

OLLI 838 - She Who Must Be Obeyed – The Great Mother Goddesses of World Mythology (R.D. Croog)

Weekly Topics

1. Defining the Great Mother Archetype - Positive and negative aspects, associations
2. Overview of Mother Goddesses in Polytheistic and Judeo-Christian traditions
3. Mesopotamia and Near East - **Nammu, Tiamat, Nintur, Inanna, Asherah**
4. Egypt - **Nekhbet/Wadjet, Neith, Nut, Hathor, Isis**
5. China - **Nuwa**; India - Hinduism, Shaktism - **Parvati**
6. India (cont'd) **Durga, Kali**; Jainism - **Ambika**
7. Graeco-Roman - **Gaea, Rhea, Cybele** (Phrygian)
8. Graeco-Roman (cont'd) - **Demeter**: Monster-mothers - **Scylla, Gorgons, Echidna**
9. Norse - **Frija, Frigg, Freya, Norns**; Africa - **Asase Ya, Mami Wata**; Polynesia - **Papa, Pele**
10. American Mothers: Aztec - **Coatlicue, Tlaltecuhltli** et al.; Maya - **Ixchel**, Inca - **Pachamama**

For further reading (ABSOLUTELY NOT REQUIRED):

The Great Mother— An Analysis of the Archetype, Erich Neumann (trans. R. Manheim); Princeton U. 1983, 2015 - ISBN 978-0-69116607-0

The Civilization of the Goddess: The World of Old Europe, Marija Gimbutas (ed. Joan Marler), HaroerCollins 1991- ISBN 0-06-250804-0

The Myth of the Goddess: Evolution of an Image, Ann Baring, Jules Cashford; Penguin Books 1991, 1993 - ISBN 0-14-019292-1