

*Meeting the Divine Mother in Humanity*

**The End of Patriarchy**

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*The end of patriarchy happens through the harmonious balance of the Father, Mother, and Child within each of us and within society.*

**HINDUISM:**

The Mother of the Universe

is both woman and man

when they meet in blissful embrace,

dedicating their union to conscious oneness.

Mother alone manifests as loyal brother

and as consecrated wife

along the sacred way of selfless daily life.

This poet is struck with amazement and cries:

“Her nature as pure reality can never be described!

She is fullness! She is completeness!

My Mother dwells in all beings

as their secret essence.

At her wisdom feet I find every fragrance,

every scripture, every place of pilgrimage.”

-Ramprasad Sen (trans. Hixon)

**BUDDHISM:**

There was a monk in the Tang Dynasty of China who was practicing sitting meditation very hard, day and night. He thought he was practicing harder than anyone else, and he was very proud of this. He sat like a rock day and night, but his suffering was not transformed.

One day a teacher asked him, “Why are you sitting so hard?”

and the monk replied, “To become a Buddha!” The teacher

picked up a tile and began polishing it, and the monk asked,

“Teacher, what are you doing?” His master replied, “I am

making a mirror.” The monk asked, “How can you make a

tile into a mirror?” and his teacher replied, “How can you

become a Buddha by sitting?”

-Thich Nhat Hanh

## ZOROASTRIANISM:

I address words of advice to the brides, and to you, O bridegrooms, so pay heed to these my words. Being well versed in religious doctrines, learn to value the life which belongs to the Good Mind. May each of you love the other through Truth, for that shall be to him or her a blessed existence.

So these, O men and women, are in truth [the temptations you will find] on the path of Falsehood whose progress you must hinder. Disassociate your person from the worship of the Lie. Infamy and misery shall befall the Followers of Falsehood who spread desolation and intentionally destroy righteousness. Through these evils you imperil intellectual and spiritual life.

And so the blest recompense of adhering to the goal of the Magi shall be yours when heartfelt love is rooted in the wedded pair. Then the Spirit of Evil, moving back and forth, vanishes completely. Press forward to success in the goal of the Magi or else your last cry shall be uttered in woe.

In truth, by means of such actions all evil-doers will be foiled, derided, and ultimately abandoned to ruin. Through such a wise rule may peace be given to men and women in their homes and their surroundings. Let us cast away these deceptions, and may we soon become the mightiest conquerors of death.

-Yasna 53:5-8 (trans. Adapted from Bode)

## TAOISM:

Recognize the male  
but hold onto the female  
and be the world's maid  
being the world's maid  
don't lose your ancient virtue  
not losing your ancient virtue  
be a newborn child again

-Taoteching #28 (trans. Red Pine)

## INDIGENOUS:

Hear, O Humankind, the prayer of my heart.  
For are we not one, have we not one desire,  
To heal our Mother Earth and bind her wounds?  
And still to be free as the spotted Eagle climbing  
The laughing breath of our Father Sky,  
To hear again from dark forests and flashing rivers  
The varied ever-changing Song of Creation.  
O Humankind, are we not all brothers and sisters,  
Are we not the grandchildren of the Great Mystery?  
Do we not all want to love and be loved,  
To work and to play,  
To sing and dance together?  
-Manitongquat (medicine man and storyteller of the  
Wampanoag Nation)

## JUDAISM:

Then he brought me to the gate, the gate that looks towards  
the east: and, behold, the glory of the God of Yisra'el came  
from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of  
many waters: and the earth shone with his glory.  
And the appearance of the vision which I saw, was like the  
vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the  
visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Kevar, and  
I fell upon my face.  
And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of  
the gate whose prospect is towards the east. And a spirit took  
me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the  
glory of the Lord filled the house.  
-Ezekiel 43:1-5 (trans. Koren Jerusalem Bible)

## CHRISTIANITY:

Where no knowing is I entered,  
yet when I my own self saw there  
without knowing where I rested  
great things I understood there,  
yet cannot say what I felt there,  
since I rested in unknowing,  
all knowledge there transcending.

Of peace and of holy good  
there was perfect knowing,  
in profoundest solitude  
the only true way seeing,  
yet so secret is the thing  
that I was left here stammering,  
all knowledge there transcending.  
-San Juan de la Cruz (trans. A. S. Kline)

#### ISLAM:

Then he further asked, "When will the Hour be established?"  
Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) replied, "The answerer has no better  
knowledge than the questioner. But I will inform you about its  
portents:

When a slave gives birth to her master.

When the shepherds of black camels start boasting and  
competing with others in the construction of higher buildings.

-Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī, Beliefs (Book 2), Ḥadīth 43

#### TRUTH:

Poets of great repute in all ages have always been attracted  
by the moon. They have not written so many lyrics about the  
sun, as they had more appreciation for the feminine aspect  
of creation. For the same reason, the crescent was the sign  
of the Prophet; for if a prophet were not responsive to God  
as the crescent moon is to the sun, illumination would not  
come to them. It is through their response to the voice of  
God that a prophet receives or conceives in their spirit the  
message that they then give to humanity.