

A Time to Grieve – A Time to Grow

A RETURN TO HEALING, POWER AND COMMUNITY THROUGH RITUAL

Various changes in our world are a confirmation and a testimony that global transformation cannot happen without everyone in the world being willing and able to shed a plethora of unwanted calcifications. How do we address all the things that stop us from change; including the scars of loss and the cleansing of the graffiti that litters the wall of our psyches?

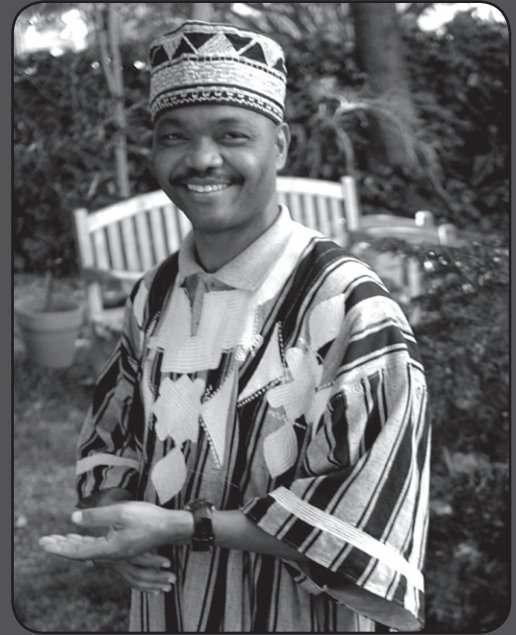
Let us join together to grieve. Grief is a cleansing tool and an effective method of release we need in these times of loss. Let us gather to boldly express through grief the loss of connection with ancestors and with loved ones; the loss of love, health and wealth, identity and belonging, home and care.

Joining together in support of each other sends a force against adversity to be reckoned with, a force that realigns us with our purpose, gifts and the deep story of our lives. It is a force capable of restoring the sense of fullness we have always felt we deserve. Thru ritual we can return community to us.

— *Malidoma Patrice Somé*

September 25-27, 2009

Cost \$470, includes program fee, gourmet meals and shared lodging



About Malidoma 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. Little did he know, as a young child, stolen from his family and village, that the years he would spend under the harsh tutelage of the religious order would prepare the way for the eventual challenge of integrating old and new, the sacred and the mundane. For more than twenty 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 deep and abiding relationship with all beings on earth.

Malidoma is the author of several books, including *Ritual: Power, Healing and Community, Of Water and The Spirit*, and *The Healing Wisdom of Africa*. He is currently working on two new books, one about the Ancestors (and our relationship with them), and another, a sequel to his highly esteemed autobiography, on the topic of Gatekeepers.

Dr. Somé is also an initiated elder in his village in Dano, Burkina Faso, W. Africa. He travels throughout the world bringing a message of hope, healing and reconciliation through the powerful tools of ritual and community building.

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