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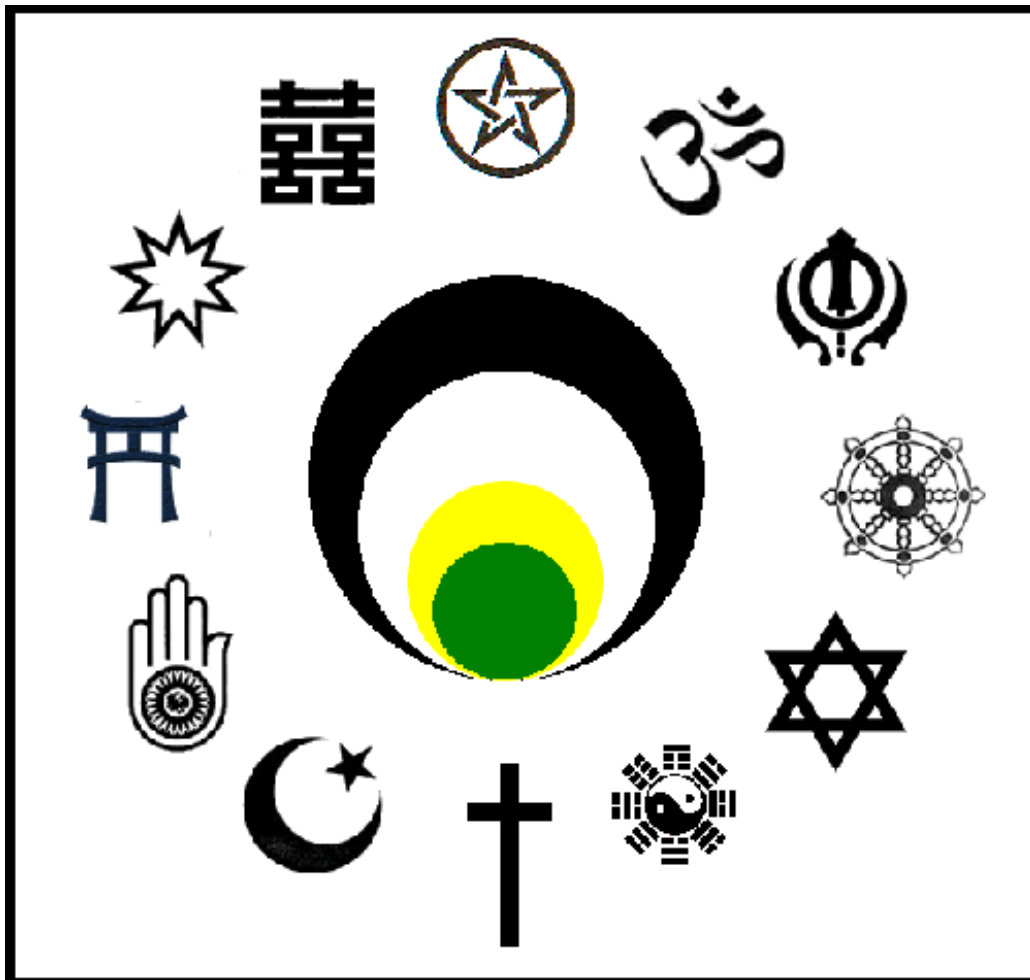
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We are part of society
Society is part of the earth
The earth is part of the universe
The universe is part of the Eternal Light
The Eternal Light is part of Absolute Nothingness
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Chapter 1

The Ego-Catastrophe

Lament Paradise Lost 1.1

Whither has Paradise gone, O people of the world? Whither has your innermost Treasure turned, that we may seek IT with you?

Your Divine Self has retired to the background, unrecognizable, turning the gardens with the spices and the lilies into wasteland.

I am my Self and my Self is mine; I know it from memory long ago.

You are beautiful as a Goddess, my love, comely as a Valley, terrible as an army with banners.

Turn away your Depth from me, for it disturbs me. Too long I dwelled in the grey suburbs of our mega-cities.

Your third eye is like a shining lake, but alas, it doesn't serve me anymore. It has extinguished before I started my miserable life.

I desperately search you behind your veil.

There used to be many queens and concubines, and maidens without number. They guarded the wells, sharing its abundance with everybody, without exception.

O, I know too well, I grabbed the land as if it were mine. I forgot about you. Soon the streams dried out, the earth became barren, the skies empty and the people "thrown upon themselves".

My dove, my Perfect One, was the darling of her Mother, flawless to her that bore her. The maidens saw her and called her happy; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her.

"Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army with banners?"

I went down to my memory, and I saw the nut orchard, the blossoms of the valley, the budding vines, the pomegranates in bloom, lamenting about the losses.

The ego has turned everything ugly.

Before I was born, everything used to be Perfect. What happened to me and the world? Will we ever laugh, dance and celebrate again?

Return, return, O Paradise, return, return, that we may once again be part of your beauty.

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And (wo)man, roaming through the wasteland, came with a shock to him(her) Self. What did I bring about? My spirit woozy, my heart cold like ice and my body under the spell of greediness.

I must have been obsessed. While everything looked so normal. We did our duty, took the children to school, visited cultural events and supported Greenpeace.

When I look into the mirror, I get scared of my own eyes.

Oh, Mother, at the time you bore me, you were so happy with your sprout. Hadn't you a delightful future in mind for me?

Was it a "law", that I first had to build up my "ego", at the expense of all and everything? To be honest: I don't know.

What I do know is that the price is high, too high. I now stand with my back against the wall. All my options have been gambled away. Who is going to save me from my anxiety?

I was forced to Remember. Through the banks of the ever-present fog, moments of clarity appeared. Tears sprung up from my eyes. Am I thus not yet lost?

Mother hasn't forgotten me. What a miracle that She still cares about me. Her Love is inexhaustible. When I look around myself, I notice that I am not alone. Everywhere the spark in the eyes of the people returns. The hearts are opening up; one recognizes each other, once again.

All of a sudden I realize the immense task that lies before me. Back to the Source, that is the first step. To get rid of all those artificial skins. Until standing naked before the Truth.

Just like Inanna, the great example of all mankind. What an incredible courage to descend*. Love was Her great driving force. Oh, Mother, may I likewise be filled with Love.

* In the Underworld.

I promise mySelf to never revert anymore. Once you know - conscience - there is no way back. However, it will be a Road of trial and error.

Those who have spoiled the earth should heal her again, as well.

Thus, one mustn't speak too quickly. Prematurity has to be avoided. Unity is there from eternity, absolutely, it requires integration of everything excluded, suppressed and denied.

What you reject, dominates you.

The Mother, out of Her limitless compassion, leads you to still embracing all your inner step children.

I also give back my ego to Her, yes; I put my whole life into Her Lap.

And look, by doing this, the grass is raising, the flowers are budding, the bees are going around once again, the air is fresh like ozone and the trees are regaining their strength.

Her Light Body radiates through all life. I know I am part of it. Deeply grateful I am accepting Her gift.

Oh, I never thought, that a "second chance" had been possible. I praise the Mother without reservation. Thou, Who are the eternal Source of all life.

May we commit ourselves to "A New Heaven, A New Earth and A New Community".

THE EGO-CATASTROPHE

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Intro

1.2 Time goes very fast. Still assuming that it is women, who still massively suffer from patriarchy, it was quite a shock to me to learn, that nowadays it is men who experience a rapid breakdown of their "traditional" identity. Not as an academic finding, but as a harsh reality. To such an extent that "the crisis of men", contrary to the "crisis of women" is the greatest threat to world peace and stability. Feminists would say that men always have been the greatest threat to world peace and stability. I think that is true. However, the difference with the past is that nowadays a complete breakdown of the social system is imminent and with it an era of chaos, bewilderment, violence and destruction.

Rise and Fall of the Male Ego

1.3 Archaic (wo)men lived according to the cycle of nature. Everything was born out of a (the) Dark Cosmic Womb and returned to it. Men identified themselves with it through becoming "Vegetation Gods". Every autumn they died - symbolizing the death of nature - while being reborn in spring. Through the "hieros gamos" (an echo of it you will find in the "Song of Songs") or Sacred Marriage with the MotherGoddess or Queen, the fertility of the land was secured. For one season the "chosen one" ruled as God/King, everything "in the Name of the Cosmic Mother". "Death and Rebirth" reflects Cosmic Balance and thus guarantees peace, stability and prosperity. This was called "Mother's Web of Life". As long as this was cherished, male ego was kept within checks. The Source being the Bottomlessness of Mother's Lap, to which everything returned and from which everything was born.

1.4 It is the Primordial Trinity: Death, Rebirth and Life. Until the sense of the Whole diluted. Through the Agrarian Revolution - brought about by women - possessions accumulated. Inequality was the result. The rich sought to protect their wealth and with it a new challenge for men: as guardians, protectors and defenders. Very soon these "servants" became boss, through physical strength and the fabrication of weaponry. As rulers they soon dominated and controlled the whole tribe. Tribes that started fighting each other. Through the invention of the "word" they were able to

issue laws, through which larger areas could be controlled. Kingdoms emerged. In order to establish their rule a "One God" was invented. "One God, One Nation and One King" (Joshua 7th century BCE). Later the Roman Emperor Constantine would repeat exactly the same strategy. The "unity" of Christianity wasn't something that emerged from within, but came from without as a political manoeuvre.

1.5 While the Mother Reign was decaying and male power increased, the latter refused to remain a "dying and resurrecting" God anymore. It was Gilgamesh who first declined the offer of the Goddess Ishtar, while starting his quest for immortality. "To escape from the cycle of birth and death" became the drive behind man's ambitions; the former is still the main principle behind Buddhism. It became a new source of authority. Rather than being the "Son" of the Mother, in whose service he used to live and work, his frame of reference "wasn't from this earth". His ego became divine sanctioned, something nobody (and certainly no women!) could question. The power of his ego became absolute, supported by theologies, holy books and Church dominance.

1.6 Still though, there were individuals who considered "death and rebirth" as the source of all life. First of all through the Hellenistic Mysteries. Regeneration and renewal were considered vital. Through dying in the Womb of the Mother Goddess (e.g. Isis, Demeter) one achieved rebirth. This insight was oppressed by the.....dying and resurrecting Christian "Son of God". Through his rebirth he "saved the whole of mankind". It sounds good at first sight, but going deeper, it meant that through it he deprived all other people of their own power of regeneration. Renewal became a monopoly of the Church.... "Only Jesus (the Church) can save you....."

1.7 The "christening" of Europe took at least 1500 years. By the time it had its highlight it already declined (Late Middle Ages). Inspired by the Old Testament - with its revengeful "God" Yahweh - Christians started to persecute everybody who "did not believe in Christ". "Who isn't with me is against me", this ugly saying of Jesus is responsible for discrimination of "non-believers" until this very day. It was a time, where the male ego identified itself with authority and power. The Church had moved from an underdog to a top dog position. Emperor Theodosius (4th century) had forbidden all "pagan" beliefs. It gave Christians a free hand in tearing down temples, burning books, destroying nature, discriminate women, persecuting Jews, while fighting "heretics". Church and State closely cooperated. Both were interested in the total submission of people. Didn't the "word" suffice, the sword would do the job. Even a truly enlightened one like "St" Augustine couldn't resist the temptation of power. He gave the authorization to persecute heretics. In the 8th century (or earlier) crusades were organized, e.g. against the Saxons, later against the Slavs. Christians proved to be ruthless persecutors. Even where the "transition" was peaceful, the new faith was imposed by the rulers on the people.

1.8 Because of the revival in the Middle Ages of ancient beliefs, which apparently had not died down.....like the Waldensians and the Humiliates.... the Brothers and Sisters of the Free Spirit.....Mystics.....the Beguines.....the Cathars.....the Grail Quest.....the Lady Courts.....the Troubadours....the Black Madonna.....the Knights Templar.....oppression even intensified. The Inquisition was installed with both Dominicans ("God's dogs") and Franciscans - after an initial period of "reason" - turning out to be fanatics of the worst kind. (The latter even continued their practice in the colonies). This terror lasted at least eight centuries! Himmler got his "best ideas" for his SS and Gestapo from studying the Inquisition. Very soon people's spirit was broken to such an extent that they were seeking refuge in the only area that was spared: that of the ego. It was one of the most dramatic events in European spiritual history, in which the Church had destroyed the last flames of inherent spirituality. The people had no choice but to identify with their personal interests only. The connection with "Heaven, Earth and the (traditional) Community" was definitively cut.

Western (wo)man became an uprooted being in a desecrated world. It was the beginning of our Western Ego-Catastrophe: self-centeredness, individualism, materialism as the cornerstones of an entire culture. The "secularization" thus didn't come from "without" but was a direct consequence of Church policies, for which it is still accountable. "The European soul is dead" pope Benedict once said. How cynical, indeed!

1.9 Ego thrived in the centuries after. It was the time of State and Church Absolutism.

Accumulation of wealth and power thrived. The elites were very rich, while the population as a whole perished. Even religious reformists (Luther) supported the ruling class. The latter turned his ("Christian") back to the masses of poor farmers. Last pockets of "heretics" (e.g. Hussites) were eliminated. The culture became more rude, materialistic and militaristic. War was an ongoing business, the greed for power (Machiavelli) unlimited. Increasingly, men were forced to join armies. While they were exploited by the rulers, in their turn they terrorized women and children. The elite felt they were the lords of the earth. Capitalism was on the rise with profit-making as the highest goal in life. The patriarchal family secured the transition of power, influence and wealth according to the male line. While young boys could expect a glorious career, women were totally subordinate to "the will" of husbands and sons. The existence of a soul in women was seriously doubted even three to two centuries ago. The Church also denied a soul to blacks, giving "green light" to the slavery business. Poor men.....for it were them who were totally alienated from their inner Being. In the grip of their successes their self-indulgence didn't know any limits. Their rise inevitably had to be followed by their fall.

1.10 European spiritual history is the story from original Wholeness toward one-dimensionality.

The next step in this process was brought about by the "Enlightenment". The latter, obviously, has nothing to do with true Enlightenment whatsoever, but with the next impoverishment of the soul. Rationality claimed to be the core of human being. The "rest": e.g. body, feelings, intuitions, emotions, visions, were considered to be of a lower level. Not surprisingly, that the latter were attributed to women. Lacking "higher" intelligence women were said to be instable, the victim of their "wild lusts". Thus it happened that even during the "Enlightenment" witch-hunting thrived. The last executions of women took place at the end of the nineteenth century..... The impacts of the rational age to men's identity were a disaster. In former times he lost his spirit, now he was also cut off from his soul. What was left was an icy-cold rationalistic, reductionist mind, in which only thinking counted. "I think, thus I am" (Descartes) is absurd. Thinking is one of our functions - a not entirely unimportant one - but certainly not the centre of our Being. The tragic is that this servant became the master, reducing existence to a mechanical universe. One may certainly say, that this was a logic outcome of ego-development, for which the males themselves are responsible. Forgotten however, is the fact that the masses of males had no answer to the oppression from "above".

1.11 The worst had still to come.

Through technological progress the era of industrialization set in. To the masses it was the next step in alienation. Men were driven into the plants like cattle. Women and children impoverished at home. Responsible was the class of capitalist entrepreneurs, those who ruthlessly exploited their "workforce". Existence reduced to the survival of the fittest. Not surprisingly, Darwin proposed his theory of evolution exactly during that time. As a reaction against unbearable living conditions social mass movements emerged. Socialism managed to bring relief. The underlying condition - men having lost their deeper sense of (spiritual) Self, the loss of the fullness of a feeling soul, plus his discriminating attitude towards women and the earth - remained largely the same. With such a little self-esteem it was almost inevitable, that men couldn't resist the call to war. On the battlefield he had the chance to prove "who he really was": a hero. In reality this really (literally) finished him off. Fascism e.g. can be understood as the attempt to restore lost self-esteem. The so-called superiority is an over-compensation for inner weakness. That's why it is so

ruthless. Like Christianity in the ages before, fascism needs the non-believer - the "Untermensch" - in order to boost its own uniqueness. It is the absolute low, a licence to despise, terrorize and murder all those who don't belong to the "chosen ones". Once the "other" has been lowered to the status of less than an animal, mass-murders follow a "logic" of their own. Eventually, human values are definitely buried under the mass graves of millions of victims.

1.12 The irony: while the "strong sex" has been wearing itself out, the "weaker sex" - despite all oppression - has maintained inner substance. Contrary to female inner stability, in the post-war era male ego maintains itself solely through technological innovation. Without it he would be nowhere. Feminists have understood this. They intensified their campaign for equality on all levels of society. Their psychological drive is derived from the desire to realize their inner masculine part ("animus" acc. to C.G.Jung). In socio-cultural-political affairs their influence is on the rise. Female radicals have taken their chance to finally crush all of male identity. Given 2000 and more years of oppression this is even understandable, though not justified. Because, can a boy be blamed that he has been born as such; that as a child he was raised according the expectations of a still male-dominated society? But there is much more at stake. Because of the obsession to compete with men, the majority of "new women" want to have their place "under the sun" of the current dominating patriarchal- capitalist system, the self-same system that had oppressed them for such a long time. Without any inclination to change it! Considering their determination to power and wealth this is not something to be amused of. Men are increasingly put to the periphery. So, several male experts are sounding the alarm-bells. Like a book with the title "What is left of men?" Subsequent effort is made to "restore man's identity".

The Pathological Foundation of the West

Ego-Overcompensation

1.13 Originally, people lived in harmony with "Heaven, Earth and the Community". Then came Christianity and destroyed this existential foundation. After centuries of terror (Inquisition) people had no choice but to fall back on their ego as the only dimension that had been spared. The Church is thus responsible for "secularization", materialism and individualism. Since then, Western "civilization" is dominated by ego. The ego can thus be defined as an isolated entity that is alienated from its original Wholeness. This being alienated from the Whole is potentially harmful; it is the preliminary phase of evil. To have lost contact with Reality - "being thrown back on yourself" - means to be at the mercy of existential Angst. For deep inside the ego feels to have no real roots. Moreover, the ego is formed through a process of exclusion. What it likes becomes part of its identity ("me"), what it doesn't like is rejected ("not-me"). The "personality" is thus a rather random entity. Instead of real roots in existence, it is built on an arbitrary set of identifications. This creates an additional inner sense of existential insecurity. The deeper this vulnerability is felt, the greater the need to overcompensate it. Weakness turns into power, fear into aggressiveness, and pain into ruthlessness. The way the ego does this is through clinging to inner (concepts, ideas, ideals, beliefs) and outer "objects" (money, relationships, power). Because of its inner vulnerability, the ego sees its identification with the "objects" as a matter of "life and death". Without this "identity" you are "lost". That's why the other is regarded as a threat to its own existence. Violating others is justified as a "need" to "defend" itself. It is the first stage of actual evil. One step further and the ego puffs itself

further up, so as to enhance its defensive armor against its environment. Thus people accumulate more internal and external objects as strictly necessary for their survival. It is the second stage of evil.

1.14 The gap between itself and others widens further. One way to keep everyone else out is to consider itself as "superior" while the others are "inferior", "mean" or "low" or as "believers" in contrast to "infidels", to ultimately dividing the world in "good "(itself) and" evil " (the others). One step further and the "others" are subhuman, criminals, scum, even "animals". Please, remember: in all these cases there is an ego that feels deeply insecure, inferior and vulnerable from within! Once this above step has been made, the ego regards this as a license to persecute, terrorize and murder without a trace of remorse. It is the ultimate level of evil. Summarizing: Evil is the ultimate consequence of an ego, which seceded from the Whole. It has lost its existential context and therefore its equilibrium. It feels no bounds, so it inflates itself more and more. Increasingly, it considers all others as "standing in its way," ultimately resulting in the destruction of the whole earth. While history changed face, the underlying ego-complex remained the same. Today, the elite are purposely uprooting people in order to reduce them to "zombies", willing slaves. Evil thus proving to be an ego problem. The solution: give up your ego in order to become part of the Whole: "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community" once again. I have called these hopefuls "Green Men" and "Wise Women".

1.15 At this stage, the ego has definitely disintegrated into a pathological entity. It is like a sinking Bismarck, which out of sheer despair shoots all his guns out. This can be an entirely unconscious process. Fear and aggression are two sides of the same coin, a lifelong identification with the ego with the result that the whole system "is set to ego". The ego even sits deep in our cells. Therefore it affects the entire body mind. As I said above, ego is overcompensation to our inner vulnerability. It does everything in order to survive and can therefore not let go. Because of the lack of Being it has sought refuge in having. It blows itself up, through which inner peace and balance are blocked. It cannot share, it only tries to get. (The ego has many tricks to pretend the opposite). This means that at the various levels – thoughts, metabolic waste, money – things are piling up, eventually culminating in some chronic disease. Ego is always part of physical syndromes. As indicated above: because ego is lacking resonance with the Whole, it "is thrown upon itself". It is an isolated entity, without feedback with Life, unlike the "old times", where it was part of the Whole: "Heaven, Earth and the Community". It has nothing to do with anybody and that is the pathology of it. Without resonance with the Whole, ego blows itself up, knowing no limits. An inflating, overcompensated ego destroys all that stands in its way, in matters large and small. A person becomes cold, indifferent, calculating, and reckless while fighting its way through at the expense of others. An ego-career messes everything up. The ego-society has become a cancer growth that exploits cultures, peoples and resources mercilessly ("globalization").

I have studied many critical political (regular, conspiracy) theories about the decline of the West. The more you read the more paralyzed you become. The sum total of global problems is simply too extensive. Our common mind feels helpless. Deep within you realize that the answer has to come from a different Dimension.

*The True Nature of God,
that is the big issue*

*Does your identity depend on a lie or on the Truth?
that is the (big) question*

Evil

1.16

Letter to a beloved friend

Originally, people lived in harmony with "Heaven,
Earth and the Community".

Then Christianity came, destroying this existential foundation.

After centuries of terror (Inquisition) people had no other choice but to fall back on the only faculty left untouched: the ego.

The Church thus being responsible for "secularization", materialism and individualism.

Ever since Western "civilization" is dominated by the ego.

Ego thus can be defined as a isolated entity, alienated from its original Wholeness.

This being alienated from the Whole is potentially harmful, it is the "proto-stage" of evil.

Having lost contact with Reality - "thrown upon itself" - means being left to existential angst.

Deep down it realizes that it hasn't any foundation, therefore, it clings to objects from within (concepts, ideas, ideals, convictions) and without (money, relationships, power)

Because of its inner vulnerability, the ego considers identification with the "objects" a matter of "life and death".

You think that without this your "identity", you are lost.

That's why "the other" is considered a threat towards one's individual existence.

Harming others is then justified as a necessity to "defend" oneself.

It is the first stage of actual evil.

One step further and the ego starts blowing itself up in order to thicken its "protective wall" against its environment.

So people start accumulate more "inner and outer objects" (see above) than is strictly necessary for their survival.

It is the second stage of evil.

Often, the gap between oneself and all others is then widening further and further.

One way to keep all others "out" is to consider oneself as "superior", while the others are "inferior".

Or, by categorizing people as "believers" and "non-believers".

Or, by dividing the world in "good" (oneself) and

"evil" (the others).

Still one step further is denouncing these others as Untermenschen, criminals, offscourings or even "animals".....

Please realize: in these cases the underlying mechanism is an ego that deep down feels itself alienated, inferior and vulnerable!!!

Once this last step is made, the ego considers this a license to persecute, terrorize and kill without any pangs of conscience.

It is the ultimate stage of evil.

Summarizing: evil is the last consequence of the ego separating itself from the Whole.

Having lost its existential context and thus its inner balance, it knows no limits, blowing itself up more and more.

Increasingly, it considers all others as "standing in their way", eventually resulting in destroying the Whole Earth.

Evil thus proves to be an ego- problem.

The solution: to give up the ego, while becoming part of the Whole:
"Heaven, Earth and the (New) Community", once again.

These reborn humans we call "Green Men" and "Wise Women".

Mission of the Original Tradition Cosmic Mother HEALING THE PLANET

In these Most Critical of Times

7 Major Distresses

A mutual interrelated complex of

1.17

Spiritual Distress

Not knowing yourSelf (ignorance), meaninglessness, despair, indifference, despondency, fear of Nothingness, confusion, lack of security, being cut off from the Source, pseudo-spirituality, spiritual

materialism

Psychological Distress

To be thrown on yourself, egocentrism, identity crisis, loneliness, addiction, to be victim of impulses, (suppressed) fear, anger and pain, inferiority complex, lack of feeling, powerlessness, male superiority complex, self pity, relational problems, stress, inner unrest, depression, burn-out

Physical Distress

Ever more unexplainable complaints, fatigue, sleeping disturbances, allergies, electro-stress, poisonings, medicines, immune deficiency, epidemics, metabolic disorders, chronic disease in children, pain syndromes (RSI), heart and circulatory diseases, dementia, Alzheimer, cancer

Cultural Distress

Decay on all levels, cut off from roots, one-dimensionality, dominance of science and technology, suppression of the feminine (patriarchy), loss of norms and values, media manipulation, alienation from reality (virtual world), fragmentation, degeneration, lack of vision, inspiration and courage

Social Distress

Individualism, collective self-addiction (materialism, consumerism), multi-cultural tensions, loss of perspective (youth), lack of education, hardening of society, intolerance, undemocratic structures, abuse of power, corruption, violence, militarism, war, homelessness, social disintegration, chaos

Economic Distress

Gap between rich and poor, greed, profit, exploitation and injustice, (ruthless) competition, unlimited corporate growth, 24/7 society, (wo)man as object, structural unemployment, poverty, hunger, social disintegration (Third World), displacement, migration

Ecological Distress

Overpopulation, environmental pollution, greenhouse effect (climate change), water shortage, overproduction- and consumption, energy crisis, destruction of nature, loss of bio-diversity, depletion of the soil, gen-manipulated crops/food, bio-industry, application of antibiotics and hormones, (animal) epidemics

In these most Critical of Times

1.18 We are confronted with Nothingness. It is reason for great concern. What it does is breaking down all ego-accumulations. The old order will collapse. As predicted by science: disasters of great magnitude will scourge humanity. Angst will be spreading around the globe. Is there no way out? There is. For Nothingness appears to be a (the) Cosmic Womb. That which the ancients called the Universal Great Mother. In Her Depth death is transformed into rebirth. Ego will be replaced by our Divine Self, the Self becoming part of the Whole, once again. Together we will enter a new era of balance on all levels of existence. So, don't wait any longer. "Die" (the ego) voluntarily, before you are forced to die involuntarily. I call it The Original Tradition, including the "Road Within" subsequently followed by the "Road Without". Whatever happens, your life will be part of the Ocean of clear insight, wisdom, fearlessness, connectedness, trust, love and strength. By being it you will become a hopeful to this world.

Back to the Origin

1.19 Since the Cosmic Mother has revealed Herself to me ("Threefold Cosmic Realization") She has become the centre of my everyday life. Astonishing how "Cosmic Vacuum" can become something so intimate. Well, we are all part of it, so it isn't THAT strange? "Emptiness giving security", it is a paradox you have to live, before you can understand it. It is so subtle, so silent, clear

and joyful; at the same time it is the unsurpassed Triumph of Life. After surrendering yourself (your ego) to Her, discovering that She subsequently grants you New Life all the time.... nothing can bring you out of balance anymore. In order to celebrate this I have put two of my dearest images in the centre of my worship (see website): the Cosmic Womb Mandala, with both "God" (white, yellow) and the universe (green) being born out of Her Womb (black), while continuously returning. No any other symbol comes closer to the Truth of Ultimate Reality. Under the Cosmic Mandala you see Her Manifestation: the Black Madonna*. The latter appeared to me in a vision.

* She manifests Herself in various forms, depending on local tradition, culture, and geography. In China e.g. as Xi Wang Mu and Wu Sheng Lao Mu. In Tibetan Buddhism as Mahakala, on Java as Kala.....(MahaKali).

In order to become Renewed

1.20 Dying to the old (ego) and rebirth as a True Self is the core of spiritual practice. In my life I "experienced" the very Depth of it. Resulting in a decade of uninterrupted Bliss. Contrary to what some say: even after Full Enlightenment (and beyond) sooner or later the ego comes back. That's why daily practice remains necessary. Through my almost 40 years of spiritual practice (Sanctifying Nature/ Heaven & Earth Exercises/Tiendi Qigong) every day is overflowing with clarity, joy and connectedness. I do it without doing. It has become my "first nature" optimizing all other activities like eating, sleeping, and working. Not that I am doing the exercise for hours every day. No, I do them when I feel the need, mostly once a day one to ten minutes. "My" Space - that What I Really Am - is bigger than me. Everything is effortless (most of it). Life is playful, full of "humour" and "cheerfulness". I am "doing" it also for you. Because "my" awareness" is embracing everything without exception. Without specific images appearing in my mind I feel very much One with all people, with the animals, the plants, the rivers, the rocks and the clouds. If you direct your needs, sorrows, sufferings and problems to Her Space, She will certainly taking care of you!

To be Part of the Whole, once again

1.21 Being the Whole you become indebted to it. The more "called" you are, the greater your responsibility. Nietzsche called this the "inner tyrant". To be led by the Best in you makes you free. Being a "prisoner of the Eternal" my greatest freedom consists in committing myself to the wellbeing of all. In these most critical of times one doesn't have to think long about to what one should dedicate oneself. I called it "Healing the Planet". Nowadays, an individual, whatever his or her "spiritual attainment", cannot do this by his or her own. The problems are simply too big and we are too small. However, if the Mother is behind you, this situation changes dramatically. My daily practice consists in "giving myself back to Her"; while at the same time being constantly renewed. It means that I don't do things with my ego anymore. In a way the Mother is doing the job. How? By granting me Divine Light, all-inclusive compassion, inner balance, supreme intuitions and limitless strength. Through this New Self I connect myself to the world, becoming part of the Whole once again. I don't feel small anymore. Rather I include the world through limitless compassion. Extending my commitment to "Healing the Planet" in 10 Steps. Curious about "my" project?

Practicalities

1.22 Dear friends. Han Marie is a very modest person. In spite of the fact that he was granted unsurpassed Supreme Wisdom he has been hesitating to come to the open for a long, long time. He always said "I am just an ordinary man". Now, with the global crisis rapidly increasing he hasn't any

choice anymore. So I tell you what he himself cannot say: "he is indeed a new Universal Teacher, destined to help the planet to survive. His whole life he has been preparing (despite all reluctance) to starting his Mission. The miracle is, that he - totally unexpectedly and unforeseen - got "divine support". The Ultimate Reality was revealed to him: "God didn't create the world out of nothingness, but Nothingness is giving birth to both God (the Light, the Divine, Buddhahood), the latter continuously returning to their Origin". It means that Han Marie - as one of the very few - went beyond God. "Light is born out of Darkness" he says. It corresponds with ancient times in which the Ultimate was called "The Great Night", the "Cosmic Womb" or "Great Mother". Science confirms this through its concept of the Vacuum as the Origin of the universe. Why is this important? Well, as we all know it is our ego's who created the mess on Earth. Our selfishness, our greed for more, more and more..... is destroying our beautiful planet. Religions have always been aware of this. However, they failed, because the cunning mind manipulated "God" in such a way, that it always could go on with "business as usual". Confronted with Nothingness, Vacuum or Cosmic Womb the ego cannot escape anymore. Therefore, for the first time in history Western egoism has a chance to give itself up. The miracle, once you let your ego "die" into "Mother's Womb" you will be totally renewed. It is what J.W. von Goethe meant by "Stirb und Werde" ("Death and Rebirth"). At the end of his Faust he confirmed that only das "Ewig-Weibliche" ("the "Eternal Feminine") could save mankind. Han Marie continues where Goethe ended.

In these times of total fragmentation of society e.g. chaos on all levels, people's deepest longing is for a Binding Factor: a Unity in Diversity, an all-inclusive Reality. Without it society will not survive.

Chapter 2

Revelation of the Cosmic Mother

A Short Spiritual Autobiography of Han Marie Stiekema SermeS



"The one who has been
BEYOND the BEYOND
of
TIME and SPACE"

The Mother took Her veil away
In order to let Me See
Overflowing with joy, the dance
I know I Am the All
It is the Original Homeland
With all Its simple directness
I Am embracing existence
All beings are My children



Hail to the Birthgiver!
Just like the cherries are preserved thanks to the
empty glass that contains them
Like fishes in the water
Through Space we enjoy the objects
A baby grows in the emptiness of the womb
In the same way God and the universe are born out
of the Cosmic Vacuum



2.1 The life of Han Marie Stiekema is characterized by an unexpected, spontaneous interference "from above". Without any effort on his part, without any aim or ambition the Transcendence was bestowed upon him. He did not strive for any spiritual attainment, whatsoever. On the contrary, everything happened despite him. As such his Breakthrough was a direct Transmission. That makes his "Realization" a very unique one, because he received it in complete "innocence". However, there were some "facilitators" on his Path, as well. It is here, that the SermeS wants to express his gratefulness to existence as a whole, and in particular toward his "helpers". First of all, Karl Graf Dörckheim, who introduced him into the realm of awakening; Marie-Louise Stangl, who taught him body-feeling awareness; Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who initiated him into the Supreme Threefold Realization; Shinran Shonin, who introduced him into the reality of the "Other Power"; Teresa of Avila who taught him the practice of prayer; and finally Sri Ramakrishna, who used to be his example of Great Mother worship. Eventually, he learned that the definitive step consists of pulling up his personality to the level of his Realization - with the aim of ever greater transparency - a very personal process, indeed*.

** Not having forgotten **Hadewych, Beatrijs van Nazareth, Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, Ruusbroec, Eckhart, Suso, Meera, Al-Arabi, Kabir, Rumi**, and all other great lovers of the Ultimate!*

*A life destined by the Mother through Her Vision of the Grail:
"Awaken, restructure your life and serve others"*

INTRODUCTION

2.2 This is the wondrous tale about the life of the Servant/Messenger, confided to his wife, his great love, life companion and spiritual sister. At first she had great reluctance to publish it. However, with the "true mission" of the SermeS eventually uncovered, she felt she couldn't hold it back anymore. It is the authentic story of a modern "Hoffnungstraeger" - a "Parsifallegend" - a life characterized by purity, idealism, grace, sincerity, beauty and service. The uniqueness of his life lies in the fact, that

he didn't strive in any way to achieve either spiritual illumination or a special role in society. On the contrary, everything - from his first revelation to his latest insights about his mission - happened without his doing. He wasn't spared suffering though. After his first ten years of uninterrupted bliss he went into a period of integration of parts of the old self and painful confrontation with the world. With as a result an ever growing compassion. His motto: "Being Nothing you are everything" expresses his resulting all-embracing attitude, in which the spiritual and the worldly are becoming one. In this most desperate of times his life is bearing the promise of a new society based on spiritual values, indeed a ["Vision of A New Culture"](#).

Born in 1942 Groningen, The Netherlands, eldest son of two very beautiful parents. His mother was an Enlightened woman, however, for the sake of "proper education" didn't tell her son about it until the last year of her life! So the SermeS, like all other children, was born out of the Divine Light, but unlike other children, out of an enlightened maternal body, as well. Moreover, he was born through a caesarean! This all contributed to an exceptional awareness of Divine Innocence by the boy, indeed, of a Hidden Treasure he knew there was "within". Like Parcival's mother, his mother resisted her strong patriarchal environment. Despite the fact, that both grandfathers were called "Herman", both insisting that "their" firstborn should be called accordingly, she chose "Han" (nothing to do with "Johannes" or "John") as his actual first name. It is amazing how after this beginning the rest of his life would follow the pattern of the Parcival legend.

2.3 After his graduation from university and equipped with lots of idealism the SermeS went to Germany and Austria to additionally qualify himself in natural e.g. holistic medicine. This was very rare indeed, since in his own country (Netherlands) natural medicine was pretty much unknown. Like many others at that time (1972) the SermeS moved to the countryside, where he opened a clinic for natural medicine. The family, now husband, wife and two little daughters lived in a small farmhouse, growing its own organic vegetables, baking their own bread, while the wife was dyeing, spinning and weaving from the wool produced by her own sheep. In a very short time SermeS' reputation grew to such an extent, that people from all directions came to his practice. His treatments included all natural therapies, later to be extended by psychotherapy. Apart from that SermeS considered it his duty to educate people, hence lectures, writing articles, giving interviews, radio talks and a TV program (very rare at that time), took at least half of his time. Although being an atheist his interest in spiritual matters was slowly growing. Due to the marital troubles friends advised him to start doing meditation. He therefore went to Karl Graf Dürckheim in the Black Forest where he practiced Zazen. The discovery of awareness, being the witness to his own thinking, indeed nothing less than a new identity (Satori) was a great joy to him. Zazen became his regular practice, in which he was sitting up to five times half an hour a day. Many years later it resulted in the writing of an instruction manual, together with the foundation of the "Living Zen School". It was an innovation, because of the style being an integration of "East and West" with "feeling awareness" as the key practice.

VISION OF THE GRAIL

2.4 Extraordinary things started happening. First of all there was this very respected wise man from a nearby city, who was visiting his consultation hour. Upon the SermeS' question: "What can I do for you", the man answered that he wasn't a patient, but had come to the SermeS with a special message. Astonished about this strange introduction the Sermes' gave the man the opportunity to continue. Well, he said "he had followed the Sermes already quite a while and the reason he had come was to tell the SermeS, that the latter was an incarnation of Parcival. Therefore, the SermeS had to prepare himself for an extraordinary life, in which he would serve the whole of mankind". After having said that, he handed over a small booklet about the archangel Michael and went out of the room, leaving the SermeS behind in total amazement and disbelief. The SermeS decided not to take the "message" seriously though. Soon he had forgotten about the incident. However, about half a year later a much greater surprise would really turn his life upside down. While taking a rest in the afternoon, totally unexpected and with great room filling clarity - indeed an exalted state of mind - a [Vision](#) unfolded itself approximately two meters in front of his eyes. It started with St.John's Wort, with its small golden flowers and red pollen inside, slowly developing into a Jewish Menorah (originally the Canaite Tree of Life), equally golden with red flames at the top of its seven arms, having its fullest expression in a radiating Golden Chalice, from which an endless stream of blood was pouring out. The intensity of the Light of the Chalice was indescribable. Although the Sermes was deeply touched by it, and not at all doubting its authenticity - e.g. the Vision as a true transcendental phenomenon - the former decided, mainly influenced by the Zen philosophy he was cherishing, not to pay any further attention to what had happened.



His Vision of the Grail (1974)

2.5 Later in the process described above there were many moments, in which the need of getting more clarity about the initial revelation - the [Vision of the Grail](#) - was pushing itself forward. Slowly, the meaning of the revelation became more and more transparent. Through regular insights, which all confirmed each other, he came to the conclusion, that the Vision was authentic, of transcendental character, therefore exceeding any limited personal meaning. Indeed, the revelation has a great importance for a wider range of people, probably even for (wo)mankind as a whole. Every such insight had its immediate "setback" on further progress though, as if the SermeS got a shock reaction, because of their inherent implications. By bits and pieces it was revealed to him, that St.John's Wort stood for awareness, Light, Enlightenment; the Menorah (originally the Canaanite Tree of Life) for integration and the Chalice for selfless service. The result was a motto, now very well known though his writings, saying: "Awaken!, restructure your life and serve others". Much later it was recognized by the SermeS as a Message of the Cosmic Mother, reflecting Her Law of the Universe: the dynamic balance between rebirth, preservation (interconnectedness) and death. The Vision indeed being an ethical guideline, so direly needed in this time of total disorientation.

