

Why Woman Spirit?

This is a crucial time for women. We have begun to understand and work through much of our oppression. We have made radical changes in our lives - and we are becoming aware of the immensity of these changes. We are also seeing the directions our new ways of living are taking us. When we realize the political implications of all our struggles, we know that patriarchy cannot withstand our changes; something is going to happen. We are feeling stirrings inside us that tell us that what we are making is nothing less than a new culture.

What women are doing by exploring the spiritual sides of their lives is essential for the building of a new women's culture. We must decide what we will take with us on this creative journey. What parts of our experiences are valuable and needed for our continued struggle? What behavior, thought patterns, values, images, illusions, and artifacts of the non-feminist culture will we choose to leave behind? As we continue to tear down the institutions and relationships that oppress us, we are also building, making, creating. Because this process of taking and leaving, making a new culture, is so deep, profound, and all-inclusive we are calling it spiritual. The sharing and comparing in that process is the reason for this magazine. C

