

Malidoma Patrice Somé

in the Beautiful Mountains of Asheville, North Carolina



Indigenous African Spirit Technologies

A Two Year Intensive Training

“It is possible that we have been brought together at this time because we have profound truths to teach each other. Toward that end, I offer the wisdom of the African ancestors so that Westerners might find the deep healing they seek. From an indigenous perspective, the individual psyche can be healed only by addressing one's relationships with the visible worlds of nature and community and one's relationships with the invisible forces of the ancestors and Spirit allies.”

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Program Description

This program is being offered in response to the pressing need to support the ongoing change that the world is presently undergoing. This program provides a new framework for living based on the foundational indigenous values and methods that have been successfully used for thousands of years. The material that is being presented is derived directly from the practices of the powerful Shamans and Healers of the Dagara of West Africa. The Elders of the Dagara Tribe support the communication of these methods and encourage the dissemination of this material to small groups of people.

Modern culture struggles at the crossroads of technology and the duty to uncover the indigenous spirit upon which the healing of mankind rests. Meanwhile the Other World relentlessly keeps calling us to wake up from the damaging trance of entertainment to the way out of the endangerment of forgetting.

There are a great number of people who have heard the call to heal and the invitation to engage in a dialogue with the Other World, but who do not know where to go and how to respond to their longing to connect and to create a home for their souls and the souls of others. To heal the wounds of human loneliness, to stop the pain of exile and isolation from the past and the future, from family and community, to regain control of our capacity to give the gift of Medicine to the world and to ourselves. These and more are the reasons for this in-depth program in the shamanic wisdom and tradition of Africa.

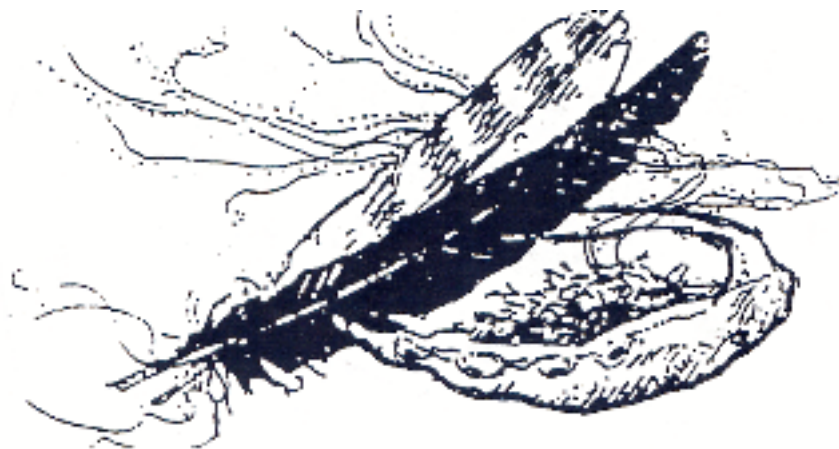
This training is a one of kind opportunity to access a core knowledge of the art of dancing with the elements of nature and the cosmos, of understanding our role in the time space continuum, of walking away once and for all from the calamity of scarcity and worthlessness, and to become comfortable in the method of administering our life purpose in such a way that it revives the passion of human spirit, the love of the human heart, and the hope of a brighter future.

We will learn how to open the Gate of the Other World and hold it long enough for Spirit to inspire us on what to do in the face of adversity, and to do so with the unshakable conviction of the presence of the Other World on our side

We will learn how to Divine and to read the rituals that constitute our regular homework. Through Divination we will avail ourselves to the flow of information coming into this world from the invisible world as the only reliable guidance through the storms of uncertainties, doubts, fears and helplessness.

We will learn how to protect ourselves and others, thus saving our energies for what is most required of us, that is, the fulfillment of our purposes. Protection will include, Talismans, Amulets, Power Objects and Ritual Self-defense. This will lead us into the gathering of nature's medicine and the manipulation of energies .

The model for such endeavors will be the cosmology and the Medicine Wheel of the Dagara of West Africa from which we will draw our shamanic skills and practice involving Divination, Talismanic Medicine and Spirit Medicine.



Two-Year Intensive Training

We will meet with Malidoma Some' in the Asheville area a total of 5 times over the next two years. Each time we gather, it will be for 5 days. **To begin this Intensive Training is to commit to complete it.**

2009 Dates: June 24 - 28, 2009 and September 16 -20, 2009

2010 dates: April 21 - 25, 2010 June 23 - 27, 2010 and September 22 - 26, 2010

Location: All 5 sessions will be in the Asheville, NC area.

