

**8th -11th JULY 2010 THE WAY OF MERLIN:
The Prophet, the Goddess & the Land.
Residential Retreat at Hawkwood College with R J Stewart.**

This retreat is open to all: In the beautiful and peaceful location of Hawkwood College, near Stroud, with comfortable accommodation and good food! R.J. has been teaching at Hawkwood since 1981, when he first presented The UnderWorld Initiation there.

The Way of Merlin is a practical guide and set of exercises for inner development, based on ancient spiritual traditions associated with Merlin. Originally published by Aquarian Press, R.J.'s book *The Way of Merlin* (new edition scheduled for this year) forms part of his series of Merlin books, including *Merlin: The Prophetic Vision and Mystic Life*, (new revised edition published 2009) and *The Merlin Tarot* (new edition scheduled for 2011).

Merlin's true nature is as a primal prophet, magician, and foolish seeker after truth, with a threefold legendary life embodying the basic stages of consciousness, enlightenment, and spiritual liberation: innocent prophetic youth, madman and hermit in the forest, and wise star-watching elder watching. Despite modern stereotypes of Merlin as a male wisdom figure, the earliest bardic sources show that he was taught by sister, wife, and goddess figures.

Thus *The Way of Merlin* is a way of the spiritual feminine and masculine interacting together. Work includes techniques of meditation and visualization upon the Seven Wind Directions, and awakening Sacred Space. A primal system is gradually expanded into empowered vision, using imagery from the oldest pre-Arthurian Merlin tradition. Images include the Goddess of the Land, the Ferryman of the Soul, and the Child of Light, & a company of spiritual allies and co-walkers. These bring us into transhuman consciousness, encountering messengers and teachers of inner wisdom, ancestral stellar spirits, and the primary aspects of Divine Being as understood by the Welsh bards.

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