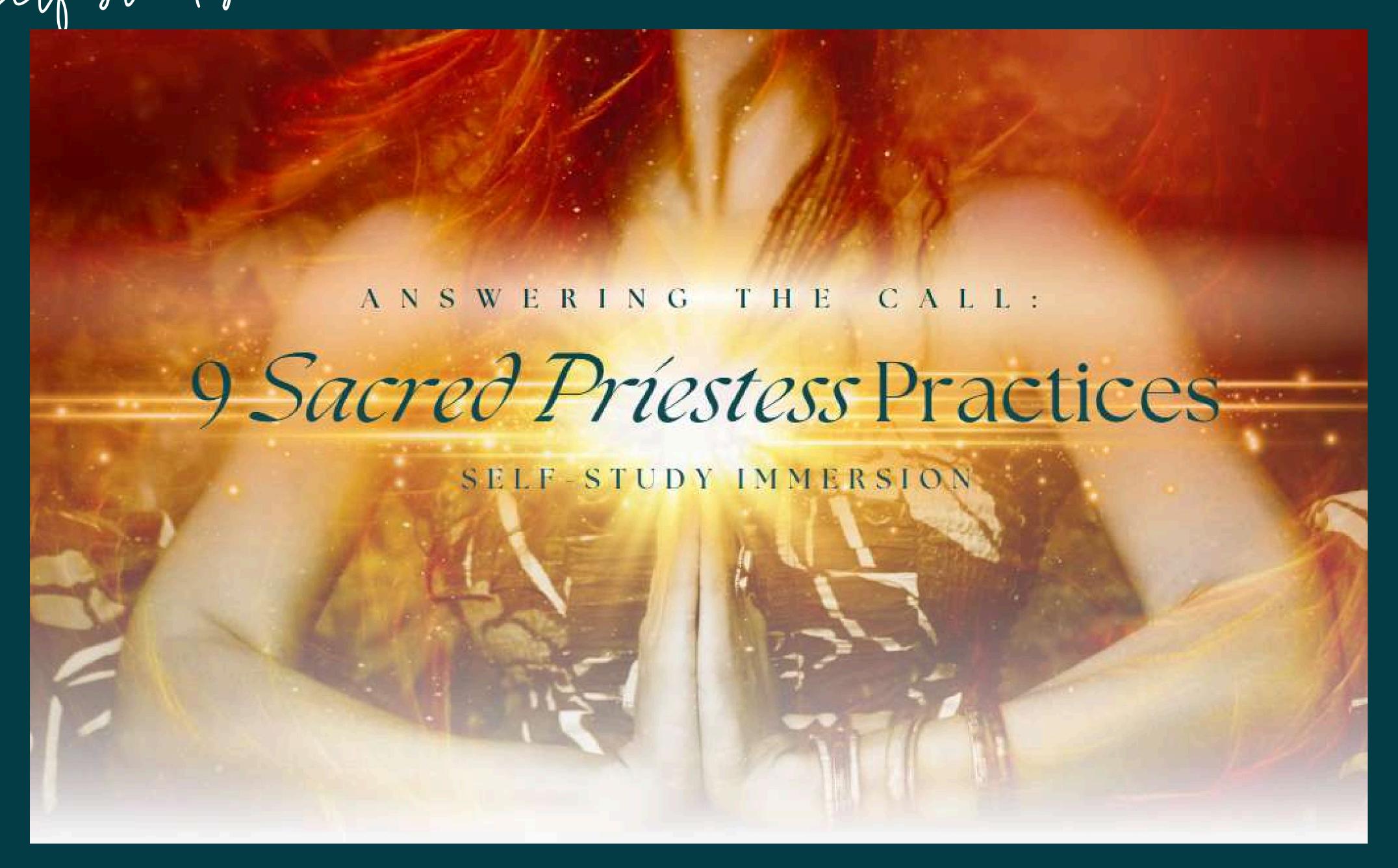
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Welcome to the Truth Gateway in

Rosa Mystica

This month, we delve into the Scent Priestess lineage of the feminine mystics and Oracles of Delphi, the ancient temple lineage of the *Truth* anointing oil, created by Diana DuBrow.

As we explore this lineage via the oral tradition of the world of the Pythia & Melissae, the lessons of *Truth* will empower our voices to speak our truth without blame, shame, or judgment.

