

Daily Meditation 10/10/2022

Mirabai Starr on the Order of the Sacred Earth

Good morning.

We are meditating on Mirabai Starr's powerful essay in our book, *The Order of the Sacred Earth*, and the very, very rich dream that she shared with us, a dream she had while she was composing her essay.

Again, the essence of the dream was that she was carrying a cadaver, a dead male cadaver with her, and it was very heavy, and her woman friend could not help her. It was really getting her down, literally, when she ran into a young man who assisted and carried the cadaver. And she realized that the dream was about dead patriarchy. Patriarchy is dead.

It's still kicking. And it's not leaving with grace. We find it manifested in Ukraine's war by Putin. We find it manifested in those who want to tear down what's left of democracy, instead of building it up. And those men who are so out of touch with their deeper beauty that they have to lord over others, whether it's in politics or economics and business, or religion, or lording over women in particular. And, of course, we can include Supreme Court judges in that list.

But Mirabaia answered her story with this sentence, ends her essay, which is not included in the piece that I repeat in today's meditation. The last sentence of her essay is "Finally I've come to see the voice of the feminine is one of the most significant missing ingredients in our collective religious story."

The voice of the feminine is missing in our collective religious story. That is the deeper meaning of the dominance of patriarchy and the dominance of dominating "values" (in quotation marks) that have been running our society for centuries.

So, bringing the Divine Feminine back, and even giving patriarchy a graceful funeral, is intrinsic to a better story, to our moving on from the matricide, the killing of Mother Earth that we are involved in, and which is giving us feedback in terms of climate change, and all the rest. Moving on from this patriarchal obsession with control and 'power over' to a different view of seeing the world--one that is about creativity and compassion and caring.

As Julian of Norwich describes it, the maternal values that we all are called to, men and women. And that is, Julian of Norwich says, part and parcel of maternity, of maternal values of caring, creativity, and compassion.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.