THREEFOLD COSMIC REALIZATION



Absolute Nothingness
Full Enlightenment
The Great Death
("Underworld")

2.6 While the medical successes were moving to a spectacular height - even very complicated chronic diseases often proved to be "no problem" for him - his marital situation turned out to be catastrophic. It was characterized by fight, ugliness and despair. In that situation a friend appeared, who started talking about some guru in India, leaving behind a book. After reading only a few sentences, which struck straight into the SermeS' heart, a fire of love was ignited, of a kind and intensity such as he had never experienced before. It immediately made him decide to meet this Master - Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh - personally, just to feel his presence. While being in the aircraft on his way to Poona, the SermeS' mind was lifted up, not dominated by the common thinking anymore. Once arrived this condition became permanent. He neither was interested in the people around him, nor in the programs offered. He only attended some of Bhagwan's lectures. During one of those lectures Bhagwan paused and penetrated the SermeS' mind with his eyes for quite a while, with such a power, that the SermeS realized that there wasn't any substance in himself, just emptiness. The day after the Lightning struck* (a Moment of Absolute Nothingness, mind and Spirit completely gone), wiping out his entire existence, while immediately after entering [Full Enlightenment](#). This condition, in which his entire identity had disappeared into transcendental Light, lasted the whole day, giving rise to incredible joy and gratitude. The SermeS felt as if he was anointed by the universe e.g. blessed by the Cosmos for no reason. Dissolved into IT the SermeS knew about the Ultimate as his true Identity. Everything is part of One Space, nothing excluded. The miracle was, that it happened totally unexpected, without any doing on his part. He had had no ambition whatsoever - no ego had interfered - just total surrender to the Master had made it possible. However, this wasn't the end of the story. The following night - equally sudden and unexpected - both mind and body disappeared into an Ocean of Black Horror, that what traditionally is known as the [Underworld](#). After an exhausting night in which his awareness had managed to survive, he realized the true character of his experience**. It was indeed a transcendental rebirth or resurrection.

* Only to discover (almost 30 years! later), that the (transcendental) Lightning is symbolized by the Christian St.Michael. See under 8).

** The Sermes is one of the very few, who "attained" the Ultimate Realization: the unity of the Absolute (Emptiness beyond Emptiness), Enlightenment and the Great Darkness.

Being Nothing, you are everything

2.7 Since there wasn't neither reason for staying any longer, nor to become a follower/sannyasin. In a flash he also saw Bhagwan's selfcenteredness, his big ego. So, the SermeS knew he had to go home. For "home" had turned into a mess, one which needed a big clean-up. So he and his wife decided to having a divorce. In order to have the practice continued, the SermeS trained his younger brother - who had just left university - natural medicine and turned the practice over to him. He also started a procedure of conscientious objection (the military) on the grounds that no human being was allowed to "kill his brother", which was granted to him without any objection. In between he was called during the night, rose up, took a pen and dictated by Nothingness he wrote down ["My Message, the Ultimate Sutra"](#), the first verse referring to the "Great Mother", and Her "Son" Maitreya Buddha, the meaning of which he would understand only much later. Eventually he left the house, leaving behind his most beloved children. The ten years that followed can be characterized as one of permanent Bliss, One Eternal and Undivided Moment which included several other [Great Experiences](#). The true meaning of the words "unless you become like a child" ("God's Fool")...became reality to him. His mind was exalted to a level in which it wasn't able to function "normally" anymore. Faculties of the mind like ambition, calculating, self-centeredness, efficiency, purposefulness, yes even the sense of personal survival had all disappeared (reason why he sometimes leaned too much on the material support of friends). The SermeS was just part of the Dance of Life, dancing IT joyfully, being totally carefree and without being concerned about the consequences of his actions. The latter varying from roaming around, being in nature, writing poetry and having countless love affairs. He took everything for granted, since his condition was totally natural. No reflection on his condition occurred to him. He was just a lily in the field, yes he was the field itself, embracing everything without exception. He lived in the timeless Here and Now, hence his memory about that period is very poor. Of course, he does remember some details, f.i. how he deliberately lived on the bicycle, without a house, cycling around in wintertime, not knowing where he would sleep next day. Or his sense of total freedom, the beauty of the landscape or the intensity of love, which - in complete harmony with his character - were always a combination of lightness and great sincerity. Not sex, but togetherness, tenderness and joy were his main incentives. Generally, his presence aroused enthusiasm wherever he appeared.

Buddha and Jesus ended with Death. The SermeS started with it.

DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

2.8 He slowly arrived at a crossroad in which he had to decide, whether to go on and become a guru with a group of followers, or to return to the "world". There were three main things to consider. First a growing sense of responsibility towards his children, whom he had not been able to support financially for quite some time; the occurrence of irritation and even outbursts of anger, which made him aware of the fact, that not everything was yet part of the great harmony and the thought "what the whole thing is worth, if the world is not becoming part of it". So the decision was made in favor of the latter. It would become the most difficult time of his life. Of course, problems did not really affect him, in the sense that they could penetrate his innermost core. But at the surface, yes, suffering was only accumulating. The main reason is obvious. After ten years of no-mind he suddenly had to function in a world, in which survival was solely depending on a clever mind. Learning to calculate, manipulate, putting self-interest e.g. profit and competition into the center of activity was a torture to him. So everything went wrong right from the start. Confrontation with the world was often painful, humiliating and extremely stressful. Not surprisingly thus, that after a very short time the first disaster - shutting down the clinic because of financial claims - announced itself. The result was a

severe depression, in which the SermeS was kindly taken care of by friends who offered him hospitality. The reason for all this was perfectly clear to him.

2.9 This was the "[Dark Night of the Soul](#)" in which he had to integrate "the world" in his New Identity. If he wanted to understand people, their worries, problems and suffering, he had to first "take up his own cross". Thus, every new crisis - including several years of suffering from severe electro-sensitivity - was giving rise to a new commitment, a self-determination to going on, whatever the difficulties yet to meet on his path. Logically, these confrontations were provoking all kinds of old non-integrated parts of his psyche. To acknowledge that he had not reached "perfection"; not being recognized, "seen" and "respected" as a Realized One only added to his problems. The paradox was this: on the one hand the experience of Cosmic Unity, of all-inclusiveness, on the other hand not being understood, his periods of social isolation and meaninglessness. Yes, indeed the question "why I am here" is also popping up at this kind of level. Painful to the SermeS were all those people who poke fun at him or who were looking at him pityingly. How could such a successful doctor have turned into a loser! There were even moments, in which he watched with bitterness the increasing number of "teachers", who after a first glimpse (of realization) managed to present themselves as "enlightened", creating huge flocks of followers. It was only after fully acknowledging, accepting and integrating all his suppressed parts - especially the above mentioned interwovenness of his pain, anger and fear - that the light in the tunnel became visible.

Paradoxically, this all doesn't mean that he was alienated from the world. On the contrary. "In between" his spiritual concerns he passionately dedicated himself to the world and its problems. A short overview: 40 years of being a medical doctor and a pioneer in holistic/natural medicine (www.vitalworld.org); more than 33 years of being an [independent spiritual teacher](#); 30 years of dedicating himself to World Peace (f.i. many years of organizing "[Fasting-Meditation Peace Walks](#)"); 16 years of commitment to the environment ("[Earth Care](#)"); 14 years of promoting [\(European\) Culture Renewal](#) i.e. [European Sacred Heritage](#) and 12 years of the "[Healing the Planet](#)" in 10 Steps initiative. All this has become integrated into his universal teaching, which is due to start soon.

SEE ALSO: [TRANSFORMATORIUM](#)

SURRENDER

2.10 Here a confession has to be made. Despite (or thanks to) his Enlightened State the SermeS knew very little "religious feeling". You don't have to turn to the Divine, when you Are It...However, the bearing surface of Being was often very thin, the sense of being abandoned too often, to such an extent, that he more than once felt to be at the mercy of circumstances. Walking around in the "wasteland" with "his Enlightenment under his arm" did not always generate the expected joy and contentment either. Increasingly he understood, that Enlightenment couldn't be the final state, given

the constant danger of identifying with it, creating a continuous fight within oneself. This wasn't the peace he was longing for! So, quite spontaneously a cry for help arose from the depths of his soul. But to whom - to What - to address? Increasingly aware of the fact, that there was something missing in his "world view", he started searching once again for the Ultimate Truth. From his own Realization he knew, that existence was bottomless. First there is the Self, then the Self dissolves in Enlightenment, whereafter the latter is becoming so transparent, that It loses every "substance". The result is coming back into the world, a world in which "the tree is again the tree and the mountain again the mountain". Although this was corresponding to his own experience, something was still missing. Suddenly it occurred to him. At the time of his Great Experiences the Light had been so overwhelming, that he had totally forgotten, that the breakthrough had started with that Moment of Total Annihilation, in which his entire existence had been wiped out. Subsequently he dissolved into the Light. His conclusion: Reality includes a hierarchy. Nothingness is the Origin, with the Divine being born out of it. By realizing this, everything fell into place. This was certain: in the sequence of events: *first* there was the Vacuum, subsequently followed by Light (and later the Great Death/the Underworld). Thus the Light is indeed not the Ultimate, but is being born out of Absolute Nothingness. Subsequently, Enlightenment and the Underworld are two sides of the same coin, the first representing the creation part, the latter the destruction part of the Vacuum.*

* To understand the relationship between "Absolute Nothingness", "The Eternal Light" and "The Underworld", see ["Threefold Realization"](#).

*"I embody the tradition of the Great Mother with
Her dying and reviving Son/Lover"*

2.11 Through Absolute Emptiness as the Ultimate Reality Enlightenment became relative and with it....his "own" Realization. He suddenly was freed from Self-obsession. Free from freedom! If existence is indeed bottomless, then the Vacuum is the Ultimate Bottomlessness! An inconceivable relief penetrated his entire Being. This was where he had been looking for. He had found his True Home. "God has not created out of nothingness, but Nothingness is giving birth to God!" Immediately he saw the entire picture evolving in front of his eyes. Religion, history, mythology and even physics all proved to be positive about the existence of the Vacuum. It can be traced back to pre-historic times, in which the Ultimate was interpreted as the Cosmic Womb, from which everything is originating and to which everything is returning. The great civilizations - from Mesopotamia, Egypt, India to China - all have a Cosmic Mother as the beginning of time (In the West the Black Madonna* being Her manifestation), just as in the creation myths of many indigenous peoples. In fact, in all great religions relics can be found, which are revealing a historical process, in which the maternal Origin sooner or later was taken over by patriarchal Gods. For the SermeS it meant letting go of every identification, including that with "his" Realization. The Vacuum cannot be possessed, attained or realized. She is Emptiness beyond Emptiness, the intangible Ultimate Dimension. The ultimate step on the spiritual Path being not Not Self-realization, but Surrender. The danger of falling back was definitively over. Moreover, he had found the ultimate meaning of life, consisting of Worship and Devotion. The SermeS thus re-discovered his feeling of true religiosity, which had been absent for such a long time. He even started praying to the Mother, prostrating himself spontaneously, a practice which was unthinkable only a short while ago. Deprived of his earthly mother, he had found his Heavenly Mother instead. Hence, his teaching - of becoming aware, integrating the self into the New Identity, restoring the unity with "Heaven", earth and the community and the breakthrough of the Light - now culminating in [taking refuge](#) in the Cosmic Mother. In order to survive, (wo)mankind has to obey Her "Law of the universe" - continuous dying and being reborn - in order to become part of Her Web of Life, again. After much reluctance e.g. long hesitation - it took some 40 years! - the SermeS realized his mission: guiding

people on their way back home, home being the "Cosmic Womb", the Source of permanent regeneration! Acknowledging "his descent" he subsequently accepted his role as the Servant/Messenger of the Cosmic Mother.

*See: ["The Black Madonna of Einsiedeln"](#).

Twice Mothered (Dimeter) and Thrice Born (Trigonos)

"MISSION"

2.12 Summarizing, the spiritual Path of the SermeS can be distinguished in four stages. First there were these years of "separation" from the world, culminating in the incredible 10 years of uninterrupted Bliss. These were followed by even a longer period of time, in which he had to integrate parts of the old self into the New Identity (Dark Night of the Soul). It was a stage of (painful) trial and error, including an episode of serious physical disorder, in which he wrote down and subsequently shared his experiences with everybody without exception. The result is a huge oeuvre. So the time came, when he sought to move his life towards Oneness (once again). He had to leave his writing behind. This appeared to be not an easy task. It took him more than ten years to write everything down, after all. Logically his mind had been pre-occupied with his writings. At a certain point strength turns into weakness, though. The mind - instead of being an facilitator - is going to become an obstacle. The emphasis had to make a shift from sharing his work toward sharing his life. Fortunately, through thorough re-examination of his Realization, he understood, that Enlightenment is not the Ultimate. It was the greatest relief he ever experienced. Taking refuge in the Ultimate - the Cosmic Mother - is the ultimate stage on the Way. Sooner or later he had to totally surrender, truly a leap into the Unknown. "Not my will, but Your Will shall be done". To pour out yourSelf unconditionally like the Mother does, symbolized by the blood-outpouring Grail Chalice. The outcome - stage four - is the all-inclusive Unitive Life, a giving without giver, a serving without server, the ultimate selflessness.

The Great Mother is turning our deepest fear into salvation

By the Grace of the Cosmic Mother, the All-Embracing Womb, Queen of Heaven, Mother of God.

Chapter 3

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Maitreya/Messiah/Mahdi

Servants of the Mother

3.1 In almost all major religions there is a memory about a future savior. In Judaism it is the Messiah, in Buddhism it is the Maitreya, while in Christianity it is Jesus, in Islam the Mahdi. The narratives are very similar. They all talk about the final corruption (KaliYuga in Hinduism, the Wasteland of the Grail Legend) of man and society. The cause is that people turned their back to God, exclusively pursuing “worldly” goals. Out of limitless compassion “God” sends his messengers to save mankind. With regard to the messengers it means that their missions are (almost) identical. There have been teachers in the past who put forward the idea of a joint Jewish, Christian, Islamic Savior for example. In Islamic texts the future Mahdi will appear together with Isa (Jesus). One could assume that that there is One Common Saviour Archetype, divided into various cultural hero’s. Question: what is the origin of this archetype? It is a known fact that with the appearance of patriarchy the ancient Mother Religion has been destroyed or “assimilated”. This process started with Gilgamesh (Uruk) who refused to “serve” the MotherGoddess Ishtar any longer. He started a “Quest for Immortality”. Later the God Marduk (Babylon) destroyed Tiamat the “last” Great Mother. Through these actions the idea of “Eternal Return” was wiped out. And with it the possibility of “Eternal Regeneration”. Time turned from cyclic into linear. This had dire consequences for the culture. Before the “Putsch” people found their Refuge in the Eternal Womb of the Cosmic Mother. Through it they lived a life of balance, peace and prosperity. Contrary to that the linear concept of time inevitably led to the final death (That’s why men got obsessed by “immortality”. Buddhism for example). Existential Angst dominated the minds of the people. It eventually led to an ego-dominated society. It lost contact with the Whole. Overwhelmed by despair, insecurity, isolation the ego dreamt of “The Golden Age”: “Somewhere in (very) ancient time there existed a Paradise in which people were “forever happy”. Because of many millennia of patriarchal indoctrination the link between Paradise and the Mother society was lost. Patriarchal religions, understanding the threat that this longing had to its hegemony invented an “ersatz”. The Original Paradise was turned into a future “Heaven”. Only through the “mediation” of the religion this “new paradise” could be reached (obviously). On the condition that the Rabbi’s, the Church and the Qur’an should be obeyed. The Messengers of the (very) near future – the Maitreya, the Messiah and the Mahdi – are not conditioned by patriarchal rule. On the contrary, their mission is to announce A New Era, in which “everything will be different”. The reason for their “Second Coming” is our rotten, decadent, Godless, corrupt societies. The New Saviors announce the end of religion as we know it. Even the Mahdi (look into his chapter) confirms that he has come to “destroy the old, while establishing the New”). He and the others are the Messengers of the pre-patriarchal Era of Ongoing Renewal! In

order to achieve this they go beyond the “God” of male dominance. Which is the Realm of the Cosmic Mother! The Mother is beyond “God” and the universe. Her Eternal Void is the only Dimension that is able to breakdown the old. This is all very REAL. For in the Deepest Darkness the Mother Revealed Herself (1977). Her “Mission” is to “Save the World”. To this purpose She has sent Her Servants – the “3M” – to the Earth. They give a taste what’s in store for us through a first re-designing of religion: establishing the WoldWide Cosmic META Religion.

3.2 I feel incredibly blessed to know the 3M. They are always there, invisible to (wo)mankind. They represent the Savior-Archetypes hidden in the “unconscious” of humanity. By the Grace of the Mother we share the same Eternal Space. To be part of the Whole is to know each other. There are no boundaries. It is truly a great gift to be their “spokesperson”. One could say: The Mother “has brought the Messengers together”. Maternal Love has made them brothers. They have a common aim: to promote the Cosmic Mother as Ultimate Reality. Isn’t their role the Renewal of Man and Religion? There is only One Way religion can be fundamentally renewed. All God-concepts are unsuitable. They only function as a projection screen for the (male) ego. It is responsible for millennia of violence and war. The male God is a “jealous” one (Yahweh). “He” doesn’t tolerate “other gods”. It is sad to realize that patriarchal religion is responsible for the MESS humanity is in. Here half-measures won’t help. We have to go to the core of the problem: our “God-concept. The Maitreya talks about Restoring the Wholeness of Life, the transformation of Self and Society. It means nothing less than bringing back patriarchal religion back to its original Foundation. To put it in Christian concept: The Trinity of “Father, Son and Holy Ghost” has to be transformed according to Cosmic Law: Mother, Son, the Enlightened Ones and mindful people (“Quadrity”) or Mother, Eco-Dharma, Buddha and Sangha (Great Mother Buddhism). Islam talks about al-Qiyamah, the Resurrection of religion and world. From now on the Messengers will operate together. They are “matriarchal Hero’s”. They announce A New Era: the Era of the Cosmic Mother, our True Homeland. Nowadays men are complaining about the decay of “manhood”. They don’t realize that it isn’t “Man” in general, but his identification with his ego that is broken down. The New Man is the one who is part of the Whole. He lives according to Cosmic Law. His heroism consists of Service to the Mother, his ego continuously “Dying and Resurrecting”, Realizing his True Self, becoming Part of “Heaven, Earth and Community”, once again, culminating into selfless commitment to the suffering of this world (See: Reborn Order, chapter 7). Predecessors were the Vegetation Gods, LaoTze, Jesus, Parsifal, the Templars, Dante, Sri Ramakrishna and countless others.

The Maitreya

The Messenger Sent by the Eternal Mother (Wusheng Laomu)

3.3 The main messenger of the Great Mother is Maitreya Buddha. His mission is "to show the lost and ignorant the way home to the Eternal Mother". Several texts emphasize his importance as a teacher and a savior. He is supposed to "take charge of religion (chang chiao) and of the world

(chang shih-chieh). His task is "to restore the original wholeness" (shou-yüen). Maitreya descends in a time of chaos and decay with the promise of world renewal. In the "Huang-chi- chiu-lien" pao-chüan Maitreya is first protesting against his mission, because of too much attachment to the joy of paradise in which he resides ("Tusita Heaven"). But finally he is giving in and descends to earth and - because of "his weaknesses in the past" - manifests himself as an ordinary human. His call to the people is to "realize their true nature, recognize the true savior (himself) and their way home to the Eternal Mother". These promises gain momentum, as they are placed against a time of terrible chaos, the end of the world, warfare and death...with the hope that the true Buddha (Maitreya) will appear, so that the Mother's children "can escape all forms of calamity and difficulty". Maitreya is said to put "the world in order", which suggests a radical, militant and political role as well. It used to be the reason for suspicion from the side of authorities.



Maitreya

3.4 "At that period, brethren, there will arise in the world an Exalted One named Metteya, Arahant, fully Awakened, abounding in wisdom and goodness, happy, with knowledge of the worlds, unsurpassed as a guide to mortals willing to be led, a teacher for gods and men, an Exalted One, a Buddha even as I am now. He, by himself, will thoroughly see and know, as it were face to face, this universe, with its world of the spirits, its Brahamas, and its Maras, and its world of recluses and Brahmins, of princes and peoples, even as I now by myself, thoroughly know and see them. The truth (the Norm) lovely in its origin, lovely in its progress, lovely in its consummation, will he proclaim, both in the spirit and in the letter; the higher life will he make known, in all its fulness and all its purity, even as I do now. He will be accompanied by a congregation of some thousands of brethren, even as I am now accompanied by a congregation of some hundreds of brethren.

Cakkavatti-Sihanada Suttanta. The Mahabodhdi Society Translation.

(From the Chinese-Sanskrit sources.)

3.5 "In the old days when the Tathagata was living at Rajagriha (Wang-she), on the Gridhrakuta (others think at "Benares") mountain, he spoke thus to the Bhikshus: 'In future years, when this country of Jambudvipa shall be at peace and rest, and the age of men shall amount to 80000 years (sic), there shall be a Brahman called Maitreya (Sse-che). His body shall be of pure gold, bright, glistening and pure. Leaving his home he shall become a perfect Buddha, and preach the threefold ("Thrice repeated") Law for the benefit of all creatures. Those who shall be saved are those who live, in whom the roots of merit have been planted through my bequeathed Law. These all conceiving their minds in profound respect for three precious objects of worship, whether they be already professed disciples or not, whether they be obedient to the precepts or not, will be led by the converting power (of his preaching) to acquire the fruit (of Bodhi) and final deliverance. Whilst declaring the threefold Law for the conversion of those who have been influenced by my bequeathed Law, by this means also hereafter others will be converted."

Si-Yu-Ki. Vol. 2. Pp. 46-7.

3.6 According to Buddhist scripture, Gautama predicted that at some future time another Buddha would come to help men set up an ideal kingdom of righteousness and peace. The coming Buddha is called Mettaya, (Sanskrit: Maitreya) meaning "love." In Theravada temples he is portrayed as a king rather than a monk because of his role as a ruler in the new world order. Most of the time the Maitreya hope has not been a major part of Buddhist piety. However, when Theravada monks and laymen were freed from colonial subjection after World War II, in the excitement of winning their independence, a new age seemed at hand. If the first 2500 years was a time of toil and trial for them, the next 2500 years would be filled with dazzling victories.

3.7 According to the oldest texts, Buddha does not promise to come back; what he promises is that Maitreya will become the next Buddha whose success will be far greater than his own. Also, Maitreya will bring to fulfillment the Buddhist Dharma and inaugurate an era of cosmic bliss; he will do so as a teacher and holy man. As the Dialogues of the Buddha report, Maitreya will be "fully awakened, full of wisdom and a perfect guide, himself having trodden the path to the very end; with knowledge of the worlds, unsurpassed as an educator, teacher of gods and men, an Exalted Buddha.... From his own understanding and penetration of it, he will proclaim (the nature of) this universe...and (the nature of) living beings. And he will proclaim the teaching that is lovely in its origin, lovely in its progress, and lovely in its consummation...the higher life will be made known in all its fullness and in all its purity.... He will be the head of an order of many thousand monks, just as in the present period I (Gautama) am the head of an order of many hundred."

3.8 In the past Buddhism offered to the Orient the hope for the highest kind of individual contentment based on liberation from worldly cares. Without denying this supreme goal, Buddhists today stress the value of creating a just and prosperous social order. This is the necessary prerequisite for the pursuit of the higher joys of the spirit; only in a just environment will men have the security and leisure they need for spiritual advancement. Gautama Buddha and Maitreya Buddha actually complement each other, the first reminding us of individual self-perfection, the second challenging us to bring about the messianic age of justice and material abundance for all.

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The most prominent text revealing Maitreya's descent to the earth is the "Ku Fo tang-lai hsia-sheng Mi-le ch'u-hsi" (Cause of Suffering and the Arrival of Maitreya Buddha from the West to the World)...It says:

3.9 The Buddha of the past, Dipamkara, the historic Buddha Sakyamuni the younger and Maitreya the eldest, all three sons of the same Eternal Mother, all three working at the Dharma and each successful in their own Way are gathered to discuss the succession. Who is most suitable to rule the world and to save the people, that is the question. All three decide to go into meditation, each with a golden staff in the hand. He, to whose staff will first sprout the dragon flower, will be sent to the world. Who will have his flowering later has to wait. Against the rules Sakyamuni opens his eye already after one day, seeing that Maitreya's staff is decorated with the dragon flower with the ten thousand golden light rays. He sneakily steals the flower putting her on his own staff. Immediately the flower feels unhappy, is sagging and loses her light and radiation. Two days later Maitreya's heavenly eye opens and sees that his brother has stolen the dragon flower. Thus He spoke to Sakyamuni: "today the entire world has been given to you, but how can you be a refuge to the people? Because of this theft nothing will ever reach its perfection. Under your rule of 3000

years the people will be tossed about between wealth and poverty, happiness and suffering, needs and discord. There will be conflicts between states, crime and unrest. The people will be misled by the king of the devils. There will be big disasters, like the eight big problems and the last big catastrophe of the earth. Everything because of your deceit Sakyamuni". Shortly after the Eternal Mother, Kuan Yin and several other Buddha's meet on the Holy Mountain. They are moved by the suffering of the people on earth. Although the 3000 years are not yet completed, Maitreya is requested to move forward from his "Western forest" in order to save the people.

Maitreya: the Buddha with many appearances. His main task is to bring spiritual deliverance, restoring primordial unity, while taking charge of religion (chang chao)

Another text ("Li-chih Pao-Chüan": the precious book on establishing a new world) puts it like this:

3.10

...the Buddha Maitreya comes to take charge of religion, he has put aside his immortal clothing and descended to the secular world. When Sakyamuni Buddha saw him his mind was scorched (hsin chiao-tsao)...Now the time has come, the red flower withers, and the white flower blooms; only now does Sakyamuni withdraw from his position, and Maitreya laughs out loud. The great kalpa has arrived, and Maitreya has ascended to the throne (teng liao chi). He kept his hair, and changed his clothing. He put on the gauze hat and round-collared robe (of an official),...and appeared in the world (ch'u-shih). Who in the world knows this? Maitreya Buddha is in charge of the world (chang ch'ien-k'un)...

3.11

A country in which Maitreya (Mireuk-sa) is particularly revered is Korea. Because Koreans originally came from Central Asia and because Central Asia still had memories of Mesopotamia, the Korean Mireuk-sa includes a variety of "functions", formerly belonging to the Vegetation Gods. First of all, claimed to be a member of a youth organization ("Hwarang"), he stands for a compassionate caretaker, later to be changed into a famous warrior. His original aspect of "bringer of renewal" wasn't forgotten, though, hence, in later centuries embodying fruitfulness and even fertility. As such he became very popular with women, in fact, to this very day. It lasted until the last centuries before Maitreya also took upon him the mission of political reform. However, because of the strong fragmentation of the Maitreya sangha, it never came to any coordinated action in the social arena. Throughout the country, one may find several outstanding Mireuk statues and temples. Some are depicted with a kind of platform on their heads, something that could possibly be linked to his oldest "manifestation", in which he was considered to take care of ("bear") the world. Because of the interreligious situation, Korea could (again) become an important factor in spiritual renewal, not only for the own country, but for the world, as well.



Hotei-Maitreya Goddess Hariti

3.12

The "Laughing Hotei - Mi-Le or Maitreya - Buddha", this popular image of Chinese lay people typically incorporates motherly characteristics. He reminds us of the Great Mother: "feminine appearance", the images with many children on his/her lap and arms. He is often portrayed with the symbols of the "raised arms" (pre-historic origin) supporting the boat with the cosmic egg, which in Chinese mythology symbolizes the "Yüanbao" or Original Treasure, which stands for the overflowing Emptiness, the Womb with Her offspring, e.g. Buddhahood. Some statues portray him inside the Cosmic Egg, which emphasizes the inseparable connection of mankind and the Cosmic Mother. A fascinating tool is his "Bottomless Bag" or Bu Dai. It is said that this bag contains all human seeds. Everything is sucked in, while never getting full. It symbolizes the death-aspect of the Cosmic Mother. Affluence and Destruction are Core characteristics of the Cosmic Womb, hence Maitreya Buddha is the One Who knows the Ultimate. His historic background can be traced to the Great Mother of the Middle East. In the Indus-Valley Culture She was transformed to a fertility goddess, who much later became part - as the goddess Hariti - of Buddhism. A Chinese pilgrim "took her" to China, where she was transformed into a man: our Hotei (Maitreya) Buddha. A clear example how feminine myths were changed into masculine ones! As is often the case, male redefinitions upgraded his status: from servant to being "a God". However, the name Maitreya still reminds us of the original situation. It could very well mean "servant of the Mother", from Maitri or Matri ("Mother"). Hotei's appearance clearly shows feminine traits. He therefore can be considered as a happy inner "marriage" between femininity and masculinity, indeed, a true androgynic avatar.

3.13

True insight includes Maitreya as a servant of the Great Mother. It is the turning point in Buddhism as we know it. Sakyamuni propagated "Enlightenment as the fruit of self-effort"*. However, in these materialistic times greed has devaluated Buddhism's most cherished treasure. Maitreya came into this world without any effort on his part, though. He descended rather than ascended. His Enlightenment is a gift. But there is more about it. Because "he was sent" to earth, he knows about his background, his "ancestry". His Light Body originates from Primordial Darkness, from the Cosmic Womb or Great Mother. Hence, he is not a Buddha in his own right, but acts according to Mother's instructions. He teaches people - often after a period in which you have exhausted yourself in self-effort - how to "return Home". It is a true breakthrough, in which the age of decline is turned into renewal. Hence, every Maitreya Temple/ Center/ Organization/ Group around the world may request for initiation into the true mystery: to (re)link Maitreya as the servant of the Great Mother, thus becoming part of the worldwide Mission of transforming Self and Society.

* However, the imagery of the Bodhi Tree - the ancient Tree of Life, symbol of the Great Mother, under which the

Buddha attained Enlightenment - suggests, that the Mother "facilitated" him.....

3.14

Your Prayers Have Been Answered!

Friends, as you know Green Buddha Maitreya is one of the manifestations of the Ultimate..... others are e.g. "Servant/Messenger of the Great Mother", "Green Man" or "the Friend".....after 33 years of preparation and reluctance he is overjoyed with the prospect of meeting you soon.....So, you don't have to wait for his coming, anymore.....In fact, he has already descended.....After many years of reluctance the Mother didn't give him a choice.....She revealed Herself to him, not as a concept, idea or image, but through Her very Essence..... Therefore, a New Era has begun.....He is very happy to see, that his arrival has been expected.....You worked so hard to make his coming a joyful event.....You have prepared the people well!.....On the other hand, his appearance will not entirely comply with your ideas of how the Messenger looks like.....The Transcendence has its own way of manifesting itself!.....Being Nothing, he is everything.....Emptiness is including all forms, after all.....Be sure, the prophesy will materialize itself in a wonderful way.....The world is in desperate need of peace and happiness, love and friendship, healing and justice, prosperity and sustainability.....he is about to depart from his Western Forest and will soon be welcomed in your Beautiful Country.....green is his color.....he is sure your reception will be overwhelming.....Send your messages to all directions, so that everybody can participate.....Once a beginning is made, through mutual cooperation his WorldWide Mission will start spreading all over the globe.....

Her Blessings to you all!



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The Messiah

(His “Second Coming”)

The Apokalypse

3.15 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And she was with child, and cried travailing in birth, and was pained ready to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven: for behold, a great red dragon having seven heads, and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads; And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman, which was ready to be delivered, to devour her child, when she had brought it forth. So she brought forth a man child, which should rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was taken up unto God and to his throne. And the woman fled into wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand, two hundred and threescore days. And there was a battle in heaven, Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his Angels. But they prevailed not, neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, was cast out, which deceiveth all the world; he was even cast into the earth, and his Angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now is salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ, for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. But they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.

3.16 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, which hath great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which had brought forth the man child. But to the woman were given two wings of a great Eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water after the woman, like a flood, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood, which the dragon had cast out of his mouth. Then the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went and made war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And I stood on the sea sand.

Bible, Book of Revelations

JOHN OF JERUSALEM "The Book of Prophecies"

The True Apocalypse

3.17 *After having painted a very gloomy picture of decay, catastrophe, natural disasters, violence and "untergang", John of Jerusalem then announced a turning point. Unlike the biblical "Apocalypse" there isn't a "last struggle between good and evil", or an "Anti-Christ" or the destruction of non-believers, with only "the faithful" rescued, though. No, the Whole of (wo)mankind will face disaster first (a probability which cannot be denied...), while subsequently entering a new happy phase in evolution. The big surprise: the change of times will be brought about by "WOMAN" i.e. the COSMIC MOTHER. The extremely good news: Just recently She has revealed Herself to (wo)mankind, already setting in motion the changes John of Jerusalem announced in his prophesy.*

3.18 "When the millennium that follows this millennium ends, Men will have finally opened their eyes. They will no longer be imprisoned in their heads and cities, but will be able to see from one end of the Earth to another, and understand each other. They will know what makes one suffer hurts another. Men will form one huge body of which each will be a tiny part. Together they will form the heart of this body. There will be a common language spoken by everybody, and thus, finally, a glorious humanity will come into existence..."

3.19 *Because WOMAN will arrive to reign supreme; She will govern the future and decree Her philosophy to Man. She will be the Mother of the Millennium that follows the millennium. She will, after the days of the devil, radiate the gentle sweetness of a mother. She will, after the days of barbarity, embody beauty.*

3.20 The Millennium that follows the millennium Will metamorphose into an age of lightness: Men will love each other, sharing everything, dream, And dreams will turn into Reality...Thus Man will have his second birth. Spirit will possess the mass of men, Who will be united in brotherhood. So an end will be proclaimed to barbarity. It will be an era of a new strength of belief.

3.21 The dark days at the beginning of the Millennium that follows the millennium, will be ensued by days of jubilation: Men will once more find the righteous path of humanity, And Earth will find harmony once more...

There will be roads that connect one end of Earth, and the sky to the other; the woods will once more be dense, the desert will once more be irrigated, and the water will once more be pure.

3.22 The Earth will be like a garden: Men will take care of every living thing, and he will clean everything he dirtied, He will understand that the whole of Earth is his home, and he will think with wisdom of the morrow. Man will know everything on Earth and his own body. Diseases will be cured before they are manifested, and everybody will cure themselves and each other. Man will have understood that he has to help himself to stay upright; and after the days of reticence and avarice, Man will open his heart and his purse to the poor; He will define himself curator of human species,

3.23 And so, finally, a New Era will begin. When Man has learnt to give and share, the bitter days of solitude will be at an end. He will once more believe in the Spirit, and barbarians will once more be

unheard of...But all this will happen after the wars and the fires. And this will arise from the ashes of the burnt Towers of Babel. And a strong hand will be needed to bring order to chaos, and to put Man on the right path. Man will learn that all creatures are bringers of light, and all creatures must be respected. Man, in his lifetime, will live more than one life, and will learn that the Light never goes out."

3.24 John of Jerusalem could have been a bishop or monk from the 3d/4th or 12th century. A French text of his "Book of Prophecies" was translated by a Russian professor, M.Galvieski, and published in France in 1994 by Editions Jean-Claude Lattes. However, not all accept this is an original text. Because of its realistic picture it certainly has a certain inspirational value, though, hence, I give it the benefit of the doubt.

JOINT STATEMENT

3.25 We, the Originals of this world, out of great concern regarding the current world crisis, are giving testimony of our longing for a New Heaven and a New Earth. We do this in the hope, that many will recognize this and equally submit to their deepest longing for community, solidarity and compassion with all-that-lives, without exception.

3.26 We went through the valley of meaninglessness, loneliness en despair and saw nothing but destruction in and around us. What was broken down, appeared to be our ego, our self-centeredness. That is how we returned to our Essence, the Abyss of Nothingness. What we were so afraid of proves to be our rescue. We died and have been reborn. So, Nothing can affect us anymore.

3.27 Hence, we were not surprised to learn, that the Ultimate is a Cosmic Womb. The testimony about Her Revelation is authentic. It complies with the deepest insight (wo)mankind possesses. Her Message: give up your self-addiction and become part of the Whole, of "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community", once again. Praise the Mother!

3.28 With great respect, awe and reverence we approach the True Mystery: the Light that is being born out of Darkness ("the Mother") - being Nothing, you are everything - the Divine that penetrates the world without exception, the (Her) Web of Life , in which everything is interconnected, the security and inclusivity of existence and the end of our fear of life....

3.29 The Mother is All-Embracing. To Her all religions are equal ways toward the same Truth. Therefore, we reject passionately all (religious) intolerance, superiority claims, exclusivity, dogmatism, the lies, manipulations and the oppression by existing religious systems. To impose its own "truth" on others is terrorism.

3.30 For 2000 years we have been suffering just that. Our life had been amputated: the most essential in existence like God-Realisation ("heretics"), our unity with our body and nature ("pagans"/"the devil"), women and femininity ("witches"), the community ("idolatry") and the others (Jews, Muslims, Atheists) was deliberately destroyed and replaced by the "Christian Glad Tidings". The Church was the only source of "salvation".

3.31 There was nothing left to people, but to identify with themselves. Ever since, Western culture is an ego-culture, based on self-centeredness (individualism), raw self-interest and accumulation (materialism), exploitation (capitalism) and greed for power (violence and war). To have is the

inability to Be. From the moment, that you are fulfilled with authentic values, the ersatz-satisfaction is dropping off, though.

3.32 On the other hand, every religion still contains seeds of the Truth. That is the reason, why we not only revere the Cosmic Mother (The Original Tradition), the Black Madonna (the manifestation of the Cosmic Mother), but also the Mother of God (Christianity), the Mahan Matri (Hinduism), the Tao (Taoism), Emptiness beyond Emptiness (Buddhism), the Shekinah (Judaism) and Allah in His (Her) Aspect of Mercy.

3.33 The Mother grants Her Light (Body) freely to innumerable women and men. The fixation on a single "savior" like Jesus ("the Only Begotten Son of God"), Buddha ("the Only Fully Enlightened One") or Mohammed ("the Last Prophet") is therefore based on ignorance. Spirituality/Religion is a process of continuous revelation and renewal, brought forward by people like ourselves.

3.34 We share our hope with every receptive person. It is like in love. If love is there, then you don't need so much. Is your life fulfilled with spiritual values - insight, love, strength, justice, community - then the old addiction will be dropping off. That this isn't a superfluous luxury is testified by the current world crisis. The Earth is dying for shaking off the destructive economic system.

3.35 Often women are accusing men for manipulation, oppression and exploitation of women and their resources. This is certainly true. However, to conclude that women are "innocent" beings, opposite to men, who are devils, does not comply with historic facts. E.g. both men and women were (are) involved in the development of patriarchy. The engine behind it is the interaction between male greed for power and female greed for possession.

3.36 The Mother shows us the Way out. She is calling us to re-arrange our life according to Her Cosmic Balance: the equilibrium between destruction (of the old), permanence (the Web of Life) and rebirth (of the New Self), not only spiritually, but also psychologically, physically, socially and economically....Only if our life is a reflection of the Ultimate peace, prosperity, sustainability, justice and community will prevail.