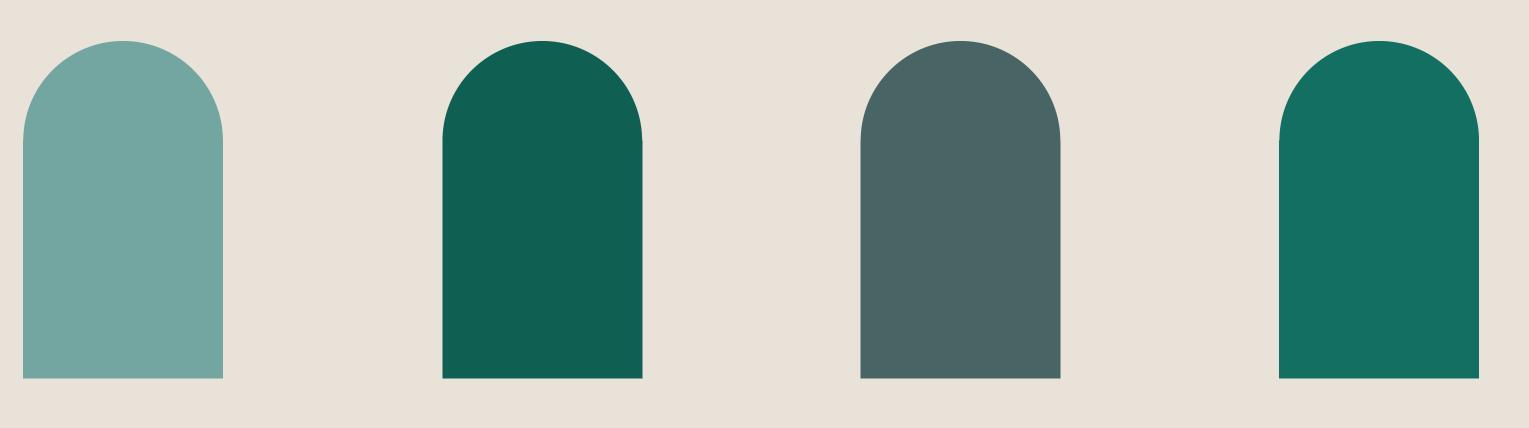
Elayne Kalila further deepens us into this gateway by guiding us to see *Truth* through the lens of the Sacred Orator Magdalene mysteries. We'll explore the sceptre of alignment that connects us to the above and below, through the hand and the heart, and the vibration of "impeccability" to empower others to do the same.

IAt the end of the month, Jacquie Eva Rose completes the *Truth* cycle by guiding us in Sha Ma Ecstatic Alchemy embodiment practices where we alchemically work with the ancient ones as bee and hummingbird frequency to activate and illuminate the etheric portal of light that frees "the one who has been silenced within."

turquoise rose



Express yourself with this palette to embody the turquoise rose frequency



TURQUOISE ROSE COLORS

turquoise ray invocation

"I call forth the Turquoise Ray of Truth. Open my voice so that I may speak everything that is in my heart fearless and free, creating honesty in all my relationships."



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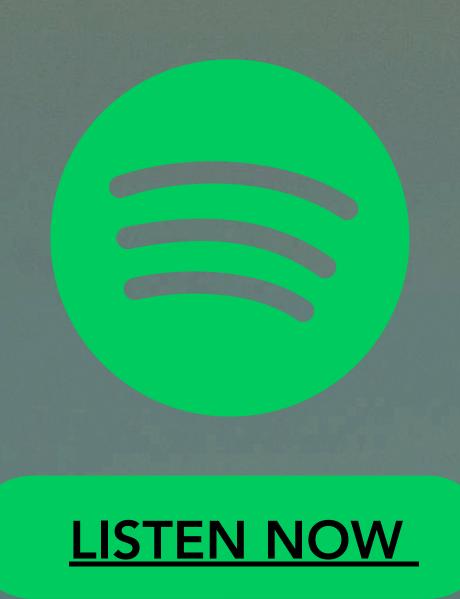
Your Purpose Awakens

Songs to stir your souls true calling into life

Temple Echoes is a living flame—and now, she sings.

Each month, we weave a sacred playlist to carry the theme of the Temple into breath, body, and soul.

This month's playlist, Your Purpose Awakens, invites you to move, dream, and remember your sacred path.



LET EACH NOTE BE A MIRROR. LET EACH RHYTHM STIR THE ANCIENT KNOWING IN YOUR BONES.

> Walk with it. Dance with it. Remember who you are.

journal prompts

to help you know your purpose

JOURNAL PROMPTS

Discovering Your Purpose

- 1) What breaks your heart open and calls you to respond with love? Purpose often lives where grief meets devotion.
- 2) What do people feel in your presence—without you even trying? Your purpose may be woven through the energy you carry.
- 3) What sacred gift have you been offering since you were a child—perhaps without even realizing it?
- 4) If you didn't have to prove anything, earn anything, or be anything ... what would you feel compelled to create, tend, or give?
- 5) What cycles, archetypes, or energies do you return to again and again in your life—and why do they matter to you?
- 6) What do you long for others to remember about themselves or the world?
- 7) When you imagine the world healed, balanced, or restored ... what's your role in that vision?

If this touches you, share your reflections in our Facebook Group!

