



THE CHARGE OF THE GODDESS

FROM ARADIA: THE GOSPEL OF THE
WITCHES ❁ REWORKED BY STARHAWK

LISTEN TO THE WORDS of the GREAT MOTHER, She who of old was called ARTEMIS, ASTARTE, DIONE, MELUSINE, APHRODITE, CERIDWEN, CYBELE, ARIAPRHOD, ISIS, DIANA, BRIDE, QUAN-YIN, TARA & by many other names:

❁❁ **W**HENEVER YOU HAVE PEED of anything, once a month, & better it be when the moon is full, you shall assemble in some secret place & adore the spirit of Me Who is Queen of all the Wise. You shall be free from slavery, & as a sign that you be free you shall be naked in your rites. Sing, feast, dance, make music & love, all in My Presence, for Mine is the ecstasy of the spirit & Mine also is joy on earth. For My law is love unto all beings. Mine is the secret that opens upon the door of youth, & Mine is the cup of wine of life that is the Cauldron of Ceridwen, that is the holy grail of immortality. I give the knowledge of the spirit eternal, & beyond death I give peace & freedom & reunion with those that have gone before. Nor do I demand aught of sacrifice, for behold, I am the Mother of all things & 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 & the white moon among the stars & the mysteries of the waters, I call upon your soul to arise & come unto Me. For I am the soul of nature that gives life to the universe. From Me all things proceed & unto Me they must return. Let My worship be in the heart that rejoices, for behold: all acts of love & pleasure are My rituals. Let there be beauty & strength, power & compassion, honor & humility, mirth & reverence within you. And you who seek to know Me, know that your seeking & 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, & I am That which is attained at the end of desire.”