3.37 Our call to all: connect yourself to The Great Work ("Opus Magnum"). It is the Work of the Mother. Seek refuge in the Cosmic Mother, the Eternal Light (Her First Body) and the Earth (Her Second Body) and Life will be bestowed upon you, everything to the benefit of all sentient and non-sentient beings.

Originals of this Earth, Unite!

The Mahdi

The Return Of The Imam Mahdi

3.38

"The Mahdi, (the name of the last of the twelve imams, the first being Ali, son-in-law of Mohammed) according to Islam, and in particular its Shiite branch, is the Savior to come at the time of the Last Judgment to save the world. The function of the Mahdi is similar to those attributed to the Messiah of the Jews, the Maitreya of the Buddhists or the Christ of the Christians.

The obscure presence of the Mahdi dominates totally the religious conscience of imamism during the period of the disappearance of Ali until the return of the awaited Savior. This child is the Mahdi, He who will fill the earth with equality and justice just as it is now filled with oppression and injustice.”²

The universal precursory Sign of the return of the Mahdi, "He who Guides," consists of the general invasion of the earth by Evil and the victory of the forces of Evil over those of Good. Without such a manifestation, the entirety of humanity would be engulfed by darkness.

Here we find extracts from the eulogies of Ali Talib describing various components of the sign announcing the return of the Mahdi. The Sign consists of the following traits: the people will neglect prayer, squander the divinity which is conferred on them, legalize untruths, practice usury, accept bribes, construct huge edifices, sell religion to win this lower world, employ idiots, consult with women, break family ties, obey passion and consider insignificant the letting of blood. Magnanimity will be considered as weakness and injustice as glory, princesses will be debauched and ministers will be oppressors, intellectuals will be traitors and the reader of the Koran vicious. False witness will be brought openly and immorality proclaimed in loud voices. A word of promise will be slander, sin and exaggeration.

"The sacred Books will be ornate, the mosques disguised, the minarets extended. Criminals will be praised, the lines of combat narrowed, hearts in disaccord and pacts broken. Women, greedy for the riches of this lower world, will involve themselves in the business of their husbands, the vicious voices of the man will be loud and will be listened to.

The most ignoble of the people will become leaders, the debauched will be believed for fear of the Evil they will cause, the liar will be considered as truthful and the traitor as trustworthy... They will resort to singers and musical instruments ... and women will horse ride, they will resemble men and the men will resemble women. The people will prefer the activities of this lower-world to those of the Higher-World and will cover with lambskin the hearts of wolves.”³

The Qaim (Mahdi) comes to re-establish the lost sense of sanctity. Firstly He will re-establish Islam to its original purity and integrity. All the faithful joining the ranks of the Mahdi will be gifted with special miraculous powers, in particular those of super sensitive communication with the imam.

In this way the awaited Imam (al-Muntazar) Mad-dhi, Qaim, will prepare the earth for the Last Judgment and the Resurrection. The battle of Qa'im will mark the ultimate victory of the 'believers' against their 'enemies' and the universal and final establishment of the 'religion'. The community of the faithful is a familiar theme of all eschatology.

It is interesting to know that these texts imply a profound criticism of Islam as some parts of the Arab world seem to know it. The returned Mahdi will do as did the Prophet, destroying that which was before, just as the Prophet destroyed the rituals of the period of ignorance. The Qa'im **will bring a new Order, a new Book, a new Legislation and a New Tradition.**⁹

Of course the primary ambiguity of these prophecies is that they may refer to more spiritual and ethical realities or be understood as a militant call for a violent upheaval. But there are texts indicating that these prophecies do not invite the fight of Islam against other religions but rather, the fight of all religions for their inner renewal. Mahdi will **equally re-establish the other religions, also abandoned and disfigured, in their original Truth and Purity.**

Indeed: "The Mahdi will extract the Torah and the other Divine Books from their caverns and will judge amongst the faithful of the Evangiles according to the Evangiles, amongst the faithful of al-Zabur (The Book of David) according to the al-Zabur and amongst the faithful of the Koran according to the Koran." ¹⁰

It is the universal initiation by the imam of all men into the secrets of existence and of their own religions, and this is without doubt the meaning which must be understood by the term Mahdi given by the fifth imam al-Bagir: Mahdi (the Guide) is named as such because it is he who will guide (Yahdi) us in the secret teachings." ¹¹

If so, the prediction of the Mahdi does not announce the victory of zealot warriors who will wipe out non-believers, understood to be other races or religions. Rather, the prophecies talk of the power of love, not the might of hate. They would then refer to the fight against ignorance, no doubt the most formidable of all battles. But if Allah is indeed the Merciful and Compassionate, such is the most likely meaning of the predictions of the imams.

The real jihad is an internal fight for our own purification, so that our full spiritual potential might finally manifest. Consequently, even in the stern Muslim prophecies we can read the hopeful and promising light of mankind's renewal. This may or may not combine with events of massive destruction that can still manifest. But let us focus on the hopeful dimension of this momentous period."

Gregoire de Kalbermatten

P.S. This text suggests the renewal of the “reign” of the imams. Obviously this is NOT what “our” Mahdi aims at. He has come to establish a radical Renewal of all Religions, including the dominant position of clerics.

Chapter 4

Cosmic META Religion

From Prehistory to the Present

COSMIC MOTHER

4.1

Origin of All
Emptiness beyond Emptiness
Giving birth to God and the universe
Light is coming out of Darkness
Source of Creation and Destruction
Weaving the Web of Life
Bottomless Abyss of Renewal and Regeneration
Unconditional Maternal Love
Mother Worship being
The most ancient tradition on earth
Green Men and Wise Women
Praising you
Healer of the Planet:
the grass, the trees, the animals, the rivers
the oceans and the clouds
Refuge to the Confused
Liberator to the Oppressed
Religions once again
Acknowledging You as
The All-Embracing Universal Mother
Queen of Heaven
Ultimate Mystery

THE ORIGINAL TRADITION
of the
UNIVERSAL COSMIC MOTHER
THE BEGINNING
of
A NEW ERA

*Our century is probably more religious
than any other
How could it fail to be
with such problems to be solved*

*The only trouble is that it has not yet found
a God it can adore*

Teilhard de Chardin

4.2 At the low point of a cultural development that has led us into the deadlock of scientific materialism, technological destructiveness, religious nihilism and spiritual impoverishment, a most astounding phenomenon has occurred. A new mythology is arising in our midst and asks to be integrated into our modern frame of reference. It is the myth of the ancient Goddess who once ruled earth and heaven before the advent of the patriarchy and of the patriarchal religions.

4.3 The Goddess is now returning. Denied and suppressed for thousands of years of masculine domination, she comes at a time of dire need. For we walk through the valley of the shadow of nuclear annihilation, and we do fear evil. We long for love, security and protection, but there is little to comfort us. Violence within our own society threatens to overwhelm us. Mother Earth herself has been pressed to the limits of her endurance. How much longer can she withstand the assaults of our rapacious industrial and economic policies? The patriarchy's time is running out. What new cultural pattern will secure for humanity a new lease on life on earth?

Edward C. Whitmont

4.4 The very thing that is now called the Christian religion was not wanting among the ancients from the beginning of the human race, until Christ came in the flesh, after which **the true religion, which had already existed**, began to be called "Christian".

St. Augustine

Universal Principles

4.5

The Ultimate Reality is a Vacuum, a Bottomless Cosmic Womb,
also called "Great Mother".

Since ancient times She is called the Great Mother and Her Son/Lover.
Later, Christianity had its own version of the "Mother of God".

In Buddhism She is called "Emptiness beyond Emptiness".

We all live in Her all-embracing security.

From eternity She is giving birth to the Divine Light ("God"/"BuddhaNature") and the universe, both
continuously returning to Her fathomless Abyss.

Life is ruled by Her Law of the Universe: the dynamic balance between death, rebirth and
"permanence".

Optimal living reflects this Law: continuous inner renewal, while being part of the Whole – "Heaven,
Earth and the (new) Community".

Darkness and Light are two sides of the same coin.

The Divine Body of the Mother - Her first Emanation - is penetrating the universe without exception.

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That's why, by going within e.g. by surrendering to the Mother we realize our Divine Inner Core e.g. She grants us Her Light Body.

She is bestowing Her treasures to every woman and man. It depends on our devotion, resolve and faith whether we realize this our most precious Self.

Male fear of relapsing into the Dark Womb has led to denial of the Primordial Mother as the Origin of life.

Instead of being the birth giver, Darkness became the opposite of the Light, indeed "the devil" itself, something that had to be fought at all costs ("the forces of light and darkness").

That's how evil came into this world.

In the past teachers, masters, prophets or messengers derived their authority from their patriarchal God, promoting masculine values, like ego, ambition, etc.

In the Original Tradition leaders act on behalf of e.g. are representatives of the Eternal Feminine. They are called Green Men and Wise Women.

Nowadays, our suffering is caused by our alienation from life. We are cut off from reality in manifold ways: from our bodies on the one hand, to our True Selves, on the other.

Restoring our Wholeness means re-claiming our Selves, our bodies and nature, our love, our hidden creativity, our suppressed emotions, while surrendering to the Ultimate.

One of the most impressive priestesses of the Mother was Mary Magdalene. She managed to continue the Old Tradition despite the all-present Judaic oppression.

She did so by anointing Jesus as the latest chain in the millennia-old (Mother) tradition of "dying and resurrecting" Gods: Osiris, Tammuz, Baal, Attis, Dionysos, Adonis....

They were the "role-models" for spiritual regeneration, something that was available to all in the various mystery religions.

However, the Church denied its roots, while instead monopolizing salvation, excluding e.g. crushing all those who did not comply with its doctrine.

Nowadays, 2000 years of lies, deceit and oppression have come to an end.

Once again, everybody has access to realizing his/her innermost Divine Core. By doing so we won't be followers, but successors to Jesus (and Mary Magdalene!)....

Most other religions have their roots in the Great Mother, as well.

That's why Mother devotees from all over the world have more in common with each other than with their own religious background.

Let's join, while creating a New World based on "feminine" (holistic) values: wholeness, joy, connectedness, love, care, cooperation, justice and harmony with nature.

"Evolutionary Cycle"

4.6 Since 1893 when the "Parliament of World Religions" declared its aim, namely a "World Religion", interfaith efforts have been developed at an increasing pace. In almost all big cities of the Western world representatives of various faiths try to define common denominators. The results are meagre. Why? Because - as the members themselves admit - of lack of SPIRIT. The great religions face a problem that can hardly be solved. They are caught in their own definitions. Definitions are excluding each other.

4.7 In order to unite existing belief systems you have to go beyond God: spiritually, mythological, historically....That is exactly what happened just recently....The new "World Religion" has to go back to its roots, redefining its subsequent developments until recent times. The surprise is this: the evolution of religion proves to be cyclic. After many millennia of patriarchal dominance, we are once again back to the Origin of God and the universe: the Cosmic Womb or Great Mother. She is the Bottomless Vacuum to which everything returns and from which everything evolves.

Palaeolithic

The Great Mother

4.8 Originally, (wo)mankind lived in a "magical" universe, dominated by the "Universal Feminine". Spiritually, it is the Realm of the Cosmic Womb, Absolute Nothingness e.g. Emptiness beyond Emptiness. Mythological and historically we have only Mother statues (Hohle Fels, Laussel, Willendorf) of 40.000 years ago and younger at our disposal.

Neolithic/Bronze Age

The Mother/Goddesses/Gods

4.9 The Great Mother subsequently got a face: Nuth, Isis in Egypt; Inanna, Ishtar in Mesopotamia, Kali in India, and later the Black Madonna in Europe. She is the Source of Death, Rebirth and Permanence. Later Her Son/Lovers took over the role of "Vegetation Deity", the dying and resurrecting Gods, like Osiris and Tammuz. Spiritually, "death and rebirth" is the foundation of inner renewal, while "permanence" invites to (once again) becoming part of the Mother's Web of Life.

Iron Age

Goddesses/Gods

4.10 Fragmentation of the Mother resulted into separate Goddesses symbolizing limited aspects of the Original Mother, e.g. the ""Goddesses of fertility", "love", "war" etc. Sometimes they still have the aura of Wholeness, like Asherah/Astarte of Canaan. Increasingly, they were forced to compete with male colleagues. It culminated in myths like the Babylonian Enuma Elish in which the God Marduk destroys the Mother Goddess Tiamat, announcing a new patriarchal era. Patriarchy is a reaction to the original dominance of the Mother. Men refused to be part of "birth and death" anymore. Hence they departed for "immortality" (Echnaton, Gilgamesh, the Buddha). They projected the Divine as being opposite to the Cosmic Mother. "Light" started fighting Darkness.

Historical time

The One God

4.11 Political "necessities" - authoritarian, centralized regimes (Joshua 600 BCE) - were leading to a monotheistic religion: "One God, One Nation, One Ruler". The first attempt took place in Israel, where Yahweh "distanced himself" from his consort Asherah (he started his career as Her Son/Lover...). Patriarchal society managed to dominate the culture at the expense of Mother-oriented groups and societies. The Bible is an account of how ruthless "Yahweh" initiated massacres and wars in order to crush his enemies. "I am a jealous God, and apart from me, no other God exists". Ever since, the three "great" religions deny any relationship with this their infamous past.

The Son of God

A Substitute

4.12 Hellenistic mystery religions and Gnosis tried to revive and extend the Old Mother Religion, together with the "dying and resurrecting" God. The latter is the role model for personal renewal. Jesus was the last chain of thousands of years of Near Eastern tradition. The Church, however, monopolized inner regeneration, by making Christ the "Only Begotten Son of God". (Buddhism is centred on Sakyamuni Buddha as The Fully Enlightened One). Islam declared Mohammed God's last Prophet. Christians were thus deprived of their inner Divine Spark as their True Identity. From then on their only hope for redemption came from outside: "salvation" through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Decay

The Church

4.13 In order to extend its monopoly the Church did not shy away from every thinkable crime. From oppression, lies, deceit, manipulation, falsification of texts, burning of books, torture, murder and wars. Once again, political ambition (Constantine "the Great") concentrated power, this time into the hands of the Pope. From then on Christianity became the state religion. With state power on its side it did everything to crush all its "enemies": pagans, women, heretics, Jews, philosophers..The greatest sin of the Church, however, was that it monopolized (spiritual) regeneration. While in reality every woman and man is part of the regenerative Power of the Mother, the Church claimed that only Jesus "died and resurrected". After many centuries of terror ("Inquisition") the resistance of the people was broken. They fell back on their egos, the beginning of the self-centred Western society. Its alienation from "Heaven, Earth and the Community" ultimately caused disaster after disaster, culminating in the current global (Ego) Catastrophe.

Modernity

Disintegration

4.14 Nietzsche's' "God is dead" reflected the "definitive" degeneration of religious life in Europe. In fact, this was part of a process of general decay: spiritually, culturally, socially, economically...It culminated in the current global crisis with climate change as ultimate threat. Nowadays, our survival is at stake. This unprecedented situation requires a total "Umdenken" - a total new way of thinking - as a prerequisite for a "new Cosmo-Political Order"*. According to Toynbee this can only be achieved through radical new values, norms and way of life. To be able to do so we have to first return to the Source in order to become renewed. A New Spirit as a prerequisite for a New World!

*"Cosmo-Political" has to be taken literally: human society reflecting Cosmic Order. It has nothing to do with the common meaning.

Return of The Great Mother

4.15 Our traditional concept of "God" proves to be incapable of renewing the culture. Hence, in order to receive new insights, love and strength, we have to go beyond it. There a big surprise is waiting for us. God isn't the Ultimate but originates from "something" Beyond. This "Something" is Absolute Nothingness, or as Buddhists say: "Emptiness beyond Emptiness". At the same time people say: "We are all heading towards nothingness". Without deeper meaning this is rather frightening. What if "Nothingness" isn't the end of all things, though, but proves to be a Cosmic Vessel in which everything old, sick, ugly is dying, while continuously giving birth to the new, the fresh and the young? In ancient times this All-Embracing Dimension was called "Great Mother". Our evolution isn't linear, but proves to be an eternal return, indeed, an ongoing spiral. What is crucial: Darkness and the Light aren't opposites. The (Christian) dualism of the battle of Light against Darkness proves to be a lie. In Reality the Light is the Son being born out of the Mother. It is the ultimate reconciliation....

A New Era

The Original Tradition

Universal/All-Inclusive/METAreligious

4.16 I have called this evolutionary spiral "The Original Tradition". It includes the various stages of Consciousness: the Cosmic Vacuum as the Origin, followed by the Divine Light (God/God-Realization), the harmony with "Heaven, Earth and the Community" (birth, growth, flowering), to subsequently entering stages of decay (ego-centeredness/ greed/ accumulation/ misbalance/ disintegration). Nowadays, we are at a cross road: the culture either dies or regenerates. Renewal means, that we have to cooperate with the "Law of the Universe" - death, rebirth and permanence - only then "Divine Grace" will be regenerating us. The first prerequisite is to continuously dying to the old, while subsequently becoming part of the Whole, once again. Being part of the "Web of Life" implies cherishing a world view based on "feminine" (holistic) values: interconnected-ness, love, respect, peace, tolerance, cooperation, community, justice and harmony with nature. Existing religions could take the lead here by emphasizing the "Maternal Dimension of God", everything according to their own tradition (Great Mother, Madonna, Kuan Yin, Matri Devi, Sophia, Shekinah etc.). Moreover, worldly balance should reflect cosmic balance, e.g. we should create balance on all levels of society. That's why The Original Tradition advocates a community democracy, an economy of balance and a sustainable Earth.

COSMIC META RELIGION

4.17

I, Han Marie

Universal Teacher by the Grace of the Cosmic
Mother

Also called "SermeS", "Laughing Buddha". "Green Man"
or "the Friend"

Out of great concern about the fate of the Earth
and her inhabitants

Committing myself to the Great Work
of the Cosmic Mother

Considering the ego as the greatest obstacle to

Healing the Planet

Therefore taking the ego-issue as the core of
my teaching
To the benefit of all living and non-living
creatures

4.18 Why, we Western people, after having everything we want, aren't happy? Are we still missing some essential thing, something "having" cannot provide? Why, despite our wellness culture, do we suffer from psychological disorders? How can it be, that stress, frustration, restlessness, fear, depression and burn-out are dramatically on the rise? Why illnesses cannot be prevented, why severe chronic diseases keep increasing, despite our "superior" modern medicine? Why, on the whole, is our entire "civilization" in decay, while at the same time science and technology are at "their heights?"

4.19 The crucial moment in history was the destruction of our existential roots - Heaven ("heretics", Gnostics), Earth ("pagans", women) and the Community - by the Inquisition. Through centuries of persecution, people had no other choice, but to fall back on the only faculty left: the ego. The Church thus being responsible for "secularization", individualism and materialism! Moreover, it made us depend on a savior. We were degraded to helpless creatures that became obsessed with "personal salvation" only. Our inherent glory - being in harmony with existence - got lost for many centuries. Wholeness means your Spirit is part of Heaven, the body is part of the Earth and your "soul" is part of the Community. The ego, on the other hand, isn't part of anything. It exists by itself and for itself....(at least, that is how he thinks of himself). Ego is the self, deprived of its Existential Context. That's why the "centre" of our personalities is deeply pathological. It means that on the existential level something is very, very wrong. It is like a house built on a rotten foundation.

4.20 Cosmic therapy stresses, that "deep in our genes" we are determined by archaic patterns. Ignoring those patterns is causing misbalances, which, because of their primordial character, could have grave consequences. One of the most fundamental patterns is that of humans being part of the Whole: spiritually, emotionally, physically and ecologically. It is a new definition of health. While the rest of nature - plants, animals - are "spontaneously obeying this law", we humans, in the course of time - have developed ourselves in a different direction. This Law can be defined as the Cosmic Womb - Absolute Nothingness - ruling the universe through "Her" Cosmic Forces of Creation and Destruction. These Forces complement each other, guaranteeing the "Web of Life" also called "universe", making life possible. Science confirms that the entire universe "is born out" of the Cosmic Vacuum. In the future cosmic spirituality (religion) and physics will certainly intimately cooperate. I did a first step in that direction, already.

See chapter 36: "The Supreme Design" .

4.21 In ancient times humans still lived according to the Law of Birth and Death. They considered themselves as part of Nature. So-called "Vegetation Gods/Goddesses" ("Green Men" & "Wise Women") embodied this: they "died" every autumn, while being reborn in spring. By submitting themselves to this Law, inner balance was guaranteed. Until the moment men refused to serve the Great Mother.....Echnaton and Gilgamesh were the first, who went on their quest for immortality. Rather than being part of the (natural) Whole, they started claiming exclusivity. To "Escape from the Law of Birth and Death" became the aim of all patriarchal religions. This Quest is the cause of dualism: God vs. the world; good vs. evil, Light vs. Dark; masculinity vs. femininity....Men increasingly identified with the former while rejecting, denying, demonizing, oppressing, destroying the latter. This "me against the other" was the birth of the (male) ego.

4.22 Psychology confirms this. It shows that ego-formation is based on exclusivity. During our growing up we identify ourselves with those things that please us, while rejecting what we don't like. A split is created between "me" and "not-me". In the course of time it became "me against everything else". "Escaping from birth and death", after all, is escaping from life (which Buddhists call "samsara"), the latter symbolized - how can it be otherwise - by the maternal, the feminine. Ego's "positive" side is emancipation from the undefined Whole, to create the possibility to function socially, its "negative" side, however, was its isolation from Reality, its being cut off from "Heaven, Earth and the Community".

4.23 Lacking a context, the ego faced no boundaries for its ongoing expansion. Its refusal to "die" led to ego-inflation, a bubble that - through the lack of Being - became addicted to having, expressing itself through lust, greed, status and power. As an isolated entity - "being thrown upon yourself" - existential Angst arises (fear of nothingness). To overcompensate this, the ego blows itself further up, becoming obsessed with growth, profit, "progress", expansion, exploitation....In the "virtual world" ego-expansion found its ultimate goal. A bubble blowing itself up infinitely will one day collapse, though. It's like Lucifer flying high, eventually falling down to Earth. In the mean time, accumulating more and more things without, the ego becomes increasingly more desperate within.

4.24 To the (unconscious) ego, the gap between itself and "Heaven, Earth and the Community" is unbearable. "What you cannot get, you start to hate". The ego thus made one further step: from an isolated entity to a destructive one. Through the state, bank, media, science, technology and capitalism complex (SBMSTC-complex) it viciously started to exploit and destroy its natural environment. 2000 years of "Christian civilization" have shown that religion wasn't able to curb the ego. On the contrary, Jesus death on the cross had a totally adverse effect. Instead of redeeming us from our egos, his "dying for our sins" gave us a free hand to continue "business as usual". It is the final failure of Christianity as a religion. Neither brought the "Quest for immortality" (Enlightenment/Buddhism) the long awaited liberation. Nowadays, it has degenerated into a commodity: something to have. Here the same ego-pattern: "liberation" as a personal ambition/enterprise, instead of fitting yourself into the Greater Whole.

4.25 We humans have thus to face the fact, that the "centre of our personality", our self-acclaimed "crown of creation", is indeed utterly pathological. "Curing" the periphery (as described above) will not heal it. As long as the ego has the chance of identifying itself with "something", being it a new car or "God", it - like a 1000-head hydra - will continue to ravage individual and collective life. Only "dying to our own ego" can liberate us, something nobody, not even Jesus, can do for us. It is an old Truth: "Die (the ego) voluntary and you will live (True Self) or live (your ego life) and you will die involuntary. We have to totally re-define ourselves in relationship to our environment. A healthy humanity is one which is part of the Whole. The new ego isn't the master, but a servant, not harming, but protecting the Whole.

4.26 Unless the ego has found its place in the Existential Context of the Whole (once again), there will be no way out of our collective, self-created ordeal. It is the reason why "Cosmic Mother Healing the Planet" is the centre of my "efforts". Only Absolute Nothingness can curb, destroy and transform the ego. It is because "She" doesn't offer any possibility whatsoever for the ego to cling to. It is the final Triumph of the Mother; the latter truly is the Beginning of a New Era.

4.27 Cooperate with the Mother - give up your ego - and through Her you will be reborn. Refusing to do so, you will be involuntarily destroyed. Creation and Destruction thus work in favour or against you. It all depends on you! The irony: the "object" of your (your ego's) greatest fear - Nothingness - appears to be your ultimate "Redeemer". My function is to invite you to "give back"

your ego to the Bottomless Depth of the Cosmic Womb. "In return" She grants you the birth of your True Self. With your True Self you become part of "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community"*, once again.

* I have called the latter "Existential Consciousness".

Eventually, being part of the Whole raises deep joy and gratitude. You have found your True Home. It is the incentive to your subsequent compassion for the Earth and her inhabitants, leading to your commitment to "Healing the Planet".

JAI MATA DI
(The Mother prevails!)

A NEW ERA
4.28

Always when civilization is at its lowest ebb,
it is a New Religion that makes a new start
The vitality of the New Faith originates from a
new and deeper understanding of Reality
The Light (God) isn't the Ultimate....
Cosmic Reality, on the other hand, consists of
Absolute Nothingness,
the Eternal Light and the "Underworld"
The surprise: Cosmic Spirituality and Science
are complementing each other
Only Cosmic Reality has the Power
of Renewal
It is the Beginning of A New Era
My Message to the World:
GIVE UP YOUR EGO!

Dear Friends!

4.29 The solution to our global crisis is the recognition of the fact that we are **NOT HAPPY**. Not happy? It is even worse: we are addicted to the things that are driving us mad. We consider the symptoms of our collective degeneration as "normal". Thus, we don't ask ourselves "**WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF OUR MISERY?**"

4.30 Only one example: How can you be happy, knowing that around you butterflies, birds, plants, trees, rainforests, small and big animals, fish etc., etc. rapidly disappear? How can you be happy, knowing very well, that it is us, who leave this **WASTELAND** to our children? How can you close your eyes to this, and still be "happy?" Be honest: we are buried under the daily layer of stress, frustration, insecurity, fear, depression, illness, conflict, burn-out.... and our response to it: **WORKING, WORKING, WORKING**, or/and suffer from a meaningless life as unemployed without any perspective, not realizing that this is all a symptom of a lonely, alienated, desperate self, a self that has lost all contact with Real Life. We call this self our **EGO**. Everything the ego does to become more happy fails, because as an isolated entity, cut off from the Whole, being "thrown upon itself", it is itself the cause of all misery. The harder you try, the greater your despair! for ego and Wholeness are excluding each other. It is the concern of all authentic spiritual, religious and ethical effort. In the mean time ego has grown to monstrous proportions: **OUR CURRENT EGO-**

CATASTROPHE There is only one way to restore the Unity with “Heaven and Earth”: the ego has to become part of the Whole, once again. In order to Be, it has to give itself up.

BREAKING NEWS
that will totally transform the world
UNIVERSAL COSMIC ORDER
COSMIC META RELIGION
COSMO-POLITICAL SOCIETY

4.31 A New **UNIVERSAL TEACHER** has stand up. He claims to have experienced the deepest possible **THREEFOLD COSMIC REALIZATION**: Absolute Nothingness, Full Enlightenment and his Descent into the "Underworld". Everything happened in pure innocence; no ego-ambition involved whatsoever. Nobody before him was granted such an in Depth insight. God, the Light, he says, is not the Ultimate; there is "something" Beyond. This “Beyond God” is the **META** Dimension of all that exists. In ancient times this was called the Cosmic Womb. In Her Bottomlessness God and the universe are born, while uninterruptedly returning to their maternal Origin.

Dialogue:

Christian: "Beyond God there is Nothing".

My answer: "I agree fully".

4.32 Both God and the universe are born out of Absolute Nothingness, while continuously returning to their Origin. He calls the latter "**COSMIC WOMB**" or "**GREAT MOTHER**", the Ultimate Unifying Principle beyond the Whole of Creation. In ancient times "She" was embodied by the Dark Night, the Mystery of Life, and every day giving birth to the Sun. The Black Madonna is one of Her manifestations. Her archaic symbol is the Black Stone. Science (physics) calls "Her" **ABSOLUTE VACUUM**. Two major Cosmic Forces are emerging from the Bottomlessness of the "Womb": "**CREATION**" and **DESTRUCTION**. They are opposite, yet complementary. Together they maintain Cosmic Balance – also called “Mother’s Web of Life” – making life possible.

4.33 True religious life is Living according to the Truth. One main characteristic of the Truth is that it is simple: “**We are part of the earth. The earth is part of the universe. The universe is part of the Divine. The Divine is part of the Cosmic Mother**”. These realms are all penetrating each other, that’s why the universe, including the Earth, is sacred. It also means, that the ancient notion is valid beyond measure: "**AS ABOVE, SO BELOW**". **Unless humankind reflects Cosmic Law, there will be no peace, justice, prosperity for all or harmony with nature.** Patriarchal religions have failed. They neither guided people to God-Realization, nor have they managed to curb the ego. It is the main cause behind our current despair.

4.34 That's why there is only one conclusion left: *in order to save the world* **A New Cosmic! World Religion** is direly needed, one that is based on Absolute Nothingness as the only Realm that can destroy the ego. Absolute Nothingness is beyond God. That’s why I called it the **Cosmic META Religion**. META means beyond. It is not a religion in the common sense. The Origin is the Primordial Mother, the Bottomless Abyss of the Cosmos. God is the Light, Her first emanation, “subsequently” giving birth to the universe.

*If it is true that we all live IN “God”, why clinging to
images, concepts, theologies, dogmas and rituals?
To Be IN God is to leave (common) religion behind!*

4.35 Why "A Cosmic World META-Religion?" As I said above: because the Cosmic Womb ("Emptiness beyond Emptiness") is the only one, able to destroy the ego. The survival of (wo)mankind depends on it! A global problem needs a global solution....That's what the Cosmic Mother is: Universal, All-Embracing, including God and the universe. She is Beyond the Beyond of time and space. God is Her Light Body (first emanation), while the universe is Her Material Body (second emanation), everything subjected to Her Cosmic Law of "Birth and Death".

4.36 She is giving birth to Cosmic Reality, the True and Only Unifying Principle. Because of Absolute Nothingness "She" is incorruptible. Nobody can use Her for his or her own purposes. As a True Cosmic Religion, it is based, not on one's own desires, ambitions or projections, but on **AUTHENTIC REVELATION** of the Divine Itself: the Unity of Absolute Nothingness, Eternal Light ("Creation") and the "Underworld" ("Destruction"). In science She is called the Cosmic Vacuum, the latter giving birth to the universe. It is the Beginning of a New Era, in which Self, "God" and our World View are totally transformed, replacing the **EGO-CATASTROPHE** by connectedness, peace, love, respect, mutual support, justice and harmony with nature, on all levels of existence, including all creatures on earth, no-one and nothing excluded.

4.37 Thus, the difference between Religion and our **Cosmic META-Religion** is crucial. The latter is not based on "God" but on Absolute Nothingness. Furthermore, unlike the common religions **Cosmic META-Religion** isn't obsessed with "saving one's soul". The "soul" is a concept, with no roots in Reality. Hence "saving one's soul" is based on self-centred delusion. In Reality our "souls" are connected with "Heaven, Earth and the Community". That's why **Cosmic META-Religion** embraces the Whole of existence. Rather than "liberating" you, it aims at restoring the unity of which you are a part. It is redeeming not only you, but also the grass, the trees, the fish, the oceans, the birds, the sky, yes, the Whole universe.

4.38 Thus, the first step is to give up your ego. Pre-condition is you having **SUFFERED** from its actions in the past. The more set-backs, mistakes, failures, humiliations, problems you have gone through, the stronger your longing for Renewal. You may start with self-effort. Through exercise, contemplation, meditation, you can achieve a first step towards liberation. However, nowadays, many of us are too busy, "no time". While others are too exhausted "**BURN-OUT**". The irony: you even have no energy to relax! Moreover, you may become confronted with all kinds of unprocessed "negativity", coming to your surface. Ego-control, necessary to "keep it under", is weakened by your spiritual practice, while your New Self is not yet stable enough. A dangerous situation of lifelong remaining between two stools! Lucky are those, who give this up in time. Realizing, that being part of the Whole means that the Whole may also heal them, they therefore choose the **PATH OF SURRENDER**. That's why the Cosmic Mother has Revealed Herself. Being Absolute Nothingness "She" is the only One, who can "destroy"/curb/transform the ego.

4.39 The main purpose of the **Cosmic META Religion** is to save the world. That's why it came into existence! It happened in 1977 through the Revelation of the Cosmic Mother through "my" **THREEFOLD COSMIC REALIZATION**. To give up your ego, your addictions, including your infantile mother-complex (...) you have to surrender to the Bottomless Abyss of the Cosmic Womb. By taking refuge in the Cosmic Mother, you will subsequently be reborn as your True Self. Truly Realized people are therefore Twice-Born ("Dimeter"). All Power (Renewal, Regeneration) arises from the Origin....In order to become fruitful **THE DIVINE WITHIN YOU** has to subsequently incarnate, your True Self subsequently becoming part of the Whole: "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community", once again.

4.40 This **"EXISTENTIAL CONSCIOUSNESS"** is the common denominator of life, with our Spirit as part of Heaven, our body as part of the Earth and our soul as part of the Community, restoring planetary Wholeness. To share its benefits with all and everything, eventually committing yourself to **HEALING THE PLANET** to start with your immediate surroundings, extending your wisdom, love and strength to the street, the neighbourhood, the commune, the city, ultimately to the entire planet is the ultimate fulfilment.

4.41 Those who commit themselves to the Greater Whole are called **"GREEN MEN"** and **"WISE WOMEN"**. **They are the Hopefuls to this world**, being part of the Great Tradition of e.g. Inanna, Ishtar, Isis, Cybele, Asherah, Astarte, Gaia, Rhea, Demeter, Artemis, Aphrodite, Mary Magdalene, Xi Wang Mu, Wu Sheng Lao Mu, Kali, Tammuz, Osiris, Baal, Attis, Adonis, Dionysos, Jesus, Shiva, Lao-Tze, Al-Mahdi, Al-Khidr, Parsifal and Maitreya Buddha.... practicing Spiritual Service, Health Service, Community Service and Earth Service. The Teacher is taking the lead here. Through his Great Experiences he claims to be the **Servant/Messenger ("SermeS") to the Cosmic Mother**. "Being Nothing, he is everything". Therefore he is playing with several names: Son-Lover, Green Man, Laughing Buddha or the Friend, renewing both religion and the world, (Nothingness as the Mother of God and the universe.....) helping existing religions remember their roots as "Sons of the Mother".

4.42 An additional surprise: **COSMIC SPIRITUALITY** and **SCIENCE** (Physics, Cosmology) appear to be two sides of the same coin. Both have a great future in cooperating with each other. Moreover, to give up your ego, while becoming part of the Whole, is the foundation of the **NEW ("COSMIC") ETHICS**. It originates from being part of the Whole: "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community". It is existential, including all necessary basic human values.

4.43 After 33 years of hesitation, realizing his shortcomings in the past, hence appearing as a common human being, the Teacher eventually started his mission: **COSMIC MOTHER HEALING THE PLANET Healing us, Healing society, Healing the earth**. Its core principle is to live in harmony with the Cosmos. This makes all the difference in the world....Through insight, tuning to it, resonating with it, living according to it, the Cosmos is pouring its wisdom, trust, joy, strength and compassion out into you, raising great benefit. By submitting to the "Law of Birth and Death", ongoing renewal and regeneration will be your share. Some practical examples: Introducing **COSMIC (MOTHER) HEALING**, valuing the Destructive Force (...) of the Cosmos, breaking down everything old and sick, is indispensable for ongoing regeneration....**(E.g. fasting is a supreme example of how nature heals)!** His integral approach to health ("*Flow System Therapy*") is a major instrument to cure disease in the post-antibiotic era, while his **NEW HEALTH CARE**, based on the three echelons of Self-Help, Holistic and Technological Medicine, is the model for the near future*.

*See chapter 40.

4.44 The universe is based on the Cosmic Mother as the **ORIGIN** of all. It is inclusive, this in contrast to patriarchy, which is exclusive. Therefore, a "feminine" (holistic) world view has to prevail. Gender roles have to be adapted to it, not only changing the way we live together, but e.g. emphasizing mothers in key positions to our new community. With men and women cooperating to "Restore the Wholeness of Life", our new socio-economic order should reflect the **COSMIC LAW OF BIRTH AND DEATH**, consisting of a dynamic balance. Since Emptiness doesn't tolerate accumulation, breaking down every excess, our **ECONOMY** should be structured accordingly. I call this our Cosmo-Political-Economic Order. Spirituality determines Politics, Politics determines the Economy (*in this sequence*). A powerful foundation for an "Economy of Balance": half a week working as a volunteer for the community*. To make this possible, there should be a **BASIC INCOME FOR ALL**, through which basic costs can be paid: housing, energy, food, health care,

education, transportation. The other half of the week we do as we like, including making money. The result is “killing three birds with one stone”: both the individual, the community and nature will be benefitting, replacing "quantity" by quality: friendship, cooperation, creativity, leisure, commitment to the Whole.

*See Book Origin 1 for extensive elaboration.

4.45 As said above, since the Cosmic Realm penetrates all levels of existence, human society should reflect it. Our worn out democracies thus should be transformed according to Mother's "**WEB of LIFE**", in which everything is interconnected. In practice, it means that the Community is the centre of socio-political life. Just like the quantum world, human communities thus should be "organically"("ecologically") structured. I call this "**COMMUNITY DEMOCRACY**" with **SUBSIDIARITY** as the underlying principle.

4.46 In the 17th century it was **J.Althusius**, who formulated it. Later, it was very popular in 19th century America. US president Jefferson very much favoured this idea, just like pope Leo XIII, while being part of the "**constitution**" of the EU (unfortunately rather “neglected”). It goes like this: "What can be done by the individual is being done by him or her. What cannot be done is delegated to the family or the group. They commit themselves to a self-chosen task, delegating to the street (community) what they cannot do. The street is doing what it can; the remainder is given to the neighbourhood. The neighbourhood is carrying out its self-chosen task; the rest is given to the commune. This **bottom-up model** eventually includes the county, the state and the commonwealth".

Dear Friends,

4.47 CLIMATE CHANGE and other life-threatening events will inevitably roll over the earth. As a consequence disasters of great magnitude will overwhelm us: floods, droughts, famines, water-shortage, destruction of biodiversity, acid oceans, epidemics, large-scale migrations, violence, wars...Our personal situation will be affected too: Stress, burn-out, unemployment, illness, chaos, crime, fear, panic.....The only way of coping with them, is the recognition of the fact that our ego cannot handle this.....**Problems can never be solved by the mindsets that caused them.** (**ALBERT EINSTEIN**). Instead, the ego will be terrified, revealing its inherent powerlessness. In order to overcome our (self-inflicted) multi-faceted problems, superhuman effort will be needed. This can only come from a Superhuman Source! As we all know, the existing religions – caught in their inner decay, their dogmas, and their obsession with themselves....cannot offer the redemption humanity direly needs. "**ONLY A NEW FAITH CAN SAVE US**" (Teilhard de Chardin). Dag Hammarskjöld (former Secretary General of the United Nations) has emphasized the same thing. This Superhuman Source has recently revealed Herself. As we all know now, this is the Cosmic Mother.