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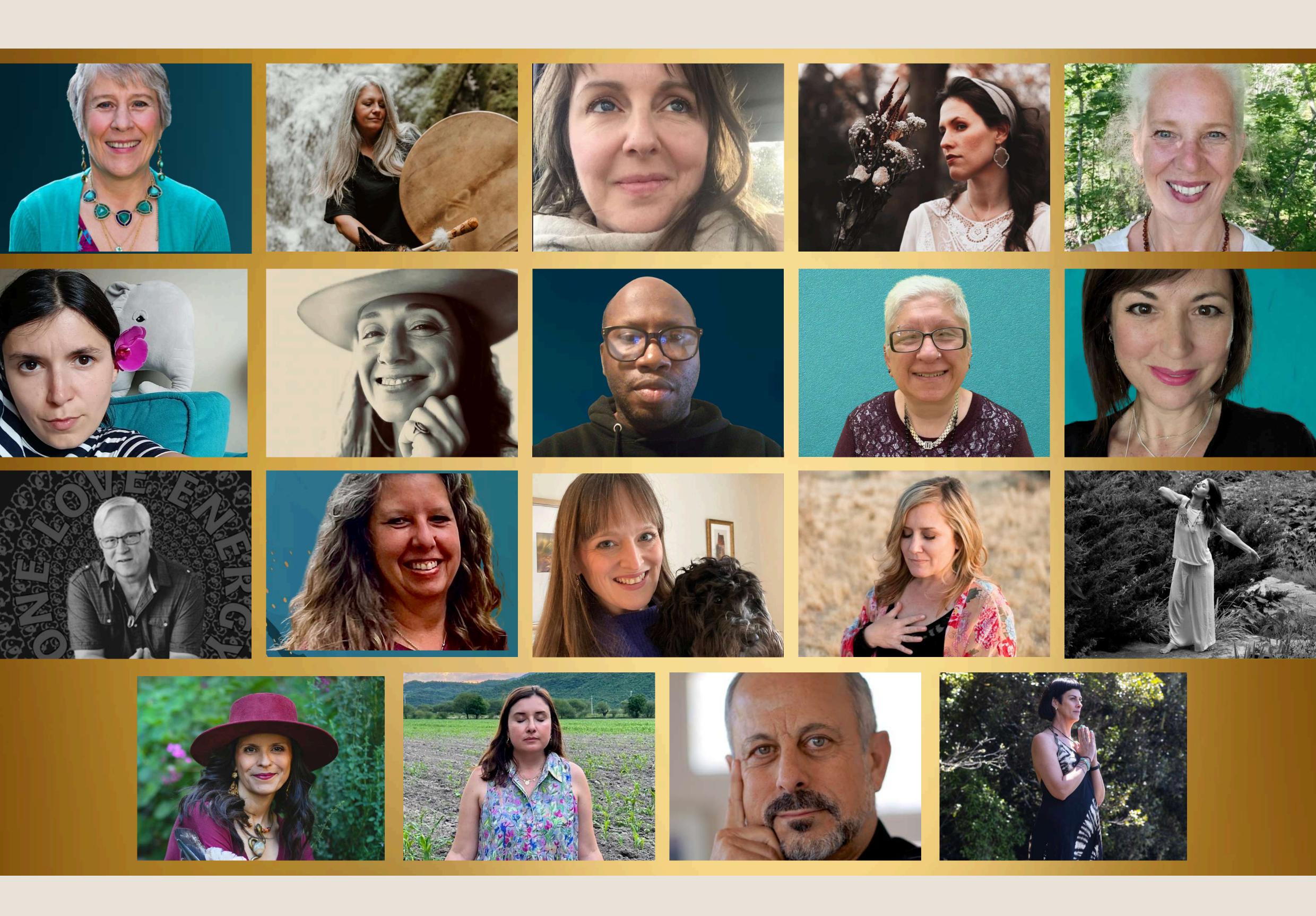
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Elder Rites



