

## Our Mission

Temple of the Goddess' mission is to promote, foster, and support a global vision whereby all beings honor and share the Divine Connection that exists with one another and the Sacred World of Nature.

Our mission is informed by the philosophy of immanence, the belief that the world and everything in it is alive; that the Creative Life Force that courses through us also exists in everyone and everything. This life force is immanent in all of nature, life, and the cycles of life. This tenet dictates that Earth stewardship, an important mandate of environmental activism, is a religious responsibility.

A federally recognized religion, Temple of the Goddess is rooted in Paganism, an Earth-based religion with an emphasis on recognition of the feminine as a missing link in humanity's spiritual, ethical, and personal evolution. For many people, the goddess is now expressed not necessarily as inherently female, but as what that feminine expression embodies: the concept of life as a whole, intricately woven together in sacred unity.

Paganism is a religion of celebration which takes place within the Wheel of the Year, an ancient and sacred calendar marking the Earth's changing seasons. Our Sabbats are multi-cultural celebrations designed to reconnect us to the Earth, the cycles of the Earth and the seasons which are reflected in us. Each Sabbat brings joy and good times along with deeply felt spiritual, cultural, and ecological meaning. The changing seasons represent a psychological map of consciousness facilitating human growth. They contain the framework for personal transformation, rites of passage, healing, empowerment, and manifestation.



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John S. Banks



Our vision is to build a Temple, Healing Center, and Arts Complex; a Sanctuary dedicated to connecting art, spirit, and healing—a living microcosm woven with kindness, respect, reciprocity, and integrity—and devoted to ushering in balance and healing for the Earth and humanity. Anyone who resonates with our ideology and wishes to share in this vision is welcome to join. Your tax-deductible contributions as well as donations of time, energy, and creativity are gratefully accepted and deeply valued.



## Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

- ☞ We believe that every person is the living embodiment of the Divine and a manifestation of Divine Immanence.
- ☞ We respect that every person is their own spiritual authority and no one can define the Sacred and Divine for any one else.
- ☞ We recognize that there are many paths to the Divine, symbolized by the many *goddesses* and *gods* of all cultures and all lands.
- ☞ We support an ideology and spirituality of partnership of relations based on equality, reciprocity, and caring as opposed to domination and control.
- ☞ Though we recognize the Divine in many forms, the focus of that which we call the Divine is manifested in the feminine as *Goddess*.
- ☞ We respect and love Mother Earth, Gaia, as a sacred entity who is part of and connected to a vast living cosmos. We believe She is immanent in all of nature, life, and the cycles of life. We honor the interdependence of the web of all existence of which we are each a strand.
- ☞ We believe the loss of the feminine consciousness and ideologies have caused near irreparable damage to humanity and the planet; and we believe that emergence of the feminine consciousness, in balance with the masculine, is the greatest hope for humanity and the planet.
- ☞ The feminine consciousness is the ability to create, nurture and enhance life, and therefore respecting the feminine nature in all beings and in all aspects of life has the power to greatly enhance healing and our quality of life on this planet, and conversely, disrespecting the feminine has and can cause damage to all of life because of its interconnectedness.
- ☞ We accept the abundant goodness of creation which purports that all beings are meant to live in joy, love, and harmony.
- ☞ We believe in a morality and ethics in which the primary imperative is to harm none.

## 2013 Rituals

Spring Equinox — March 23

Summer Solstice — June 29

Autumn Equinox — September 21

Hallows Eve — November 2



Our seasonal celebrations are multi-cultural events directed toward family and community and held at the Center for Awakening Consciousness in Pasadena. Temple of the Goddess' Sabbats are ritual theater that combine mythology and art to re-connect us to the Earth as well as strengthen our connection to the Earth. These seasonal rituals are multi-media programs combining music, myth, dance, liturgy, spoken word, puppetry, visual art, and participatory theater which fuses drum and dance with personal enactment.

We also offer a variety of classes, monthly moon services, community gatherings, and a speaker and author series. In addition to religious education we host various humanitarian, artistic, ecological, and social projects. We sometimes join with other like-minded organizations to present festivals or Interfaith educational events.

### Location:

Center for Awakening Consciousness

690 East Orange Grove Blvd.

Pasadena, CA 91104

For More Info and Event Flyer go to:

<http://templeofthegoddess.org/Events/togsabbats.htm>



Our clergy and facilitators serve the community with counseling and a wide-range of individually designed rites and rituals such as: Weddings, Handfastings, Memorials, Rites of Passing (Funerals), Menarche Rituals, Baby Naming Ceremony, Healing & Change, Croning/Wise Woman (Menopause) Rituals, Rites of Passage, Children's Rites, Initiation and Dedication, Coming of Age, Rites of Separation, Other Rites & Rituals as requested.



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*"The seasons  
and  
all their changes  
are in me."*

*(Henry David Thoreau)*