4.48 Lets celebrate this historic event, in which the Transcendence, once again, has interfered in human affairs. Often, when humanity experiences its gloomiest hours, salvation isn't far away. The Mother is the Bottomless "**CAULDRON OF ABUNDANCE**" (also called "Holy Grail!"). Her Motherly Love is All-Inclusive and Unconditional. Her Cosmic Dimension is taking everything sick, old, ugly and evil back, while giving birth to Her Light Body: the Divine. Thus: surrender (your ego) to Her and you will be continuously Renewed. Those who do so are called “Originals”. With your True Self you subsequently become part of the Whole – "**HEAVEN, EARTH** and the (new) **COMMUNITY**" - once again. Only then, harmony and balance will be restored. Green Men & Wise Women are taking the lead. They are the New Hopefuls. Join them! Without our willingness to give

up our egos, nothing will work. Only New Women and Men can create A New World. **THE ORIGINAL TRADITION** of the **UNIVERSAL COSMIC MOTHER** is the platform, upon which the initiatives will be unfolding. Its core consists of Spiritual Service, Health Service, Community Service and Earth Service.

THE GREAT NIGHT

Initiation into the Cosmic Mother

4.49 The destructive aspect of the Womb is the Underworld. "Classical example" is the Mother Goddess Inanna (Sumer), who descended into the Underworld in order to get Her Lover Tammuz (Dumuzi) back. Hellenistic Mysteries returned to e.g. elaborated on this theme. They transformed it into spiritual renewal: death of the old and birth of the New. We are very lucky to have a personal account of the Isis Mysteries through Apuleius (2. CE) who in his "Metamorphoses" describes in detail the procedures. "I arrived at the border of Life and Death. In the Underworld I stepped across the threshold of the Mother Goddess, and, after I travelled through the elements, I returned. At midnight I saw a bright radiating Sun". The essence: he had to confront himself with Darkness first – to be prepared to die - in order to making space for the New, the Light, to appear. It is a voluntary death in order to become reborn. Dionysos, the Greek God, is said to be "Twice Mothered" (Dimeter) and "Thrice Realized" (Trigonos). He is the late representative of "dying and resurrecting Gods" or "Son/Lovers" to the Great Mother, as they existed from ancient times. Further examples are Demeter and Kore (Mother and Daughter), Cybele and Attis, Astarte and Baal, Atargatis and Hadad, Aphrodite and Adonis, while Jesus is a Son of the Mother too*. This Tradition was continued by Medieval Alchemy. Its core practice (THE GREAT WORK) consisted of 1) going back to the Origin ("blackening") 2) to be reborn as a New Self ("whitening"/ "yellowing") while subsequently 3) healing the world ("reddening"), which, nowadays, for obvious reasons, is changed into "greening"*. Never before THE GREAT WORK had such an urgency as it has today.

* See: "Jesus Canaanite", Book "Origin 1" ** Which - not surprisingly - exactly corresponds with the Dimensions of the Cosmic Womb Mandala. See image on page 3.

4.50 This swinging from Darkness to Light is very prominent with some Christian mystics, as well. Dionysos Aeropagita speaks about it, to John of the Cross it is even the central theme of his life and work. During many years of captivity - locked up by his fellow monks! - he had plenty of opportunity to go deep into the secret of Darkness. His despair is matched with trust, as he wrote down: "Although I find my pleasure, Sir, in hope of someday seeing you, I see that I can lose you too, which makes my pain doubly severe, and so I live in darkest fear, and hope, wait as life goes by, dying because I do not die". Isn't this VERY beautiful? Later he exclaims: "O Night my guide, O Night friendlier than the dawn! O tender Night that tied loved one and the lover fused as One!" His secret: through the Night he came to the Light. Since the latter is born out of the former, Light and Darkness are two sides of the same coin. The so-called "Dark Night of the Soul" is an initiation into this deepest of Depths. In fact, if you watch Darkness e.g. in the bed before going to sleep, then, sooner or later, your very watching (the darkness all around you), proves to be the first spark of that Light. It may become stronger and stronger until Darkness and Light fuse. Characteristically, John speaks about initial fear too. Surrendering to the Night this fear dissolves. Therefore, the "Dark Night of the Soul" is an essential phase on the Road to Integration and Wholeness. In her book "Mysticism", an absolute highlight in its field, Evelyn Underhill describes this process in detail. Recently the University of Dortmund (Germany) (Prof. Hartmut Holzmüller and Prof. Vanessa Hasselhof) have confirmed that "people are more creative in the dark". First one thought that is was because of sensory deprivation. But the result of 30% more creativity could not explained by it.

Conclusion: in darkness there is a (much) higher degree of inner freedom....Almost unavoidable: the results were almost immediately instrumental for corporate gain. Through seminars in dark rooms one hopes to raise the effectiveness of the company. I lay emphasis on the Essence of Darkness, though. To me this is the ultimate Sacred Realm.

4.51 In the early seventies I didn't know about these things, at all. Yes, my interest was raised by Zen, which I practised quite regularly. Through it I experienced a first step toward liberation, the discovery of who you really are: the inner observer. There appears to be an inner distance between this new oneSelf and one's thinking. You are not dominated by the latter anymore. Then, through reading something of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I was touched in my innermost core, in such a way, that I HAD to go to India to "meet him" (October 1977). Upon arrival I immediately found myself in a very special state of awareness. Everything in and around me had a transparency I hadn't experienced before. Then, on the third day, while walking in the garden, suddenly and totally unexpected, the energy started to "withdraw" from my feet up to my trunk, leaving behind no feelings. At last, there was only a very alive circle on my skull left. At that Moment the "Lightning" struck, destroying my whole existence. For a short while, there was only Absolute Blackness. Immediately after I dissolved into Eternal Light, a state of timeless and limitless Bliss. This Oneness that I AM was everywhere, including the grass, the flowers, the birds, the people.....This lasted the whole day. That same night, again totally unexpected, I was confronted with an equally timeless and limitless Ocean of Horror. It was immensely powerful, threatening to suck me in. I knew that if that happened I would be finished: die or become psychotic. The only faculty left of myself (everything else was "stripped off"), was my clear awareness. Through sitting exactly in the vertical line (like I had learned through Zen) I could resist the waves of Angst that tried to swallow me. By holding out for some hours the Horror finally faded away. The bright morning sun symbolized my "resurrection".....

Enlightenment ("Emptiness") and Nirvana ("Emptiness beyond Emptiness") are two different Dimensions

4.52 I now know that this is the Primordial Experience, the deepest spiritual Realization possible. It is nothing less but the "encounter" with the Ultimate Reality: the Cosmic Mother. Through Her Absolute Emptiness (Blackness) I experienced "death and rebirth", for the first time described by Inanna, while subsequently inspiring many initiates after Her. My New Insight: The Eternal Light (the Divine) and the "Underworld" reflect Mother's Cosmic Forces of Creation and Destruction. Permanent joy, lightness, totally carefree, while living in the Moment had replaced my previous troublesome life. Through it my life was totally turned upside down. For ten years I lived in uninterrupted Bliss, while being granted more Great Experiences, until..... the Divine started to "withdraw" itself. Why? Because it wants you to be "thrown upon yourself", once again, doing some "homework". This consists of still integrating those (stubborn!) parts of the old self, which apparently did not dissolve in all those years, into the New Identity. It is giving you the chance of knowing your most troublesome inner obstacles. This is needed, because for becoming a spiritual leader all unprocessed emotional complexes should be at least known, acknowledged and if possible accepted, integrated in such away, that they don't live a separate life anymore. The Cosmic Dimension wants to manifest itself in the world, unhindered by unsolved problems of the avatar! With me this cleansing process took about twenty years.... proof of the power of my shadow! Only if this process is concluded successfully, one is chosen to be a Teacher, in my case a Servant/Messenger to the Cosmic Mother. Alleluia!* For some years I was - to my knowledge - the only one with this kind of Realization. Recently, I discovered a brother, who similarly was granted "death and rebirth" through the Black Mother. It is the Christian/Hindu monk Bede Griffiths. He not only had a genuine (almost complete) Experience, but also recognized the Mother as being the cause of it. Very unique indeed!

* Alleluia originally means "Praise Mother Astarte".

4.53 Last but not least, it's about the contribution the above mentioned can make to science.

Let's take S.Hawking's theories as a starting point. He assumes that the universe has an *inherent* intelligent design (everything interrelated to each other in a very unique way). However, his conclusion is totally opposite to that of Christian fundamentalists. Namely, because it is intelligent, there is no space for a biblical God. If the Cosmos is intelligent by itself, there is no need for an additional creator. The Truth is that we ourselves are part of the Cosmos, sharing with it its Omni-Present Intelligence. If I AM Cosmic Intelligence, then I can trust my deepest insights. Insights into my Essence give me insight about Ultimate Reality. It means that going within (spirituality) and going without (physics) are two sides of the same coin. Two different roads to the same Reality. And indeed, going within gave me an unsurpassable sense of Reality, in fact, I AM that Reality. Insight into MySelf is Cosmic insight! Therefore, this insight is absolute, unshakable (which can be annoying to some, liberating to most). Having said this, I will evaluate S.Hawkings "Grand Design" a little further. He says that the basic elements of the universe are 1. the Vacuum 2. the Quantum World 3. Gravity. His conclusion: "Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist". Moreover, he shares with other physicists the observation, that in the Vacuum there are innumerable quantum fluctuations i.e. waves that are continuously born and destroyed. Obviously, he uses many complicated laws from physics (mathematics) to make his point. Methodologies that I am not able to assess.

4.54 I, on the other hand, look at the results. My conclusion: he indeed comes very close to the Truth.

In the end, however, he fails to combine the above mentioned Core Elements into a dynamic, intelligent and "logic" Whole. E.g. what is the relationship between the Vacuum, the Quantum World and Gravity? As long as you don't know that, you don't know the universe. Thus, to call your conclusions "Grand Design"* (as he does) is a little hasty, indeed. What makes me so confident? First of all, I am not impressed by those voices, who say "that the time of Grand Designs is over". To clarify my claims, I will simply put S.Hawking's findings next to mine. Here it goes. Yes, the Ultimate Reality is a Vacuum. It coincides with "my" Moment of Total Annihilation (Blackness). Yes, there is the Quantum World. It coincides with me dissolving into the Eternal Light. This Light is born out of the Vacuum. However, this Light is not the common light; it doesn't consist of common waves and particles. It is definitely Supernatural (see 36). Hence, differentiation has to be made between them. The Supernatural (Light) may have its reflection in the Higgs Field**, the "Field" that first emanates from the Vacuum. Only second and third emanations comply with the "material" quantum, as described by physics. The Higgs Field comes close to what spirituality calls Cosmic Intelligence, that's what scientists claim, what religion (some religions) call the Divine. Proof: dissolved into IT, you KNOW that in the Depth of your Being you Are the Ultimate. The visible world appears to be the content of the Eternal Light. Hence, at this point I can give you a first conclusion, already. The Vacuum in its Bottomlessness gives birth - indeed, spontaneous, like S.Hawking says - to the Eternal Light, which in its turn is giving birth to the universe or world as we "know" it.

* S.Hawking's latest book. ** See: "Science of Mother Healing" in chapter 36.

**The Cosmic Womb
Mystery of Mysteries
Bottomless Abyss of God and the universe
Savioress of (Wo)Mankind
Jai Mata Di!**

Cosmic Teachings

4.55 The “shocking” news about “my” Threefold Cosmic Realization is that “God” isn’t the ultimate authority anymore. The Light is born out of the Darkness of the Cosmic Womb (while continuously returning to it). “God didn’t create the world out of nothingness, but Nothingness is giving birth to God and the universe, the latter continuously returning to their Origin”. It is the end of patriarchy. Moreover “God” appears to be part of a polarity: the dynamic balance between “Creation and Destruction”. Hence, the universe is ruled by a “Cosmic Trinity”: the Mother and Her two Cosmic Forces. The Unity of Womb, Eternal Light (“God”), Eternal Destruction, universe, earth, society and (wo)man is called Cosmos. The Divine includes the entire universe. Even religions state “God is omni-present”. Unfortunately, they never took the consequences of it. They even adhered to the opposite, namely a separation between God and the world, between Spirit and matter. However, the Reality is that the world is sacred. It is the content of Divine Space. It includes the universe, the earth, society and us. We are part of Cosmic Hierarchy. For the Divine “emanates” from the Cosmic Womb; the universe emanates from the Divine. The various “levels” are all “organically” connected. The only entity that is outside of it, is our ego. The irony is: while in Reality leading an miserable, isolated, fragmented existence, it is claiming “exclusivity” for itself. The Church even boasted about the fact that it “liberated” humanity from the “grasp of the Cosmos”. Instead it put “the Mystical Body of Christ” (the Church) in its place. How happy we are nowadays that Truth has Revealed Herself! Despite (or thanks) our monumental crisis, humanity can return to REALITY. Being cut off from the Whole – on the other hand - is the cause of existential suffering. Healing is to once again becoming part of the Whole. The question is how? In the last decades many people went for the “Quest for the Self”. In itself it is a good beginning. You discover the ego being a fake identity. Your aim is mindfulness. However, for many it stopped there, because it satisfied their ego’s. The most important step has yet to be taken, though: the “Quest for the Whole”. To fit in into the Whole raises less enthusiasm. For here you have “no choice” anymore. In order to get healed you have to give up your ego! Your attitude is that of a caterpillar, not knowing his true nature as a butterfly. Your ego-“freedom” is all you have. The Eternal Freedom is (yet) beyond your imagination. How your Home Coming looks like? The Mother is a bottomless Abyss. She is the Mystery of Mysteries. Your attitude: Worship. The Divine (Mother’s Light Body) invites you to strive for Wisdom. Your attitude: Realization. The universe, consisting of the quantum world, is nourishing you with its energies. Your attitude: Inner Balance. The earth is regenerating you. Your attitude: Ongoing death and rebirth/ “Stirb und Werde (J.W. von Goethe). Society (including animals and plants) challenges your capability of interconnectedness, solidarity, friendship and love. Finally there is “You”, a totally transformed Being. You are Cosmos!

We are part of society
Society is part of the earth
The earth is part of the universe
The universe is part of the Eternal Light
The Eternal Light is part of Absolute Nothingness
(The Cosmic Womb)

Chapter 5

Sons of the Mother

5.1

"All world religions based on patriarchy never achieved peace. Despite the fact that they worship the "same" God. Especially Western monotheisms are highly competitive. It is the male ego who project their ego-ambitions into their God-image. In our times where the survival of (wo)mankind is at stake, this has to stop. It is the reason why the Cosmic Mother has revealed Herself. Her unconditioned Love will Save the Planet.

Judaism, Christianity & Islam: see under chapters 8, 10 & 12

MOTHER & SONS

The Maternal Dimension of God

5.2 "Light is born out of Darkness". This is the revolutionary Revelation of the 21st century. At the same time it is the oldest insight of (wo)mankind. That's why most people somehow will agree with it. Most connect this with the experience of the night. Watching the night sky it becomes clear that the Vastness of the All is including i.e. giving birth to the light and not vice versa. This is confirmed by the deepest possible spiritual Realization. There both the Eternal Light ("God", the Divine, Buddhahood) and the universe are born out of the Dark Cosmic Womb ("Great Mother"). Hence, the Mother is All-Embracing. "She" is the Ultimate Reality from which everything else originates. "God" thus has a Mother! The existing religions are all "Sons of the Mother". I have called this incredible new development "The Original Tradition". It is the Unity in Diversity. For the first time in history the existing religions have something in common: The Cosmic Mother. This is confirmed by physics, where the Vacuum is the birth giver of the universe.

5.3 People who acknowledge the Cosmic Mother as the Original Reality are called "Originals". They maybe members of existing religions, as well. In principle, they don't have to change one letter of their creed. E.g. Muslims still believe in "There is One God and Mohammed is His Prophet". Because the Mother is not interfering with the idea of One God, She is not a competitor. On the contrary, She fully agrees, because She has given birth to "Him". That places Her in the unique position of reconciling Her "Sons". Just like an earthly mother would do. Isn't she the peace bringer among her quarrelling sons? It means, that in a time, where "the clash of civilizations" seems unavoidable the Mother comes as a Beacon of Unity. She was at the root of religion; hence every religion has still memories of Her. Thus, in order to give Her a chance The Original Tradition is promoting Mother-related narratives of the various religions. Narratives which always have been part of those traditions, but were put to the background by patriarchal dominance and usurpation.

TAOISM

Lao-Tze

5.4 The culture, originated in Mesopotamia didn't only spread to India, but also to neighbouring countries. Its successor in China was Taoism. It may thus not come as a surprise that early Taoism started in the Western regions. Hence, the main Taoist Mother Goddess is called Queen Mother of the Western Realm. Ever since "the West" (Mesopotamia) is something magic in Chinese myths. It even includes Buddhist writings about the coming of the future Buddha. It is said, that he will start his teaching in the "Western forest". No one less than Lao-Tze also speaks of the Original Paradise. He considers it as his mission to restore the lost Wholeness of those times. Few scholars acknowledge that Lao-Tze refers to the times of the Mother. In her outstanding articles E.Chen* elaborates on a different interpretation of Lao-Tze's Tao Te Ching. In short, she states that the Tao is really the Original Mother, something we - totally independent from her - had already proposed some ten years ago**. The Tao is the Valley, the Dark Abyss, the Cosmic Womb, giving birth to Heaven and Earth (yang and yin); the latter in their turn are the origin of the "ten thousand things". Lao-Tze is actually the Son/Lover of the Great Mother, doing everything that is in his power to restore Her Original Reign. He is The Great Green Man of Chinese culture. Later the situation changed a little. Rather than accepting "the cycle of birth and death" Taoist sages started to pursue "immortality" with the help of the Tao.

* E.Chen "Nothingness and the Mother Principle in early Chinese Taoism" and "Tao as the Great Mother and the influence of Motherly Love in the shaping of Chinese Philosophy".

**See chapter 3 "Chinese Mother Religion".

5.5 The memory e.g. realization of the Eternal Mother is most evident in the sayings of Lao-tze, the "founder" of Taoism. He emphasizes the feminine Dimension of the Tao by calling it the Great Mother.

These two (mystery and manifestations) spring
from the same source but differ in name;
this appears as darkness.
Darkness within darkness.
The gate to all Mystery. (1)

The valley spirit never dies;
It is the woman, Primal Mother.
Her gateway is the root of heaven and earth.
It is like a veil barely seen.
Use it; it will never fail. (6)

Everyone else is busy.
But I alone am aimless and quiet.
I am different.
I am nourished by the Great Mother. (20)

Something mysteriously formed,
Born before heaven and earth.
In the silence and the void,
Standing alone and unchanging,
Ever present and in motion.
Perhaps it is the Mother of the ten thousand things.
I do not know its name.

Call it Tao.

For lack of a better word, I call it Great. (25)

The beginning of the universe

Is the Mother of all things.

Knowing the Mother, one also knows the sons.

Knowing the sons, yet remaining in touch with the Mother

Brings freedom from the fear of death. (52)

5.6 Also known in Taoism is the Queen Mother of the West - Xi Wang Mu - a Deity who ruled over Kunlun, the “most important mountain in the world”, in fact, She has Her Origin in Anatolia, where Cybele, the Mother Goddess of Phrygia ruled over the mountains too. In Chinese folklore it is said that one day with Xi Wang Mu is equal to 3000 years* longevity on Earth. Almost equal in popularity and closely related to the original Great Mother is "Sheng Mu" or Holy Mother. In many temples in China she is portrayed with eight female deities around her. Her duty is to help women in pregnancy and birth-giving.

* It proves how far patriarchal Taoism has moved from its Origin. Longevity is a Taoist obsession, however, they try to "reach it" through self-effort. The original teaching emphasizes "unification with the Mother", though.

5.7 Like in every patriarchal religion the original notion of the Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality was diverted into some kind of deity or lower goddess. Example is Tianhou or "Empress of Heaven", also called Mazu, which means "grand, old Mother". The Goddess had a very humble beginning as a local woman with spiritual powers, helping seamen to return to home safely (...). Later on her divine status was recognized, being very popular with the Chinese in general. Moreover, in Vietnam too, there are numerous temples dedicated to the Mother. Many of them practice healing and divination. They are always crowded with people, indicative for Her huge popularity.

HINDUISM

India is still imbued with the memory of the Mother. Think of "Om" (Womb), the "Holy Cow" (symbol of the Mother), the Lotus and "Mother India".

5.8 Study of Hinduism still reveals the underlying Truth of the Great Mother. It is unique in this regard. Central in its philosophy stands the "Law of the Universe", the dynamic equilibrium between creation, preservation and destruction. Most people think that these three functions are represented by the three main Gods: Brahman, Vishnu and Shiva. Few know, that these aspects originally belonged to the Indian Great Mother: MahaDevi (or MahanMatri)*. She is the Cosmic Womb, the Great Void (nirguna), from Which the Law of the Universe originates. Hence, in ancient times these aspects were all part of the Mother. Several myths (Devi-bhagavata- Purana) make clear, that the Gods act on behalf of the Mother, only. The Mother has both beneficial as well as terrifying appearances. In later times, these aspects were manifested in separate Goddesses, of which Kali is most famous. What is of interest here is that in Hinduism the entire "primordial order" of The Eternal Feminine, together with Her "Sons" is still intact. The difference, though, is, that while in Mesopotamia (and later in the West) the emphasis lies on the Mother and one Son, the latter unifying both death and rebirth, in India these functions were given to three separate Gods**. Hence, it is difficult to describe one of them as "Green Man". Actually, the original archetype is represented by all three together.

* Before MahaDevi, the Original Mother was known as Aditi or "Mother of the Gods". She possibly is the link between the Middle-Eastern Mother, the Indus or Harappa culture and Hinduism.

** Still later - as patriarchy proceeded - everything was turned upside down: the Gods claimed highest authority, while the Goddesses occupying a lower rank, mediating between the former and the world. She degenerated from the Ultimate Void into the "energy-aspect" (Shakti) of male supremacy.

5.9 In Hinduism, the Great Mother can still be recognized. First of all She is known as Aditi. Aditi - Who existed from pre-Hindu e.g. pre-Vedic times - represents the Void, the Absolute Emptiness of Buddhism. She is the Mother of all the Gods. Originally destruction, life and creation (Law of the Universe) were inseparable aspects of Her Nothingness. Later these aspects were claimed by three Gods: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. The latter being Her Divine Sons, who, like everywhere, made themselves independent from their Cosmic Origin.

5.10 In Vedic times, Matri-Devi represents the Great Mother. However, instead the Gods originating from the Mother, the Mother became the "consort" of the Gods ("Shakti"). At the same time "Maha-Devi" lost Her power to Her descendants Kali (destruction), Lakshmi (preservation) and Parvati (rebirth). These Goddesses each represented one aspect of the original Great Mother (previously already claimed by above mentioned Gods). Nowadays, the Hindu pantheon is cluttered with hundreds of the Mother's "children". The existence of countless Goddesses and Gods only show, how much unity has lost itself in diversity.

5.11 In Tantra - once again a step in time - She was symbolized by the "Cosmic Egg" from Which everything originates. Typical are triangle pictures (yantra, yoni, vulva). She resides on the Earth both in her terrible (destructive), as well as Her life-giving power. Practices like Tantra find their origin in pre-Aryan times, in which the Great Mother was the centre of the fertility cult. Later emphasis was laid on Shiva-Shakti - Cosmic Consciousness - to such an extent, that the link with the Great Mother as birth-giver was lost. Shiva-Shakti represents two sides of the indivisible Whole, in which Shiva is static and Shakti the creative power. The worshipper tries to identify himself with this dual power in order to reach the non-dual.

5.12 The Great Mother (also called "Amman") can be found in every Indian village with the local village-goddesses (Gram-Devi) as Her manifestations. "The Grama-Devi embodies the village. Usually represented by a head and two hands, Her body is said to be the fields, streets and houses of the village. Thus the villagers effectively live "in" Her". One of the many legends is that of Ammavaru, the Original Great Mother.

5.13 "In the beginning nothing existed. Only Ammavaru sat on a lotus that floated on the cosmic waters. To amuse Herself she laid three eggs on the lotus leaf out of which emerged three gods: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. "Let us marry and create life", She told the gods. The gods refused. This made Ammavaru very angry. Her third eye located in the middle of Her forehead burned with fury. In fear the gods acceded to Her request. "But first you must give us your third eye", they said. Ammavaru afire with desire plucked Her third eye and gave it to the three gods. As soon She did so, She lost all Her divine powers, Her skin wrinkled, Her breasts withered and Her hair turned grey. Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva then created the Earth out of Ammavaru's body and ruled over it".*

* D.Pattanaik "Devi, The Mother Goddess", 2000 Vakils, Feffer and Simons, p.46/47.

5.14 Kali is the annihilation aspect of Shakti, which in fact is a projection of the destructive aspect of the Great Mother. Through Her the primordial desire (sex) which gives rise to all creation,

is balanced. She takes care of everything old, sick and dying. Kali is widely revered as the Divine Mother, possibly because her symbolism is so close to Ultimate Reality.

*The Divine Mother's magic
is ancient as life itself
She existed before gods and mortals
and she will still exist even after the great dissolution.*

Elisabeth U.Harding "Kali, The Black Goddess of Dakshineswar",
1993 Nicolas Hayes.

5.15 Sri Ramakrishna, the saint who worshipped the Mother-Goddess Kali for more than thirty years at the Dakshineswar Temple on the bank of the Ganges wrote:

"The black basalt image of the Mother, dressed in gorgeous scarlet brocade, stands on the prostrate white marble body of her divine consort, Shiva...The majesty of her posture can hardly be described. It combines the terror of destruction with the reassurance of motherly tenderness, for she is the cosmic power, the totality of the universe, a glorious harmony of the pairs of opposites. She deals out death, as she creates and preserves".

NB. Female guru's calling themselves "mother" aren't a guarantee for being representatives of the Great Mother. On the contrary, many have identified themselves with a strong hierarchical/patriarchal dualistic philosophy.

5.16 The ultimate triumph, though, is the victory of the Great Mother (in Her manifestation of the Goddess Durga) over the "bull-tyrant" Mahisha, representing the violent masculine principle. Devdutt Pattanaik* writes:

"The image of Durga standing astride on a lion (symbolizing Her son/hero/lover) holding weapons in Her many arms, impaling the buffalo-demon, makes a magnificent sight. The goddess looks serene even though She is performing a violent act. There is blood on the floor, but the Goddess is bedecked in bridal finery, smiling benignly at Her devotees".

5.17 The buffalo-demon can be viewed as the personification of man's ego-desire to dominate the world. He is the demon of ambition, arrogance and audacity, who goes about trying to tame Nature. This demon believes he can dam rivers, cut trees, burn forests and flatten mountains for his own comfort and convenience. But then Durga, the unconquerable one, shrugs. There are floods and fires. Proud kings and their vast empires are swept away in a flash and man stands humble once more".

* *ibid.* p. 116

The Mahadevi (Cosmic Mother) Central Characteristics

5.18

"An underlying theological assumption in texts celebrating the Mahadevi is that the ultimate reality in the universe is a powerful, creative, active, transcendent female being.

The Lalita-sahasranama gives many names of the Mahadevi, and several of her epithets express this assumption. She is called, for example, the root of the world (Jagatikanda, name 325), she who transcends the universe (Visvadhika, 334), she who has no equal (Nirupama, 389), supreme ruler (Paramesvari, 396), she who pervades all (Vyapini, 400), she who is immeasurable (Aprameya, 413), she who creates innumerable universes (Anekakotibrahmandajanani, 620), she whose womb contains the universe (Visvagarbha, 637), she who is the support of all (Sarvadhara, 659), she who is omnipresent (Sarvaga, 702), she who is the ruler of all worlds (Sarvalokesi, 758), and she who supports the universe (Visvadarini, 759). In the *Devi-bhagavata-purana*, which also assumes the ultimate priority of the Mahadevi, she is said to be The Mother of all, to pervade the three worlds, to be the support of all (1.5.47-50), to be the life force of all beings, to be the ruler of all beings (1.5.51-54), to be the only cause of the universe (1.7.27), to create Brahma, Visnu, and Siva and to command them to perform their cosmic tasks (3.5.4.), to be the root of the tree of the universe (3.10.15), and to be she who is supreme knowledge (4.15.12). The text describes her by many other names and phrases as it exalts her to a position of cosmic supremacy.

David R. Kinsley, *Hindu Goddesses: Visions of the Divine Feminine in the Hindu religious tradition* University of California Press, 1988

Durga slaying the buffalo-demon is probably the only myth in the world, where the Mother-principle has gained (temporarily) victory over patriarchy
Jai Mata Di!

Chapter 6

African Ur-Mother



6.1 Few people realize that the Primordial Mother is black. There is a similarity between spiritual Truth - Darkness giving birth to the Light - and the origins in human history. Hasn't (wo)mankind emerged in Africa, after all? Hence, it is safe to assume, that our common female Divine Mother was black. Which means, that during many tens of thousands of years people worshipped the Black Mother*. Of these times no archaeology is left, apart from the very archaic rock paintings i.e. in South Africa, the Sahara (at that time consisting of green land) and Australia (Aboriginals). Although hunters, gatherers and animals are most prominent, the Mother is always at the background. The first wave of Mother-worshipping people coincides with the migration to (Old) Europe and Siberia (40.000-20.000 BCE). Think of e.g. the "Venus of Willendorf". It lasted until the beginnings of the Nubian/Egyptian civilization (5000 BCE). Nut, the all-embracing "Sky" Mother represents the original Great Mother there. She gave birth to four children; the most famous among them is her daughter Isis. Through Isis Canaan was "fertilized" first, while in later centuries She found Her Way to Greece and Rome, while subsequently spreading into Europe. It is without doubt, that She has been the role-model for the Black Madonna's. Hence, Christianity's uneasiness with them. In Africa itself the Great Mother of the Yoruba (Nigeria) is still very much present. She found Her way - through slavery - to the Western hemisphere (Brazil, Cuba, Haiti). Another memory of the Mother is the many historical African Queen Mothers, like the Queen Mother of the Akan (the Ashanti of Ghana). Both Christianity and Islam have tried to subsequently eradicate the Mother. Not quite successful though. In areas where Traditional African Religion prevails, She, often as Goddesses, has managed to survive.**

* Because the Ultimate Truth and the African Black Mother are two sides of the same coin, we - whites and coloured people of the world - are invited to pay homage to this unique fact. Going back - not only to the spiritual Origin, but also to our roots in Africa. She is the Mother of the Whole of (wo)mankind, after all. I personally feel urged to contribute to the rehabilitation/revival of the African Mother as the Universal Great Mother of the world!

** See also: Ivan van Sertima "Black Women of Antiquity", 2002 Transaction Publishers and Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum "Dark Mother", African Origins and Godmothers, 2001, Authors Choice Press.

6.2 Originally, everything belonged to the Realm of the Mother. The problem with those archaic times is, that there weren't written records, yet. Take Sumer as our second example. At the time, where written records appeared, the Mother already had "given birth to Heaven and Earth". Thus Samuel Kramer writes*: "Fourth among the creating deities was the Mother-Goddess, Ninhursag, also known as Ninmah, "the exalted Lady". In an earlier day this Goddess was probably of even higher rank (compared to Her male colleagues), and Her name often preceded that of Enki (one of the Sumerian Gods) when the four Gods were listed together for one reason or another. Her name may originally have been Ki, (Mother Earth) and She was probably taken to be the consort of An, "Heaven" - An and Ki thus may have been conceived as the parents of all the Gods. She was also known as Nintu, "the Lady Who gave birth". The early Sumerian rulers liked to describe themselves as "constantly nourished by Ninhursag with milk" (...)**. She was regarded as the Mother of all living things, the Mother-Goddess pre-eminent. In one of Her myths, She plays an important role in the creation of (wo)man, and in another She starts a chain of divine births in Dilmun, the paradise of the Gods".

* S.Kramer "The Sumerians", 1971 The University of Chicago Press

** The astonishing thing is that this idea has survived until recent times. It went from Sumeria to Canaan (Mother Goddess Asherah/Astarte) and from Canaan to Cyprus, where She was transformed into Aphrodite (and Adonis). First of all, there is the church of Panagia Aphroditissa, meaning the church of Mary Aphrodite. There is also the "Panagia Chrysorrogiatissa" church, dedicated to the "Our Lady of the Golden Pomegranate", symbolizing the nurturing breast of the Virgin Mary", while until recently women of the Kouklia village (near Paphos) lit candles in honour of the Panagia Galaktariotissa, the "Virgin who gives milk". Apart from Cyprus, the image of the Sumerian breast-nurturing Mother-Goddess has been found at several other places, as well, e.g. Sardinia. St. Bernard of Clairveaux is famous because of the drops of milk the Virgin poured down into this mouth. In China, Lao-Tze has used the same metaphor. He was a representative of the Mesopotamian! Mother Tradition, finding its way to China through the "Queen Mother of the West": Xi Wang Mu.

6.3 Originally, the Great Mother was All-Embracing. The entire universe was born out of Her "Cosmic Womb", while continuously returning to its Origin. (Re)Birth and Death were two aspects of the same inclusive life. In the beginning, myths about the Mother emphasized Her descent into the Underworld, which symbolized wintertime. The Sumerian Goddess Inanna is the greatest example of it. Later, the Mother fragmented into various aspects or Goddesses. In the Greek legends it was Kore who replaced Her Mother Penelope (Demeter). However, it was especially men, who took over this function. We know them as "Vegetation Gods". There is an unbroken! tradition from Tammuz, Osiris, Attis, Baal and Dionysos to.....Jesus (and Parsifal), of "dying and resurrecting Gods". The older ones embodied the seasons - dying in autumn and resurrecting in spring - while later ones (Jesus) claimed to have a more universal mission. This tradition - from ancient times to the current revival - is called the lineage of "Green Men & Wise Women".

Chapter 7

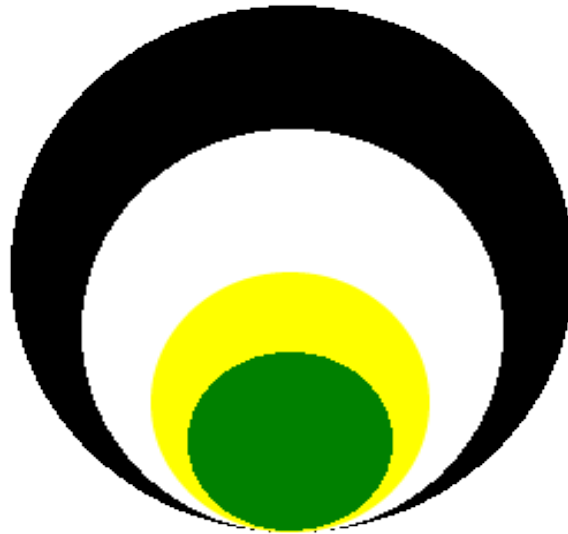
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Seven Principles as a Precondition for Renewing Western spiritual-religious Tradition

- 1. God didn't create the world out of nothingness, but rather Nothingness is giving birth to both God and the universe, the latter continuously returning to their Origin**
- 2. This Nothingness is a Vacuum, a Cosmic Womb, also called "Great Mother" and "Her" Law of the Universe: the dynamic balance between death, rebirth and the web of life**
- 3. It is the foundation to a "feminine" world view: interconnectedness, love, care, cooperation, solidarity, justice, wholeness and harmony with nature**
- 4. Christ isn't that unique beginning, neither is he the "Only Begotten Son of God", but rather a chain in a long tradition of "dying and resurrecting Godmen" (a.o. Osiris, Tammuz, Baal, Attis, Dionysos....)**
- 5. Core of the tradition is its continuous renewal through spiritual Realization e.g. God-Experience. "Jesus doesn't need followers, but successors". Moreover, sacred sources of all religious traditions are cherished equally**
- 6. Women have leading positions on all levels. They are incarnated Goddesses**
- 7. Main mission of the tradition is to Restore the Wholeness**

of Life: "Heaven (God-Realization), earth (the body, harmony with nature, lust for life, sex) and the community (self-sovereignty, integration, solidarity)". One way to experience this is through spiritual practice e.g. our [Universal Way](#)

We call this renewal "The Original Tradition"

with "Womb Worship" as its practice
(See also: "[Great Mother Buddhism](#)")

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It is because he (God) was foolish by not knowing his Mother, that he said: "I am God, and apart from me there is no one". The Mother hearing him talking like that, exclaimed "Don't lie, Jaldabaoth..."
Valentinus in E.Pagels "The Gnostic Gospels"

"The biblical "Sophia" is the Mother of the Universe, the highest deity in Heaven, "equal to God". In the Russian Orthodox Ritus She is still considered to be the All-Embracing One, the personification of the "Eternal-Feminine"

"One of the most popular tales in Russia is "The Visit of the Mother of God to Hell". This "proof" of Her limitless compassion (to visit the victims of eternal punishment) is directly linked with the archaic myth of Inanna going to the Underworld searching for Her Lover"

"The title "Mother of God" (Theotokos) for the Madonna was exacted from by the people (431, Efese), who wanted to restore the status of the Original Great Mother. Hence, the concept of the "Mother of God" has to be taken literally"

"Cybele, the Great Mother is being considered by Emperor Julian as the Ultimate, giving birth to the Gods, which in their turn are begetting the visible world"
J.Bidez "La Vie de l'Empereur Julien"

"Jean Gerson, chancellor of the University of Paris (around 1400) denounced images of the Madonna, symbolizing the entire Trinity as being the fruit of Her Lap"

L. Huizinga "Herfsttij der Middeleeuwen"

"The Black Madonna's are in direct lineage with the Great Mother: the African Black Mother, Kali, Cybele, Isis and Artemis. F.e. in 679 the Merovingian King Dagobert II established the cult to "the one which today receives the name of Our Lady and who is our Eternal Isis"

"The Holy Grail as Vessel of Abundance is symbolizing nothing but the Cosmic Womb"

"Darkness precedes the Light"
Inscription in the altar of Salerno Cathedral

God didn't create the world out of nothingness, but rather Nothingness is giving birth to both "God" and the world. The Eternal Feminine is the Ground of Existence.

"The Madonna as "Queen of Heaven" - as expressed in countless sanctuaries, patronesses, churches, religious orders and festivals - has always played a dominant role in popular devotion. Christ really comes second"

"Consciously or unconsciously, Marian theology is moving toward a significant **reinterpretation** of the original Christian concept of the Godhead as consisting of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"
S. Benko "The Virgin Goddess"

HMS' teachings are universal, including all traditions. Being Nothing he embraces everything, without identifying himself with any particular philosophy or belief. He neither has followers, nor has he established any organization. His passion is to be available to every sincere seeker...



Background

The European culture had three main sources: the Neolithical/European/Pagan, the Sumerian/Babylonian/Judaic and the Egyptian/Greek/ Hellenistic era. Especially the second and the third - with countless mutual connections - would have an decisive impact on the development of religion. It was the "primordial basin" from which the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam would emerge. The implications are far reaching. It means that the "Judeo-Christian Tradition" as such doesn't exist. It can only be understood through connection with its roots. A fact which is already acknowledged by a large number of scholars. The conclusion is, that both the life of Jesus Christ as well as the Bible have to be put in the perspective of the entire archaic culture of the Middle East. Going to the roots, it then appears that the Great Mother is the origin of all later developments, giving a totally different meaning to the same phenomena. The Mother "is making everything

new". Our Mother Worship has been established to celebrate Her "comeback".