ORGINAL ESSAY BY RITKA MIRA POPOVIC



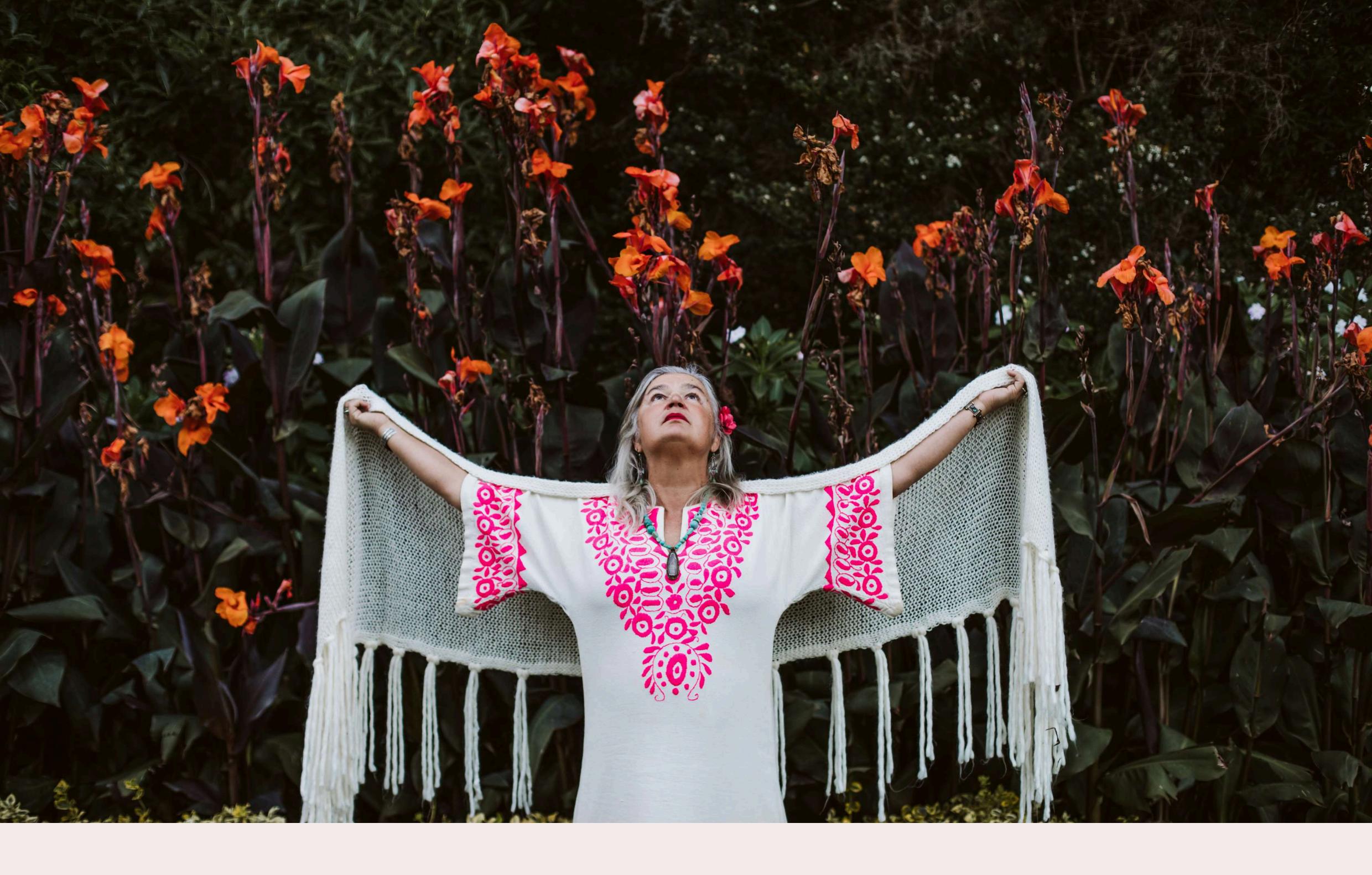
The magical story of my croning ceremony...

Awakening the morning of my Elder Rites, I was excited and nervous. I was the one who created and held rituals professionally and personally, but rarely were they performed for me. I had so many emotions rushing through my body, I felt like crying and laughing simultaneously.

The most permeable emotion was anticipation, and the worry that somehow the Spirits would not welcome me into this new phase of my life. It made me more compassionate for all the individuals that I had held rites-of-passage for in the past; their angst was now mine, and it was difficult to hold all this excitable energy within me.

I remembered my past phases of Priestess-hood: Maiden and Mother, now coming to closure. I had been many women before. I remembered the high vibration of my maiden youth and ecstatic, dramatic lifestyle, to my grounding, nurturing Mother phase as a Healer, Teacher, daughter, and lover. I was turning 58, entering my second Saturn return, and into my Cronehood.

Making this passage, I was embarking into my uncharted destiny as an Elder in this embodiment. I would relinquish my past identities and trust that all my experiences culminated and emanated through the fabric of my body matrix, not separate but integrated, for who I was to become.



I felt my own turning of the wheel spinning, and the red thread of my life weaving a tapestry of mystery.

In preparation, the High Priestess RitaMarieInanna, had me find and embellish a staff that would then be consecrated during my rites. I traversed deeply into the forest, and the elder trees guided me to find the perfect walking stick. The Eeder trees' fallen arm/branch would become an extension of their wisdom and part of my magic ... be a tool for grounding energy, and an antenna of great knowing, power, and protection.

On a rainy misty morning, RitaMarielnanna picked me up, and we drove to a labyrinth deep into an open-space park, about an hour away from my home. I yearned to be shrouded and cradled by the mists during the rite; it had been too many years without rain, and my body celebrated the moisture. We chatted along the drive and our conversations calmed my nerves. We'd been circling together for about eighteen years and the Goddess brought us magically together. I carried my ritual tool basket, wrapped in an embroidered shawl which contained, honey, a silver spoon, journal, poetry, my gift for RitaMarielnanna, and my clear intent on letting go. I wore my mother's soft Peruvian poncho as a loving reminder of my lineage—my hair softly braided and my heart open.

As we walked on the trail, my boots collected mud, so I was thankful for my staff to keep me steady. I was already learning the magic of my new-found staff, and it felt like the start of a new love affair ... awkward, yet familiar. As we walked toward the labyrinth, I sank into the experience of the spell being woven: Cows were in the fields like sweet sentinels, the hills were lush and fecund, the air smelled of damp Earth, and my wool poncho became kissed with droplets of rain. I entered *the dreaming*, and she was welcoming me.

The mists ushered and embraced me as we approached. The labyrinth was sheltered by a tall circle of cut wood and branches, which protected us energetically from the external World. RitaMarielnanna began the rite, and we were between the worlds.

