

# Encountering the Dark Goddess and Transforming Your Life

## A one day workshop of personal transformation

Saturday, 26 May 2012 – 10.30am to 4.00pm

*She is known as Persephone, Kali, Oya, Pele, Baba Yaga, Hekate, Cerridwen, Lilith, Morgana, Ereshkigal, Inanna, Tiamat, and by many other names:*

Following Samhain, the Celtic festival of the Dead, and the May Dark Moon, you are invited to join us as we journey into the hidden depths of the Underworld. Here we will meet the Keeper of the Secrets and the Cauldron of Inner Knowledge, the Life Transformer, the Mover and Shaker, the Sorceress ... and all the other names by which the Dark Goddess has been referred to.

*Are you willing to transform ... to move  
away from the past?*

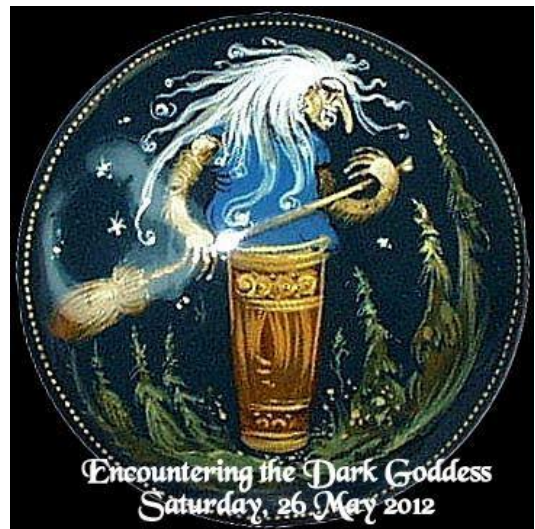
Facing our shadow, the inner aspects of ourselves that we hide from view and refuse to acknowledge, is often a very painful experience – but it is also necessary in order to liberate ourselves from the past and to embrace all what the future has install for us.

Through our own fear, we often ignore or misinterpret the Dark Goddess because it is She who reflects our own mortality – however, it is She who also guards the magickal **Cauldron of Transformation**.

Through ritual, myth and magick, we journey into these hidden depths together to face our shadows and open ourselves up to be transformed under the protective guidance of the Dark Goddess.

In this workshop you will:

- Journey into the Underworld where **Lilith**, the most often misunderstood Goddess, will provide insights into accepting your own self worth from the core of your being,
- Be confronted by the ultimate Dark Mother, **Kali-Ma**, who will assist you in clearing the stagnation from your life,
- The Egyptian lion headed Goddess, **Sekhmet**, who will encourage you to take control of your life and your own inner power,
- Dance the rhythm of life with the ancient Sumeria, the Death Goddess, **Ereshkigal**, as she holds up the mirror to your soul, and
- And finally, you will arrive before **Baba Yaga**, Slavic Crone, will offer you initiation into your own true self – if you are brave enough.



**Investment  
of \$100.00**

Detailed notes will be provided to each participant to keep.  
Transformation is an ongoing journey of discovery.

**Where:**

Temple of the Dark Moon covenstead is located at the rear of a private residence in Parafield Gardens (within walking distance from Bus Stop 37 Salisbury Highway). Details provided upon registration.

- Tea/coffee/filtered water provided
- Please bring your own lunch. The covenstead is located close to three shopping centres.

**About your Tutor:**

Frances Billinghamurst has been interested in metaphysics and occult subjects for most of her life. She first connected with the Goddess, the Divine Feminine, in the late 1980s, and this connection was later strengthened during a Wiccan rite known as "Drawing down the Moon", when the great Egyptian Goddess As't (Isis) made her presence felt. Since that time Frances has continued to strengthen her personal relationship with the Divine Feminine - the Ancient Matriarch - the Goddess.

Frances founded the Temple of the Dark Moon in 1999 and spent six years as secretary for the Pagan Alliance Inc (South Australia) before resigning to focus on her writing. A regular contributor to *Insight* (Australia's No.1 spiritual lifestyle magazine) since 2002, her articles have appeared in many publications, both nationally as well as internationally, including *Witchcraft* and *Spellcraft* magazines (Aus), *The Cauldron* (UK), *Rainbow News* (NZ), *New Witch* and *Circle* (USA), and the 2008 Llewellyn's *Witches Calendar*. Frances also has contributed an article on death from a Pagan perspective for the upcoming anthology, *Memento Mori*.



Frances led the opening ritual at the 2003 NZ Pagan Festival alongside Chief Druid, Philip Carr-Gomm, and returned in 2010 where she was accompanied by occult philosopher, Ramsay Dukes, in both the opening and closing rituals. She has presented lectures on the Dark Goddess at the Australian Wiccan Conference (2009), Australian Goddess Conference (2010) and Gaia's Garden (2011), as well as a lecture on the Dark Gods at the Australian Wiccan Conference (2011). An avid writer, Frances is endeavouring to have her first book published in 2012.

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**REGISTRATION FORM – ENCOUNTERING THE DARK GODDESS WORKSHOP  
 26 May 2012**

Please complete and return to:  
 Temple of the Dark Moon, PO Box 2451, SALISBURY DOWNS SA 5108

Name:.....

Address:..... P/Code: .....

Contact Phone:..... Email:.....

I enclose my \$50.00 deposit with the balance to be paid no later than 5 May 2012.

I enclose the full amount - \$100.00.

Cheques/money orders to be made payable to: "F. Billinghamurst"