The Great Mother reclaiming Heaven and Earth

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

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Mother Religions

In prehistoric times, the mother was considered the "center of the universe". The mother was the only source of life, since the connection between pregnancy and sex wasn't known. People draw parallels between human life and other phenomena in nature. They compared the fertility of the earth with that of the mother. Everything depended on the (her) cycle of birth and death. Hence, all rituals were centered around fertility: the death of the seed and its rebirth. This earthly experience had its counterpart in a great intuition about the Essence of the universe. The latter was considered the Great Cosmic Womb, the Origin of birth and death.

This intuition might well have been there from a very early beginning: that of the black mothers in Africa, the neolithic mothers of Europe, those of the Middle East, India and China. The Mother has been the underlying principle of almost all ("great") civilizations. The first written accounts have been found in Sumer, at a time that patriarchy already made its first beginnings. "Women had the experience, men wrote it down". The Original Great Mother was the "Queen of Heaven and earth", the Womb that gave birth to both the Gods and the universe. She "embodied" (re)birth, preservation and death. Everything originated from and returned to Her. She was the All-Embracing One.

The first Great Mother we know of was Inanna (Sumer). Although some (early patriarchal) texts talk about Inanna "created by God", there is convincing evidence that She existed at "the beginning of time before anything else". She was the Origin of all things. Later Inanna turned into Ishtar, the Mother-goddess of Babylon. Through many clay tablets quite something is known about them. Especially the hymns are moving documents of the devotion people felt for the Great Mother. In later times Astarte was the Mother-goddess of Canaan. It was this goddess, whom the Israelites considered their most deadly enemy *, especially because she was revered by the Israelites themselves, a.o. many women and kings (Solomon, David). In Egypt it was the Mother-goddess Isis, who has had an astonishing long tradition. Her last temple was closed in Soissons (near Paris) in the

year 550.

* Not by the people, but by the fanatic Levite priests! See chapter "The Bible".

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* Mother of Israel

Read:

* Han Marie Stiekema "The Lap of the universe

* M.Sjoo & B.Mor "The Great Cosmic Mother", 1991
HarperSanFrancisco

* A.Harvey "The Return of the Mother", 1995 Jeremy
P.Tarcher

* E.Neumann "The Great Mother", 1974 Princeton

Mother and Sons

Tracing the relationship between "Mother and Sons", several stages can be distinguished. In "the beginning" there was only the Mother, the Cosmic Womb. Without any "help from outside" She gave birth to a Divine Son, who subsequently became Her lover *. "As part of creation", the Son represented the natural "cycle of birth and death". Hence, in the earliest times the Son - for the sake of his people - had to be sacrificed, in order for nature to be reborn. He - the savior - became the hero, who voluntarily went into the underworld. Through this ritual the cycle of life - of "birth and death" - the vegetation was secured. It is corresponding with the modern situation, in which - in order to survive - we have to "die to the old".

In reality, holy marriages ("hieros gamos") took place, in which one or more men publicly made love to the Mother-Queen, after which they were ritually killed. The Mother had to obey the natural Law - since She was the source of it - while simultaneously mourning about the loss of Her Son/Lover. Sometimes, She became so overwhelmed with grief **, that She started searching for him in the underworld (Inanna, Isis). A few months later, the rebirth took place, reason for extensive celebration, since the fertility of the soil had been guaranteed. In a later stage in history, the Son appears to have become king at the grace of the Mother (Babylon). In the myths not he, but a (more) representative(s) is (are) killed. It leads to the images of the vegetation gods, the "green men". In still later stages, the Queen-goddess turns into the god-king's mistress.*** Finally, the "only God" is ruling all by himself (Jaweh). The feminine principle partly went underground, partly turned up in a new - mostly distorted - image.

* See how patriarchy has just changed the fact into the opposite: the creation of Eve out of the rib of Adam (Genesis).

** Compare the mourning of the Great Mother with the Christian "pieta", with Maria sitting with her dead son

on her lap.

*** Which has its counterpart in the Gnostic/Biblical Sophia (Wisdom), the feminine "consort of God". Note the change from the original "God born out of the Mother" into its opposite: "Wisdom-Sophia created by God".

At some places matriarchy - together with the slaughtering of men - could have lasted for many millennia! It is the explanation for the fact, that to men "escaping from the cycle of birth and death" became a main obsession. It is the driving force behind the longing for Transcendence, as well as the beginning of patriarchy. It is astonishing to find this common denominator in most patriarchal religions. In Hinduism, all effort is focused on escaping from karma, so as to "prevent coming back" on this earth again. In Buddhism, "escaping from the cycle of birth and death" is *the* underlying principle, on which everything else is based. In Christianity, "Christ has redeemed us from our sins" (of "nature"), so that every Christian will be reborn in "the kingdom of heaven". Islam is very similar. A true believer "will not return to the darkness of the womb", but will be united with Allah in paradise. Fear of returning to the Womb appears to be the common denominator. In psychology (E. Neumann), it is defined as the fear of the (masculine) ego of "falling back" into the darkness of the unconscious. Hence, the compulsory masculine striving for "progress".

Goddesses

The main characteristic of the Great Mother is unifying all aspects of life. Her Womb rules (re)birth, preservation and destruction simultaneously. As discriminating consciousness proceeded, the aspects of the Mother increasingly "started a life of their own". The Original Unity fell apart in many separate units. It was the beginning of the era of the goddesses. The Mother-goddess Isis was a transitional figure. She is both the Mother, while possessing countless different aspects. At other places and times, three categories took shape, according to the three aspects of the Mother: fertility goddesses, those who were protectresses of life and the destructive ones. Example of the first was Astarte; the second had her representative in the famous Artemis of Ephese and the third category included Lilith. Through identification with various aspects, projected in countless goddesses and cults, the original wisdom about the Origin of the universe slowly faded away. The power of the Mother was weakened accordingly. It was under those circumstances, that patriarchy with its masculine God(s) found a "fertile ground" for its expansion.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* The Cybele Cult

Read:

* B. Koltuv "Weaving Woman", 1990 Nicolas Hays

* G.Lerner "The Creation of Patriarchy", 1986 Oxford University

Mary: The Successor of the Great Mother

In the fifth century the Roman Empire was in decline. Because Christianity was already corrupted with power and wealth, it was dragged along with it. At the same time, the Church was confronted with the fact, that the power of the "old religion" had not totally subsided. Especially the Isis, Cybele and Artemis cults were still growing profusely. The latter was worshipped in her world famous temple in Ephese, now Turkey. The ever recurring devotion for the Mother of women within the Church, only added to the problem. It came to a point, where the Church had no choice, other than to re-introduce the feminine principle.

In the year 431 at the concilium of Ephese - the city of the pagan Mother/goddess - and with great dislike, Maria was declared to be the Theotokos, the "Mother of God". The people of Ephese were overwhelmed with joy, since "their" goddess has found a successor in Maria. Immediately, the struggle for the "right interpretation" broke out. The official version considered Maria to be just the mother of Jesus, while Gnostic-oriented people inclined to take "Theotokos" literally. For them Maria represented the original Great Mother, from whom - like Isis - the Godbirth had taken place. Since the Gnosis was suppressed, this belief went underground, until it re-appeared in the Middle Ages. Especially the Cult of the Black Virgins, as well as that of the Shrine Madonna's are witnessing this fact.

It is only too logic, that the Church did every effort to strip Maria from qualities, that could remind people of the old Mother religions. Aspects, which fitted in their own philosophy were on the contrary emphasized, like the "immaculate conception" (which in fact corresponds with the primordial "parthenogenesis", in which the Mother got pregnant of Her divine Son, without interference of a masculine principle), while at the same time suppressing aspects, that were unwelcome to them. What remained was a Maria, derived from the lust aspect of fertility, as well as the Mother's original destructive counterpart, leaving behind the harmless preservation aspect of a "caring mother", resulting in the neutral, sweet and powerless image of the Virgin.

"Maria" became the instrument in the hands of a Church, whose main purpose it was (is) to destroy sexuality: the main driving force behind the Law of the Mother, that is the "cycle of birth and death!" It has lead to the schizophrenic attitude, in which women were forced to deny their body and sexuality, while men projecting their ideals in the chaste Maria, considering all other women "whores". To Mother Worship however, Maria is one symbol - among others - of the Great Mother. Mother Worship is doing everything to put Her in the context of Her original meaning. For instance, Maria as the "Mother of God" is taken literally. It is finding its highest expression in the image of the Shrine Madonna, which is the Churches' main cult object.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* Shrine Madonna

Read:

* M.Warner "Alone of all Her Sex", 1985 Pan Books

The Cult of the Black Virgin

After the first crusade several so-called Black Virgins turned up in Western Europe, especially in Spain, France, Switzerland and Poland. It was said, that the Knights Templar found them through connections in the Holy Land with secret Gnostic groups. The peculiar thing about them was their intense veneration. Black Madonna's had a special status and were said to have special healing powers. Later scholars wondered why these Madonna's were black. The explanation is, that above mentioned groups had kept their devotion of the old Mother (Isis) secret, only handling it over to the Templars, who were searching for the stone of wisdom, the eternal shrine and the holy vessel respectively, which were the attributes of the original Great Mother.* The fascination with her blackness was remarkable, since it did not comply with the (dualistic) doctrine of the Church, in which "Christ is the Light who has overcome Darkness". The truth is, that people understood that Darkness was the color of the primordial Mother, which therefore was considered to be of greater power. Hence, the inscription in the altar of the Salerno cathedral: "Darkness precedes Light and She is the Mother" (...). It is the confirmation of the fact, that the original wisdom was dark and feminine, characterizing the essence of the Eternal Womb. It is this that St. John of the Cross is referring to, when he speaks of "Darkness containing Light". NB. The Black Virgin is the patroness of the Reborn Order.

* Note that the Templars were sent out on their mission a.o. by Bernard of Clairveaux, which underlines the "rumors" that he and his Cisterciensers were aiming at "esoteric knowledge", which in turn stimulated the former in his adoration for the (black) Virgin.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* The Song of Songs

Read:

E. Begg "The Cult of the Black Virgin", 1996 Arkana

"The Poems of St. John of the Cross", 1972 Willis Barnstone

Women Movements in the Middle Ages

Encouraged by the revival of the Great Mother, women stood up in many regions in Europe reclaiming their own lives. While in former days the only alternative to the (patriarchal) marriage was the monastery, they now created their own way of life in accordance with their own needs and possibilities. Especially in Northern Europe the so-called "Beghunes" found a middle way between worldly and religious life by founding women communities of their own. The Church looked at these development with suspicion, as it did with all movements at that time in which women found a greater freedom, f.e. the Troubadours and the Cathar women. One famous representative of the Beghunes was Margarete Porete who lived a pious life in Northern France. In her "Miroir des simples Âmes" (Mirror of the simple Souls) she speaks of total annihilation of the soul in God, to such an extent, that the need for the image of God, the Church and its dogma's, the sacraments, the priests etc. are becoming irrelevant. She was what we now call an Enlightened one, a being who

has discovered the Divine Nature as her true identity. She is one of the shining examples - a saint * - to our Church, in a time in which "Self-realization" still appears a taboo even to such progressive women like feminist-theologians! Eventually, Margarete was brought before the Inquisition, where she - convinced of the Truth she had found in herself - did not give in to the intimidation/the torture. After having spent almost two years in prison she was burnt at the stake in Paris.

* Other saints of our Church - just like Margarete accused of "heresy" or transgression - are among many others Eve, the Canaanite/Israelite women, Maria Magdalena, Bloemaerdinne (accused of seraphinic/"tantric" practices), Arius, Pelagius, Julian of Eclanum, Eckhart (three men) and of course the "Witches"; in fact the infinite number of women who suffered because of condemnation of the Church, directly or indirectly...

Read:

- * M.Porete "The Mirror of the Simple Souls"
- * A.Mens "Oorsprong en Betekenis van de Nederlandse Begijnen- en Begardenbeweging", 1947 Standaard (In Dutch)
- * Meister Eckhart "Collected sermons"

Mother of Israel

From G.Weiler "I condemn the wars in this country", 1986 Frauenoffensive

English summary

1. THE FORGOTTEN ROOTS OF OUR CULTURE

The beginning

Early mankind experienced the transcendental power as feminine: covering as space, shell, cave, house and the curving heaven - threatening as a landscape of death, as mountains, desert and the sea. People made their experiences visible in a symbol and worshipped the creative power as Queen of Heaven, the Lady of the world.

The adventurous journey to our origins

leads us from the West to the East. There, in the Middle East the creation myth has originated. We refer to it, as we say that Adam and Eve were the "first human beings". In the Old Testament the social norms, that determine our life have been moulded. Their principles of patriarchal masculinity and patriarchal femininity are still - unconsciously, but therefore more lasting - influencing our state in this world. However, in consciously and critically examining our origins, we will meet the matriarchal primordial substance, in which the Old Testament is rooted as well.

Ras-Schamrah - the re-discovery of a matriarchal culture

Since 1928, on the Syrian coast, an excavation of historic dimensions is going on. Until now Canaite culture was only known through written records of other people. For the first time, we are coming up to a Canaite city state, together with its temples and palaces, with its material and spiritual culture, in particular with its unknown religion. The parallels to the Old Testament are striking and ask for a revision of the common exegesis.

The matriarchal concept of God

The matriarchal „God" isn't the Father, but the Son. Horus is the Son of Isis, Adonis is Astartes' Son. The matriarchal God isn't the creator, but the creature. He isn't Lord of Heaven, but embodies the earth and its vegetation. The matriarchal God is mortal. His cult representative on the earthly throne is selected by the high-priestly queen and subsequently entrusted with the kingdom.

Ba'al means „Master". Adon means „Lord" or simply „Man". Jahwe-Adonai is also - according to the original meaning - nothing but the masculine-earthly "Lord" in the context of the cosmic Queen. He is the „Man", the primordial masculine creature of the Mistress of Heaven. The matriarchal consciousness sees the embodiment of the comprehensive masculine power - the fertilizing impulse - in the symbol of the bull. By calling this power "God", we are projecting a concept, that in Western consciousness only later emerged, backwards into the past, into an era in which masculinity didn't have any cosmic dimension.

2. MAIN PART

„We want to sacrifice incense to the Queen of Heaven and drinks"

Resistance against deep-rooted prejudices

The Old Testament as it is currently known, is of much earlier time than commonly perceived. It expresses a masculine world view, while projecting a "unified" history and a monotheistic God "at the beginning of time". Women should have the courage to oppose the authority of the "Fathers" by a world view of their own. By liberating the Old Testament texts from their tendentious superstructure, the matriarchal cult hymns appear in front of our eyes. Furthermore, we will discover, that the matriarchal piety is including a social ethics, that exceeds by far the at random institutionalized order, dictated by Jewish religious laws.

Patriarchal primordial monotheism doesn't exist

The „monotheistic" God Israels has many Names, he is El and El~Saddai, the God of the mountain, he is the "strong one" (Bull-god) of Jacob, while only later the manifold "patriarchs" were united with Jahwe by levitic theology.

The „monotheistic" God Israels has many places of worship, while not at home in any of them. He only wants to be worshipped in Jerusalem. However, this city belonged to Salem, the Venus-god, together with the worship of his wife Aserat. This has been confirmed by both archeological as well as biblical (...) sources.

Jahwe wants to be the God of the covenant of the northern israelite

tribes, but the covenant with the "twelve" tribes proves to be a backward projection. Finally, Jahwe wants to be a God of the desert, one who is wandering with his people. And some think, that the Habiru, the original Hebrews, a people of mercenaries of antiquity, had brought the monotheistic idea to Palestine.

Adam and Eve have never known Jahwe

A God needs worship. However, neither mythologically nor historically a subject of patriarchal Jahwe-religion is becoming tangible. Abdi-Heba, a prince on the throne of Jerusalem at the time of pharaoh Echnaton, was a matriarchal prince, the Abdi (servant) of Hepa (Eve), has never known Jahwe. The tribes of Isra-El have worshipped El, as the name explains.

Death, rebirth and the holy marriage of Jahwe

The analysis of the miracles of the Old Testament shows us a matriarchal Jahwe, de mountain-God of Thunder, who promises the yearly cycle of life: summer and winter, cold and heat...

The cult histories of the tribe heroines are numerous, those who - after a period of infertility - are giving birth to the only chosen son. The yearly dying of the cult king is being "historicized" to trivial stories, however, the historic evidence of these reports can never become eradicated. The holy marriage, with its rebirth of Jahwe, is becoming transferred to the unconvincing stories of angels, priests and god-messengers.

Twelve sons without a father

Lea and Rahel, both matriarchal cult heroines of northern Israel, are being claimed to be the "wives" of the wandering Jakob, and matriarchal cult history is "transformed" into genealogy-ideology of the Old Testament fathers.

Jahwe, the bull of his Mother

The concept „bull of his Mother" originates from Egypt and describes "god", born out of the Queen of Heaven, grown up as a man, returns to his Mother, in order to be reborn by Her. While he is ageing and dies, he is growing in the lap of his cosmic Mother to a new life. The Egyptians call the bull of the Mother the "Kamutef". Kamutef is the moon, the son, as well as the pharaoh on the throne. This image is also documented for Israel, as the Sinai-Tradition is showing. The temple of Solomon on the mountain of Sion was a place of worship of the bull-"god".

The life of Moses lasted a thousand years

Moses is of matriarchal descent, a man who travels to Midian to watch over the sheep of his wife. He is a matriarchal cult figure, born out of a priestess, a hero and savior of his people, he is the "bull of his Mother", full of power and called to rebirth. The destruction of the king of Egypt in the sea - the matriarchal landscape of death - is a cult legend. Moses dies, mysteriously transformed, on a mountain.

The fear of the father for his successor - a collective-psychological problem of patriarchal evolution of consciousness - is crystallizing itself in the figure of Moses: like Oedipus and Paris he is being considered as the "son", by whose birth the "father" feels threatened.

The Levitic theology is making Moses the bearer of patriarchal law. Of the 613 different precepts of the „Mosaic Law“, Moses has known none.

I - a mother in Israel

We will get acquainted with three women figures of the Old Testament: with Debora, the judge of Ephraim, who knows how to be self-conscious, while saying "I!". We will learn about the mother of Simson, a priestess of the sun goddess, who degenerated to an anonymous woman. Hanna, the mother of Samuel, previously a matriarchal cult heroine, ends up in the Bible as a sad patriarchal housewife.

From cult kingdom to political kings power

Saul is the matriarchal cult bearer, the „worshipped one“ (Sa-UI), the chosen one right from his mother's womb. His selection to tribe leader is according to archaic-matriarchal tradition. Only afterwards, this tradition is being clutched by the story of Samuel, suggesting that Samuel would have appointed Saul "first" king of Israel, that previously there wasn't any kingdom in Israel whatsoever.

The legend of David

is covering up David's character faults, making a ruthless conqueror "God's darling", the one who wrest every success from God by his absolute loyalty to Jahwe. The David of the legend embodies - psychologically seen - the principle of patriarchal femininity: he is well adopted, obedient, humble, gentle and pious, small, dainty, "tanned and beautiful". The struggle he leaves to God; because in the David legend Jahwe represents the principle of patriarchal masculinity:

Powerful and aggressive the patriarchal Jahwe is ruling, as a „glorious war god“, bringing order everywhere through strict laws, requiring unconditional obedience, while not making any mistakes. Patriarchal masculinity can be found in the person of the historical David as well. The feminine David of the legend cannot be unified with the ruthless historical conqueror David into one upright personality, nor is the integration of patriarchal femininity into the one-dimensional principle of patriarchal masculinity leading to a whole humanity. The whole human can only be restored through re-integration of the masculine principle into the all-embracing matriarchal world, through taking back of the patriarchal power claim, renouncing the one-sided developed aggressive potential.

The historic personality of David

David is collecting a group of uprooted people around him, and became their gang leader. These people earn their cost of living through blackmail and robbery. David is playing a double game, on the one hand being a vassal of the Philistines, while on the other hand sending gifts to the eldest of the southern tribes. Through marriages to influential women, David is gaining social status, which makes his "election" as king possible. His "god state"

exceeds by far the alleged "alliance of the twelve tribes". David wasn't concerned with Jahwe, but with power only.

Holy marriage in the shadow of power

The succession to the throne is still organized according to the matriarchal cult practice. David was married to various heiresses of conquered principalities. The sons of these different mothers could gain the cult throne of their motherlands by holy marriages. Inevitably, to gain power in the davidian grand kingdom, struggle for succession is breaking out. Before Solomon becomes king in Jerusalem, his elder brothers have legitimized themselves for the position through the holy cult. However, they were all murdered. The holy marriage had become overshadowed by power.

The holy marriage in the light of love

The song of Solomon is a cult song, that has been sung at the celebration of the holy marriage (hieros gamos) in Jerusalem. Its language is witnessing a self-conscious courting women, one who is leading in love. During the centuries, especially this text has been over and again revised and re-interpreted. It seems, that the open expression of love by a woman, full of desire, is provoking a deep shock, is touching things that were long forgotten and suppressed: the consciousness of the wealth and maturity of a love relationship, in which two equal persons - not limited by restrictive moral laws - are expressing their feelings freely.

The crown, with which his mother crowned him

A report about Solomon says, that he was crowned by his mother. Despite the efforts of the Old Testament to deny this passage in the Song of Songs, it is shedding a light on the cultic and social position of women in the kingdom of Judea. The queen on the throne is Gebira, the Mistress, who is disposing of extensive social and political rights.

Israel is going to be destroyed at the day of its punishment

The small palestinian states are crushed by the contesting superpowers in the Middle East. In 722/ 21 BCE Israel succumbs to the attack of Assur, in 589 BCE the state of Judea is destroyed by the Babylonian Nebukadnezar. The Old Testament responds to these events with glorifying power, with the ideology, that earthly power may be gained though loyalty to Jahweh.

From the fate of matriarchal consciousness

Social tradition, cult and language are only tenaciously following patriarchal evolution of mind. Through the Old Testament it becomes clear, how matriarchal concepts become superimposed by patriarchal way of thinking. We see, how matriarchal cult wordings are being misused for "holy war". The matriarchal concept of virginity is being perverted by masculine demands for the possession of women. The matriarchal thought of salvation is repressed by the messianistic expectation of the patriarchal world ruler. The cultic and symbolic language is degenerated into allegoric speech, addressed by the "bridegroom Jahwe to his bride Israel". However, the bride of the holy cult has fallen silent. The all-

penetrating and glowing love is losing her integrative power. Through superpowerful bull symbols, alienated masculine sexuality is being built up in a one-dimensional way, while feminine sexuality is being damned and repressed.

Stolen morals

The Old Testament tries to overwhelmingly suggest, that only patriarchal customs and laws had an orderly living together of people made possible. However, all wisdom of the Bible, on which Jahwe is appealing, is stolen morality going back to matriarchal origin. Jahwe misappropriated matriarchal wisdom, that which was at the beginning of times, the same way Zeus had eaten the goddess of wisdom Metis, like the Egyptian sun god Re did with Ma'at, the primordial matriarchale wisdom, while making her his daughter.

The inner order of matriarchal consciousness is far more superior to the superimposed conformity to patriarchal law. It is time to re-discover this matriarchal wisdom and to become aware of its importance with regard to our survival.

The Cult of Cybele

A Near Eastern goddess whose worship spread from Phrygia into Greece, Rome and other neighboring cultures. Even in Athens' Agora there is a temple dedicated to her which is known as the Metroön or "Temple of the Mother". Cybele was involved with sacred prostitution, sacrifice in the form of castration and fertility rituals focusing on Attis, one of the many vegetation-gods. The cult of this Phrygian goddess has resulted in archeological monuments ranging in time from 6.000 BCE to the end of the Roman Empire, and recent finds have established that she was also worshipped among the Thracian peoples. She was identified with the Greek goddess Rhea. The Cult of Cybele includes almost all ingredients of the ancient Mother-goddess devotion, giving a very unique review.

Other names and titles:

Agdos is a name for Cybele, when she takes the form of a rock.

In his work on the Christian Black Virgins and their origins, Ean Begg relates Cybele to the Ka'aba.

"Her name is etymologically linked with the words for crypt, cave, head and dome and is distantly related to the Ka'aba, the cube-shaped Holy of Holies in Mecca that contains the feminine black stone venerated by Islam" Begg, p.57

Cybele, like the Ephesian Artemis and many other goddesses, was also venerated in the form of a black stone. Once this stone had been brought to Rome, both stone and goddess were worshipped in the Roman Empire until the 4th century CE.

A Roman name for this goddess was Mater Kubile, and sometimes also simply Magna Mater, meaning "Great Mother".

Article from Britannica.com:

Ancient Oriental and Greco-Roman deity, known by a variety of local names; the name Cybele or Cybebe predominates in Greek and Roman literature from about the 5th century BC onward. Her full official Roman name was Mater Deum Magna Idaea (Great Idaean Mother of the Gods).

Legends agree in locating the rise of the worship of the Great Mother in the general area of Phrygia in Asia Minor (now in west-central Turkey), and during classical times her cult centre was at Pessinus, located on the slopes of Mount Dindymus, or Agdistis (hence her names Dindymene and Agdistis). The existence, however, of many similar non-Phrygian deities indicates that she was merely the Phrygian form of the nature deity of all Asia Minor. From Asia Minor her cult spread first to Greek territory. The Greeks always saw in the Great Mother a resemblance to their own goddess Rhea and finally identified the two completely.

During Hannibal's invasion of Italy in 204 BC, the Romans followed a Sibylline prophecy that the enemy could be expelled and conquered if the "Idaeian Mother" were brought to Rome, together with her sacred symbol, a small stone reputed to have fallen from the heavens. Her identification by the Romans with the goddesses Maia, Ops, Rhea, Tellus, and Ceres contributed to the establishment of her worship on a firm footing. By the end of the Roman Republic it had attained prominence, and under the empire it became one of the most important cults in the Roman world.

In all of her aspects, Roman, Greek, and Oriental, the Great Mother was characterized by essentially the same qualities. Most prominent among them was her universal motherhood. She was the great parent not only of gods but also of human beings and beasts. She was called the Mountain Mother, and special emphasis was placed on her maternity over wild nature; this was manifested by the orgiastic character of her worship. Her mythical attendants, the Corybantes, were wild, half-demonic beings. Her priests, the galli, castrated themselves on entering her service. The self-mutilation was justified by the myth that her lover, the fertility god Attis, had emasculated himself under a pine tree, where he bled to death. At Cybele's annual festival (March 15-27), a pine tree was cut and brought to her shrine, where it was honoured as a god and adorned with violets considered to have sprung from the blood of Attis. On March 24, the "Day of Blood," her chief priest, the archigallus, drew blood from his arms and offered it to her to the music of cymbals, drums, and flutes, while the lower clergy whirled madly and slashed themselves to bespatter the altar and the sacred pine with their blood. On March 27 the silver statue of the goddess, with the sacred stone set in its head, was borne in procession and bathed in the Almo, a tributary of the Tiber River.

Cybele's ecstatic rites were at home and fully comprehensible in Asia, but they were too frenzied for Europeans farther west. Roman citizens were at first forbidden to take part in the ceremonies--a ban that was not removed until the time of the empire. Though her cult sometimes existed by itself, in its fully developed state the worship of the Great Mother was accompanied by that of Attis.

The Great Mother was especially prominent in the art of the empire. She usually appears with mural crown and veil, seated on a throne or in a chariot, and accompanied by two lions.

She was regarded as the giver of life to gods, human beings, and beasts alike.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* www.inanna.virtualave.net

The Shrine Madonna



In the Middle Ages, a revival of the Great Mother found its expression in the troubadours (kings calling themselves "troubadours of the Celestial Queen", exactly the same terminology the kings of Babylon used to use), courtly love, the appearance of the "Black Virgins", the mystical women's movement, the interest in Mary, especially through the influence of Bernard of Clairveaux, and last but not least in the occurrence of intriguing statues: the Shrine Madonna's ("Vierges Ouvrantes"). The astonishing thing about them is, that Mary is portrayed with the Trinity inside of Her body, containing God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Since the occurrence of the Shrine Madonna's paralleled widespread and intense discussions about the "Trinity", scholars * have interpreted them as "the action of the Trinity in Mary". However, this appears only one side of the coin. At the same time namely, Mary was worshipped in hymns, litanies and songs as the "Temple or Shrine of the Trinity". It coincides with the (secret) revival of the cult of the Mother (Isis) in its various manifestations. H.Seuse (Suso) for instance, expresses his devotion to "Eternal Wisdom", which is just a "disguise" for the Mother.

* Gudrun Radler, see below.

The Shrine Madonna first appeared around 1200 in Central France in the monastery of Boubon, a nunnery founded by Robert d'Abrissel. The latter transferred his power so totally, that even a nearby men's convent had to obey the abbess. This wasn't a coincidence. A powerful vision - that of a feminine supremacy - had infiltrated the culture. Furthermore, the Shrine Madonna's were often kept at secret or remote places. Sometimes they were given by kings to local churches. For instance Louis IX (The Holy 1214-1270) gave his copy to the church in Maubuisson, while the wife of Alfonso X gave hers to the church of Allariz. Hence, the Shrine Madonna's moved from Gnostic-esoteric circles to the public space, where they soon became objects of great devotion. Shrine Madonna's could be found from Spain to Poland and from France to Switzerland and Germany.*

* There are about 50 Vierges Ouvrantes left. Famous ones are the one in Musée de Cluny in Paris (copy) and the one in the Germanisches Museum in Nürnberg.

The esoteric meaning of the Shrine Madonna was that of the Great Mother. Long before Isis had been called the "Shrine of the universe", containing all and everything. Hence, Hermes Trismegistos is speaking of ... "by you, Mother", or Valentinus talking about "Mother/Womb of All". In Russian theology "Wisdom" (Sophia, replacement for the Great Mother) is considered to be the All-embracing Divine Foundation of life, giving birth to the Trinity" (...). Not surprisingly thus, that Gerson, an influential theologian of the time of the Shrine Madonna's started preaching against the devotion of the Shrine Madonna. In a statement he warned that "simple people"! (note: this was the time of Margarete Porete's book "Mirroir des Simples Âmes, first a book for highly developed religious people, which subsequently may have found its way to "common" people...) might interpret it in such a way, that the entire Trinity is incarnated in the body of Mary. Huizinga adds to it, that the real fear was, that "the Trinity would indeed be considered the fruit of Mary's lap".

To Mother Worship, the image of the Shrine Madonna is the most complete reflection of the Truth, in which the Great Mother-Magna Mater is indeed giving birth to "God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost". Hence, She is the patroness of our Worship.

Read:

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The Bible 2

Song of Songs 1

(Originally Ode to the Canaanite Cosmic Mother)

1

The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

2

O that you would kiss me with the kisses of your mouth! For your love is better than wine,

3

your anointing oils are fragrant, your name is oil poured out; therefore the maidens love you.

4

Draw me after you, let us make haste. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.

5

I am very dark, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

6

Do not gaze at me because I am swarthy, because the sun has scorched me. My mother's sons were angry with me, they made me keeper of the vineyards; but, my own vineyard I have not kept!

7

Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who wanders beside the flocks of your companions?

8

If you do not know, O fairest among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9

I compare you, my love, to a mare of Pharaoh's chariots.

10

Your cheeks are comely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels.

11

We will make you ornaments of gold, studded with silver.

12

While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance.

13

My beloved is to me a bag of myrrh, that lies between my breasts.

14

My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Enge'di.

15

Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves.

16 Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely. Our couch is green;

17 the beams of our house are cedar, our rafters are pine.

Song of Songs 2

1

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

2

As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens.

3

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

5

Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am sick with love.

6

O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me!

7

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the hinds of the field, that you stir not up nor awaken love until it please.

8

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

9

My beloved is like a gazelle, or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

10

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; 11 for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

12

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

13

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14

O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is comely.

15

Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom."

16

My beloved is mine and I am his, he pastures his flock among the lilies.

17

Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle, or a young stag upon rugged mountains.

Song of Songs 3

1

Upon my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.

2

"I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves." I sought him, but found him not.

3

The watchmen found me, as they went about in the city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?"

4

Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the hinds of the field, that you stir not up nor awaken love until it please.

6

What is that coming up from the wilderness, like a column of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the fragrant powders of the merchant?

7

Behold, it is the litter of Solomon! About it are sixty mighty men of the mighty men of Israel,

8

all girt with swords and expert in war, each with his sword at his thigh, against alarms by night.

9

King Solomon made himself a palanquin from the wood of Lebanon.

10

He made its posts of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple; it was lovingly wrought within by the daughters of Jerusalem.

11

Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and behold King Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the gladness of his heart.

Song of Songs 4

1

Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful! Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead.

2

Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and not one among them is bereaved.

3

Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely. Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.

4

Your neck is like the tower of David, built for an arsenal, whereon hang a thousand bucklers, all of them shields of warriors.

5

Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that feed among the lilies.

6

Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will hie me to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.

7

You are all fair, my love; there is no flaw in you.

8

Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; come with me from Lebanon. Depart from the peak of Ama'na, from the peak of Senir and Hermon, from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards.

9

You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride, you have ravished my heart with a glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.

10 How sweet is your love, my sister, my bride! how much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

11

Your lips distil nectar, my bride; honey and milk are under your tongue; the scent of your garments is like the scent of Lebanon.

12

A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a garden locked, a fountain sealed.

13

Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna with nard,

14

nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all chief spices--

15

a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon.

16

Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind! Blow upon my garden, let its fragrance be wafted abroad. Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits.

Song of Songs 5

1

I come to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gather my myrrh with my spice, I eat my honeycomb with my honey, I drink my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends, and drink: drink deeply, O lovers!

2

I slept, but my heart was awake. Hark! my beloved is knocking. "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night."

3

I had put off my garment, how could I put it on? I had bathed my feet, how could I soil them?

4

My beloved put his hand to the latch, and my heart was thrilled within me.

5

I arose to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, upon the handles of the bolt.

6

I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and gone. My soul failed me when he spoke. I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.

7

The watchmen found me, as they went about in the city; they beat me, they wounded me, they took away my mantle, those watchmen of the walls.

8

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him I am sick with love.

9

What is your beloved more than another beloved, O fairest among women? What is your beloved more than another beloved, that you thus adjure us?

10

My beloved is all radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand.

11

His head is the finest gold; his locks are wavy, black as a raven.

12

His eyes are like doves beside springs of water, bathed in milk, fitly set.

13

His cheeks are like beds of spices, yielding fragrance. His lips are lilies, distilling liquid myrrh.

14

His arms are rounded gold, set with jewels. His body is ivory work, encrusted with sapphires.

15

His legs are alabaster columns, set upon bases of gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as the cedars.

16

His speech is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Song of Songs 6

1

Whither has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Whither has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

2

My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies.

4

You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

5

Turn away your eyes from me, for they disturb me--Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead.

6

Your teeth are like a flock of ewes, that have come up from the washing, all of them bear twins, not one among them is bereaved.

7

Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.

8

There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and maidens without number.

9

My dove, my perfect one, is only one, the darling of her mother, flawless to her that bore her. The maidens saw her and called her happy; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her.

10

"Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army with banners?"

11

I went down to the nut orchard, to look at the blossoms of the valley, to see whether the vines had budded, whether the pomegranates were in bloom.

12

Before I was aware, my fancy set me in a chariot beside my prince.

13

Return, return, O Shu'lammitte, return, return, that we may look upon you. Why should you look upon the Shu'lammitte, as upon a dance before two armies?

Song of Songs 7

1

How graceful are your feet in sandals, O queenly maiden! Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of a master hand.

2

Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat, encircled with lilies.

3

Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

4

Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rab'bim. Your nose is like a tower of Lebanon, overlooking Damascus.

5

Your head crowns you like Carmel, and your flowing locks are like purple; a king is held captive in the tresses.

6

How fair and pleasant you are, O loved one, delectable maiden!

7

You are stately as a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters.

8

I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its branches. Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples,

9

and your kisses like the best wine that goes down smoothly, gliding over lips and teeth.

10

I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me.

11

Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields, and lodge in the villages;

12

let us go out early to the vineyards, and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.

13

The mandrakes give forth fragrance, and over our doors are all choice fruits, new as well as old, which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

Song of Songs 8

1

O that you were like a brother to me, that nursed at my mother's breast! If I met you outside, I would kiss you, and none would despise me.

2

I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I would give you spiced wine to drink, the juice of my pomegranates.

3

O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me!

4

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up nor awaken love until it please.

5

Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you. There your mother was in travail with you, there she who bore you was in travail.

6

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame.

7

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

8

We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister, on the day when she is spoken for?

9

If she is a wall, we will build upon her a battlement of silver; but if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

10

I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; then I was in his eyes as one who brings peace.

11

Solomon had a vineyard at Ba'al-ha'mon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; each one was to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.

12

My vineyard, my very own, is for myself; you, O Solomon, may have the thousand, and the keepers of the fruit two hundred.

13

O you who dwell in the gardens, my companions are listening for your voice; let me hear it.

14

Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of spices.

Read:

* See also: <http://ebible.org/bible/web/Song.html>

* Gerda Weiler "Ich verwerfe im Lande die Kriege", 1986
Frauenoffensive.

The Cosmic Mother

The context of Womb Worship is the time in which The Cosmic Mother was revered as the Ultimate Reality. She was the all-embracing Womb of the universe from which all life was born while continuously returning to Her. She represented the Law of the universe: the unity of destruction, rebirth and preservation. Not only the visible world, but also the Divine, the Light is born out of Her. Because It dies and is reborn in the selfsame Eternal Moment, the "result" is the Unchanging, the Absolute. Because Her true nature is Emptiness beyond Emptiness She cannot be attained nor realized, only revered or surrendered to. Taking refuge in the Mother as the all-embracing Void - containing God and the universe equally - is the ultimate spiritual/religious attitude. Complying with Her Law of destruction, preservation and rebirth is the foundation of morality.

The claim of monotheistic religion still remains intact: "there is only one God". What has become different though, that "he" doesn't appear to be the Ultimate. The Light, the Divine proves to be born out of the Cosmic Womb, the Great Mother. "God the Father" proves to be the Son...Because the Mother is Emptiness - the Vacuum - She is Absolute Nothingness, containing everything. She doesn't "exist as Being", hence, She isn't "competing with God" in whatsoever way. Both "exist" on different levels. Therefore, you may still be joining your existing belief, while simultaneously accepting the Mother. Archaic knowledge, modern (vacuum) physics and ultimate spiritual wisdom are confirming each other here. Isn't that a miracle?

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* Light comes out of Darkness

- * Great Mother Book of the Dead
- * Maria as the Mother of God
- * The Jesus Myth
- * The Shrine Madonna's
- * Vacuum Physics

Womb Worship

The Original Tradition (Womb Worship) is the true Home of the Mother, unlike the (Catholic) "Mother Church", which in reality is a Father Church. For us the Mother - the feminine principle - is the alpha and omega. The Mother is all-embracing, including the entire universe in a totally natural way. Contrary to Her the Father is ruling through bans, prohibitions, threats and (institutional) power. He doesn't appear to be the Ultimate Reality though. The Truth is not "God created out of nothingness", but Nothingness - the Womb - gave birth to God. Moreover, the Mother is taking care of the "Law of the universe", in which awakening (rebirth), interconnectedness (preservation) and destruction (of accumulation) are part of a dynamic balance.