I slowly walked the knots of the labyrinth—a slippery, puddled, muddied path just as my life had been. With deep intention, I was remembering and releasing my past personas, lessons, lovers, and losses. Thanking all of my guides, and graces, Oshun, the Redwoods, the Ocean, the Ravens, the Newts, the Rabbits, the Serpents, the Great Mother, and the unseen realms. A mother cow and her calf were my witnesses, as the babe suckled and mother preened her child. The bay trees and rain purified me as I turned deeper inward.

When I reached the center, I felt lighter, freer, and smeared honey on the stones with love, as an offering in return. I lingered there, present to the magnitude of grace that had transpired. Then, I began to walk with the intentional unwinding of the path, back to the living, in this new transformed state.

RitaMarieInanna welcomed me now, with prayers and anointments. She welcomed me as a Seer and a Sage in the community, as an Elder. Then we unhurriedly made our way back to my home. I quietly felt that I carried in my cells a direct portal into the Divine.





MEETTHEAUTHOR

Ratka Mira Popovic, DACM was initiated at 22 years of age into magic and has been walking this path for almost 40 years. She has come to teach and holds a doctorate degree in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine.

She is a Healer and Urban Mystic by trade and shares her spiritual wisdom with others who need assistance professionally. You can often find her walking next to the San Francisco Bay, staring at the waves, or in the forest observing her surroundings.

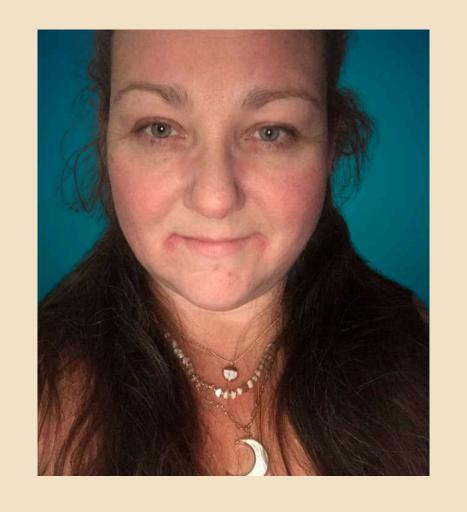
COLOR FROM WITHIN

ORIGINAL POEM

Written by Luna Marie

When the storms have stolen all the light
And the world exists in only shades of grey
A somberness can fall upon the soul
And if we're not mindful it may
Appear like sadness has cast her web out wide
To catch herself some prey

Let not the absence of light mean dark
Only a chance to see the prism
Beyond the distraction of earths rainbow cloak
The soul is a vibrant spectrum
So when the world is full of storms and stark
Remember, soul has technicolour vision.



COLOR FROM WITHIN

By Luna Marie

Luna Marie is a Shaman, Priestess, Messenger, and Facilitator from Kenora, ON, Canada. You can connect with her on <u>Facebook.</u>

TETHERED

ORIGINAL POEM

Written by Esther O'Byrne

The power to still another
Is your gift to me
An involuntary and welcome commune
Driven by a voice that sounds like the calm
of rain

When healing takes place it's eternal

Amnesia of the mind at every crossroad A memory of the soul in whispers and echoes

You're here, aren't you?

Gripping my insides with pressure that only exists on a plane that's out of reach I hear you, yet you don't speak a language easily understood

I feel you, and our connection
We are tethered and floating outside
space and time
As time closes and truth emerges in a
way that has me so distracted

I forget

I forget to sleep I forget myself I forget who I Am as I re-member you Ethereal wisps catch my peripheral and linger now
Not like before
Before there were questions now replaced with knowings

Gravity is missing from the space that holds my heart and the rims of my eyes sting where there have been no tears

They sit below a surface I fight to keep intact

I don't feel my footing but your strength is a presence accompanied by a peace I have never known I look in your eyes Rise up to meet you where you are Out of reach

I am cradled in the essence of you Feeling a depth in a place I understand but do not allow myself to go to

Now, I surrender
I have lost my senses trying to make sense of
who I thought I had
become
and realize I Am re-membering
I only exist to find my way back to you



Esther's work blends narrative, history, and mysticism to explore the unseen forces shaping human experience—fate, memory, and the reclamation of lost truths. She writes to uncover what has been forgotten, to give voice to the untold, and to weave together the past and present in ways that challenge perception. Whether through fiction, poetry, or essays, her writing is an excavation of history, of self, and of the unspoken connections between people, time, and place. She works primarily with lyrical prose, poetry, and deeply researched historical narratives, often integrating themes of destiny, the divine feminine, and the tension between free will and inevitability. Her influences range from Carl Jung's exploration of the unconscious to the rhythmic storytelling of ancient myths and folk ballads. She is drawn to the ways in which words can act as portals—summoning lost voices, awakening memory, and revealing the cyclical nature of human experience. In her poetry, for example, she uses repetition and layered imagery to evoke the feeling of déjà vu, a sense that the reader has touched something both intimate and eternal. She is currently expanding her body of work in both poetry and long-form storytelling, delving deeper into the intersections of history, myth, and personal transformation. Writing, for Esther, is both a pursuit and a remembrance—a way of reaching forward while tracing the echoes of the past.

DEN WETTERER

CERTIFIED TEMPLE GUIDE

Devi Wetterer is a transformational facilitator, Ishaya Monk, Priestess of the 13 Moon Mystery School, and InterPlay Leader with a passion for leadership in self-expression, creativity, spiritual development, and inner awareness. She has dedicated her life to personal and spiritual evolution through varied spiritual traditions.

She brings her love for social artistry, performance art, and improvisational play as an Artist, Poet, Facilitator, and Playgroup leader.

She is a transformative ceremonialist leading monthly new moon temples and offering workshops in remembrance of our divine feminine nature, our sovereignty, our power to alchemize and to transform the shadow materials into gifts of wisdom, love, and power.

Devi describes herself as "an artist in residence, seeker of truth, fascinated by the day-to-day wonders of life, dancing the joy of being and discovering more of the inner glow that resides in all of us. Play and being in nature is where she finds beauty and grace.

If you've had the honor of being in Devi's energy, you know she embodies the Muse in the form of the divine, magical child with a unique zest for life that illuminates every room she steps into.

Visit her practitioner page or <u>deviwetterer.com</u> for more info on working with Devi.

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AMANDA STARSHINE

CERTIFIED SCENT PRIESTESS & TEMPLE GUIDE & FOCALIZER APPRENTICE

Starshine has always been a deep seeker of the truth, finding that the path to truth was through the heart and deep inner work. She puts this to practice as a mentor in ETM and as a Focalizer Apprentice.

She received her aromatherapy degree from the College of Health Sciences in 2000 and is a scent priestess and flower essence practitioner. She is also well-versed in perfumery.

Starshine has a beautiful blend of understanding the esoteric practices of the oils and an extensive background in the medicinal uses.

She beautifully weaves science and mysticism together while adding the history and stories of long ago to back the principles.

Starshine has been working in circles since she was in her early 20s. She loves bringing people together and the deep connection that can be obtained simply by looking into another's eyes while having an open heart.

As a temple guide, she loves to support women on the journey back to who they really are on the path back to the truth of self.

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LAURA SULLIVAN

CERTIFIED SCENT PRIESTESS

Laura Sullivan has been practicing and teaching holistic hair care since 1983. Her work is called Hair Harmonics and features nature-inspired hair care rooted in sacred geometry.

Laura is the co-author of the acclaimed natural hair care book, "Awakening Hair, Caring for Your Cosmic Antenna" and she narrates the audiobook.

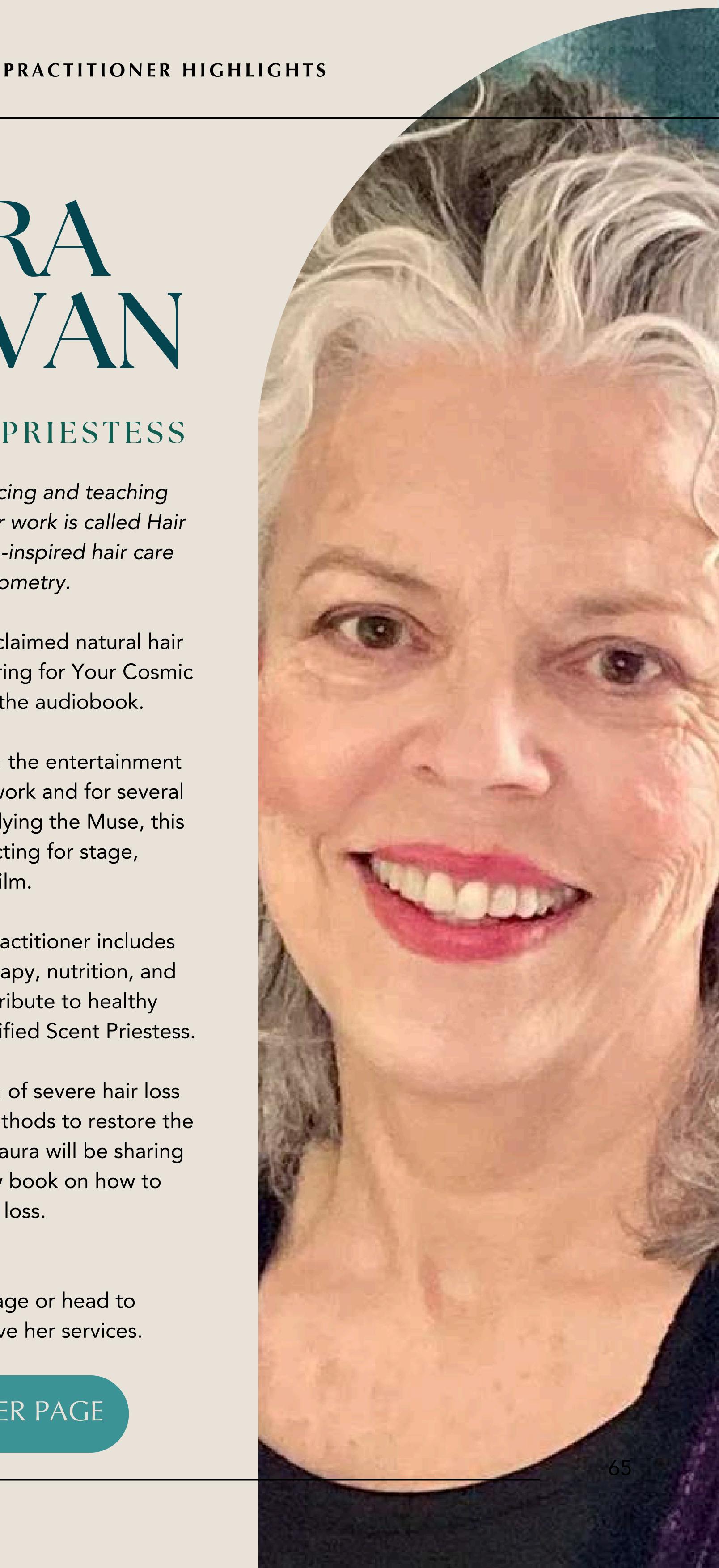
For many years Laura worked in the entertainment industry at ABC Television Network and for several independent producers. Embodying the Muse, this led to 13 enjoyable years acting for stage, television, and film.

