

AMALYA'S RECOMMENDED READING LIST & RESOURCES (rev 5-11-13)

There are lots of great books to read on the Sacred Feminine, Women's Spirituality or the Goddess.
Here are some of my favorites... (most can be found on Amazon.com)

~ Pivotal and Fundamental books: These are all very scholarly and well researched books...

**** These are two of the most important books to read for an excellent summary and herstory of the Goddess...**

"The Chalice & The Blade, Our History, Our Future" by Riane Eisler. And

"When the Drummers were Women" by Layne Redmond

"Sacred Pleasure" also by Riane Eisler

"The Once and Future Goddess" by Elinor W. Gadon

"When God was a Woman" by Merlin Stone

"Restoring the Goddess" is also an excellent overview by Barbara G. Walker

+ she has written several encyclopedias as well: "*The Woman's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects*"
+ "*Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*"

"Walking an Ancient Path" by Karen Tate + "Sacred Places of Goddess: 108 Destinations".

<http://www.KarenTate.com>

These books feature more archaeological evidence and analysis:

"*Lady of the Beasts: The Goddess and Her Sacred Animals*" by Bufie Johnson

"*The Language of the Goddess*" by Marija Gimbutas

~For reading on Mary Magdalene:

"*The Woman with the Alabaster Jar*" by Margaret Starbird. This is the book of research on Mary Magdalene and the theory that she was married to Jesus and had a child, that was the inspiration for Dan Brown's book "Da Vinci Code." Very fascinating book! Highly recommend it.

Margaret Starbird has written many other books on the topic of the Lost Bride, Mary Magdalene... also check out "*Mary Magdalene, Bride in Exile*" and "*Magdalene's Lost Legacy*". Also, Margaret's personal story of her spiritual life from Catholicism to discovering the Sacred Feminine is told in her book: "*The Goddess in the Gospels*". For more on Margaret Starbird: <http://www.margaretstarbird.net/>

Another very interesting book of channeled info on Mary Magdalen is by Tom Kenyon and Judi Sion: "*The Magdalen Manuscript*".

Additionally, another channeled book about the life of Mary Magdalena is: "*I Remember Union: The story of Mary Magdalena*" by Flo Aveveia Magdalena.

~For autobiographical stories of Christian women finding the Sacred Feminine:

I highly recommend: "*The Dance of the Dissident Daughter*" by Sue Monk Kidd. This is a very well written and profound account of her personal spiritual awakening from Southern Baptist to the Divine Feminine. (She has also written some wonderful novels: "The Secret Life of Bees" and "The Mermaid Chair".) For more on Sue visit her site: <http://www.suemonkkidd.com/>

~ Also, for a study on the Christian influence particularly...try reading:

"Adam, Eve, and the Serpent", and "The Gnostic Gospels" by Elaine Pagels

~ For more of the WICCAN (Goddess religions) field

Look into any of the books by Starhawk: Especially, "*The Spiral Dance*", and "*Dreaming the Dark*". She has been a fundamental writer and activist for many years on Women's Spirituality and runs an organization called "Reclaiming" in San Francisco. She's written many books and several novels as well. She also has a great recommended reading list on her site too.

For more on Starhawk: visit: <http://www.starhawk.org/>

~ For Priestess centered books:

I highly recommend "*The Priestess of Avalon, Priestess of the Goddess*" by Kathy Jones. Kathy is the founder of the Glastonbury Goddess Temple and producer of The International Goddess Conference in Glastonbury every August. An amazing woman and Priestess! <http://www.kathyjones.co.uk/>

~ For Sacred Sexuality books

"*Reclaiming Goddess Sexuality*" by Linda E. Savage, Ph.D. (revised edition is just released. Email Dr. Savage at lindasavagephd@goddesstherapy.com for info on how to get this great book.)

<http://www.goddesstherapy.com/>

"*The Heart & Soul of Sex*" by Gina Ogden, Ph.D.

~Videos worth watching...

~ "*The World of the Goddess*" by Marija Gimbutas. Try finding this via "the Green Earth Foundation" or via Mystic Fire Video, Inc. PO Box 1092 Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276 800-292-9001

~ "*Signs out of Time*" DVD about Marija Gimbutas and her years of archeological study of Goddess centered sites. by Donna Reed and Starhawk. Also available through Alive Mind: (alivemindcinema.com)

<http://alivemindcinema.com/req.php?req=static.php&page=SignsoutofTimeFIP>

~ "*Women & Spirituality*" This is a 3 part video series out on DVD through Alive Mind Cinema, that is very well presented and very powerful...part one: "*The Goddess Remembered*", part two: "*The Burning Times*" and part three: "*Full Circle*". This series ran on Public Television many years ago. Starhawk was one of the producers of this series. Visit this site to see more about this series which is called "Women & Spirituality":

<http://alivemindcinema.com/req.php?req=static.php&page=WomenSpiritualityFIP>

~ "*The Things We Don't Talk About*": <http://www.redtentmovie.com/index.html> This DVD is a groundbreaking 72-minute documentary film by award winning filmmaker Isadora Gabrielle Leidenfrost, PhD and features Woman's Stories that reflect their sharing, and ceremony within the sacred space of a "Red Tent" or "women's moon lodge" type circle of women. Spontaneous and organic, a Red Tent is a red textile space where women gather to rest, renew, and often share deep and powerful stories about their lives. The Red Tent movement is changing the way that women interact and support each other by providing a place that honors and celebrates women, and by enabling open conversations about the things that women don't want to talk about in other venues. This is a very poignant documentary featuring "Red Tent" experiences of women from many different Red Tent circles and gatherings.

~ "*Bloodtime, Moontime, Dreamtime ~ Women bringing forth Change*". <http://www.originaldigital.net/bmd/> This is a three part DVD series by a California based film producer, Roberta Cantow. This series is a poetic documentary film trilogy that explores the meaning and metaphors of blood; honors girls' entrance into womanhood; and discusses art and ritual as transformative tools & women as agents of change.

~And some Links from Amalya...

Amalya's articles: "*What is the Sacred Feminine*" & "*Why do Ritual or Ceremony?*" and "*How to Awaken Your Inner Goddess*" are on her website, <http://www.Goddess-Studio.com>, as well as links to other articles written or compiled by Amalya. Look under Articles & Essays section, (under the "More" tab.)

I also encourage you to do your own web surfing under "Women's Spirituality", Paganism, WICCA, Goddess Spirituality, Goddess Mythology, Sacred Feminine, Divine Feminine and women's rituals.

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