

Fire Ritual
Healing Relationship with Ancestors
with Malidoma Patrice Somé

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Temenos Center for Wholeness
Ojai, California

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"The endless challenges faced daily in this culture could be traced back to a disturbing relationship with ancestors. Therefore, we will engage our ancestors in an attempt to clear the unfinished business that together we must do. We learn of their wishes and share ours with them. Together with them we will ritualize our mutual concerns in an initiative that heals our world and theirs."

~Malidoma Patrice Somé~

Virtually every ritual work and ceremonial event Malidoma has conducted began and ended with the ancestors. This is because nothing in the ritual tradition of Dagara people can happen without involving the dead. From simple ritual practices such as sprinkling ashes to focus one's intention, and pouring water to invoke peace, to the several-week-long initiations, the names of the dead are invoked, implored and/or simply called on.

In this workshop, participants will journey through Dagara wisdom, remembering that we are, each of us, going somewhere purposeful in life. Through the healing interaction of ritual we will open ourselves to the desires and insistence of the ancestors. Participants will learn the practice of "calling in the ancestors", and experience a deepening of that connectedness with the spirit world. Such practice is appropriate for anyone who, for whatever reason, and in whatever way, calls upon spirit for intervention in their lives.

Malidoma Patrice Somé

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. For more than 20 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 powerful and abiding relationship with all beings on earth.

Malidoma Patrice Somé, Ph.D, is an initiated elder in his village in Dano, Burkina Faso in West Africa. He travels throughout the world bringing a message of hope, healing and reconciliation through the powerful tools of ritual and community building. Through his lectures and the introduction of ritual in a way that the western psyche can embrace, Malidoma offers life-altering medicine and the opportunity to explore the meaning of purpose within one's community. He has earned two Ph.D's, from the Sorbonne in Paris and Brandeis University in Boston. He is the author of several books, including *Ritual: Power, Healing and Community*, *Of Water and the Spirit*, and *The Healing Wisdom of Africa*. For more information, visit www.malidoma.com

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