Her work as a holistic health practitioner includes several modalities of body therapy, nutrition, and aromatherapy, which all contribute to healthy beautiful hair. Laura is also a certified Scent Priestess.

Having experienced the trauma of severe hair loss three times and using natural methods to restore the volume and vitality each time, Laura will be sharing her unique approach in a new book on how to triumph over hair loss.

Visit Laura's practitioner page or head to hairharmonics.com to receive her services.

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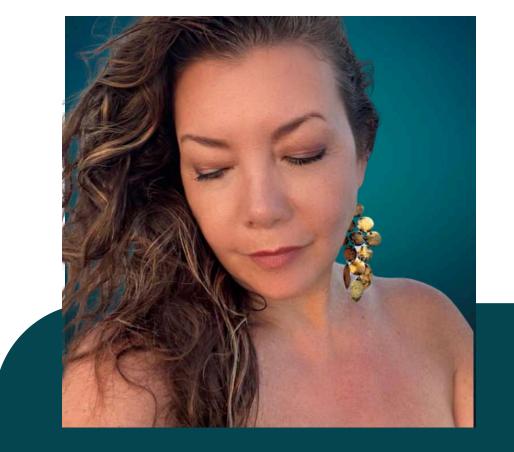






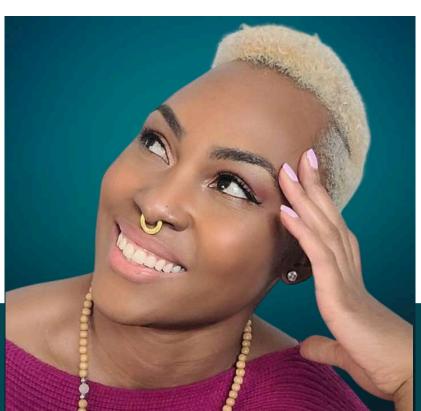
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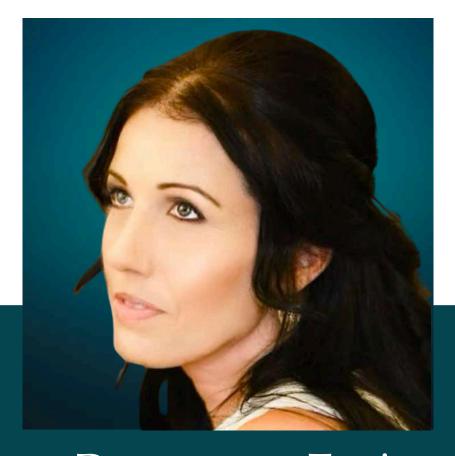


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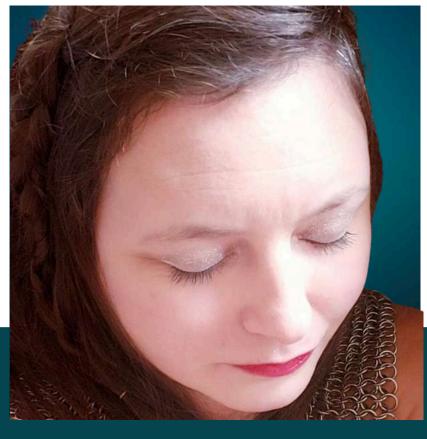


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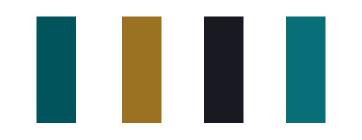
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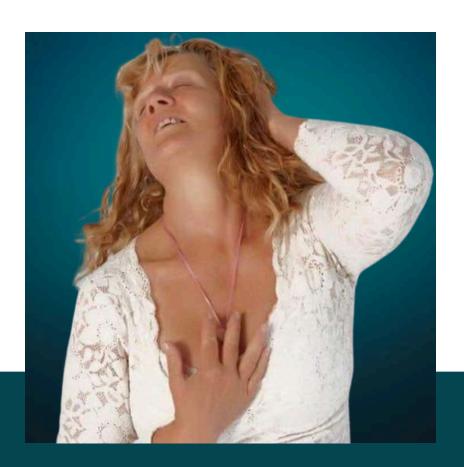


