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## ***New Travel Book Features Divine Feminine in the World's Most Exotic Locations***

***“Entering author Karen Tate's Venice apartment is like discovering an intact pyramid. Everywhere are artifacts and goddesses. As an advocate of goddess spirituality, Tate has traveled much of the world to visit places where figures from ancient mythology were venerated. Now she has written a book, “Sacred Places of Goddess: 108 Destinations,” to help other seekers of the “divine feminine” to journey along the same paths.”***

***-- Lisa Richardson, LA Times Staff Reporter***

Los Angeles, California, March 2006. **SACRED PLACES OF GODDESS: 108 DESTINATIONS** is the most comprehensive travel guide for sacred sites of Goddess spirituality in print to date. This expansive new book spans continents, and centuries, of female art, history, and culture making it the most complete volume of feminine travel resource around. With the release of *The DaVinci Code*, inquiring minds are clamoring for more of the sacred feminine and proof of its existence. *Sacred Places of Goddess* gives the reader that . . . and more.

This fascinating travel perspective is sure to become an invaluable resource in every library and on every coffee table and bookshelf. Including both academic and popular religious perspectives, this comprehensive world guide will be of interest to both experts as well as the spiritual novice. Author Karen Tate deftly combines current trends, academic theories, and historical insights, some of which may surprise even the most well read or jaded traveler. This volume of sacred sites brings both lesser-known and famous locales into perspective as it explains the significance of Goddess both today and in centuries past.

Whether the reader is an armchair or seasoned traveler they will be delighted by the insights, humor, as well as the in-depth cultural and artistic experience of *Sacred Places of Goddess*. Never before have so many cultures, places, and spiritualities of Goddess been compiled between two covers.

“This is much more than a travel book, this should be a reference book in anyone’s home library with an interest in history, archeology, mythology, philosophy, spirituality, and travel.”

–Jayne DeMente, *Women’s Heritage Project*.

Reawaken the ancient Goddess spirit at Isis’ temples in Egypt and Italy. Receive a prophecy as you travel to Goddess shrines in Kyoto, Japan. Learn the sacred hula as you discover Hina sites in Hawaii, Tahiti, and New Zealand. Lite a candle as you journey to: numerous sites sacred to the Virgin Mary; Kwan Yin’s Island in China; the Old Testament’s Hagia Sophia in Istanbul; as well as the mysterious prehistory temples of Malta. Featured destinations include: the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus; Minoan Crete—home of the Snake Goddess; Spider Rock in Canyon de Chelly; Ixchel’s Yucatan; Sekhmet’s famous sites in Karnak; Pacha Mama’s Machu Pichu; Oshogbo in Africa; and the many-armed Kali found in both India and Laguna Beach, CA.

Visit shrines, springs, temples, yoni stones, archaeological sites, museums and labyrinths. Examine the spectrum of evidence presented which clarifies myths and documents the long history of Goddess reverence in many cultures. *Sacred Places of Goddess: 108 Destinations* guides the reader on a pilgrimage that reawakens, rethinks, and reveals the Divine Feminine in a multitude of sacred locations on every continent. The author takes her audience on a journey of discovery from the Indus Valley, to the Middle East, Europe, Africa, the Americas and beyond. She gently and respectfully introduces the feminine face of God which has sometimes been forgotten, or repressed, for centuries.

*Sacred Sites of Goddess: 108 Destinations* also includes travel restrictions, “getting there” information, color inserts, delightful illustrations, maps, photos and much more! Enjoy the added bonus of Gaia Alerts which raise awareness of real environmental concerns of Mother Earth, and provocative side panels which enhance the destination information.

Reverend Karen Tate, a gifted writer on spiritual journeys, is a seasoned traveler, accomplished researcher, and prolific lecturer on the subject of Goddess worship. **Author’s Statement:** “Come with me and discover the world’s history and beauty through the lens that is Goddess. The Feminine Divine is alive today in artifact and art, temple and mound, but just how diverse and widespread may be quite a surprise! From the Shinto faith, Buddhist, Muslim, and Christian, to Native Americans, Pagans, Hindus and Aborigines – to name a few – the threads of travel, history and spirituality are a beautiful masterpiece that is the tapestry of the Divine.”

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