

Daily Meditation 08-05-22

Some Poems to the Mother

Good morning.

This morning I offer several small poems about the Great Mother and about the spirit that the Great Mother incarnates, if you will.

I think it behooves all of us to meditate on the Divine Feminine at this time. So much of patriarchal excess is in our daily news, whether we're talking about the war in Ukraine being carried on by Putin, who has aspirations to be a czar in the 21st century, or whether we're talking about the war on Mother Earth, that goes on and on, although more and more are waking up to the price that Earth is paying, and that we're all paying, and that future generations will pay.

Even our current government is on the cusp of passing a law that's going to make a big difference in the American commitment to respond to the ailments of Mother Earth today at the hands of human corporations, greed, and politics. It's astounding to me that only one party, however, seems interested in a law like this.

But let us meditate with some of these writers, several of whom are indigenous, as they speak to our hearts about what matters.

Narritjin Maymuru Yirrkala, an Australian aborigine, says

We belong to the ground,

...to the ground...

...it is our power.

And we must stay close to it.

Or maybe we will get lost.

Yes, if we ignore the lower chakras, we live only in our heads, in our bank accounts, where we count numbers in our heads and dollars in our heads, power in our heads, we may truly get lost, lost as a species, lost as people, and as individuals.

Hildegard of Bingen:

And the earth is at the same time mother. She's the mother of all that is natural, Mother of all that is human. She is a mother of all, for contained in her are the seeds of all.

Monica Sjoo and Barbara Mor:

True religion --

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...is the original umbilical cord that binds our individual selves back to our larger universal source. That source in women's religion is the Great Mother, who is the great cosmic weaver --

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...the divine potter, the carrier of the heavenly water jar. We participate in her substance, her nature, her processes, her play, and her work.

This is truly a telling of a partnership, isn't it? A process of shared work, co-workers, co-creators with creation.

And Glennis Livingstone:

*Maternal theology will affirm those qualities symbolized by the Great Mother -- an assertive, whole motherhood -
- in all human beings.*

...all human beings, women and men also.

...And it will affirm the maternal reality -- the material reality -- as continuous with the spiritual reality and vice versa.

*...that the maternal reality is a material reality. And together it is a spiritual reality. Remember that the word *materia* matter in Latin, cousin word for Mother, *mater* in Latin. To run from matter, to create dualisms in our way of treating self and others, including Europe, is to run from the Mother.*

Thank you, we'll see you tomorrow.