

Daily Meditation 02-05-24

Calling on the Cosmic Mother at the Hour of Our Creativity

Good morning.

Let's continue our meditations on the divine feminine, and on St. Brigid, and especially within the context of going back to the original "Hail Mary" prayer from the 12th century, which is not a prayer that culminates in talking about death, or guilt, or being sinners.

And to this prayer I added a line instead, that says "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now, and in the hour of our creativity. Amen."

Because creativity is such an immense introduction of spirit into history, into our own souls, into our empowerment, into our institutions, that humanity is facing its extinction, at this time in history.

And we don't need to be mushy-mouthed, or quiet, or self-conscious about our creativity. We need, for survival's sake, an explosion of creativity.

And instead of preoccupying ourselves with death and our own extinction -- we should be aware of it -- but we should know that one response is despair and just giving up, surrender to that; the other response is to take responsibility.

And that means to engage our imaginations, our moral imaginations, and to engage all our powers of intelligence, intellect, rationality, AND intuition, and creativity, our powers of birth, or as Meister Eckhart put it 800 years ago, the birthing of the Christ, our becoming mothers of God, like Mary was.

So this is why I'm so excited about this approach to the familiar "Hail Mary" prayer.

And the familiar version we have, as I pointed out, is from the 16th century, which no one could call a century of the Feminine ruling; in fact, it was the ultimate explosion of patriarchy with slavery, stealing of human beings from Africa in full swing, and the invasion of so many lands. The 16th century is when the Spanish invaded the Philippines, and, of course, the continuation of the invasion of the Americas, and so forth.

So maternal energy, compassion, which Jesus preached about, and justice, which is part of the Jewish understanding of compassion, as Meister Eckhart makes explicit -- these were in short supply, at this time. The colonialism that marked the period was in full swing.

And so, to pray that we can shift this consciousness of creativity to a creativity that really solves problems, to run empires, take-over others, and brings justice back — this is at the heart of our shift of consciousness today, if we are to survive.

And I point out that there are so many names for the divine that have to do with Creation and creativity. And many of these names that I lay out come from science today, and scientists.

"The mind of the universe," that came from a scientist. "Planetary mind field," that came from another physicist. "Creative intelligence that operates by way of evolution," that came from a scientist. "The ending and unfolding of everything that is," that came from Cardinal Cusa, who was also a scientist and mystic in the late 15th century. "The Universe," "The Self of the Universe," those words are from Deepak Chopra, a scientist of our time. And "light," of course, is Einstein's favorite word. He said he wanted to spend his whole life studying nothing but light and flow, and so forth.

So, many of the contemporary scientific efforts named the energy of the universe, are listed here, in this brief naming of the Divine.

And all of them are, if you look deeply in the "Ground of Being," which is an image from Meister Eckhart (although it actually came first from Hildegard of Bingen, who applied it to Mary, "Mary, the Ground of Being" she said), Eckhart applied it to the whole Godhead.

All these are ways of stirring human imagination, and that is how transformation happens: by bringing alive the Cosmic Mother at the heart and the hour of our creativity, then we can give birth to positive movement, instead of more of the same.

Thank you. We'll see you next week.