Session I: June 24th - 28th, 2009

Schedule:

Wednesday: Time TBA: Arrive in afternoon to Register. Dinner will be served.

Thursday: All Day

Friday: All Day

Saturday: All Day

Sunday: 9:30am - 12:00pm (Breakfast & Lunch will be served)

DEPOSIT:\$950 due with Program Application: Make checks payable to *Rites of Passage Council*

Mail Completed Application and Deposit to:
Rites of Passage Council
c/o Kedar Brown
45 Wells Valley Drive, Leicester, NC 28748

COST: There are 4 ways to pay for the program:

\$950 deposit (will be applied to 5th session) + 1 payment \$4128=\$5078

\$950 deposit (will be applied to 5th session) + 2 payment \$2065=\$5080

\$950 deposit (will be applied to 5th session) + 3 payment \$1378=\$5084

\$950 deposit (will be applied to 5th session) + 4 payment \$1034=\$5086

Payments are due no later than at Registration at each of the first four sessions.

Cost Includes: all meals, lodging, and program experiences. You may pay via credit card (add additional 4% of payment to cover PayPal expense) using *PayPal* on the website:
www.RitesofPassageCouncil.com/register

LODGING: We will be staying in a rustic setting for part of the training and in a private home for part of the training. This is a program based on Indigenous teachings and, while safety is a priority, different levels of "comfort" may be experienced. For details re: lodging, contact Theresa Sykes-Brittany at (828) 777-1492 or E-mail Theresa@RitesofPassageCouncil.com

To hold your space for this Training, Complete and mail your Application with your deposit to the address above. To download an Application go to:
www.ritesofpassagecouncil.com/ashevilleappiast0910.pdf

Private Divinations with Malidoma Some': May be available before or after the training sessions. Private Divinations are \$250. To schedule a Private Divination with Malidoma, contact Theresa at (828) 777-1492 or Theresa@RitesofPassageCouncil.com

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Before his birth, in 1956, the elders of Malidoma's village knew that his purpose in coming into this world was to carry the message of indigenous technology and spirituality to the western world, a place where modernity was growing increasingly hungry for a reconnection to ancient wisdom. Little did he know, as a young child, stolen from his family and village, that the years he would spend under the harsh tutelage of the religious order would prepare the way for the eventual challenge of integrating old and new, the sacred and the mundane.

For more than twenty years, Malidoma Somé has shared the wisdom of his ancestors and tribal elders, awakening a deep knowing in the hearts and bones of those who have recognized in his name, his books, his voice, the spirit world inviting the renewal of a deep and abiding relationship with all beings on earth.

Malidoma is the author of several books, including Ritual: Power, Healing and Community, Of Water and The Spirit, and The Healing Wisdom of Africa. He is currently working on two new books, one about the Ancestors (and our relationship with them), and a sequel to his highly esteemed autobiography, on the topic of Gatekeepers.

Dr. Somé is also an initiated elder in his village in Dano, Burkina Faso, W. Africa. He travels throughout the world bringing a message of hope, healing and reconciliation through the powerful tools of ritual and community building.



This event is co-sponsored by:

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Kedar & Theresa are the council guides & directors for Rites Of Passage Council, Inc. in Asheville NC. Rites of Passage Council is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization offering ceremonial rites of initiation and other ritual process experiences for soul centered evolution. Kedar and Theresa offer over 43 years of combined experience in ceremonial healing work. They integrate many of the indigenous wisdom teachings from Native North American, African, and Celtic traditions blending methods of the Vision Quest Ceremony, Prayer Fast, SweatLodge Ceremony, Rituals and Ceremony, energy transmutation, toning, drumming, story telling, divination, journeying, connecting with the Ancestors, working with the Elemental Spirits and the experience of village life. Their programs are offered throughout the US and in Ireland.

“SOMETIMES”

Sometimes, when a bird cries out,
Or the wind sweeps through a tree,
Or a dog howls on a far-off farm,
I hold still and listen a long time.

My world turns and goes back to the place
Where a thousand forgotten years ago,
The bird and the blowing wind
Were like me, and were my brothers.

My soul turns into a tree,
And an animal, and a cloud bank.
Then changed and odd it comes home
And asks me questions. What should I reply?
--Herman Hess

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