

THE CHARGE OF THE GODDESS

Listen to the words of the Ancient Mother, who was of old called among men Astarte, Aphrodite, Cerridwen, Maia, Diana, Terra, Ishtar, Hecate, Brigid, and by many other names.

Whenever ye have need of anything, once in the month, and better it be when the moon is full, ye shall assemble in sacred space and adore the spirit of me who is Mother of all. There ye shall assemble who desire to learn all sorcery, yet have not won its deepest secrets. To these I will teach things that are yet unknown, and you shall dance, sing, feast, make music and love, all in my praise. For mine is the ecstasy of the spirit, and mine also is Joy on Earth, and my Law is love unto all beings. Keep pure thine highest ideals, strive ever towards them. Let naught stop thee or turn thee aside, for mine is the secret that opens upon the door of youth, and mine is the Cauldron that gives the knowledge of rebirth.

I am the gracious Lady who gives the gift of joy to the hearts of mankind. I give the knowledge of the spirit eternal, and beyond death I give peace and freedom and reunion with those who have gone before. Nor do I demand aught of sacrifice, for behold! I am the Mother of all things, and my love is poured out upon the Earth!

Hear the words of the Star Goddess, the dust of whose feet are the hosts of heaven, whose body encircles the universe:

I am the beauty of the green Earth, and the white moon among the stars, and the rhythms of the waters, I call to your soul to arise and come to me. For I am the soul of nature who gives life to the universe. From me all things proceed, and to me all things must return. And before my face thine inmost self shall be enfolded in the rapture of the infinite. Let my worship be in the heart that rejoices, for behold! All acts of Love and Pleasure are my rituals! Let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence within thee. And thou who seek to know me, know that thy seeking and yearning will avail thee not, unless thou knowest the mystery: for if that which thou seekest thou findest not within thee, thou wilt never find it without. For behold, I have been with thee from the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire.