

Daily Meditation 1/08/22

The Sacred Masculine & Father Sky

Good morning.

We're continuing our exploration into the sacred masculine, as distinct from patriarchy.

Riane Eisler, I think, defines patriarchy quite well in two words. She calls it the "dominator trance"... the dominator trance. There's something of a trance, something of an attraction, that overtakes the mind when it comes to patriarchy, and certainly what happened on January 6 was that kind of a thing: a trance. People were in an altered state of consciousness, I think, of a negative kind, as they rampaged and fought and spread their poison and the rest against those trying to defend our national capital.

So I think this dominator trance reveals itself in empire building, witch burning, inquisitions, crusades, banishing of the Goddess and the divine feminine and wisdom, in the name of almighty knowledge, and in making a scapegoat of pleasure and sexuality. And following the philosophy of Francis Bacon, one of the great philosophers (great in the sense of influential in the modern era), who said we are "to torture Mother Earth for her secrets" ...torture Mother Earth for her secrets.

So that sadism toward Mother Earth, and all her creatures is obviously raging at this time of matricide in the history of our planet.

And I think that our survival hangs in the balance here: that we get to the healthy masculine -- not Francis Bacon's masculine, but the healthy masculine, along with the healthy and divine feminine. And much of my strategy or methodology in doing this is to employ archetypes or metaphors. You might say that an archetype is a giant metaphor, one that really grabs us "bigly."

Woodman, the Jungian therapist, says that metaphor touches us unconsciously, not just consciously. It's like the mother's body, language, rhythm, sound, breath, all go together and create like a magical power become childlike again, to live by metaphors. This way Jesus, his whole life, what did he do? He taught stories, which in turn awakened metaphor, so we can imagine. It's what all the prophets do.

Scientists Joel Primack and Nancy Abrams write about the importance and the power of metaphor this way. They talk about metaphors as "mental reframings of reality itself."

...Mental reframings of reality itself. Can we reframe the reality of what we call the masculine at this time in history? Can we reframe this bubble we've been in for centuries, called patriarchy? And they say that metaphors work because they know the way the human brain understands anything abstract. Anything abstract gets translated into metaphors. And this is why metaphors wake us up and teach us to see things in different ways. The expansiveness -- they write that "the expansiveness of our metaphors determines the expansiveness of our reality." the expansiveness of our reality.

Marion Woodman says that a metaphor or an archetype is like this. She says, "Think of your favorite painting, or your favorite music. It produces for you about 1,000 volts of energy, which is wonderful. But an archetype," she says, "produces 100,000 volts of energy. It's like being in an electric chair, to be struck by an archetype."

And this is why we're pursuing archetypes or metaphors this time. And the first of these is Father Sky, which is a powerful one and an ancient wonder, for reasons that we will explore as we move along.

Thank you for being on this ride with me regarding the archetypes and metaphors of a healthy masculine to displace the tortured and torturing masculine of the patriarchal era.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.