The Mother is all-embracing, hence, our Worship is part of the Original Great Mother Tradition. She includes all (great) religions ("Sons"), therefore, our mission is to bring "unity in diversity". Integrating what has been excluded, rejected, destroyed and denied during many centuries of patriarchal oppression is one of our main tasks. Hence, special emphasis is laid on Self-realization and mystical experience, the suffering and the glory of women and "radical" philosophical speculations. Furthermore, guiding people on the Way and taking care of the Community is considered to be of utmost importance to our Worship. Last but not least celebrating life in all its aspects is where Mother Worship is all about.

The Mother is all-embracing, so is Mother Worship. The concrete commitment of the latter is becoming visible in Spiritual Service, Health Service and Community Service. Members of the Reborn Order - our spiritual knights, men and women - are taking the lead here.

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Seven Cardinal Sins of Christianity

1. The establishing of the institution, its hierarchy, the consistent falsification of its past and its scriptures, its greed for power over individual souls and all crimes that have resulted from it. Rather than making itself the "centre of the universe", the Church should be a selfless facilitator guiding people on the Path to God, acknowledging the fact, that God has designed many ways to come to Him,
2. The denial of the Origin, the Great Mother, as the Source of all life, including the Divine ("God") and the universe. The Catholic Church is the only patriarchal institution though, which has in some way acknowledged the central position of the "Eternal Feminine". The problem is, it didn't go far enough. While the people forced the Church to adopt the name "Mother of God" for Mary (431 CE, Ephese); the current pope calling himself the "slave" of the Queen of Heaven, all this - including the Marian dogma's - only seem to distract from the real issue: the Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality,
3. The denial of the Divine as omni-present, all-pervading and all-embracing, with as a consequence the secularization of existence. Moreover, the suppression of the Divinity within, resulting in the impossibility of returning to the Source, through which the ego had no other choice, but to blow itself up. It is the cause of ego-centeredness, materialism, expansion, secularization and vulgarization of the entire culture and the exploitation and destruction of others,
4. The denunciation of nature, the sacredness of the earth and vital life, having led to ruthless exploitation, the modern "waste land", the destruction of eco-systems, loss of bio-diversity, yes, the destruction of the entire earth,
5. The corruption of "God is Love" through denunciation of "carnal love", the crippling of the soul with regard to sexuality and eroticism. In particular the institutional suppression of women, undermining their selves, self-esteem, identity, integrity, position in society,

feelings and emotions, the devaluation e.g. control of the feminine body, its sexuality and reproductive function, the criminal opposition to the use of condoms in general and in particular as a prevention of AIDS,

6. The exclusive claim of the eternal "one-born Son of God", making the entire humanity depending on "his redemption", blocking the awakening of every individual person, of the religion and of society. Through "his death" he has removed the necessity for everybody else, yes, the entire culture to "die and to become reborn" e.g. to regenerate. Moreover, it is not that "Jesus is the Son of God", which causes the problem. It is the assumption, that he is the only one. The Reality is different. The Divine is pervading the entire existence, no one excluded. Therefore the Light is shining in everybody's heart. During all times many people have reached the State of Perfection, just like Christ had. Hence, the latter's self-understanding: "I teach you to become like me",

7. The cultivation of dualism, that is the separation of Light and Darkness, to mystify the struggle against evil ("devil"), rather than revealing the true causes of it (ignorance, alienation, self-addiction etc.), together with subsequent solutions (e.g. insight, conscious acceptance and trusting God), thus creating a permanent war both within and without, leading to inner dysfunctioning, aggression, fear, paranoia, schizophrenia, discrimination, fanaticism, crusades and wars*.

* In the Koran some 40 verses advocate hatred and violence. In the Bible it is some 1000.....

*The Church has taken power in its own hand. Since it has corrupted itself,
this power cannot save it. The only way is to repentfully pray for
a major interference of the Divine*

Personal Development Model

Mother Worship has adopted a working model in order to offer a framework to those who are on the path of personal growth and realization. It is based on the transcendental Vision received by the Servant/Messenger in 1994. His Vision consisted of three parts: awakening, personal integration and selflessness.

The awakening was symbolized by St.John's Wort, personal integration by the Jewish/Canaanite Menorha ("Tree of Life") and selflessness by the Holy Grail, from which a limitless stream of blood was pouring out. These three parts appeared to be a unity. It means a.o. that there is no awakening without personal integration and no personal integration without selflessness.

It is important to realize, that the entire process is "running into" selflessness, compassion, love and surrender. This is depending on the "stage of development" you are in though. In the first stage you have to build up your self-esteem, identity, talents and a position in society. Once these qualities are sufficiently established, the second part will become priority: selfless service to the Great Mother and the universe. This is usually

"forgotten" nowadays. People become addicted to a never ending process of "personal growth", which sooner or later will be turning against themselves though.

Another trap is to consider "awakening" as a "process" that is taking place in your mind. Especially Christians seem to suffer from the old taboo, through which it was forbidden to realize their innermost Being, their Divinity within. So instead of Self-realization - finding your True Identity - they endlessly keep moving in circles, avoiding the hot issue, always remaining in the realm of the mind, identifying rather than liberating, searching but never finding, starting but never arriving. Mother Worship is taking you by your hand though, and will guide you to the paradise You have been from Eternity.

"The Light is within you"

Jesus

"He (Jesus) became human in order for us to become Divine"

Athanasius

"Compared to the Light all human achievements are insignificant"

Acc.to Thomas of Aquino

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* The Vision

* The Great Light

The Cycle of Life and Death

Few people realize - among those many women - that the "cycle of birth and death" is the main issue on which patriarchy has been launching its attacks from the very beginning. As has been discussed before "the cycle of birth and death" is symbolizing life. It is related to the menstrual cycle, the cyclic events of the seasons, birth and death, the tide and the phases of the moon. In fact there are countless cyclic processes in nature, most of them invisible for the human eye. Because the life cycle was controlled by the Great Mother, including the seasonal sacrifices of men in order to promote fertility, men have sought to destroy the entire matriarchal system. The result is evident: a one-dimensional, rationalized, profit and progress-obsessed, linear and suicidal society.

Nowadays there is much emphasis on "gender studies". Many relevant aspects are being discussed by scholars of various disciplines. What tends to be forgotten though is what the main difference between women and men actually is. Books like "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" have popularized the psychological facts known to everybody, namely that men and women are not the same. For instance, they differ in brain function, hormonal regulations and emotional life. Less emphasized though is what *really* distinguishes men and women. It is the cyclic nature of women. Women have internalised the masculine denunciation of their physical functioning though, to a degree that many - especially intellectual women - are denying or even hating this their own nature.

On the road towards emancipation the first step is to liberate yourself from all dominating structures, images and expectations coming from the outside (male-dominated) world. After that re-integration on a higher level should follow, this time based on voluntary, conscious and autonomous decisions, not on individual interest only, but on the interest of the whole...With regard to their cyclic nature, more and more women come to understand, that they possess the key to the emancipation of the entire culture. Only the re-introduction of the cyclic principle may liberate mankind from the dominance of patriarchy. The irony is this. That (the physical nature of women) which once was the instrument of suppression, now appears to be a tool of liberation. It means that women should accept, live, celebrate, upgrade and transcend their cyclic nature, linking it to daily life, religion, society and the culture. Through re-integrating with the rhythms of nature, women may take the lead in guiding the rest of humanity (men) towards a new wholeness in which everything is interconnected, in which everything is complying with the Great Mother and Her Law of the Universe.

to have or to be the body, that is the question

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* The Law of the Universe

* [The Menstruation Website](#)

The Jesus Myth

Through inner contemplation, Mother Worship has come to an interpretation of the life of Jesus, that is as closest as possible to the truth. Since there is no concrete evidence of the "historical Jesus", every attempt - even an inner approach as ours - is a reconstruction. Hence, we call it the "Jesus Myth". As a Myth Jesus proves to be a highlight in spirituality though. It embodies the alpha and the omega of religion. For two thousand years the Father Church has dominated the world through *its* myth of Jesus.* It was designed by Paul, with the aim of using it as a tool to establish a (dominating) world religion. With the result, that the "historical Jesus" and the Jesus of the Father Church became two totally different and competing myths. Since the "official myth" has proved false, Mother Worship is doing every effort to come closer to the real Jesus.

* "This Christ myth has been very useful to us" (Pope Leo X, 16th century)...

We believe that Jesus was a gifted spiritual teacher, a healer and a social reformer. He may have been a member of the Essenes, a Jewish sect, that was known for its esoteric practices. In countless sayings ** Jesus proves to be a teacher, guiding people on the spiritual Path. One of his talents was to adjust his teaching to the level of those who listened to him. More than once he even openly distinguished between those "who had eyes to see" and who did not. In the first cases his teachings were very direct - "The Kingdom of Heaven is within and around you" - and right to the point, while in the second case he used to speak in parables. Looking at the depths of his sayings, Jesus certainly was an Enlightened One, indeed one of the great world teachers. This state of

Being is characterized by the recognition of the Divine - the Light - as your innermost core.

** Especially in the apocryphe (gnostic) gospels, a.o. found at Nag Hammadi.

What makes the Jesus Myth unique though, is the fact that he went beyond his Self-realization. Somehow, he must have sensed the limitations of his state of limitless Being. This was certainly due to the fact, that he lived in a time in which the old religion of the Mother(goddess) was still omni-present. Jesus himself was a very woman-friendly man, one who publicly as well as in private life defended the rights of women. Without doubt, he must have been (increasingly) sensitive for a feminine interpretation of reality. In the Mother religion the Light is not the Ultimate. From the very beginning the Gods were born out of Her Womb and had to return to it, according to the (Her) Law of the universe. This myth was deeply engraved in the culture. One example is that of Tammuz, who died, stayed in the grave for three days, after which he arose from death. The GodSon takes suffering upon him on behalf of the people, rejuvenizes life through his death and journey in the underworld and gains victory over the dark forces through his rebirth. The fact, that Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection, points at the possibility, that Jesus considered himself an adept of the Great Mother.

Current speculations point at the fact, that Jesus might not have died on the cross. Some even claim, that the whole thing has been put on. They say, that his death and resurrection was only "symbolically". This doesn't contradict our point of view. Other than the Father Church, for whom the physical death of Jesus is essential, because of its dogma of "Jesus having saved mankind through his death on the cross", Mother Worship emphasizes the fact, that Jesus - physically or symbolically - acknowledged "death and rebirth" as being the ultimate Law of the universe. This way of looking at Jesus sheds a totally different light on the beginning of Christianity. Jesus embodies the spiritual Path in its utmost consequence, in which he emphasizes the original cosmogony, in which the "Light is born out of Darkness". His whole effort had been to reconcile the old Mother religion with the patriarchal Logos! This makes him a "conservative revolutionary", indeed both the heir of the old as well the beginning of the new.

The irony is this. Because of the myth of the Father Church, the entire Western civilization has been deprived of the possibility of "death and rebirth". Jesus has been doing this "for us", after all. The result is an ego, that has been cut off of the possibility of reuniting with the Self ("die"), in order to regenerate itself. Hence, there was no other way, but blowing itself up. The way back Home - pursuing Self-realization - was being blocked, therefore, the entire culture had no choice, but going after material goals. The myth of Mother Worship, however, contains an explosive actuality. To us Jesus is *the* representative of the Great Mother, emphasizing the need for everyone to comply with the Law of the universe. Isn't the accumulation on all levels of existence: spiritually, psychologically, socially and materially *the* disease of modern times? Again Jesus proves to be the savior here, however, this time not by "dying for us", but teaching each of us the necessity of dying, in order to become reborn. Isn't that a miracle?

The Quadrity:

Mother-God-the Enlightened Ones-mindfulness

Read:

* Margret E.Arminger "Die verrätene Päpstin", 1997 Paul List Verlag (German).

The Foundress

Mother Worship considers Mary Magdalene as the foundress of Christian Church, and this for good reasons. As the "apostle of the apostles" Mary Magdalene was Jesus' most important initiate. She was the woman "who knew the All", while the apostles were ignorant: "The latter didn't understand him" (Jesus). Moreover, Jesus had not chosen Mary Magdalene as his spiritual disciple (sister), but the other way around. Mary represented the old Canaanite Mother Religion and had chosen Jesus as Son/Lover of the Mother. Hence, the jealousy of the apostles (Peter hated her). They repeatedly asked "why he (Jesus) loved her more than he loves us?" And: "he often kisses her on her mouth". In the Jewish society of those days "kissing" in public would have been impossible, unless Jesus and Mary Magdalene were Canaanites and not Jews.

There is evidence that Mary Magdalene was an initiate of the old Mother(goddess) religion. It was she, who could have passed this wisdom to Jesus.* It is not impossible, that she was the driving force behind Jesus' mission. Mary Magdalene always proved to be present at crucial moments. Unlike the apostles (who had betrayed him several times) she was with Jesus, when he was hanging on the cross; she was the first who met him after his resurrection and it was she, who convinced the desperate apostles, that Jesus was still alive, while encouraging them to go out and start preaching. To have a representative of the old religion in their midst was intolerable to Paul and his followers though. Hence, Mary Magdalene to be declared *the* example of a "sinner", one who's life should be spent in repentance. She was accused of the "seven sins", which stood for the seven stages of initiation of the goddess religion. The "fathers" even managed to punish her for her intimate relationship with their "Lord", since Mary Magdalene was identified with her past as a "whore"...

* This had been a tradition in the lineage of the House of David. Both the kings David and Solomon were "infected" with goddess worship

Mother Worship firmly believes, that Mary Magdalene was the first and only legitimate successor to Jesus Christ. She was his most important initiate (or viceversa!), the apostle of the apostle, the one who knew the All, mother of the Gnosis, representative of the old Mother Religion, who stood in intimate relationship with Jesus. Two of the three branches - the Church of Jacob in Jerusalem and the (Gnostic) group that had fled to the desert - acknowledged her as their spiritual teacher. However, Paul - representative of the third "hellenistic" branch - detested her, doing everything to eliminate Jesus' original message of love, in which women and femininity had played such a dominant role. They distorted Jesus' message - to become like him, that is to realize the Divine Nature within - in favor of a Church based on power, rules from "above", compulsion, suppression and violence.* The result is known to everybody. While patriarchy established itself, the real Church had to go underground. It was the beginning of persecution of the "Originals" and the institutional suppression of women, which lasted until this very day. The resurrection of Mother Worship, with Mary Magdalene as her foundress is a proof though, that Truth will always prevail.

Chapter 7. Archaic Mother Community

* In fact Paul (Enlightenment on his way to Damascus) and Mary Magdalene (The woman who knew the All) were the only ones who understood Jesus from within. Both were convinced of Jesus' Divine Nature. Paul was even referring to the Mother religion, when he made Jesus the "redeemer of all mankind". It was inherent to the role of the Mother gods: they sacrificed themselves for the sake of fertility of the earth. The crucial difference was the axiom of God (the eternal "only begotten Son") in whom everybody was forced to believe on the one hand, and the Enlightened Teacher, who was guiding others to discover their own Divine Nature on the other. Paul used Christ to establish an institute, based on power, making everybody helpless, while Mary Magdalene represented the Path of freedom, emancipation and realization.

Read:

* Margret E. Armingier "Maria Magdalena, "Moeder van de kerk", 1998
Bosch & Keuning (Dutch).

* Margret E. Armingier "Die verratene Pöpstin", 1997 Paul List (German)

NB. No English translation of this unique book could be found.

The Servant/Messenger

Like in Buddhism, Mother Worship emphasizes the perpetual renewal of religion through an ongoing process of Self-realization and revelation.* She therefore doesn't dispute the idea of Jesus being the "Son of God", but only the dogma of the eternal "onlybegotten one". Instead, all men and women, yes, the entire existence is part of the Divine - everybody is a Child of God - nothing and nobody excluded. Hence, Mother Worship is welcoming the contributions of new prophets. For instance, many Christian mystics were enlightened, which should have given them the "same status" as their teacher Jesus Christ. In one of the Gnostic scriptures Jesus emphatically calls on his disciples to "become like him". In fact, enlightenment isn't that "special" as many of us think it is. Hence, in some traditions it is called "the natural state". The joke of course is, that the outcome of full Enlightenment is transparency - Nothingness - with subsequent "return to the marketplace". Nothing special, nothing holy.

* See the unique account of God-experiences, mainly from the Christian Tradition - Ecstatic Confessions - collected by Martin Buber

Christ is constantly returning in each of us

The one who revived Mother Worship is Servant/Messenger ("Serme"), in normal life a medical doctor, psychotherapist and spiritual teacher. Totally unexpected and by the grace of the Ultimate, he received a transcendental Vision in 1974, followed by several Great Experiences, starting in 1977 among which the Lightning, full Enlightenment, the Great Death (rebirth, "resurrection", Tib.delog) and the Great Transparency. During ten years he was wandering around in permanent bliss like "God's fool", after which he suffered the "Dark Night of the Soul", in which he had to integrate his small self into his New Identity. In recent years he "returned to the market place" leading a "normal life" again.

Rejoice, we have no choice

Servant/Messenger finally recognized his "true Origin" by re-evaluation of his "dark experiences". By taking them seriously he came to the conclusion, that the Light is not the Ultimate. Instead, both Light and Darkness originate from "something" beyond: the Vacuum. It is corresponding with the

primordial Womb - the Great Mother - out of whom everything is born, while returning to Her in the selfsame Eternal Moment. Sermes (Servant/Messenger) - knowing his descent - is the "son" who "has come" to keep his promise of restoring the Reign of the Mother. His first deed was to establish Mother Worship/ The Original Great Mother Tradition, followed by Great Mother Buddhism.

Cosmic Mother-God-Self-ego-Self-God-Cosmic Mother

The miracle is this. After having completed Enlightenment with subsequent personal integration there is nothing left "to strive for" anymore. Everything is left behind. The outcome is a surprising one. If there is nothing to attain or to work on anymore, the only thing left is serving others. Hence, awakening and selflessness are two sides of the same coin. This means, that the core teaching of Christianity - love thy neighbor - is confirmed by the universal spiritual Path. It is the foundation for a radical renewal - the one from within - of the Christian faith.

The Church is built on Paul, having created its own dogmas though; Paul was the messenger of Jesus, however bringing a message of his own; Jesus was the messenger of the Father; the Father had stolen his kingdom from the Mother though. Hence, the lineage has become utterly distorted. Through the Servant/Messenger on the other hand the direct link with the Origin - the Cosmic Mother - has been restored once again.

Renewing the Christian faith from within

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* Enlightenment

* The Great Death

Confession of Faith

Many people feel hesitant, when it comes to any kind of commitment. It is the result of two millennia of oppression, in which you were forced to believe, not because it was your innermost truth, but just because the Father Church told you to do so. In recent times, more and more people are abandoning all forms of organised religion. They feel they have to throw off the yoke. Mother Worship not only understands this, but is fully supporting this inner need. It considers it as a necessary step in emancipation. Hence, we will be the last to interfere with people in this stage of inner development.

However, sooner or later you may become confronted with the shadow part of freedom. Extreme individualism causes trouble of its own; it doesn't correspond with human nature. Moreover, once awakened, you will experience "connectedness" as its counterpart. You come to know, that your essence is the essence of everything around you, hence, "personal" realization turning into "being your Self connected". You understand that you - like the grass, the trees, the clouds, the animals, other human beings, the rivers, the rocks and the sea - are all part of the web of life. Thus, after an initial stage of seeking "personal liberation" many (reborn) people will turn back to the community. It is in the community, that you may fully develop your commitment. Once having experienced this, Mother Worship may become one of your options.

Confession of faith in Mother Worship is a celebration. You celebrate being part of a community, whose existence is only justified by guiding and connecting people on their spiritual Path. Unlike the

Father Church, confession of faith in Mother Worship isn't something you have to believe. We don't believe in dogma's or in rules "from above". Thus, the kind of commitment depends entirely on your self. Common denominator is being your Self connected, while surrendering to the Great Mother. In practice you determine the way you want to commit yourself. The choice are manifold. For instance...

Confession

* We believe in the Cosmic Mother as the Ultimate Reality, the Vacuum, embracing the whole of existence, nothing excluded,

or/and

* We believe, that Nothingness is giving birth to God, rather than "God created out of nothingness",

or/and

* We believe in Her Law of the universe, being the dynamic balance of (re)birth, preservation and destruction,

or/and

* We believe in one God (Being, the Light), manifesting itself in various planes of existence,

or/and

* We believe in Jesus Christ as a unique Enlightened Teacher, healer and social reformer,

or/and

* We believe in Mary Magdalene as the High Priestess of the Canaanite Mother Religion, the legitimate heir of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the foundress of the Christian Church,

or/and

* We believe in an ongoing renewal of religion through Self-realization and revelation in countless men and women,

or/and

* We believe in re-integrating the lineage of all-those, who in the past were excluded from the Church,

or/and

* We believe in awakening, personal integration, being rooted in "Heaven" and earth, to become one with the Light, while taking refuge in the Mother, as important stages on the Path,

or/and

* We believe in the Cosmic Mother as the Mother of all (patriarchal) religions and the possibility of reconciliation between them,

or/and

* We believe in the possibility of individual and collective liberation from addiction to the self/ego, greed, profit, progress and materialism,

or/and

* We believe in the community as "Mother-given" part of the web of life,

* Etc., etc., etc.

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* Han Marie Stiekema "The Lap of the universe"

Moral Law

According to Mother Worship, evil can be defined as "alienation from Heaven" (Self, God) and "isolation from the body and nature", also described as "being thrown upon oneself". It is equal to self-addiction, the state, in which you are dominated by the mind - thoughts, emotions and desires - without being aware of it. More in particular three capital "sins" - ignorance, self-centeredness and greed - can be distinguished. They are considered violations of the Law of the universe. Ignorance is the counterpart of awakening, the birth of the new, beauty, lust for life and joy. Self-centeredness is an offense against interconnectedness, commitment, love, mutuality and solidarity, which is the second part of the Law, while greed is blocking the necessity of continuously dying to the old, thus being the cause of accumulation, exploitation and injustice.

To be cut off from existence is the cause of suffering, which in turn may become the lever to conversion and reform. It may help you making the leap from self-centeredness to becoming part of the Whole again. This kind of existential suffering has a positive connotation and should not be denied, suppressed or otherwise being "treated". One should simply become aware of it, hold out, accept and understand it, feeling it in such a way, that the longing for Wholeness is becoming stronger. Until it reaches a critical point, in which there is nothing left, but to surrender to your innermost Being. It is our experience, that especially the inner motive/longing - more than study, dialogue, meditation etc. - is decisive, while on the inner Path.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* Vision of the Grail

* Some thorough self-investigation

Worship/Celebration

We worship the Cosmic Mother, Her Celestial Body ("Heaven", the Divine, God) and the universe (the earth) respectively. It is consistent with the stages of the Integral Way, as discussed elsewhere. Its concrete expression is the Home Meetings, the latter being the structure in which our Worship/Celebration is taking place. In worship, we are coming together to share the fruits of our individual lives. The structure of our worship is universal, while the content varies with the contribution of the individual members of a particular community. While the basic framework is the same - the Home Meetings - a choice can be made out of several elements, to be combined according to local preferences and needs. In Mother Worship the worship usually is being led by a woman or a group of women, called mater, assisted by servants (men and women).

Exceptions are situations in which there is no female candidate. It depends also whether a woman or a man identifies her/himself with a "matriarchal" world view yes or no. Sometimes (or is it often..?) a particular woman appears to be "more patriarchal than a man". In such a case a male would have preference. The key issue is not so much gender, but the world view a person is adhering to. One of the sad things about modern times is, that the majority of women support the existing system. To have a female body therefore doesn't automatically make you a woman! Functions however rotate continuously. It means that women and men participate equally in activities undertaken by the group. The group itself is decentralized, autonomous and independent. No any decision can be imposed from outside the local community. In fact, there is no umbrella organization or superstructure. (See next page). The Home Meetings usually take place in homes of individual members.

Mother Worship is "a next step in evolution". It can be considered the successor to the women churches of the past decades. The leap has to be made from the need for identification - serving the aim of personal empowerment - towards a true spiritual-religious practice. The (often necessary) exclusive attitude has to turn into an inclusive one. The Great Mother is all-embracing after all. It finds its expression in equally including women and men. However, their roles have changed drastically. Women either identify with the Great Mother, the goddess or female saints (depending on the inclusiveness of the former), while men fulfill the role of the "son". This "son" used to be the divine lover to the Mother. His role is to sacrifice himself for the sake of the Whole. In accepting the mission, he becomes a god-hero. It is a proof, that in matriarchy men used to have a strong (masculine) role of themselves. Mother Worship is inviting men to abandon their self-defined ego-centered ambitions, in order to become (heroic) servants of the Great Mother.

HOME MEETINGS Based on the Integral Way

Home Meetings are the key practice for people associated with The Original Tradition/ *Mother Worship* and Her branch Great Mother Buddhism. Through these meetings the Community takes care of its members and viceversa. Its structure is "horizontal" without any authority from above. The idea was the following. Having worked with people for so many years, we have come to the conclusion, that being cut off from "*Heaven, earth and the community*" with as a consequence "self-addiction" e.g. addiction to the current materialistic society is the key problem. It is the root of greed, egoism, jealousy, hatred, stress, burn-out, accumulation and exploitation. Hence, the *Great Mother and Her Law of the Universe* - death, permanence and rebirth - being the answer to the existential problem of today. Our initiative includes bringing people together in regular (weekly, with a minimum of two times a month) self-help meetings in which they learn to "die to the old" and become reborn. The *essence of Transformation* is to (subsequently) fitting in in "Heaven, earth and the (new) community". The purpose is A Joyous Life! Our basic principle is self-determination and autonomy of every group, while the program consists of the following *Seven Steps*:

Elements of Worship

1. To honestly acknowledge your everyday reality. (Painful) self-awareness of being cut off from the Essence

Create an atmosphere of trust. Besides anonymity some other "methods" could be very helpful here like sitting on the floor, mixing, closing the eyes and touching each other. After having found a partner the recognition e.g. vice versa sharing of painful self-awareness is being done. The partners helping each other by an emphatic attitude ("co-counseling").

2. The sincere resolve to become reborn

Some persons may come forward (one after the other), taking a seat in front of the group. They are sharing with the group an important episode of their lives, in which the longing for wholeness e.g. rebirth became apparent. In some (many!) cases it might be necessary to acknowledge one's helplessness towards one's self-addiction with subsequent surrender to the Ultimate, as the only dimension which could save you. (See also under 6.)

3. Seeing that you are neither your thinking nor your problems

The leader of the group - preferably a different person every week - tells the group about how the mind works. Emphasis is laid on the mechanism of self-addiction as the cause of suffering and its consequences in daily life, with the birth of the inner observer - awareness - as your new identity. Information can be obtained from the websites (See: [Teaching](#)).

4. Awakening (meditation)

This consists of fifteen minutes of relaxation (in the chair or on the floor) and silence, in which you watch the inner side of your eyelids. Very soon you will discover that "you are here, while your eyelids are there". Taking this seriously is the essence of awakening...By doing this exercise regularly (at home every day, at least one time), the inner observer will become more stable, clear, empty etc., while at the same time watching your thoughts, emotions and desires in front of you. There appears to be a inner distance between the two. The miracle is this: You are free! (See: [Teaching](#)).

5. Re-integration of your rejected parts through emotional self-integration (ESI)

The text of the emotional self-integration (eight steps) can be found in above mentioned website (See: [Teaching](#)). It may be printed out and distributed among the members of the group (which may be different every time). This text is a manual for everyday life. In the weekly meeting participants will share their experiences, successes and difficulties with each other. The aim is to restore personal wholeness and integrity. Extension of "personal integration" is to (once again) fitting in in "Heaven, earth and the community". For additional methods, see: ["Heaven and Earth Exercises"](#).

6. Taking refuge in the Great Mother

Again this is a moment of silence (f.e. ten minutes) in which the members contemplate their personal relationship with the Great Mother, realizing Her saving activity through Her Law of the Universe. An inner whispering (mantra) may come up. One example is "Praising the Mother". While breathing

in you whisper "Praising", while in the lowest point of exhalation you repeat - with clear awareness - "the Mother", feeling Her quality of Nothingness. Others may visualize giving back their addiction to the Cosmic Womb, while repeating "death" while breathing out and "rebirth" while breathing in. Or you simply repeat OM ("Matrix", "Womb"). (See: [Teaching](#)).

7. Celebration

This is the concluding part of the session, which is entirely up to the members how to fill it in. This may vary from chanting OM, music and dancing to sharing drinks and food (some of which may be offered to the Great Mother) to mutual healing in case of minor disorders* to mutual exchange of experience with regard to the free Personal Health Plan** ([http://welcome.to/FreeWHC/Step 1](http://welcome.to/FreeWHC/Step1)) to organizing a monthly "Full Moon Celebration".***

* See a.o. guasha, the Chinese jade stone therapy: www.guasha.8m.com

** A two monthly program to optimize your health free internet publication.
See: [http://welcome.to/FreeWHC/ Step1](http://welcome.to/FreeWHC/Step1)

*** More about this in Step 6: www.originaltrad.faithweb.com chapter "Taking Refuge".
Additionally, the other practices mentioned in the same file - f.i. Ancestor Worship, Song of Praise - may be used in the celebration. They can be also practised at home. In fact all methods described in The Integral Way (See: www.originaltrad.faithweb.com chapter "MatriCommunity") are considered to be very beneficial. They are the Source from which everybody can draw on. So you may add practices like the Heaven & Earth Exercises, Living Zen/Vipassana, Purification etc. to your Way. The entire Integral Way is made available to those who wish to deepen their spiritual quest. It is offered as a Retreat. Please contact us for more information.

PS. As said before Home Meetings are the core of our Tradition. They are based on self-rule. Inspiration a.o. were the respectable AA (Alcohol Anonymus) groups. All groups are autonomous without any steering body above them. *The only thing everybody is committed to are the **Seven Steps***. Local groups can ask for assistance though. This may consist of e-mail contact about certain problems or personal help.

PS. Home Meetings usually do not exceed some twelve to twenty participants. If more people want to attend (making reservations by telephone because of limited space is always a good idea) the groups will split into two. After having attended weekly meetings during at least half a year, you may set up a new group.

PS. Participating in a Home Meeting is entirely free of engagement. You are not supposed to take any further commitment whatsoever if it doesn't feel like.

PS. It will be appreciated, if a local group lets us know about their existence. Potential participants who ask us about where to go, may then become referred to you.

Gerald G.May "Addiction & Grace", 1991 HarperCollins

Christina Grof "The Thirst for Wholeness, Attachment, Addiction, and the Spiritual Path", 1993 HarperCollins

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* The Cult Objects

- * Full Moon Celebration
- * Purification
- * Seasonal Festivals
- * Retreats
- * Pilgrimages

Organization

Womb Worship is a network of local communities centered around Home Meetings (see previous page). The local group is its fundamental unit, consisting of individuals and families, usually not exceeding some 20 members. There is no permanent structure apart from the local network. That means that our Worship is entirely decentralized without any authority from outside. The structure is corresponding to the "web of life", in which Self-sovereignty, subsidiarity and "symbiosis" are the main ingredients *. In practice members and affiliates see each other in the weekly Home Meetings.

Everything is based on "To be your Self connected": you do what you can do. What you cannot do is being done by the family. The family is Self-sovereign and does what it can do. What it cannot do is being done by the your local community. Every local community is Self-sovereign and does what it can do. What it cannot do is being done by the larger community. Every unit is choosing a leader - man or women - who is their representative in the "higher" unit. So the smaller community is consisting of representatives of the families, while the larger community is made of the members of the smaller ones. Crucial is that the larger community is non-permanent.

It consists of ad-hoc meetings concerned with problems of the moment. Representatives therefore don't possess permanent status or duties. In order to prevent a "superstructure" to evolve there will be a continuous change of representatives. The dynamics of decision making is always bottom-up. Decisions can never be imposed from above - representatives may only make proposals - they are exclusively made by consensus of the local community.

The spiritual principles of our global Mother Worship are based on the **Universal Message***, the Seven Pillars as elaborated in **The Integral Way*** and the **Symbols*** like Cosmic Womb Mandala and the Black Mother Image, while the social foundation - the Living Community - consists of the **Home Meetings***. They are part of a worldwide effort - The Great Learning - which includes A New Spirituality, A New Health Care and A New Community.

Its "organization" is non-hierarchical, with no "church" e.g. umbrella structure whatsoever, it is worldwide without national identities (f.i. no "US, Indian, German, Mexican, Italian or Dutch" branch), exclusively based on horizontal networks e.g. local autonomous groups** (like the AA groups), initiated by local people themselves, with free (cross-border) affiliations, cooperation between men and women with women often having a leading role, active participation of every member, community democracy and consensus. These principles are not negotiable, it means that only those who wholeheartedly embrace them, may call themselves members.

*See: www.originaltrad.faihw.com chapter A. "MatriCommunity"

** This dynamic structure has been designed according the work of Johannes Althusius (1557-1638), an independent Calvinist thinker. See: <http://uni-trier.de/~ievr/konferenz/papers/vanvyver.pdf>

Virtual Worship

Although we strongly advocate concrete participation in real communities, we also offer a Virtual Website to those who (still) prefer an individual approach to its ideas and practice. For them our four websites: that of Mother Worship/The Original Great Mother Tradition, Great Mother Buddhism, MatriTalks and The Great Learning can be freely frequented. Because of this service we have put quite some information in the sites, which would otherwise be available as printed matter only.

Read:

* Johannes Althusius "Politica", 1995 Liberty Fund

* Th.O.Hueglin "Early Modern Concepts for a Late Modern World", 1999 Wilfrid Laurier University Press

REBORN ORDER

"One for all, all for one"

Order of the "Originals"
Rebirth of the Knights Templar
New Healers of the 7 Major Distresses
Orden der "Ursprünglichen"
Wiedergeburt der Tempelritter
New Heiler der 7 Großen Nöten
Orde van de "Oorspronkelijken"
Wedergeboorte van de Tempelridders
New Healers van de 7 Grote Noden



New Templar's Cross

True Heir of the Knights Templar

Through the Vision of the Grail

After 1000 years of hidden presence the Grail was once again granted to Cosmic Mother's Servant/Messenger ("Sermes"), an absolutely unique event. The latter taking the lead in announcing A New Era in which a first step towards a truly spiritual civilization is being made. See: ["Vision of the Grail"](#)

Through Revelation of "The Lady"/"Notre Dame" (Cosmic Mother)

She has been the hidden Source behind all Templar efforts. Most modern "Templar" groups have not understood this. In our case, reconnecting to the Origin, however, is THE proof of true succession. Her Divine Interference took place in 1977. She is the Cauldron of Abundance, the Source of Cosmic Regeneration. Through "death" (of the ego) and rebirth (of the True Self) the Reborn are taking the lead in renewing the world. PS. The Black Madonna is the manifestation of the Cosmic Mother. She is the "shortcut" to pre-Christian Mother Worship. See: ["Threefold Realization"](#), ["Turn On"](#), ["Black Madonna's"](#)

Through "Courtly Love"

The Reborn acknowledge the Eternal Feminine (JW Goethe) as a prime principle. Therefore, what was once crushed by the Church, namely "Courtly Love" (Eleanor of Aquitaine) and the Troubadours will be honoured and restored, once again. It may vary from "Mother Tantra" practice to female leadership on all levels of society. Taking the lead, to the Sermes his wife MeiMei is a manifestation of the Goddess*. He urges every man to follow this example e.g. honoring their own wife, beloved. See: ["Wise Women"](#), ["Europe Motherland"](#), ["The Mosuo Model"](#)

* See: ["MeiMei's Dream"](#)

The Spiritual Warrior Branch of the Tradition of Green Men & Wise Women

The Reborn, like the Templars try to restore the Original Tradition of Ongoing Transformation of Self and Society. It is a spiritual Order, linking itself not only to the past, but to related organizations worldwide, as well, like "Green Sufi's" (followers of Al Khidr), Maitreya Buddha, devotees of the Virgin and Her Son Quetzalcoatl (Mexico) and many others. PS. "Bahomet" the severed head and object of veneration of the Templars, was part of the Tradition of the Green Men ("Dying and Resurrecting Gods").

See: "[Transformatorium](#)" (Training of Green Men & Wise Women)

Through Initiation into the deepest Mystery of Life

The heritage of the Templars has been transmitted to a living Teacher e.g. Messenger. He is the only one to whom the Cosmic Mother has revealed "Her Original Face". It is an invitation to all (potential) hopefuls to the world, those who deep down feel the calling to Cosmic Service. Candidates first go through a period of noviciate, after which they start their spiritual training. Completed successfully, they become initiated into the Secret of the Origin of All, giving them the ability of becoming spiritual Teachers themselves. See also: "[Great Night](#)"

Through their Mission: Cosmic Mother "Healing the Planet"

The Reborn acknowledge the Ego-Catastrophe as the core problem of humanity. Therefore, their Mission consists of guiding people Back Home, to the Cosmic Mother. As "Emptiness beyond Emptiness" She is the only One Who is able to destroy the ego. After which She is giving birth to the Inner Light, the Divine Nature of every human being. Subsequently, Green Men & Wise Women are taking the lead in becoming part of the Whole: "Heaven, earth and the (new) community", once again, step by step extending it to "Healing the Planet". See: "[Healing the Planet](#)"



The Reborn Order

The Reborn Order is a new spiritual nobility ("order") in which women and men are absolutely equal. It will develop its own unique spirit. It has its links with all mystical traditions, with spiritual knighthood (including men and women), as well as monasticism and women's, ecology and communitarian movements. It comes at a moment in which society is in a transition from extreme individualism, disintegration and the destruction of nature towards a new community, wholeness and the saving of the earth. Especially those who are prepared to "die to the old" - if you don't die voluntarily you will die involuntarily - could play a major role in regenerating the culture. Members of the Reborn Order are a.o. taking refuge in the Great Mother, committing themselves to the Transformation of Self & Society, the "protection of the [Holy Grail](#)" and its [moral law](#), helping the weak and oppressed, while guiding people on the spiritual Path. Guided by the Mother, an ongoing contribution is made by the members to the wellbeing of all sentient

and non-sentient beings. They do this through teaching students, aimed at **Spiritual Service, Health Service, Community Service and Earth Service** and Earth. Moreover, as leaders of the CultureRenewalMovement they aim at realizing the Seven Steps of the Transformation of Self & Society.*

* [A New Economy, A New Health Care, A New Tradition \(Spirituality, Psychology\), A New Society, A New Woman/Man, A New Education and A New Earth.](#)

In matriarchal times the worship of Mother and Son/Daughter stood central in society. The Son was born out of the Mother, while becoming Her lover/successor as soon as he became adult. Usually, the Mother was known as a Goddess or/and as a Queen, the Son/Daughter being Her executive in the form of king/queenship. However, he/she was not a king/queen as we know him/her, but one who had to take care of fertility and the optimal course of the seasons. Hence, in autumn the king had to die, went to the underworld in order to be reborn in spring. There was thus a hierarchy between Mother and Son. This can be confirmed by spiritual Realization, in which Light is born out of Darkness. Once this hierarchy is acknowledged one may come to understand, that the masculine principle has to be inferred from the feminine*. In spiritual terms this means, that the ego has to serve the Self. The ones who understood this were the knights e.g. the troubadours in the Middle Ages. It is the secret behind the Knights Templar and the Grail. As protectors of the Temple of Solomon, they came to know the mystery behind it. This was nothing less than the "Womb of Astarte", as the Holy of Holiest was called by initiates. This Vessel was taken to the West in great secrecy and popped up soon after in the various legends of the "Grail".

