## Welcome

You have been called by the archetypal priestess energy and you have answered the call. You have made it this far on your journey through life and you wish to adventure further, grow deeper and learn higher wisdom from the priestess within. You now join hands and hearts and minds with other women in a circle of exploration, support, inspiration and celebration on this path that we create together. I will share with you my experience and understanding, information and exercises that I practice and continue learning, and you will experiment to see what works for you, use these tools in your own way, and choose how to best fulfill your dreams and desires, needs and purpose with the gifts and challenges you encounter as you awaken your inner archetypal priestess.

An archetype such as the priestess is much deeper than a personality type. All humans have conscious and unconscious access to many archetypes, which are not rigid definitions but clusters of attributes and energies gathered around their unique cores and arranged in their own typical combinations yet with as many variations as there are humans. C. G. Jung developed the concept of archetypes from observations he made working with clients in his psychiatric, psychological and academic professional capacities as well as his own personal and spiritual experiences.

I combine my study of archetypes with experience in Unitarian Universalist, Druid, Wiccan, Christian, Spiritualist and Buddhist traditions as well as inspiration from other faiths and philosophies into the priestess path, which blends the essences of many different teachings so each practitioner is empowered to use these universal and natural human abilities and tools within any faith tradition or without one. The practices you will learn here can enhance any spiritual or religious path you are on, or they can help you to develop one that suits you.

The thirteen lessons that make up this Priestess Path course follow the sequence of a basic ritual cycle that can be used for energy work such as healing or seeking guidance, or simply for renewal or celebration, daily or occasionally. Each part contains information and exercises for one ritual element. The sequence can be shortened or rearranged to some extent once you are familiar with the flow and intentions of the essential elements of ritual. You can learn which are indispensable and which are optional, which are most important for you personally, through study and practice. As much as I emphasize that this work is about flow, intuition and cyclical motion, this is one example of appropriate linear sequencing, though it actually creates a circle that can be both complete and endless, as you will see. Dichotomy is a wonderful mind-expander!

You can complete the course in a month at the rate of a lesson every two to three days, or you can choose a different pace  $\cdot$  or let it choose you! I encourage you to trust that your timing and learning will unfold Divinely in its own perfect rhythm. You have this material with you forever now, and you can also continue your study and practice with the full 13-week Awakening to the Priestess Path course, which includes personal guidance and energy work, or with other A2PP offerings. Again I welcome you to this Priestess Path that is about to become your own! I am very grateful you have chosen to join me on this very merry-go-round of discovery, creativity and sistership.

Love and blessings, Dawn