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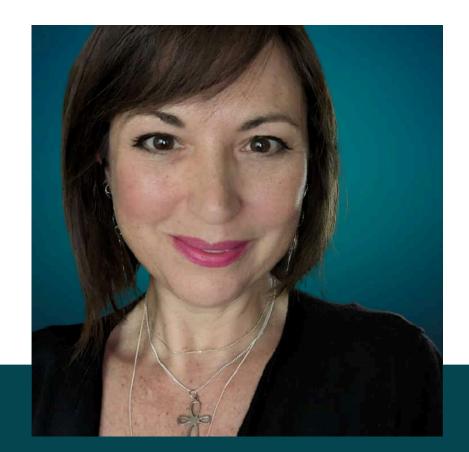


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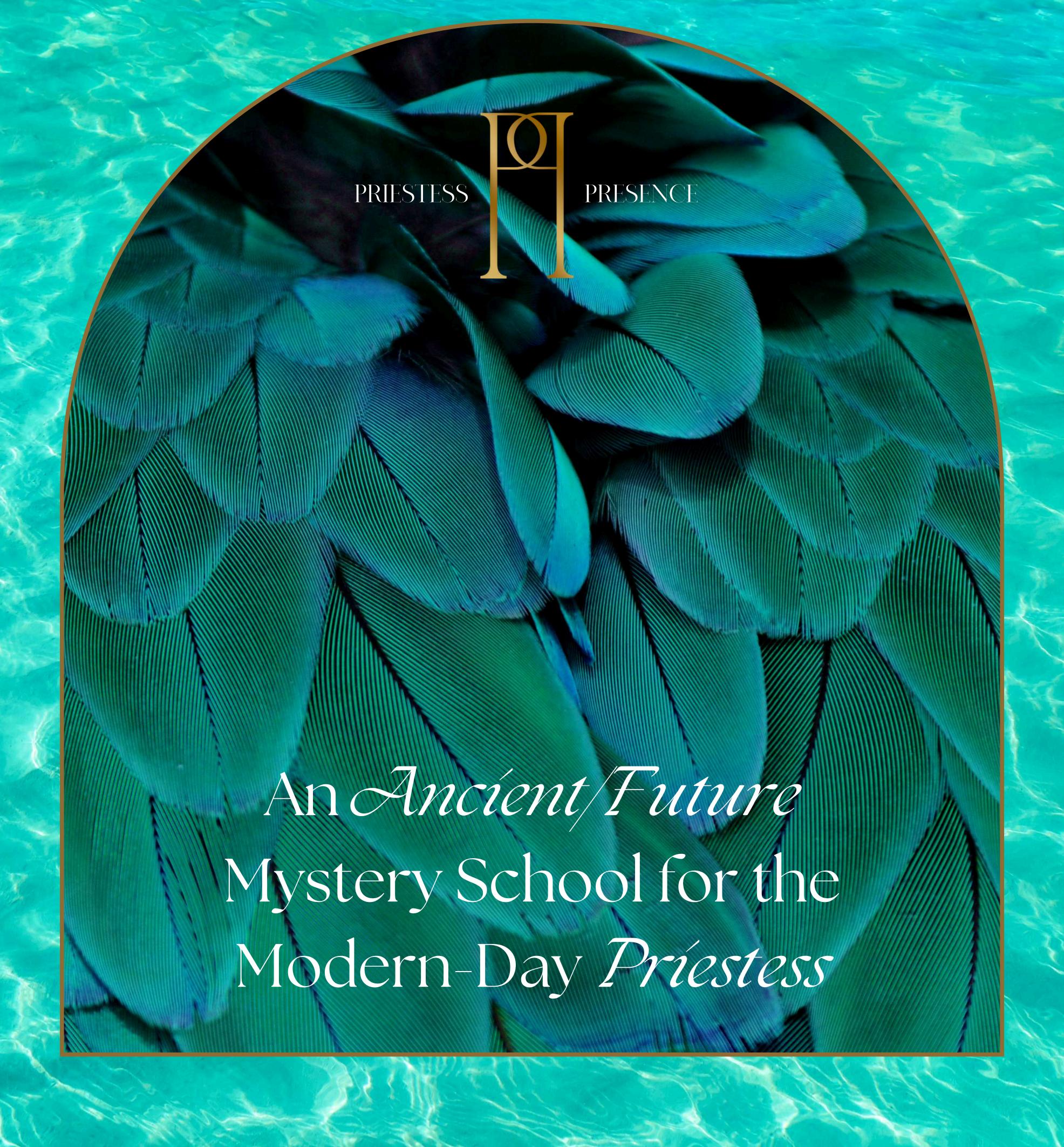
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