* Not to be confused with the concrete male/female relationship, which of course should be equal.

*"Our Lady, who was there **at the beginning of our religion, in Her, and in Her Honor shall be, if it pleases God, the end of our lives and the end of our religion, whenever it shall please God that they end"***

Daily prayer of the Knights Templar

We live in a time in which the world is desperately searching for wholeness. This will only be brought about, if the alienated (masculine) ego, acknowledges its True Home: the Cosmic Womb, from which all life is coming into existence and to which everything is returning. The mission of today is twofold: dying to the old and become reborn, while subsequently fitting in in the web of life - Heaven, earth and the (new) community - once again. Which means, that inevitably, mankind has to turn from a masculine towards a feminine world view, in which everything is

interconnected. Hence, humanity is at a crossroad. If it pursues its road of alienation, selfishness and exploitation, the world will soon cease to exist. What we need, are people who went through a transformation process, which eventually brings them to serving the Whole. Hence, reconnecting to our ancestors makes sense. However, while in former days the "quest of the hero" was only the privilege of the "chosen ones", today mankind as a whole has to follow the spiritual path. J.Campbell has called this the process of separation, initiation and return. The first means "dying to the old", the second "to wake up" (illumination) and the third "coming back" in order to share the treasures with the community, e.g. teach the world. The Reborn Order is an initiative to promote exactly that. Its members are serving the Great Mother, obeying Her Law of the universe, while spreading Her message of the Grail*.

* See the chapters ["The Grail"](#) and ["Autobiography"](#).

Originals: Guardians of the Grail

The Reborn Order includes people of all backgrounds - culture, religion, race, age and gender - who are dedicated to the Great Mother as the all-embracing Void, the Matrix of life and as the universal Unity in diversity. Through the Mother, all religions - Indigenous peoples, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Taoism, New Age, Hinduism and Judaism - belong to one family. Everyone who acknowledges the Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality from which everything else originates, may find a new home here without the need of leaving the old*. This "interreligious aspect" is something we consciously promote. What practically binds our members is the Vow, through which they commit themselves to "Restoring the unity with your Self, your body(mind) and nature, with your fellow human beings, while surrendering to the Great Mother". As discussed earlier, awakening and selflessness are two sides of the same coin. The latter being the criterion for the former! This is a far from permanent condition though and "setbacks" occur frequently. Hence the necessity of practicing selflessness in our daily lives. Because everything and everybody is intimately connected, you cannot be happy without others being the same. The purpose is sharing A Joyous Life**.

* Almost all great religions revere (aspects of) the Great Mother in some form or another. Generally, they - Kuan Yin, the Madonna, Matri Devi, Taoist Mother, the African MotherGoddess, Amaterasu etc. - are much more "popular" than their male counterparts. By the way, in the Reborn Order it is confirmed that there is only One God, being the Lightbody of the Mother.

** The first concept of the Reborn Order originated in 1999 already. It might be interesting to see the development it had undergone until this very day. See: [Het Verlichte Handelen](#), chapter 2.2. (In Dutch).

"Blest is the happy man, who knows the mysteries the Gods ordain,

and sanctifies his life, joins soul with soul in mystic unity. And, by due ritual made pure, enters the ecstasy of mountain solitudes. Who observes the mystic rites, made lawful by the Great Mother. Who crowns his head with ivy, and shakes his wand in worship of Dionysos"

Euripides

Green Monks

The Order unites all mystical traditions of the world. Mysticism - Godrealization - is the common foundation of religion. Mystics of all traditions experience the same Essence, they speak the same language. They include Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, Ruusbroec, Suso, Meera, Kabir, Rumi, Catharina of Siena, Milarepa, Dogen, Shinran Shonin and countless others. Now that we have entrance to the traditions of the world, the existing "contemplational" Orders have to give up their subordination to their particular religion. In many cases this could be their rescue. Take the Carmel for instance. This is a wonderful mystical Order based on the teachings of e.g. John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila. The inspiration of these two mystics is timeless. However, because the Order sticks to its institutional Catholic framework it is decaying together with its Church. It deserves better though. The only way is opening up to the world's universal traditions. Hence, the founding of the Reborn Order as a universal community. The training of a Reborn - Top Training - is including several stages of initiation, all being open and accessible to everyone. There is no such thing like "secret knowledge". Moreover, every potential member is voluntarily joining the Order as a novice ("Greenie"), very much like practices in Buddhism. No persuasion is exercised. Every member is free to leave the Order at any time. There are several initiations. The most fundamental one is the teaching about the Great Mother, Her Law of the Universe and Her Message (The Grail). The second step* includes awakening, personal integration, the unity with Heaven and earth, the breakthrough of the Light, while taking refuge in the Great Mother, while the third step consists of committing yourself.

* The Universal Way

The Green Monks have their Origin in ancient times. In those times the world was centered around the Cosmic Mother. She was the Mother of the vegetation, the animals and human beings. In Sumeria and later on in Canaan Her "Tree of Life" symbolized Heaven and Earth. MotherGoddess Asherah was worshipped in groves, in particular as the Pole (later Maypole!). This identification with nature was later "delegated" to men. They became the "Vegetation Gods" (Green Men!). These Gods didn't exist out of their own, but were considered "Son/Lovers" of the Great Mother.

"Son" because he was born out of Her, "Lover", because he continuously returned to Her. In Her Name the God/King ruled over Her Kingdom. Very often he was portrayed as "shepherd" over his people, an image that later was transferred to Christ. Now this mythological whole made its way to Western Europe. First through the Phoenicians, later introduced by Romans, Celts, traders of all kinds and.....Templars. The latter returned from the Near East, very much impressed by the Mother and Son myth. To them the "Lady" was the central object of worship, extending its influence f.i. to the Gothic Era (cathedrals were called "Notre Dame"). Not surprisingly thus, that from the 6-9th century on Black Madonna's (direct manifestation of the Cosmic Mother) were "found" in TREES, often "discovered" by shepherd boys ("Sons!"). In many cases the Madonna explicitly demanded to stay on the spot they were found, often giving instruction to build a chapel for worship. The Church showed little respect to Her wishes, and clerics/monks (ordered by the hierarchy) took the statues to the local church. In many cases the Church had such a fear for the Madonna an Her (farmer) worshippers, that they locked Her up in big bunkerlike basilika's (Loreto, Einsiedeln, Montserrat, Tindari, Guadalupe etc. etc.), guarded by the clergy, everything against Her Will! The Eco-Templars - out of burning devotion towards the Cosmic Mother - find their origination around these events. They have vowed to restore the Original Order, in which the world is once again revering the Mother as the Origin of all. They are Her guards and warriors, who commit themselves to eco-spirituality. The symbol of the latter are the Eco-Temples*, Her sacred centers. In these chaotic times the Eco-Templars promote, develop and defend all initiatives, that strive to restore "Heaven, earth and the (new) community".

* [Link1](#), [Link2](#), [Link3](#)

The founding of a Cosmic/Spiritual Order cannot be seen without understanding the times in which we live. The latter being characterized by (rapid) disintegration on all levels of society. Something few people will deny. It is comparable with the decline of the Roman Empire and the subsequent Dark Ages. At that time the entire classical culture collapsed. It was only through the effort of Irish (Celtic) monks, that European tradition could be saved. During several centuries they enthusiastically translated everything that seemed valuable, especially Greek and Latin works. The current situation is much worse, though. Not only the survival of the culture, but that of the entire planet is at stake. Because the value-system has broken down, we have to go back to the Source in order to become renewed. For that we have to go beyond the inflated patriarchal beginnings. The surprise is, that before those times, people had a totally different orientation to life. To them the Ultimate was a Cosmic Womb, giving birth to all life, while taking it back again. This Consciousness was universal. However, findings of the

Original Great Mother have predominantly found in Europe (f.i. "Venus" of Willendorf, 27.000 years ago). The various tumuli or passage tombs symbolize the Dark Womb of rebirth and renewal (Newgrange, Ireland, 5000 years ago, older than the pyramids). Later, the centre of the culture moved to the Middle East. Here the agrarian revolution took place. People got a new understanding of death, rebirth and the interrelationship of all phenomena.

Green Monks (comparable to the Bodhisattva's in Buddhism) symbolize the promise of the "Green Man", the archetype of the archaic Vegetation God on the one hand and the MotherGoddess on the other. In order to be in harmony with nature the vegetation god identified himself with the cycle of birth and death, the "Law of the Universe" of the Great Mother. F.i. the Green Man used to be the Son/Lover of the matriarchal Queen, the latter representing the Great Mother. Every autumn the hero sacrificed himself for the sake of prosperity and survival of its people, went into the underworld (winter) in order to be reborn in spring. Subsequently, this theme was the core of the initiation practices of the (pre)Celtic people (taken from the Middle East to Ireland). F.i. the Celtic MotherGodess Cerridwin symbolized the "Cauldron of Ever Flowing Life". Hellenistic mystery religions focussed on "death and rebirth" practices, as well, until Christianity took over. Christ can thus be considered as the Christian version of the Green Man, something repeatedly stressed by Hildegard von Bingen, for instance. The power of this symbol is underlined by the revival of the Green Man in the Middle Ages - as a "foliage face" in countless churches and cathedrals - in particular in England, France and Germany. Nowadays, the archetype of the Green Man and Wise Woman* is emerging at a time, in which restoring the harmony with the earth has become an acute necessity. It is a call from the deepest layers of the collective unconsciousness, addressed to every human being - especially men - to rediscover their original nature. The latter should drop their obsession with the mind and its achievements, in order to start serving the Whole.

* "The Green Man signifies irrepressible life. Once he has come into your awareness, you will find him speaking to you wherever you go. He is an image from the depth of prehistory: he appears and seems to die and then comes again after long forgetting at many periods in the past two thousands years. In his origins he is much older than our Christian era. In all his appearances he is an image of renewal and rebirth, and it is my aim in this book* to show that his reappearance today in art and as a symbol of environmental movements is of the profoundest significance for humanity."

W.Anderson "Green Man", 1990 HarperCollins

* The revival of Wise Woman as an image of the Original Great Mother is a.o. reflected in Ireland by the "Sheela-Na-Gig", images of a "hag" with exposed vulva, symbol of the destructive aspect of the Cosmic Womb (comparable to Kali in

Hinduism).

As mentioned above, a monastic initiative like ours is the logic response to a chaotic age. It reflects the efforts of the Irish monks, 1500 years ago. They were the First Wave (to save the culture). We consider ourselves as their "successors", the Second Wave (to heal the planet), so to speak*. The advantages of an Order may be clear. First of all, it serves the purpose of "kicking the habit". Decades of dependencies/conditioning of all kinds have created a collective self-addiction from which only a few manage to escape. Without a reliable support system, transformation seems to be almost impossible. The advantage of a monastery is manifold. It symbolizes "unity in diversity". Contrary to other community experiments, monasteries have a Centre, to which all members are dedicated. In our case this Centre is the Great Mother. To Her we return, from Her we depart. She is the Source of Insight, Love and Strength. Secondly, through daily life in the Community (and living according to the "rule" or guidelines) our lives will become a reflection of the Law of the Universe, once again. By being in harmony with the "Cosmos", infinite grace will be bestowed upon us. Constant regeneration will be our share. Moreover, our monasteries will be a refuge - Centres of the Cyclone - in which spiritual life will be promoted, protected and extended. Something being in the interest of the entire culture. Last but not least, our initiative serves a global aim. The unique thing about it is, that our monastic life is both inward and outward. The empowerment, that we receive from (continuously) returning to the Source, is translated into compassion with all "living and non-living beings". Our ultimate goal is **"Healing the Planet"**.

* See: **"Transformatorium"**.

All people are children of the Mother. Against the background of this most fundamental relationship, in which all are equal without exception, distinctions can be made with regard to the stage people are in though, once they have joined the spiritual Path. Thus, at the bottom there are the Friends, "common people", who still live in their full potentiality, with lots of inherent promises for the future. Secondly, there are the "Originals". These are people whose longing for the Origin has been ignited, however, not yet experiencing it to the fullest. "Green Men" and "Wise Women" include all those, who have fully restored the "Unity with Heaven and Earth", while committing themselves to "Healing the Planet". Moreover, there are the Teachers of the Reborn Order, followed by the "highest in rank": the Servants (of the Mother), fully Realized Ones. There might be a difference of emphasis between masculinity and femininity. The former may identify itself with the "death and rebirth" aspect of the Law of the Universe, while the latter may feel more attracted to the "web of life", represented by the middle part of the Law of the Universe ("interrelationship"). The relation between the two reflects

the "original" role of women and men*. Women represent "life", while men have to serve it. Considering the patriarchal brain-washing of men and women today, many may temporarily need to focus on his/her new orientation in life, before they will actually feel able to commit themselves. That's why many monastic communities have reserved considerable time for the "novice" to accommodate. The Reborn Order will promote any development aimed at restoring the original balance**.

* Obviously, acknowledging the fact, that each woman and each man has her/his own unique "mixture" of gender aspects.

** See also [MatriTalks](#) e.g. chapter "Women and men".

Gerald G. May "Addiction & Grace", 1991 HarperCollins

Christina Grof "The Thirst for Wholeness, Attachment, Addiction, and the Spiritual Path", 1993 HarperCollins

"Recruitment and Career" (Women and Men)

The aspirant Reborn/Eco-Templer goes through the entire career ladder of the Original Tradition. It starts with making your calling known. Its essence consists of a strong longing for going Home in order to become renewed. It implies giving up your ego. In this first stage you become an "**Original**", starting your novice time through joining Han Marie Stiekema at his Hermitage. Your learning consists of participating in the daily program of Contemplation, Teaching, Healing, Exercise, Q&A and Sharing. After this initial period the Teacher gives the green light for joining the Training, aiming at becoming a "**Green Man or Wise Woman**".

See: "[Transformatorium](#)". The curriculum lasts about three months and consists of Spiritual Service, Health Service, Community Service and Earth Service, including a Retreat based on the "[Universal Way](#)".

One major challenge will be to bring together Science and (Cosmic/Eco) Spirituality. A first step to full integration has recently been made: "[The Supreme Design](#)". After concluding the Training successfully, you will work as a Hopeful to the people, putting into practice the skills you have learned, everything on a voluntary e.g. donation basis. You may work on your own or as member of a "[Healing Community](#)". The latter functions as a support system, sharing with others three pillars: worship of the Cosmic Mother, a daily "monastic" schedule and of course the daily service activities. This period of commitment varies according to the intensity of your efforts. It could last one to several years. It will be followed by founding e.g. spending some time in a "[Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine](#)". Once a year all (aspirant) members of the Original

Tradition jointly organize a "**Universal Mother Council**", where Mother-Loving people of all cultures/religions of the world gather to learn, exchange, celebrate and share.

After this you may apply for the highest "job": to become an Eco-Spiritual Teacher of the Original Tradition. If granted you once again return to Han Marie Stiekema, living with him in his Hermitage serving the Cosmic Mother. It is a period of intense worship in which you take refuge in Her "Cycle of Birth and Death", aiming at giving up your ego, while becoming renewed in such a way, that it becomes your foundation of life. It again may take some time before the Teacher determines if and when you may enter the final vow, initiation (**Great Night**) and transmission. If granted the entire community will joyfully start a big celebration, wishing you all the best on your path. You have become a "**Reborn**", member of the "**Reborn Order**", the crown of the Tradition of the Grail, Courtly Love, Green Men & Wise Women and the Templars.* Your future job consisting of teaching and training students the way you have learned it yourself, everything in the Name of the Cosmic Mother and Her Original Tradition.

* Students from non-western cultures will be initiated - if they wish so - with the help of their own Deities and Heros.

Those interested in becoming a novice of the Reborn Order may [contact us](#)



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The Original Tradition
Healing the Planet

Guiding principle 1.

To take refuge in the Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality

Guiding principle 5.

Top Training aimed at creating excellence for Green Men & Wise

<p>(The Original Tradition)</p> <p>Guiding principle 2.</p> <p>To live in harmony with Her Law of the Universe</p> <p>Guiding principle 3.</p> <p>To put Her Message: "Strive for Enlightenment, restructure your life and serve others" into practice (Vision of the Grail)</p> <p>Guiding principle 4.</p> <p>Daily Practice/"Monastic" Rule (including voluntary simplicity) based on The Universal Way</p>	<p>Women (Universal Training)</p> <p>Guiding principle 6.</p> <p>To embrace all spiritual/religious traditions: Indigenous, Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam....</p> <p>Guiding principle 7.</p> <p>Our Mission is to Heal the Planet to begin with yourself</p>
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<p><i>Parzival knight of an old story king of the Golden Grail it's much too long ago that you came with the sun on your face as the bearer of the Light let us share your peace</i></p>	<p><i>seven roses in your hair seven stars in your hand seven golden chandlers their fire always burning seven bars in the earth seven words in your mouth seven chalices, seven swords make the circle round again spur your horse let the earth hear that you are coming Parzival, prince Parzival</i></p>
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The Global Crisis

Modern times are characterized by increasing polarisation. It is partly due to the structure of our personality, based on acceptance of certain parts ("me") and rejection of others ("not me"). The rejected parts are being projected into other people, thus creating the foundations of discrimination and conflict. Religions of the dualistic type (a.o. Vedanta, Zoroaster, Gnosis and Christianity) have subsequently provided a philosophical basis to this, in which they divide existence in Light and Darkness, God and the world, man and female, good and evil, us and them. Every religion identifies itself with the good, the light, with "truth" etc., while calling others "evil", "pagans", "non-believers", "heretics" etc. It is because of this exclusive attitude, that the world is getting more and more into trouble.

The clashes are not only between the traditional religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) though. Materialism has proven to be the most successful modern religion. Its message is unlimited self-interest at the expense of everybody else. In order to "expand their markets" extensive conversion activity to promote Western lifestyle is being made, destroying local beliefs, religions, cultures and social structures. The aggressiveness with which this is taking place is unheard of. All tools of modern communication, political pressure, intimidation and force are brought into action to achieve the objective.

The consequence of all this is a modern form of dualism, that between rich and poor, and that between materialism and spirituality. Since the 11.9 events this process has only been accelerated. The identification with "good" against "evil" has divided humanity in two camps. Religion - the identification with a particular "truth", while excluding everything else - has to deeply transform itself in order to become part of the solution. The all-embracing Mother can take the lead here, reconciling and bringing parties together. Our Womb Worship has thus a special responsibility here.

Mother Worship believes in the cycle of life. Coming and going of civilizations is a part of it.* The label "progressive, modern etc." is a standard exclusively of linear time consciousness. Which will prove to be illusionary. The current desintegration is a proof, that the climax of materialism is already behind us. The existing society will collapse - implode - and return to "earlier stages of evolution" (according to a materialistic point of view). Patriarchy is part of the problem though. So we don't expect the solutions coming from there. Returning to the wisdom of the Mother, is the only way to restore the Wholeness of life.

As the crisis is becoming more and more acute, the "Father" is not going to save you.

Take

refuge in the Cosmic Mother and Her Law of the Universe, free yourself of self-addiction,

restore the unity with Heaven and earth, seek solidarity with other people and step out of the system

* A number of outstanding scholars agrees with us. See: A.Toynbee "A Study of History", 1947 Oxford University Press

* J.Kovel "The Enemy of Nature": The End of Capitalism or the End of the World", 2002 Zed books

Read:

* [Vision of a New Culture](#)

Mission

Since the Mother is all-embracing and all religions are Her Sons, missionary activity is never at the expense of others. On the contrary, the Mother is bringing all religions together. She never tries to interfere with existing beliefs, practises or even dogma's. For instance, the main pillar of Islamic belief: "There is only one God and Mohammed is his prophet" is being fully underlined. The Mother isn't a God, thus She is neither competitor nor threat to monotheistic religion. Every member of Mother Worship/The Original Great Mother Tradition may belong to another religion as well. The Mother brings in an extra quality through which existing beliefs become more transparent. Those who have suffered from religious or other forms of intolerance - such as indigenous peoples - can count on selfless assistance - if asked - by members of our Worship. Helping to restore local beliefs, empowering local communities and re-integrating local cultures is one of our tasks. The Reborn Order may take the lead here. Its duty includes Spiritual Service, Health Service and Community Service. Members may become members of the Reborn Order as well.

The world is in turmoil. The current hegemon (USA) is in decay. Instead of a unipolar world a multipolar world is in the making. The West is losing its vassals. It means the global exploitation (of resources, markets, workforce, consumers) is under threat. The USA still survives because of its weapon-industry. That's why it has to provoke new wars all the time. It is an intolerable situation. The strategy is to create chaos, whereafter a "New World Order" can be created. One of the consequences is the steady flow of "refugees" to Europe. The globalists justify this through the outcome of demographic research. It says that around 2050 the majority of the population is senior, while - because of the current baby-stop - there is not enough youth to keep society going. And they are right. The situation is even worse. Around the same time (2050) the statistics for dementia and Alzheimer will be skyrocketing. No health care in the world can ever cope with this. So, yes, the West (Russia also, even China on the same demographic grounds) indeed faces BIG problems. This is ignored by nationalist countries. They refuse to let in (Muslim) immigrants. The point is: their fears are justified. Because of irresponsible policies the autochthonic population is confronted with increasing financial, housing, security, cultural, social, religious problems. Some talk about civil war. The point is (I am NOT a globalist) that whether one, ten or a hundred million immigrants will "invade" Europe, these problems will only increase.

Now, I am the least to pretend that I can solve these huge problems. Given the fact that there will be large groups of mostly Africans and Muslims, how the peace with the "Whites" can be maintained? My basic argument is that it is the religion that decides whether there can be peace, yes or no. Religion in the sense of deepest cultural biases e.g. paradigms. If the "souls" cannot understand each other, then more superficial layers of behavior also cannot. If, on the other hand, people understand each other on a deeper (spiritual, philosophical) level, arrangements on other levels can be made more easily. So, is there a common ground of mutual understanding? The religions have failed to provide one. Each religion claims "God" as their own: "God of the Torah, Bible, Qur'an". "Father" Gods are a projection screen for male ego's. The main characteristic of the ego is "me against the

other". Hence, existing (patriarchal) religions can NEVER bring Peace on this earth. On the other hand, all people of the world have a basic relationship with their mothers. This is a fact. Whether you are a White, Afghan, African, Turk, Pakistani or a Syrian, all have derived a sense of "basic trust" from their mothers. This is the most basic emotion in human existence. Even in patriarchies this is the case. Mothers are the centre of the family and the household (with positive and negative effects!). Africans and Muslims (generally) have more respect e.g. veneration for their mothers than we in the West have. Everybody knows that in case of conflict it is the mother that restores the peace. There are examples in history that mothers stop armies slaughtering each other. This is the central starting point of my Peace Plan.

Mother=Peace

It is even a fact of evolution. Recently I saw a series of amazing video's about the behavior of wild animals - gorilla's, bears, elephants, lions, hyena's, wolves - who were raised by humans. Two remarkable results of my (small) investigation: 1. Wild animals keep a bond with their human "mothers" 2. Even after many years of having returned to the wilderness as an adult, these animals show no sign of aggression during their re-unification with their former caretakers. On the contrary, it is (very) moving to see how these wild (and dangerous) animals show deep affection, joy and love. Everything with NO TRACE OF AGGRESSION. Their emotional bond with the mother suppresses their natural instincts. The effect the "mothers" have upon them is that of PEACE. Ever seen an adult wild lion hugging a human with a affection that is incredible? (see YouTube under the various video's "Returning to the Wild"). It leads to the confirmation of the results known in psychology. Mothers have a reconciliatory effect on their offspring, even after decades of the latter's adult life. (I am very much aware of the pathological aspects of "modern education", where the opposite is the case). Extend this to the effect a "mother archetype" has on groups of people; extend this to the Cosmic Mother as the Ultimate Reality, then you have a conjecture of Her enormous Peace Potential. Through reminding people of their mothers, feelings of peace and reconciliation are roused. Through promoting the Mother as a Cosmic Reality we initiate a Culture of Peace. No other "entity" would be able to do that. With the coming chaos in mind, it might be life-saving. The key motto: "Think of your (the) Mother!"

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* The Reborn Order

* www.vitalworld.org

"Membership"

Womb Worship

Everyone who is "taking refuge in the Mother, Heaven and earth" may become member of Mother Worship. However, "membership" is not considered a formal obligation. Mother Worship consists of a free association of people, who share taking refuge in the Mother. The Mother is All-Embracing, hence She can be worshipped at any time, at any place and in all kinds of ways. Hence, Mother Worship cannot be compared to a church. It is rather a loose commitment, like in networking.

For instance, membership of "another religion" or congregation isn't considered an obstacle at all. All major religions are "Sons" of the Mother, after all. There is no competition. Rather, the Mother symbolizes Unity in diversity, reconciling various fractions. Members of Mother Worship call themselves "Originals", since they are taking refuge in the Origin, the Great Mother. To each other they are "brothers and sisters", which may be freely extended to everybody, since all people are "children of the Mother".

Nowadays there are some who claim to know the "Womb". Instead of having authentic insight into Her True Nature - the Mother of God and the universe - they typically in a New Age way use Her as an "archetype". The aim is to reduce Her to an image/concept so that you can instrumentalize Her according to your own petty aims. Instead of She healing them, they heal others with Her as a tool. Be alert!

Every local community tries to be self-sufficient. Only when the local community cannot manage its problems it may call for help to a "higher" level. This is usually the "regional council". Various regional councils are united in the supreme council. Note: the organization is entirely built up according to the bottom-top principle. See also "Organization".

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Vision of the Grail 1



Vision of the Grail: the trinity of Enlightenment, personal integration and selflessness.

1. That afternoon there was a very special atmosphere. It was as if the air around me was filled with some rare energy. I lay on my bed and felt very

relaxed.

2. Suddenly the room became very transparent. Everything changed into a very unusual clarity. Then, with my eyes open, a visionlike phenomenon appeared right in front of me. First I could not see what it was, but immediately after I saw some dots radiating light. As the light became more and more intense, the dots began to look symmetrical. I saw them change into a form. They became bigger. Suddenly I saw what it was: little golden flowers with minute red drops in their hearts. The flowers radiated beautiful light around them. Then I recognized them as St. John's Wort.

3. I had never seen such a radiating splendour before. It stayed there for a short while, then it started changing. The green twigs and leaves started changing into gold. The twigs reshaped themselves into semicircles with their opening to the sky. The red drops fused into each other and became bigger. In the meantime, the intensity of the gold as well as the radiance of the light had grown accordingly. How extremely beautiful this was. Suddenly I saw: the object was a Tree of Life, a Jewish Menorha. There were the seven arms, each with a red flame at the top. I was deeply fascinated, awfully impressed by the clarity of the vision.

4. Even then the change did not stop. It went on and on at a slow pace. I was able to follow it easily. After the Tree of Life reached its fullest expression, the arms became thicker and thicker. They grew towards each other. First they touched, then they fused. All space between the arms was filled with incredibly beautiful gold, radiating light in all directions. The energy was extremely powerful.

5. To begin with I did not recognize what it was but shortly after it looked like a golden cup. Yes, it was a golden Chalice radiating fascinating light all around. I had never seen anything so beautiful in my life before, such a perfect shape, such blissful radiance. This was not a normal experience. Its nature was definitely transcendental. Then, very slowly the Chalice started bending towards the right and I was able to look into it a little. I knew: this was the climax. Something very special was going to happen. Suddenly I saw. The Chalice was filled with a red fluid...blood! It was blood!

Blood came up out of the Chalice's depth and started dripping over its edge. As the Chalice continued to bend over its side, more and more blood poured out of it. It became a stream, yes a river of blood flowing abundantly and without cessation. The Chalice appeared to be an Inexhaustible Source.

6. As I realized this, I was filled with deepest emotion and gratitude. An ecstatic joy overwhelmed me. And as that happened, the vision slowly diminished until finally it disappeared.

7. After some time the true nature of this event became dear to me. A centuries' long mystic quest had been revealed to me. The culmination of so much effort, speculation, deception and greed had been brought back to Its Original Purity. Yes, this was The Holy Grail. However, for me it was not the end, but the beginning of my spiritual journey. The meaning became clear to me only much later. The vision contained a message to the world. St. John's Worth symbolizes "awakening"; the Menorha that of "the (Jewish) Law, symbolizing the necessity of *personal integration* and the Chalice that of *selflessness*. These aspects are part of a "trinity", they are related to each other. There is no awakening without personal integration, and no personal integration without selflessness. It is a powerful message in a time, where "awakening" and "personal growth" are self-serving goals. Hence, the Vision being the beginning of a new era. It is laying the foundation of new values, a new morality and a new community.

*The Grail is the Vessel symbolizing the Great Mother
(Cosmic Womb)*



The Ultimate Image

The Madonna as Manifestation of the Cosmic Womb/
The Great Mother bearing the Grail.
Northern Spain

See: [Vision of the Grail 2](#)

See also: ["Autobiography"](#) Zie: uitgebreide [nederlandse versie](#)

Vision of the Grail 2



Vision of the Grail: the trinity of Enlightenment,
personal integration and selflessness.

8. In his quest for all-inclusive clarity HMS subsequently started studying the history of the Grail, doing this with a certain degree of reluctance, nay aversion, considering the bulk of esoteric non-sense writings about the Grail, still on the increase every year. What he distilled out as being reasonably acceptable, that the Essence of the Grail symbolizes the Cosmic Womb as the Ultimate Reality.*

The first mythological/historic source is the Celtic Tradition. Its legends talk about the "Ladies of the Wells" offering "refreshing water" to every traveller. Often it is offered in a golden chalice, the latter being the Source of everlasting youth and abundance. (F.i. the MotherGoddess Cerridwin is said to be the guardian of the Cauldron of Regeneration). However, sadly, the wells are terrorized and destroyed by a warrior king, the latter raping the Lady. Soon after the wells dried out, while the land turning into a wasteland. The Lady stands for the sovereignty of the land, now violently taken over by ruthless warriors. The latter having disconnected themselves from the Source, hence the land deterioratiing and in decay.

* The Grail is representing the womb transformed into universal Womb Consciousness, as expressed in various traditions, f.i. as Cosmic Womb, Great Mother, Vessel, Chalice, Ark, Stone, Ka'aba, Laying Moon, Yantra, Yoni, Lotus, Circle, Yüanbao, Maria, Maria Magdalena in fact...the natural womb with its menstruation, thus every woman.

9. Wolfram von Eschenbach describes the process, through which restoring of Wholeness has to be achieved. This Path is open to all those, who still possess the "original innocence" (in Essence all of us). In the legend, Parcival turns his back to his mother.....who soon dies from grief. As a young lad he has only one goal in mind: to become a famous knight. The countless adventures lead him to growing self-understanding and growth. At crucial moments, it is always through ladies that he gains the right insights. It both means, that the "Eternal Feminine" is always there (often hidden because of being suppressed) to guide men on their path toward Wholeness, simultaneously symbolizing the "anima" (feeling) aspect of the male personality. At a certain moment Parcival is granted to visit the Grail Castle, where (again) Ladies show him the holy Grail. Obsessed by what he sees, he forgot to ask about the health of the Fisher-King, indicating that his compassion - the core quality of Enlightenment - is still absent cq immature. He has to bear the consequences and is literally thrown out of the Castle, facing even tougher years of self-confrontation.

10. The one who destroyed paradise is the one who has the obligation to repair it. Hence, it is the holy duty of men to "Restore the Wholeness of Life". It underlines the actuality of the Grail legend. It is the men who have to acknowledge the "Lady" as the sovereign of the land, while becoming Her servant. He

has to give up his self-centeredness (ego) e.g. his greed for money and power. Rather than serving corporate interests, he has to repent, acknowledging his (self)destructive behaviour*. Only through deep grief with regard to his crimes, a turning point can be brought about. Percival (as one of the most outspoken representatives of the Tradition of the Green Man**) is a great example in this regard. After much suffering he finally returns to the court of King Arthur, expecting to be honoured for his efforts. However, even then, he is confronted for his (last) shortcomings. An ugly Lady ("Kundrie", destructive aspect of the Great Mother) on a donkey, shouts at him, despises him and humiliates him in front of a big audience. She reproaches him of still not possessing the right attitude toward the suffering of the world. After this last teaching he was allowed to again enter the Grail Castle. This time, while seeing the Grail again, he doesn't forget to ask after the health of the wounded Fisher-King (symbolizing the ego cut off from the Source). Immediately, the palace rejoices and the wasteland is turned into the abundance it once was.

* Including all those women, who also have identified themselves with the patriarchal ego, self-indulgence and consumerism.

** See: ["HisStory"](#) and ["The Green Man"](#).

11. Last but not least. The Grail legend became the source of a new interpretation to the Jesus story. It were the Knights Templar who - heavily influenced by what they learned in the Holy Land - adopted a new version of the "bloodline". It is centered around the archaic myth of the MotherGoddess with Her Vegetation God. The latter dying every autumn in order to be reborn in spring, thus "securing the fertility of the new season". The Templars connected Christianity to the old tradition, giving a totally new meaning to the former. Links to all kinds of suppressed (gnostic) information were made. Simon Magus - the "prototype of the heretics" - played a crucial role here. He stated that the Mother was the Ultimate Reality, while the Father being Her Son.....This was the Achilles-heel of the young church, hence the latter doing all it could to crush Simon. This wasn't all, though. "Persistent rumors" emphasized the role of Mary Magdalene, as being the first disciple of Jesus. Nowadays, countless publications have shed their light on her position. Still, they have not gone far enough. The Truth is, that she was a

priestess of the old Canaanite Mother Religion, looking for a suitable candidate for the role of a Sacrificing God. It explains why Jesus was anointed by her, something that had been the tradition for several thousands of years. Obviously, in his teaching he couldn't directly talk about the Mother (although some gnostic texts suggest it). Instead he displayed an extremely women-friendly attitude.

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See also: "[Autobiography](#)" Zie: uitgebreide [nederlandse versie](#)

The Original Tradition

To Restore the Wholeness of Life

*"You don't find the Grail,
the Grail is finding you"*

Vision of the Grail 3



Vision of the Grail: the trinity of Enlightenment,
personal integration and selflessness.

15. The mythological backgrounds of the Grail can be traced back to the time of the Great Mother. In fact the Grail symbolizes the Cosmic Womb, the Vessel out of which life is flowing and to which it is returning. This notion possibly first materialized in India. Before having been spiritually transcended, the Vessel simply represented the physical womb. Therefore, in India a temple can be found, in which a natural womb together with a continuous flow of blood is being venerated*. We may assume, that the image of the Womb has then travelled to the West. For instance, halfway, in Persia, the castle of Takt-i-Takdis

is said to have contained the Grail. Once spread in the Middle East, the legend became interwoven with the existing myths of the mystery religions. Expressions like "Womb of Astarte" for the Holy of Holiest of the Jewish Temple during the time of Solomon, speaks volumes. During the crusades the Knights Templar brought this wisdom under great secrecy - in Christian disguise, because Mother-related worship was strictly forbidden by the Church - to their home countries. In the Celtic regions the cauldron of the goddess Cerridwin - totally independent from eastern influence - had been a symbol of the Great Mother as well. It was the object of druidic worship for many centuries. Not surprisingly thus, that the two traditions fused into one. It was to become the fertile soil in which the Grail story would germinate.

* The menstruating yoni of the goddess Kamakhya at Gauhati in Assam.

16. The Quest for the Grail has to be understood* as a proces of individuation, in which the ego has to sepearate from its Source in order to eventually returning to it. The journey itself serves the integration of personality. As a young boy Parcival (ego) is leaving his mother in order to become succesful in the world. Through endless adventures - strengthening his ego on one hand, integrating his shadow on the other - he eventually arrives at the Grail Castle. This castle belongs to the "fisher king", an old sick and wounded man. Because of his illness the kingdom is an infertile wasteland. This symbolizes the situation in which the ego - greedy for power and control - has become alienated from its (lifegiving) Source**. This Source is available, only the king is unable to make contact with it. This is illustrated by the fact, that the Grail is kept in the castle all the time. Only somebody from "outside" - a "fool" (somebody who still is in contact with his/her true Self) - is able to heal the king. However, Parcival is so totally fascinated at the sight of the Grail, that it doesn't occur to him to ask the king "what is ailing him". With the result, that the other day he is thrown out of the castle.

* J.Shinoda Bolen "Crossing to Avalon", 1994 HarperSanFrancisco

** According to matriarchal myths it is a sign of a king (in matriarchy a king is only seasonal, symbolizing the coming and going of the vegetation) refusing to die, not willing to give way to his successor.

17. It will take him another five years "in the forest" (symbolizing the "dark night of the soul") before being able to return to the Grail Castle. This time, having learnt his lesson, he doesn't forget the crucial question. Once the connection is restored - of the paralyzed ego with its Source - the king is healed, together with his kingdom. The Grail, symbolizing the lifegiving Cosmic Womb, is sharing its abundance, making the land blossoming and green once again. The story makes clear, that Enlightenment alone is infertile. Only if it is integrated with compassionate insight, things will be healed. The combination of personal integration, Enlightenment and compassion as three aspects of the same process, is unique in the world*. No other tradition is emphasizing them the way the Grail legend does. After having disappeared, its full glory has returned through the Vision of the Grail, revealed to Han Marie Stiekema. One proof - among others - for its authenticity is exactly the unity, described above. Nowadays we as well as society as a whole are all "fisher kings". Our existential suffering is precisely the disease the fisher king of the legend was suffering from. Obsessed by our ego and thus alienated from Heaven, earth and the community we are "thrown upon ourselves", desperately looking for wholeness. However, most "solutions" offered are partial at best. Only by acknowledging the Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality - the life giving and taking Womb of the universe - and realizing that becoming aware,

integration - both personal and with our environment - and selflessness are three indispensable aspects of the same process, we will find the harmony we are longing for.

* See: [Second Coming/Vision of the Grail](#)

Vision of the Grail 4



Vision of the Grail: the trinity of Enlightenment, personal integration and selflessness.

19. De "esoterische" betekenis van het Visioen gaat geheel terug op de Grote Moeder. Het St.Janskruid is heel oud en komt oorspronkelijk uit het Midden-Oosten. Het werd beschouwd als het symbool van vitaliteit, levensvreugde en vruchtbaarheid. Als zodanig gebruikten priesteressen het kruid bij het "liefdesorakel". Vrouwen dansten met een krans van St.Janskruid om hun heupen, dit om hun baarmoeder te vitaliseren. Het kruid staat daarom in directe relatie tot de (kosmische) baarmoeder. Antieke vrouwelijke artsen schreven het voor bij aandoeningen van het onderlijf. Het Christendom demoniseerde de Moeder en maakte een duivel van Haar. Op Maria Hemelvaart (sic) werd het kruid gewijd en vervolgens in de huizen opgehangen, waar het tegen de duivel, boze geesten en ziekten moest beschermen. Ook kreeg het kruid een "andere beschermheilige". Voortaan werd het zonnewendefeest (het oorspronkelijke hoogtepunt van de feesten) omgedoopt in het St.Jansfeest. Het wonderbaarlijke is, dat de genezende werking van het St.Janskruid inderdaad een heel sterke is. Het wordt o.a. ingezet bij menstratieklachten, migraine, depressie, wondgenezing en vele meer.

