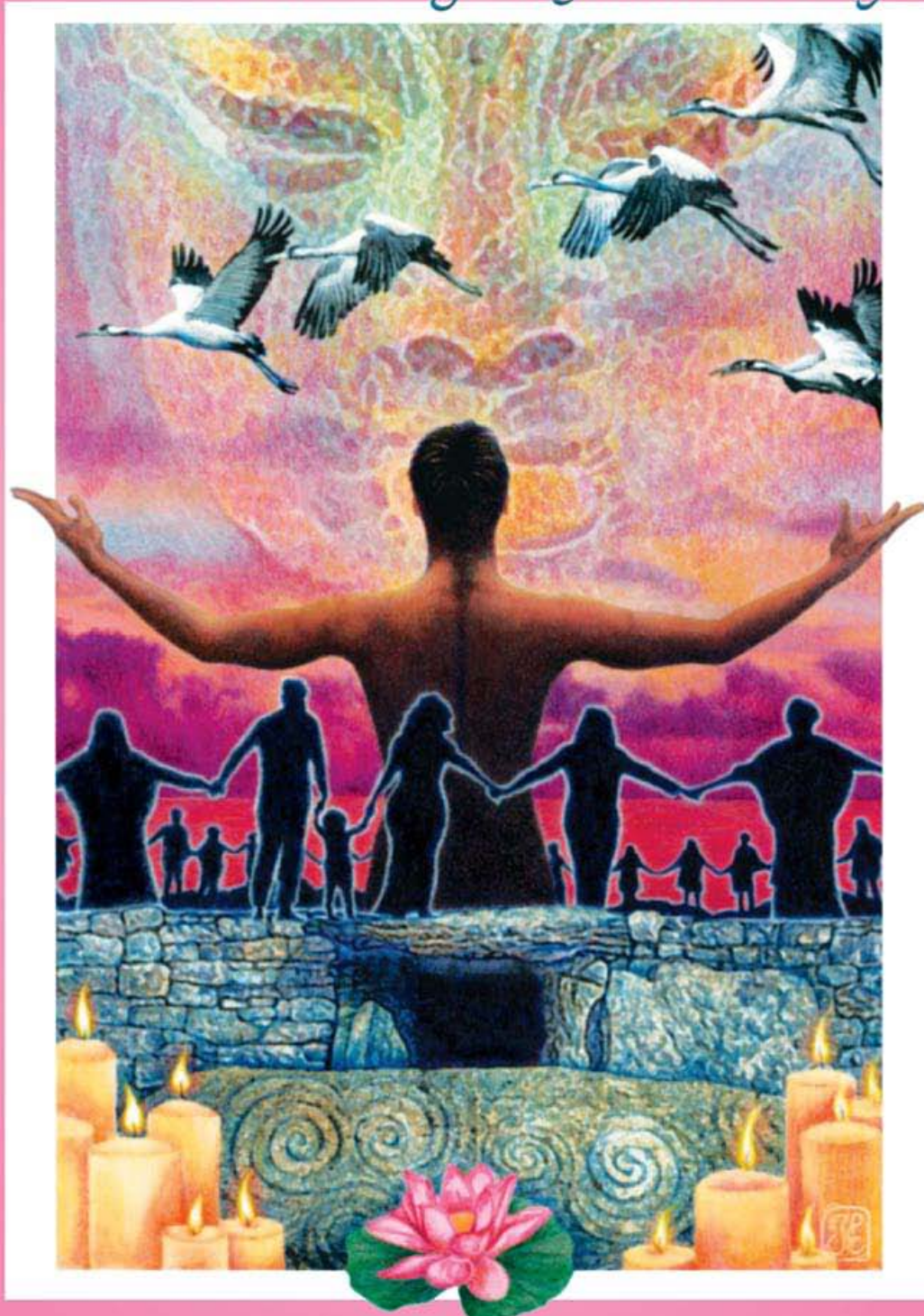


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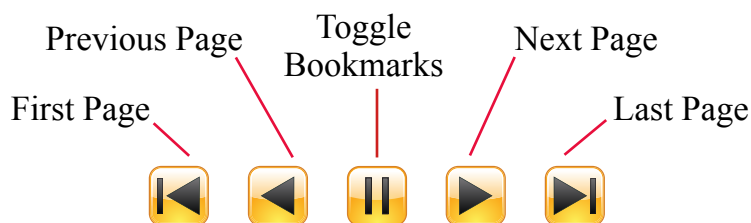


