

Meeting the Divine Mother in Humanity
Reintegrating the Feminine
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Signs of reintegration of the feminine principle include: a. love of the earth, ecological awareness, b. emergence of groups, c. tendency towards more participatory democracy, d. increasing interest in emotional healing, e. rediscovery of the body and its value. (from Claudio Naranjo)

HINDUISM:

Nothing is higher than dharma. The weak overcomes the stronger by dharma, as over a king. Truly that dharma is the Truth (Satya); Therefore, when a man speaks the Truth, they say, "He speaks the Dharma"; and if he speaks Dharma, they say, "He speaks the Truth!" For both are one.
-Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 1.4.xiv

BUDDHISM:

The Buddha said, "Noble youths, a bodhisattva's buddhaverse is a field of sentient beings. Why so? A bodhisattva embraces a buddhaverse to the same extent that she causes the development of beings. She embraces a buddhaverse to the same extent that sentient beings become educated. She embraces a buddhaverse to the same extent that, through entrance into a buddhaverse, beings are introduced to the buddha-intuition. She embraces a buddhaverse to the same extent that, through entrance into that buddhaverse, beings increase their noble spiritual faculties. Why so? Noble youths, a bodhisattva's buddhaverse springs from the aims of sentient beings....A bodhisattva's buddhaverse is a field of positive thought.
-Vimalakirti Sutra (trans. Thurman)

ZOROASTRIANISM:

The one who is the best for the Righteous, whether they be one of the Strong in Spirit, or a Fellow-worker, or a Friend, O Ahura, or whether they nourish the living with zeal, such

shall in truth dwell in the green pastures of the Divine Law and the Good Mind.

So I shall call myself a singer of Thy praises and be one as long as I have the will and strength to work through Truth. May the Giver of Life further its progress through the Good Mind. Such is the prime wish of the servers of truth.

-Yasna 33:3 and 50:11 (trans.adapted from Bode)

TAOISM:

(All) things have an origin and a conclusion; every affair has an end and a beginning. To know that which comes first, and that which is last, approximates to reason. The prince, who, therefore, wishes that illustrious virtue may be understood under the whole heavens, must first govern well his own kingdom; he who wishes to govern well his kingdom, must first regulate his family; he who wishes to regulate his family, must first adorn with virtue his own person; he who would adorn with virtue his own person, must first rectify his heart; he who wishes to rectify his heart, must first purify his motives; he who would purify his motives, must first perfect his knowledge: knowledge has for its object the nature of things.

The nature and substance of things first exist and are afterwards known; if known, the motive will be purified; after the motive is purified, the heart will be rectified; the heart being rectified, the person will be adorned with virtue; when the person is adorned with virtue, then the family will be regulated; when the family is regulated, the nation will be governed well, when nations are governed well, under the whole heaven will be tranquillity and happiness. From the son of heaven down to the humblest peasant — to all equally, the adorning of the person with virtue, lies at the foundation.

If the beginning be confusion, to expect regularity in the end, is not according to reason.

-The Great Science (trans. Morrison)

INDIGENOUS:

I think the most important issue we have as people are what we started, and that is to begin to trust our own thinking again and believe in ourselves enough to think that we can articulate our own vision of the future and then work to make sure that vision becomes a reality.

-Wilma Mankiller (first woman elected as Chief of the Cherokee Nation)

JUDAISM:

Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that your God יהוה is assigning to you.

-Exodus 20:12 (trans. The Contemporary Torah, JPS, 2006)

The LORD of Hosts will make on this mount
For all the peoples
A banquet of rich viands,
A banquet of choice wines—
Of rich viands seasoned with marrow,
Of choice wines well refined.
And He will destroy on this mount the shroud
That is drawn over the faces of all the peoples
And the covering that is spread
Over all the nations:
He will destroy death forever.
My Lord GOD will wipe the tears away
From all faces
And will put an end to the reproach of His people-
Over all the earth—
For it is the LORD who has spoken.
-Isaiah 25:6-8 (trans. JPS, 1985)

CHRISTIANITY:

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will

wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

-Revelation 21:2-4 (trans. NIV)

ISLAM:

And [remember that] whatever you are given [now] is but for the [passing] enjoyment of life in this world - whereas that which is with God is far better and more enduring. [It shall be given] to all who attain to faith and in their Sustainer place their trust, and who shun the more heinous sins and abominations; and who, whenever they are moved to anger, readily forgive, and who respond to [the call of] their Sustainer and are constant in prayer; and whose rule [in all matters of common concern] is consultation among themselves; and who spend on others out of what We provide for them as sustenance and who, whenever tyranny afflicts them, defend themselves.

But [remember that an attempt at] requiting evil may, too, become an evil: hence, whoever pardons [his foe] and makes peace, his reward rests with God - for, verily, He does not love evildoers.

Quran 42:36-40 (trans. M. Asad)

TRUTH:

Dharma has been given from time to time to the world, sometimes quietly and unobtrusively and sometimes in a loud voice; but always it is a continual outpouring of the inner knowledge, of life, and of divine blessing. Those who stick to the old forms, closing their eyes to the inner truth, paralyze their Dharma by holding on to an old form and refusing the present stream, which is sent.