

CHAPTER TWO

ANCIENT EARTHWAYS

AND GODDESS CULTURES

The prophecy of the return of the Sacred Feminine and Teachings of the Grandmothers is an introduction and guide to ancient earth ways and the practice of sacred ritual. When reinstated It will prepare and assist those who have answered the call to re-awaken and fulfill their original promise. History has revealed that the onset of the demise of the sacred earth ways began during the height of the Goddess cultures in Mesopotamia, whose name implies the place where the very dawn of human recorded history began. This became evident with the disappearance of temples, ritual, sacred signs and symbols that had once honored the Great earth mother and the Goddess cultures that began in east central Europe and had gradually spread to all of central Europe. The downfall of the Goddess culture was brought about by the development and increase in European religious ideology and patriarchal rule, where the image and meaning of the Goddess and all she stood for was destroyed. However, the Goddess was so deeply planted in the psyche throughout several millennia that it could have only have disappeared completely by their exterminating the female population. Although repressed and relegated to the unconscious, the Goddess fortunately re-appeared in later cultures such as the Druid and indigenous cultures in the New World which honored the Goddess in all her manifestations as sacred symbols, some appearing in nature. The sacred web as one significant symbol was believed to contain a secret code that gives evidence of the great Earth Mother as a vital living being.

Today these sacred symbols remain as access to a worldview where earth-centered cultures realize an immediate and essential connection to the great mystery. It is understood that something wonderful and stunning is contained in all of nature as that of a living harmonious life force, and which is sustained through ritual and ceremony. Throughout early history indigenous cultures continued to be led by the knowledge passed to them by their ancestors honoring the Goddess as the Sacred Mother, until it was once again destroyed by the patriarchy of Judeo-Christian rule. The indigenous people in the "New World" were finally conquered.

Vivid evidence regarding first civilizations ideology as gynocentric (Goddess based) testifies to an advanced religion that evolved in neolithic times as the basis for the development of civilization and that over thousands of years led into our modern world. Numerous neolithic excavations have yielded Goddess figurines and symbols, which span a wide geographical area beyond the Near and Middle East. For instance, in India large numbers of female figurines were found, representing a Goddess or the great Mother Goddess, the Lady of Heaven. Goddess figurines have been found in European sites as far west as megalithic cultures that built Stonehenge and Avebury in England.

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AN ANCIENT PROPHECY

The choices that humans have made over centuries have brought us to this time of

transition. Now we are to meet our greatest challenge, which is to fulfill the prophecy that tells of our entering the fifth hoop- one thousand years of peace. We are each co-creators, being given a choice: to return to the Grandmothers' Ways or to continue our disregard for the earth and all her creatures. Disregard will prevent us from realizing harmony and peace. We must not be in fear, but look toward the coming times as essential in order to gain enlightenment and bring an end to hatred, violence and greed. Now is the time to choose to create the necessary changes and to realize that we are all related, each of us part of the sacred web, to begin to live our lives with compassion, forgiveness, and love.

We are entering a time of great change. We are being given an opportunity to take responsibility to fulfill the ancient prophecy and realize the profound effect that our every word, act, and emotion has upon everything in existence. The Grandmothers' Way is a sacred healing path that guides us toward deepening our relationship to Spirit by recalling sacred ways of living on the earth. It teaches us the importance of fulfilling the prophecy of the return of the sacred feminine. As we begin to align with the ancient teachings, we not only heal ourselves but the violation against the sacred feminine, which has perpetrated devastating earth changes, and greatly affected all of Humanity.

How are we to hold the light energies of peace and withstand the coming earth changes? What is the fifth hoop of peace and our transition into the thousand years of peace? How crucial is our fulfilling the prophecy of the return to the Grandmothers' Ways and the Sacred Feminine that would end centuries of patriarchal rule in regards to future generations? How are we to heal the impact of generations of disregard for the earth, of prejudice, war, intolerance and false beliefs led by the Judeo-Christian religions and the abuses of corporations and our own governments? How can we achieve healing our spirit and fulfill our original promise? This book will explore these questions

PROPHECY OF THE FIFTH HOOP OF PEACE:

There are many prophecies that tell of the earth changes that will undoubtedly bring about a great shift. What is prophesied by the ancient indigenous cultures is difficult to understand, yet some have taken it upon themselves to interpret the wisdom of these ancient ones as an Armageddon predicted to mark the end of the world that leads to the day - of - judgment. The fifth hoop or fifth world of peace prophecies a time of great celebration and death of an old cycle that has been in place for hundreds of years, and an opportunity to transcend those lower vibrations of negativity and re-birth ourselves and pass through this level to gain enlightenment. The fifth world of peace is a return to the way of light and beauty and the wisdom that has remained hidden for centuries. It is necessary that as co-creators and through the collective consciousness that human's heal that which has held them captive in order to transcend the fourth hoop, which is our present world, where humans have created life out of balance and where chaos is now escalating, and enter into the fifth hoop, the fifth world of peace.