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6 A YEAR WITHOUT MEN *Victoria Pendragon*

There I was, moving — body, soul and worldly goods — into Woonsocket, into Womb-town. Unbeknownst to me, I was also about to get re-born.

10 DANCING WITH MY FATHER IN GRACE & COMPASSION *Langan Marie Wright*

Looking outside, I cannot miss the older man speeding down the L-shaped dock in his wheelchair. As he turns the corner, I see the child. My heart stops — knowing, somehow, that I am witnessing an open-framed moment which may somehow bring healing to the generations of male-female relationships in my family.

14 EARTH MOTHER, LILITH, SKY WOMAN & ME *Stephanie A. Sellers*

Growing up, the choices seemed only to be a male-centered, submissive slave or an anti-male, independent career woman. What I never saw, or was told, was that both of those so-called choices had nothing to do with me as a Woman.

18 OUT OF THE RUBBLE: A FATHER & DAUGHTER FIND PEACE *Jennifer R. Miller*

I had relationships with men, but I kept one eye on the door at all times, ready to flee for my life when (as I assumed) the “other side, the bad side” of each man would inevitably emerge. Sooner or later, the men I dated pushed my Daddy buttons.

21 SAME JOURNEY, DIFFERENT PATHS *Fairlight*

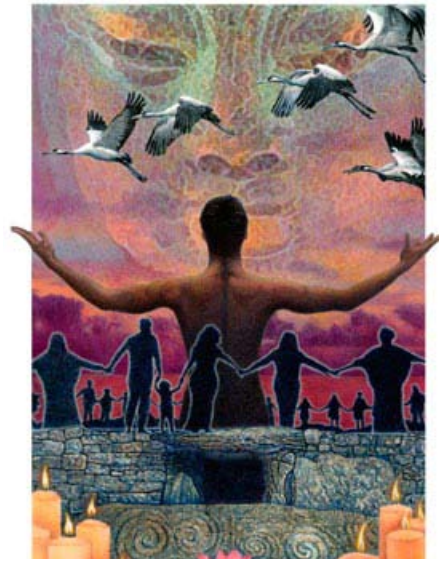
When my spouse and I first discovered the Goddess, we had animated conversations well into the night. Sometimes we disagreed, and such conversations lasted for days or weeks instead. Gradually, we got better at respecting each other’s views, but for all our conversations, we had never attempted to honor the Goddess together.

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24 MEN & WOMEN WELCOMING GODDESS TOGETHER *Bee Smith*

I consider the primal consciousness of divine union, which I name Goddess, goes beyond our social definitions of masculinity and femininity. The Goddess is sun *and* moon, brightness *and* darkness. She is beyond our limited concepts.

27 CRYSTAL BLANTON: BRIDGING THE GAP *Interview by Jen McConnel*

Crystal Blanton is used to wearing many hats. The author of *Bridging the Gap: Working within the Dynamics of Pagan Groups and Society*, Crystal also edited the multi-cultural collection *Shades of Faith: Minority Voices in Paganism*. Blanton has learned to embrace her position as a minority-within-a-minority, and speaks candidly about issues of faith and race.

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Hayley Arrington

The genesis of this article was a number of "Top Pagan Leaders" articles that recently appeared in the Pagan blogosphere. This piece is intended to shine a spotlight on the many women (and a few men) who have contributed to the creation and health of the Goddess movement.

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