

Daily Meditations 01/12/22

Aboriginals of Australia on Father Sky

Good morning.

We're continuing our meditations on Father Sky. And in today's meditation, we're focusing especially on the aboriginals of Australia, such an ancient tribe, and the various versions of Father Sky, and divinity, that various tribes in different parts of the of the country have practiced.

And I think especially important, how the meditation ends with the role of puberty rites, especially of boys becoming men, and the relationship to the Father Sky there, and the noises, the sounds, the lightning and the thunder, that the sky represents, the strength of the inner spirit, and also how smoke and fire rises into the heavens, and thereby returns to the ancestors. And, if you will, feeds the stars, which are the ancestors.

So all of these are wonderful ways of talking about our relationship to the sky, the sacred relationship. But as we go through a few more of these in the next couple of days, I want you to keep in mind what modern consciousness did to Father Sky, and including not just scientific consciousness, but religious consciousness.

So here is John Calvin, the 16th-century reformer from Switzerland, founder of what we call the Presbyterian Church. He wrote,

No matter where we look, high or low, we can see only a curse that, spreading over all creatures, and embracing the earth and the sky, ought to burden our souls with horrible despair.

Now contrast that statement about the sky, and the rest of creation as a curse, with the teachings of the ancient peoples, who were yearning and acting, to connect to Father Sky in their rituals, and bringing boys into manhood, and all the rest.

The 17th century is notable for being what Barbara Ehrenreich says was "an epidemic of depression." It hit the European world in the 17th century, and with it a rash of suicides. Today, too, there is a rash of suicides, and plenty of depression. She says an "anxious self" emerged to transform "the individual into a kind of walled fortress carefully defended from everyone else."...everyone else, including, I would add, every other aspect of nature, every other creature.

So John Calvin says this:

"If God had formed us of the stuff of the sun or the stars --"

well, that's today's cosmology, exactly: we are formed literally, of the atoms of the sun and stars, and the rest, over 13.8 billion years. We will continue with his words --

... or if (God) had created any other celestial matter out of which man could have been made, then we might have said that our beginning was honorable.... but when someone is made of clay, who pays any attention to him?... [So] who are we? We are all made of mud, and this mud is not just on the hem of our gown, or on the sole of our boots, or in our shoes. We are full of it--

We are full of it -- have you ever been called full of it?

"...We are nothing but mud and filth both inside and outside."

Friends that is modern religion, 16th century onwards, that we're full of it, inside and outside. That's what happens when you cut yourself off from the sky, folks, this is what happens when you try to live without a cosmology.

And there's been a lot of darkness since, a lot of wars and a lot of nonsense and preparing for wars. And the rest, a lot of the reptilian brain unchained, a lot of the corruption of masculinity, because we cut ourselves off from Father Sky. It's really quite pitiful... and dangerous. And now we're at the edge.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.