



## THE CHARGE OF THE GODDESS

Traditional by Doreen Valiente, as adapted by Starhawk:

Listen to the words of the Great Mother, Who of old was called Artemis, Astarte, Dione, Aphrodite, Cerridwen, Diana, Arionrhod, Brigid, and by many other names:

Whenever you have need of anything, once a month, and better it be when the moon is full, you shall assemble in some secret place and adore the spirit of Me Who is Queen of all the Wise. Sing, feast, dance, make music and love, all in My Presence, for Mine is the ecstasy of the spirit and Mine also is joy on earth.

I give the knowledge of the spirit eternal, and 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 Who am the beauty of the green earth and the white moon among the stars and the mysteries of the waters, I call upon your soul to arise and come unto me. For I am the soul of nature that gives life to the universe. From Me all things proceed and unto Me they must return.

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 you.



And you who seek to know Me, know that the seeking and yearning will avail you not, unless you know the Mystery: for if that which you seek, you find not within yourself, you will never find it without. For behold, I have been with you from the beginning, and I am That which is attained at the end of desire.



## THE CALL OF OSIRIS

Adapted from *Earth God Rising* by Alan Richardson

Let us go back to those impossibly distant days in the First Time, as they called it, when Osiris was the Green Man who taught his people how to raise crops, cultivate vines, and make peace – that was the best of all. Here was the true son of the Earth God who contained within himself the patterns of birth, growth, death, and renewal on all levels, and in all ways. Here was the figure, who held the secret and source of fertility, both within the land and within the people who worked that land.



When we focus upon Osiris, we see that his relationships are concerned with involving humanity in a direct and living relationship with the Earth, in particular with the specific geographies in which individuals conduct their lives, whether they are in the depths of the city or the heart of the forest. He can teach us about the place of spirit, and so take our positions in the dance of nature from which we have become sadly separated. He teaches us the Law: as without, so within – there is no difference. The fate of the Earth itself hangs on how well we learn this. Osiris, as Green Man, calls to you to be true sons and daughters of the Earth God. Will you answer?