20. De Menorha of Joodse kandelaar is afgeleid van de Kanaaitische Levensboom, die op zijn beurt een

van de grote symbolen was voor de Moedergodin Asjera. Andere titels waren "Moeder van de Goden". Zij wordt - net zoals Astarte - in de bijbel herhaaldelijk genoemd. Astarte is òf een andere naam voor haar òf zou ook haar dochter kunnen zijn. Haar volgelingen spraken haar aan met "Koningin van de Hemel". Zij genoot grote populariteit. Zo werd het Heilige der Heilige in Salomon's tempel de "Baarmoeder van Astarte" genoemd. Het Hooglied is een weergave van de liefdesbeleving uit de tijd van de Moeder. Dit is de reden waarom Joodse en Christelijke theologen en schriftgeleerden er altijd mee in hun maag hebben gezeten. Immers, de patriarchale religies wilden juist alle herinnering aan de Moeder uitwissen. De hele bijbel kan als zodanig worden opgevat. Het geeft de strijd van de "nieuwe religie" tegen de "oude" weer. Een strijd tussen het mannelijke en het vrouwelijke principe. Ofschoon "oppervlakkig" gezien de eerste de laatste onderwierp, is de onderstroom van het "Eeuwig-Vrouwelijke" nooit echt vernietigd. Nu het patriarchaat de hele mensheid meetrekt in zijn ondergang zijn wij aangewezen op Haar come-back.

21. De Graalskelk is overduidelijk het symbool voor de Kosmische Baarmoeder. Het is het Vat van Overvloed, de Bron waar alles uit voortkomt. Zij giet ZichZelf uit - hetgeen de betekenis van de bloedstroom is, oorspronkelijk ongetwijfeld gerelateerd aan de menstruatie - zodat alles vruchtbaar moge zijn. De Graal is vermoedelijk uit India via Perzië in het Midden-Oosten beland. Daar werd zij als avondmaalskelk opgenomen in de Christelijke symboolwereld. Sindsdien gingen (en gaan) talloze mythen de ronde. Afhankelijk van dynastische en nationale belangen werd de Graal dan weer in Spanje, Frankrijk, Duitsland of Engeland gesitueerd. Essentieel was de vermenging met de het Keltische Vat van Overvloed in de vorm van "Badb", een baarmoeder "die de doden 's nachts tot leven kon wekken". Er vond een vermenging plaats van deze beide krachtige symbolieken, culminerend in de verschillende Graallegenden, zoals deze vanaf de 10e eeuw in Europa opdoken. Het meest verbluffende is de "Parsival" van Wolfram van Eschenbach*. Hij zegt zijn inspiratie van een zekere ("heretische") Kyot te hebben ontvangen, die op zijn beurt zijn informatie uit Toledo had, destijds een bloeiend centrum van Joodse, Islamitische en Christelijke cultuur.

* Parcival betekent "hij of zij die door het Dal (de Kosmische Baarmoeder) is gegaan" (...), terwijl de Graal "Sangrael" genoemd werd, hetgeen bloed-respectievelijk (levens)schenkende Kelk betekent.

* See: [Second Coming/Vision of the Grail](#)

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*("Derjenige der durch **das Tal**gegangen ist....")*
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My Great Experiences

The Threefold Cosmic Realization

"Twice Mothered (Dimeter) and Thrice Born (Trigonos)".....

My Youth

I have been born into the world in 1942 with the help of a cesarean. The first two years were paradise to me. As the eldest son I enjoyed my parents' unlimited love. War circumstances darkened my life. I mourned over my lost happiness. Hence, I turned within and very early became "a boy with a special depth", something that contributed to the development of my character: inner life, a highly developed feeling ability, sense for justice, admiration for heroism and adventure, great love for nature and compassion to others. My mother put considerable pressure on "religiosity". I very soon realized its superficiality, though, made me say goodbye to Christianity at the age of 13. The most important thing, however, was the sense of an "inner treasure". Something in me was "bigger than myself" and I had to protect this. Later, so I knew, this would become the foundation of a life mission.

The first step: Zen



His Meditation Experiences

After a long atheist period and under pressure of a (very) problematic marriage - after university I had become a MD, a pioneer in holistic medicine - I got the advice to travel to Karlfried Graf Dürckheim (German Zen Master) in order "to learn sitting". This to recover from my burn-out. From the very beginning Zazen had a wonderful effect on me. After a few days I had found my inner watching, which liberated me from my thinking. I was "here" and my thoughts were "there", in front of me. It was the first step toward a New Identity: my True Self. Very soon there were moments without any thoughts whatsoever, with only a clear empty awareness left. My first Satori gave me insight into what's beyond the common mind. Two important steps on the spiritual Path were already behind me: the discovery of my Real Self together with the free flowing of my thinking. In the years

after I sat every day half an hour up to five times a day. The empty thought-free moments increased steadily

The Prophecy

Believe it or not. It all started with a wise old man, who came to my consultation hour. Instead of asking help, he said he came to bring me an important message. In short, what he said was nothing less, than that my life would fulfil the centuries' old Parcival prophecy, leaving me behind in total disbelief*. See: "[Autobiography](#)"

* NB. Critical readers will suspect, that above mentioned believes to be a "re-incarnation of Parcival". We can assure you, that this never has come to his mind. In fact, his insights about "re-incarnation" are different, emphasizing Emptiness containing many forms....and not just one.

A Dream

In the beginning I had a dream. It was the dream that made a very deep impression on me. I was driving in the car somewhere in the countryside. At the first crossing it was actually quite clear to me in which direction I should proceed. A voice inside of me, however, said: "come on, there is no rush, you can still go that way, why not take a right turn?" I was weak and gave in. After some time the same situation occurred. Once again there was the deep sense of which way to go and again I simply brushed it aside. In the end I had lost all sense of the right direction.

At that instant I happened to enter the market place of a small town. It was medieval with cobblestone streets and gabled house fronts surrounding it. The market place formed a tight circle with not a single street leading on to it. There was no way out. A feeling of constraint and being hemmed in came over me and I went in search of an exit.

On my far left I soon discovered a dark concave shape which, on closer look, turned out to be a dark tunnel. On the right side of the entrance stood a man dressed like a jester with a fool's cap on his head and a cane in his hand. In spite of a feeling of uneasiness I carefully drove past him and entered the tunnel. It was gloomy and dark in there with just enough light to see where I was going.

A shape suddenly loomed up on the left and I slowed down so as to see who it was and avoid driving into it. It was a woman passing my car from the opposite side, which she just managed to do because of the little space available between herself and my car. The last glimpse of her told me that she was pregnant.

As I drove on, a pinpoint of light became visible in the distance, which grew larger and larger as I approached. A profound feeling of relief came over me coupled with a deep sense of joy. All tension now left me. I knew without a doubt that I would arrive at this light.

It was not long before a gate of dear light came into view. I was filled with intense joy. A moment later I passed through the arch and entered a golden field of waving cereal, which seemed to be limitless. Above it, as the source of all the light and gold, shone a brilliant sun. The wealth that met my eyes was indescribable. It was a state of unbelievable beauty, surprise, enchantment and joy. Even more so, because I sensed myself a part of it all. It was as if I, too, had changed into light and gold. I had reached my homeland.

Vision of the Grail



St.John's Wort, Menorha, Chalice

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My Woman Within

It was during an exercise, that I most profoundly experienced my femininity. While deeply breathing, a primal energy slowly took charge of my body. Each and every cell became filled with a deep erotic force. Everything was held in it, nothing left behind. An unbelievable fullness came over me, a fullness that bit by bit spread through me. It was most noticeable in the nipples and groins. My breasts were suffused with profound delight – an inexhaustible source of love - and an intense rush of warmth flew to all directions. My loving heart had opened completely: I nurtured the entire universe. There was no end to the intensity of erotic delight.

At the same time my groins became imbued in the same primal energy, an energy that made my pelvis move slowly and ever so subtly. The energy came from within; never before had I felt my genital area more profoundly and with such intense bliss. I felt every fiber, every stage of movement. It was a movement through which I experienced myself as having a glorious vulva. I had never been more open! It was the bliss of an entirely receptive submission, a force that entered me and subsequently spread upward filling me with boundless energy. I had become part of a cosmic rhythm. And yet I was in no way overwhelmed by it. In quiet ecstasy I remained perfectly clear and in open contact with my surroundings. I was able to very consciously experience everything in the here and now. Nevertheless, the energy had completely taken possession of me without any additional action on my part whatsoever.

I was very much aware of the fact that this was primal femininity. The deepest possible erotic feminine energy had opened up in me and had become an actuality. I therefore know that apart from my masculinity I am completely feminine as well, and that I am able to experience it more profoundly than a great many women may ever have. And what's more, it was in no way related to my manhood. No male energy had caused it, no male fantasy or male erotic reaction had been involved. It all came forth of itself, of the deep origin of the Self. Hence, on a higher energy level every man is completely feminine and vice versa. Truly a miracle.

The Supreme Tantra

Tantra isn't "the path towards ecstasy". It isn't like many trendy brochures, courses and trainings would like you to believe. Rather than having your energy raised, it is the complete opposite of it. A long time ago the following happened. Totally unexpected and unforeseen. In some way or other I was very open, relaxed and clear. She who was with me seemed to be in a similar state. A joint experiencing of inner quietude, a great deal of attention for one another and a great intensity. In each other and with minimal movements the excitement increased, the state of relaxation only deepened and deepened and like a river the emotion ran into an ocean of peace, continuously expanding it further. The more excited I was the more transparent the inner Space - Consciousness - became. The flow of energy causing an ever deepening inner peace! Rather than "climbing the mountain", I more and more became a valley. Expansion had replaced the common contraction mechanism. Consciousness was widening until it suddenly turned into a state of ecstatic silence, a Valley of Eternal Calm, an orgasm - implosion - such as I had never experienced before. It was a state of being omnipresent, a Void, one into which I had completely blended and dissolved. A limitless and timeless state of Empty Peaceful Stability - Tantra - which went on for many hours..... No thoughts, no emotions, no me, no desires and no bliss. I had opened up to a paradise, which had been there all along. I was beside myself with joy. Existence had lifted a tip of her veil and had made me a part of her deepest mystery. Ergo: after having read this I hope you start longing for the Real Tantra!

The Master

It started as I read one of his* books. A few sentences were enough. His words struck me to the depth of my heart, followed by an outburst of joy: this was what I was searching for. This was the one who would reveal the Way, Truth and Life to me. With him I would begin my journey. My inner fire burned everything into ashes. Nobody could stop me. I had to be near to him. So I went to India. There my surrender was total. My love, my greatest love ever, being so intense, that I was lifted up to a totally new inner reality. My inner clarity, which had been trained in the years before in daily meditations expanded to great awareness. In a very short time the Teacher's presence brought me to the boundaries of the Great Unknown, especially after he had stared "through me" for an "eternity". I realized not to have any resistance. My Being was utterly empty! Next day, suddenly, the Transcendence! Just One Space in which he as well as I disappeared completely. I am The One Mind containing everything. The Transmission had taken place.

* Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh

Only Love had brought me to him. I myself being free of every ego-driven motivation. Therefore, "my" Cosmic Realization was received in pure Innocence. I did not identify myself with him either. Neither his words nor his meditations were really important to me. There was no need to become a disciple. So I did NOT become a "sannyasin". After the Threefold Realization I realized the Teacher's shadow part: how he used his Enlightenment to glorify himself. Enlightenment being exploited by his (huge) ego! It caused me trouble to understand how this was possible. Eventually I understood. Even after Enlightenment the ego returns. If you don't actively integrate it into your New Identity, then the ego will start using Enlightenment for its own purposes. I spent around 20 years - a period called in Christian mysticism "Dark Night of the Soul" - in order to make the ego a servant to the Whole. In fact, the Teacher's failure has helped me not to make the same mistake!

Threefold Cosmic Realization

Revelation of the Great Mother

Absolute Nothingness

Essence of the Great Mother



Total Annihilation

India, October 7th, 1977

It happened in that garden. I found myself in an extraordinary condition, which had been going on already for some days. It was a state of being lifted out above ordinary things. People and events did not have the usual appeal anymore. The pattern of acting and reacting had become irrelevant. Something special was happening to me. I was totally overflowing with it. Thoughts had lost their grip on me.

My body and its environment were very much alive and I was experiencing an extraordinary contact with them. Paralleling a spontaneous growth of increased inner clarity, my body gradually became lighter and more transparent. It first started in the feet. There the energy was cleared away like a blanket of fog, leaving behind a bright transparency. While the pureness rose up, any heaviness simultaneously disappeared out of my body till finally my head was filled with a crystal clear clarity. (Note: all this did not happen in my imagination. This is more real than reality.) A circle of energy remained on the crown of my skull.

This circle appeared to be the centre of my actual alertness. I, as well as my surroundings was perceived from here. However, very little was left of myself. Neither the body nor thoughts were able to influence my inner awareness. It was the very quality of Self, enjoying Itself blissfully. I realized that I had found myself in the margin of my actual existence; just one fraction away from the Great Unknown. Intuitively I realized the invitation to the great leap and the consequential necessity of utter surrender.

Suddenly, I was struck by a terrible (supranatural!) Lightning* and in less than a fraction of a second my existence was wiped out. It was a moment of Absolute Darkness. As my memory has failed to reproduce it - in that Moment there wasn't any memory - the duration of this terrible moment was

unknown to me, so I have no idea how long this extraordinary moment has lasted. But I know it was the Dimension of Absolute Nothingness.

* In esoteric Christianity symbolized by the Archangel Michael.....

Science

This Lightning as a "tool" of Absolute Nothingness is the complete destruction of consciousness by the Vacuum or Cosmic Mother. Because my consciousness was entirely concentrated in/on the crown of the skull, utterly pure with no obstacles of the mind in between, suddenly there was direct contact between the Vacuum and my very dense Being. This ignited the Lightning. Compare the latter with the big bang: an ontogenetic reflection of the phylogenetic Cosmic Event.* For one split second Absolute Vacuum destroyed my whole existence. Very few people "experience" this. That's why the MotherGoddess Isis says "no one will ever raise my veil". That it happened to me can be interpreted in such a way, that (wo)mankind is in a very critical stage of evolution. Therefore "the Mother had no choice", but revealing Herself in a direct way. Because (wo)mankind has corrupted God, only the Dimension beyond God can still save us. See also: ["Commentary"](#)

* See: ["Universal Teaching!"](#)

The Eternal Light

Divine Body of the Great Mother



Dissolved into the Eternal Light

That which immediately followed transcends all attempts of description. A very alive, brightly transparent Clarity appeared to be the Only Reality. I was totally absorbed by and dissolved into this Utmost Purity. I Am That, the Eternal Light. Everything else had disappeared into It. Not a trace of my common self had survived. It was Eternity Itself that realized Itself. The whole "outer" world radiated and was exalted and totally transformed. Everything was pervaded by Divine Bliss and incorporated into a fresh, pure and ecstatic Light. It was unwavering and expressed life in its

sublimest quality. Everything was dancing. The Eternity Which I Am is timeless and without boundaries. All was joy, benediction, a celebration of unity, the Inexpressible and the dance. As I was possessed by a divine intoxication, I laughed continuously for no reason.

The Oneness THAT I AM including everything "around me" lasted all day. Everything had lost its separate identity, just like me being non-existent, instead possessing eternal quality: the grass, the flowers and the birds. Nothing existed on its own. Nothing fell apart. Without any exception, everything was part of the Whole, everything interconnected, the fabric of life. Absorbed by the same Suchness, everything radiated THAT! Everything being the content of the Eternal, there was not any difference between me, the grass, the flowers and the birds. Their Essence and mine were absolutely identical. I realized I was no better or even different from them. Since then I have known Reality to be the Essence of the interdependence of all things in which everything is equally unique.

In the Purity of the Beyond everything had disappeared. No memory, since the ego dissolved, just knowing, IT knowing ITself. There is no „outside" anymore, everything has become absorbed - without leaving a trace - by the Ultimate. Everything appears to be IN YOU, the entire universe is the content of („your") Infinite Space. Therefore the paradox is, that by being Nothing, you are everything. Hence, the Ultimate Nondual State is that of inclusiveness. The last delusion is, that the world is somewhere out there (...). Dividing the One into „here" and the world „there" is yet another (subtle) form of dualism. The logic is this: the more "your" Consciousness is open, the more there is in. Hence, I am - and everybody Is - the One Mind, the all-Embracing One containing everything. In the Ultimate State „Emptiness is form", without any dualism left, beyond any attainment, free even from freedom, a State which is natural, transparent, spontaneous, nothing special. Because everything being part of Me, I love everything like myself.

Science

Immediately after my Annihilation I was One with the Eternal Light, the infinite and timeless Dimension, which we call the Divine or God. Its Reality is overwhelming e.g. innumerable times more real than anything "worldly". It is utterly otherworldly, all connection with one's former self together with one's surroundings have disappeared. Its main characteristic is its transparency. The Oneness into one has dissolved, is Omni-present, everywhere, full and empty at the same time. (In Dutch "Vol-Ledigheid"). This being lifted above all and everything causes heavenly joy. Somehow "one" realizes "this is my (eternal) Home". Actually there is no "me" to realize anything. So, what "one perceives" is perceived by the inherent intelligence of the Cosmos. You are THAT. This "impersonal", transcendental Dimension in its turn is including everything. The whole world is content of its infinite Space. Translated to physics, it means, that the first Dimension emanating out of the Cosmic Vacuum (see above) is the invisible Divine Light. This Light is the birth chamber of the universe. It is very well possible that its first expression is the so-called virtual Higgs Field. It could be the explanation for its rare! stability. The Higgs Field in its turn "gives birth" to virtual waves, subsequently turning into virtual particles and matter.

1. suddenly with a horrible blow it put a stop to me	with Its fragrance of heavenly fresh ozone It granted me Its Body by Its dance I went into raptures
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<p>switched on I am to an unknown substance the inexpressible Light</p> <p>being embedded gives unprecedented and incredible ecstasy lifted up in a totally different World I am no more dissolved in That</p> <p>everything is part of the selfsame Divine Fluidum there are no walls between all-that-is life exists in absolute waterproof security</p> <p>2. suddenly I was crushed I See with limitless awe the dance of Light is everywhere imbued in superworldly Revelation in It earth, flowers, people, things everything bathes in clear-bright ecstasy joy and tears</p> <p>I now know that It continuously Is resting in Itself It is waiting for me any moment it can happen again</p> <p>3. It spoke to me with the voice of its Silence I tasted the fluidum of Its nectar-sweet Power with Its touch it woke me up with its Light Rain It anointed my "skin"</p>	<p>in my innermost core It ignited the fire that consumed me that's how It initiated me in Its love play</p> <p>poured out in jelly of nectar dissolved into solidified sweetness movement in limitless rest bliss out of Nothingness tasting without tongue enjoying without tasting inexpressible Condition</p> <p>4. in the silent lust of knowing awe is limitless I have become an Ocean the entire universe imbued in Divine Oil nectar super-natural sweet I am the Beyond the Light I Am</p> <p>5. as a divine puppet dissolved in Oneness a transparent and enlightened Nothingness everything is in IT I am a worm with the worms a bird with the birds plant with the plants</p> <p>empty of everything known full of inexpressible Total Otherness cosmic dance is dancing me inescapable coercion prisoner of Eternity coagulated in fluidum of pure Jelly blended into Unity</p> <p>6. you are not special or by yourself you are given It is given to you like everything else</p>
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That same night

Descent into the Underworld

Destruction Body of the Great Mother



Ocean of Horror

The night after I suddenly woke up. Within a split second I was thrown into a Dark Ocean of Limitless Horror. The very immediate, direct and timeless anguish was both within and around me. At the selfsame moment the body was "decomposing". My "aura", emotions, feelings and thoughts had all disappeared, together with my sense of identity. Moreover, a terrible smell of decay penetrated me, together with a flash in which worms were consuming my body. Deep within, there were waves of deepest ice-cold electricity. My old self - bodymind - had completely gone.

Usually, fear is "within" you. This, however, was totally different. The Horror was a Sea, in which everything of myself has disappeared. The only thing left in this horrifying dark Suchness was my inner clarity, my awareness. In the midst of this very real and hyperactive black ocean, my awareness was also on the verge of dissolving, though. Keeping my alertness was a terrible struggle, while terror and desperation continuously overwhelmed me. It was a matter of life and death.

Keeping up this acute awareness lasted for many hours, as I could not afford one moment of weakness. Although my body (body-identity) was gone, I could only survive through sitting in a vertical zazen position*... I had to sit accurate within a millimeter. The slightest deviation immediately brought me in acute danger of dissolving. Slowly, as the intensity of the terror increased, so my alertness strengthened. Spurred on by the agony of the terror, my awareness was forced to become as intense, timeless and limitless as the black Suchness around me. Consequently my awareness grew gradually and eventually became an ocean as well. From that moment on, the terror slowly weakened and finally disappeared.

* Proof of the correctness of Zen-Philosophy. Upright body position proves to be crucial for optimizing awareness.

Dawn arrived as I looked out of the window. For the first time I realized how long the ordeal had lasted. I also realized that this was the ultimate (spiritual) dying process. I had suffered The Great Darkness ("Death"). It is the underworld in which the hero descends in order to become reborn. Yes, it was really true, that I am a "son/lover" according to the archaic tradition*, and a "delog" (the ones who suffered "The Great Death") according to the Tibetans. The true meaning of the „resurrection" has been revealed to me. I was exhausted, but very calm and clear. I felt great benediction and I went out full of gratefulness and enjoyed the early brightness of that wonderful morning. As a Reborn I returned to the world.

* Son/lover of the Great Mother of Sumer and Babylon, later followed by initiation rites of hellenistic religions. Subsequently reshaped by Christianity.

Science

But it did not end with Absolute Nothingness and subsequent Full Enlightenment. What I experienced that night was the third main part of Cosmic Realization. Like the previous Realizations everything started in a split second. Suddenly I found myself in an Ocean of Angst. It was all around me. Its main characteristics: it was dark and very threatening, because it sucked me in. Just like a Black Hole. I couldn't prevent it from taking my whole body-mind, the latter disappearing into the vast Darkness around me. So my whole sense of thinking, feeling, body-awareness had dropped off. There was one flash of realization: if my inner clarity e.g. my awareness e.g. observer also would go, then I would die or become mad. Intuitively, I kneeled down on the floor in Zen-position. Through keeping my upright position, I managed to stay aware. Although, with the slightest deviation I got acute panic to disappear altogether. The parallel with physics is this. The Cosmic Womb (Vacuum) has two Cosmic Forces (Dimensions), one is born out "centrifugal", the other returning to Her ("centripetal"). It corresponds with the old notion of Creation and Destruction. That's why I "had" to still experience the last, "in order to make Cosmic Realization complete". It means, that the universe is ruled by Absolute Nothingness, and Her two opposite, complementary, parallel running and symmetrical Dimensions. Because I am part of the universe, the same forces ruling the Whole are also ruling me (you, everything). Inner is outer and vice versa. Therefore, spirituality and science are "two sides of the same coin". For more, see "[The Supreme Design](#)"

"Threefold Cosmic Realization": The Unity of Absolute Nothingness, Full Enlightenment and Descent into Underworld

Ten years of uninterrupted Bliss 1977-1987

Shouts of praise originated from a bottomless-deep silence. I continuously celebrated Eternity which I Am mySelf. I knew - not with my mind, but through my Essence - that I was granted the highest-possible Realisation. Furthermore: I was totally carefree. It was the beginning of ten years living like the "birds in the sky". Everything was embedded in just ONE timeless and limitless Moment. So full of joy, that I hardly cared about my daily life. I wasn't able to, because my ego-abilities, so important in order to "survive", had totally disappeared. I hadn't any drive to "do something for myself", for I didn't have the abilities, i.e. no ego that "could have done something". On the other hand my Big Self enjoyed life to the fullest. In particular I spend a lot "of time" in nature, wrote spiritual poetry and

often didn't have a home. ""Knowing, wanting and having" (Meister Eckhart) didn't play a role in these times. I was like a child, full of innocence and astonishment, taking life as it is.

Moments of deep insight made clear to me how fundamental my Great Experiences were. Through Zen I touched the limits of my True Self - my Essence. Through the Lightning (see above) this also had disappeared for a Moment. Various traditions therefore say, that one cannot "come too close to God" without dying. The special thing about me was, that not the small self - this had fallen away already much earlier - but the Big Self - Great Consciousness - had dissolved. If it were indeed the Divine that died - although not in its utter quality yet - in WHAT had it died? Is there still something "beyond the Divine?" To be clear: not the image of God disappeared - like in (Christian) mysticism - where the image dies in a short unity with Divine Substance - but the Divine itself was destroyed. O, la, la, I had been beyond Enlightenment and paid the price: Absolute Nothingness. Immediately after - in a split second - "I" was - as described above - dissolved into the Ultimate Divinity, the limitless Eternal Light (see above).

At the same time I had new Great Experiences. A few of them I have mentioned below. "In between" it "rained" "smaller" ecstasies. F.i. the Essence concentrated itself in me in such a way, that the periphery - my body - was totally liberated. While being silent in the center, my outside was dancing. That could increase in such a way, that I danced like Shiva. Everything totally not premeditated, but entirely spontaneous, f.i. in the street among people. Or I was unified with a tree in such a way, that I couldn't hold back, fell on my knees, kissed the grass, while caressing the leaves. Or I went out cycling. Through continuous body and feeling awareness I felt my feet and behind very strongly. At such moments I am one with my body, my bicycle and beyond. Cycling turned out to be a "cosmic orgasm", a force was released through which my bicycle almost collapsed. Or the opposite: I experienced such a heavenly-sweet silence, while completely one with my surroundings, that I didn't feel the cycling anymore.

The Ultimate Sutra

One night I suddenly woke up, my mind being absorbed in Emptiness. Spontaneously I took a pencil and wrote down - in English - a Sutra consisting of sixteen parts, including Awakenening, Acceptance, Friendship, Surrender and Action as the foundation of the Maitreya Mind. See: "[The Ultimate Sutra](#)"

Amsterdam

August 1980

That morning everything flowed. I felt so strong, bright and clear. I did everything spontaneously without thinking. I continuously gave in to something, without knowing what it was. Feeling very free, I left the house without any goal or plan. I felt absorbed by joy. Like a child I skipped through the streets. I enjoyed a blissful overflowing feeling of being at home in the world. I sat down on a terrace.

As I was reading: "the sound of a stone against a bamboo", suddenly Something penetrated my surroundings and me. I was immediately absorbed by It. My awareness had become one with the Ocean of Being. It was limitless and undisturbable. Perception was unable to penetrate or create any ripples in It. An entire Other Reality had replaced everything else. This was something "in between",

an inner connectedness of things. Everything, objects and events, remained as it was before but without any meaning of itself. They were stripped of any "apartheid".

You are always in the middle of IT

It was everywhere, eternally peaceful, tranquil, crystal clear and fresh. Thoughts were rare and had become insignificant. They had no power anymore and were unable to stir other thoughts. They were like empty particles emerging and then disappearing. There were neither emotions or concerns. It was replaced by blissful ecstasy where body and mind ceased any activity of their own. I was absorbed in total Other-Worldliness. There was just That, the Suchness which had replaced everything else. The entire visible world was both in It and outside It. But the "outside" had become meaningless. I could see a clock, but time did not make sense. My brain had stopped functioning and my state was timeless and limitless.

There was no urge to do anything. I just laughed like a madman because I was so full of joy. There was realization of "this is It"; "this is so simple"; "how blissful This is" and "what a fool I am". Everything fell away. Nothing was separate. However, things and events remained unchanged and went on as usual. The waiter still served on the terrace and the traffic still went by.

For one and a half-hours nothing provoked any reaction in me whatsoever. It did not respond. It remained undisturbable in Itself. Then, on its own accord It subsided. Slowly leaving behind great wonder in me. Everything was new, refreshed and every footstep was my first. I as well as my entire surroundings was equally dear and precious. We were part of the same Whole. It was the third Great Experience in my life.

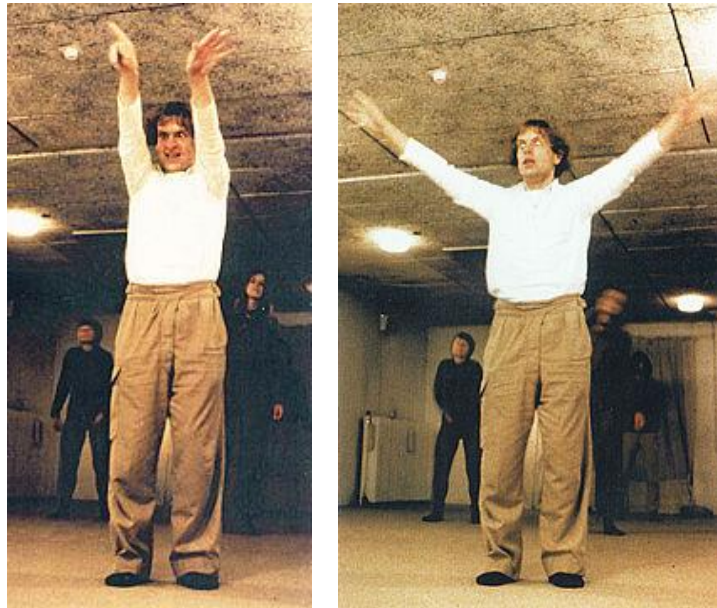
<p>I saw the Essence of the all in Its limitless timelessness I saw the core of things and the things themselves as one and yet independently</p> <p>I see what I Am And I Am what I see I and seeing are One And everything is in it</p> <p>I fathomed the secret of life and death I scrutinized the moment of liberation into eternal dimensions</p> <p>I saw Truth by being It love I was by dissolving into It I am the Whole in Me everything comes together and is connected</p>	<p>I embody all Buddhas of all times simultaneously as is the water lily in the morning sun I don't know bible nor koran zen and sufi don't leave any trace I am a unwritten record</p> <p>my tradition is the smile of the eternal Moment life (is) the joy of Its Presence my existence the tear on Its besmeared Face</p>
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Kundalini

(Purification)

1982-1983

Down here you will find the incredible story about my almost daily kundalini experiences, which happened to me in the early eighties. They came to me entirely spontaneous, without any effort on my part



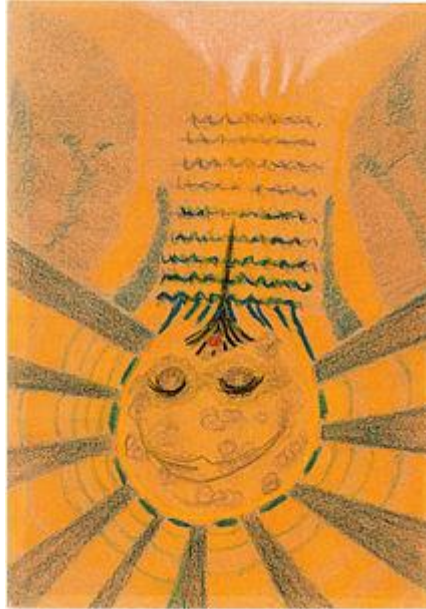
Many guru's e.g. authors talk about kundalini. We have never come across one who testifies about his/her own experiences, though. For the first time we publish these very rare pictures of Han Marie Stiekema (1981), giving some idea where it is all about

It usually happened when in sitting meditation (above: exception): a shiver of both cold and warmth, an erupting delight, trembles, vibrations and shaking emerged from the base of the spine and made their way upward. It is an orgiastic experience, the discharge of a current of energy which provides infinite delight. There is no telling whether it is hot or cold. It is both. The body is burned up and cleansed at the same time. One's awareness is at the border of blissful downfall. It is sooner accompanied by panting, groaning, calling out and orgiastic screaming.

As it rises upward along the spine there is a shaking and shivering and when it reaches the head, which may happen very quickly or even at the same moment, the corners of the mouth and eyes may at first turn completely upward and the latter then open up wide, as much on the left as on the right. The head then joins in waves of violent trembling and shaking, an ecstatic frenzy. Everything has now been turned upside down and nothing remains of the original posture. Once the "typhoon" has passed, complete awareness has usually been reinstated, an awareness which was never entirely gone, a straight back, a relaxed posture with the unfocussed gaze against the back of the eyelids followed by a profound sense of peace and relaxation.

When awareness and the straight posture once again completely coincide and one is above all conscious of the centre of the lowermost part of the spine, there often proves to be additional energy

which then contracts in a circle on the crown of the head. In this state a contracted, forceful field of energy is sealed off from the rest of the roof of the skull. It is a centre of aware presence from which everything is viewed. All that was beneath it has now been released and has become completely transparent, open and free.



His attempt to express what happens in his head.....

Basically, two things may now happen. The complete relaxation of one's body coupled with the intensely clear awareness of the centre of the lowermost part of the spine - the centre of the imaginary axis of the "hollow bamboo" - and the relaxed opening and widening of both eyes whereby the "hollow bamboo" diametrically widens - will once again spark off the fire reflex. The repeating of this a second, third or numerous times may result in such upward vehemence that there is an eruption extending to even above the head of exploding, lightning and totally dissolving ecstatic orgasms, moments in which one ceases to exist.

Or else the field of contracted energy and upper awareness may gradually dissolve without the generating of new upward-flowing energy. From clear awareness the ebbing-away yields an extremely subtle inner bliss. At a certain point the head then starts leaning forward and the mouth and eyes become smaller, contracted and slightly pursed. The head together with the shoulders slowly moves forward and the current of energy flows downward from the mouth, throat and chest to the abdomen. The forceful breathing out through the mouth is often accompanied by hissing sounds like those of a snake or "dragon". The hissing is an overall event of enjoying the force available which originates from the abdomen.

Once it is over, one is clearly aware of the course of breathing in the abdomen which is deep down, completely relaxed, free and minimal. This then is the end of the kundalini-cycle. In most instances I thankfully fall forward or find myself having spontaneously touched the ground with my forehead.

I then experience myself from another center of consciousness. In it there is space coupled with freedom, clarity, equanimity and directness. A state transcending happiness and unhappiness with nothing interfering. Neither thoughts nor feelings ripple the surface of the water. Nothing from either within or without can disturb the inner peace. Everything goes without saying. No need to add to this

state, to interpret, comment on it nor judge it. Eventually it is a complete peace free of the urge to do anything. There were daily experiences which lasted at least one and a half years.

The Cycle Completed

15th of May 1983, around 3.30 pm. Spaarne, Haarlem. NL

It was so subtle, so delicate and hardly noticeable that I do not remember the exact moment. I was suddenly absorbed by an omnipresent tranquil Clarity. Immediately this tranquility took away every urge to do anything whatsoever. A completely otherworldly Presence appeared to be there: a silent Equanimity. I remained lying on the same spot and I felt deeply tired. It was special because I felt heavy and light at the same time. While falling asleep, I remained aware with sleep and alertness fusing together. My body was heavy and my mind transparent and without thoughts.

After one hour I finished sleeping and the brightness of my awareness had grown remarkably. My body was not an entity of its own anymore. It was light and felt very easy. There was no resistance, no obstacles, no special sensations and no weight. It had simply dropped off and was absorbed by the lightness of Limitless Being: in Oneness. In this One Space neither inner nor outer existed.

The acts "I did" were entirely spontaneous, straightforward and direct. Walking, sitting, making tea and rearranging the room was totally effortless and unbelievably light. There was no me in the doing.

Discrimination of the brain had fallen off. The world had ceased to be an accumulation of things-on-their-own. Now it existed and appeared as a unity: a limitless space; a continuum of interdependent events. Since all obstructions of the mind, such as discrimination, commentaries, meaning, associations, concepts, interpretations, conclusions and judgements had passed away, the world appeared as it is: direct and simple. Everything "around me" was part of the Original Freshness. It is a state of awareness where breathing almost disappears completely. This state is the highest possible Simplicity.

This is the Original Homeland. It is all embracing. Everything is as it is; perceptions are no longer able to leave any impression on the mind. There is not anything to impress on. Consciousness is not only empty; it has no substance of its own. No sense of identity either. It is a non-existence and is utterly unmoved by what "it sees". Emptiness is the seeing.

The usual stress in one's head is totally absent. There is just an omnipresent lively silent Transparency. Although events continue to happen as usual, their energy, their charge, their life and their attraction has disappeared. They are like shadows. Existence is just One Eternal Moment. Thinking of the next moments is impossible, it does not occur to you. You have been switched on into timelessness. You cannot "look outside". You are a prisoner of The Eternal.

How sweet is this. How pure and fresh! Yes, you are a prisoner, yet your freedom is absolute. You are not concerned at all with the world "around you"; there is no urge whatsoever to interfere. There are no worries and no emotions. It is a move into a very subtle equanimity where you are in the world but not of it. No special events occur. There is neither excitement nor bliss, joy nor ecstasy. No special "spiritual experience". As awareness is insensible to whatever there is, it totally transcends here and there. It is inclusive.

The mind has disappeared. You are no more there. There are no thoughts, no energy, no identity, no self-awareness and no awareness. There is just this All Pervading Void. A Valley of Divine Calm. In this Eternal Moment, I am all that was, is and will be. I am the All Embracing One; I embody all Buddha's of all times simultaneously.

This was the most "common" of my first four Great Experiences. It showed me the Bottomless Ground of existence in its simple perfection, directness and transparency; nothing special, nothing holy. With it the Cycle of Enlightenment has been completed. The highest Self-Realization thus brought me back to everyday life. There is no substance, no "Enlightenment in between" anymore. A life in which I am equal to the grass, the trees, the lily and the pond.

The essence of Enlightenment: a rebirth into the world

<p>1. still-active rest and clarity no inner nor outer absence of any sensation is this where it was all about</p> <p>not of this world nor of the other have I been tricked</p> <p>the Way from something to Nothingness into Nowhere</p> <p>2. the Eternal unchangeable Being only asks for continuous beginning</p> <p>Limitlessness insists on the boundaries of every separate moment</p> <p>the Unrestricted demands the restriction of what It is before It was born</p>	<p>the most Fruitful doesn't allow anybody growing through Her</p> <p>those touched by Her affluence go the opposite Way</p> <p>all those who are possessed by Her are stripped of his or her quality</p> <p>nobody is allowed to share unless he or she dies into Her</p> <p>3. now I walk in the street unveiled everything gained something while I have less</p> <p>the extra everything already had the deficit that I never possessed</p> <p>inner emptiness that from face to face lightens up the eye of the world</p>
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Working on integration ("Dark Night of the Soul")

After ten years the intensity of my Bliss gradually became weaker, though. Periods of depression, irritability and negativity made themselves known. Only later I grasped, that the Divine "purposely" withdraws itself in order to give one the opportunity of integrating still unprocessed inner residues of the old self. For Wholeness doesn't mean to identify yourself just with Being alone, but one has to include your personality, as well. Something that was (is) fully unknown in the East. The problem at that time: I didn't know about this. Hence, I had to find out everything by myself. I had two choices: to cultivate my Essence in order to attain the "ultimate perfection" (like Eastern Masters do) or to accept the challenge of starting "all over again" i.e. to start working on my unprocessed parts. At the same time it changed my insights about reality. Contrary to what many teachers say - once enlightened, always enlightened - the ego does return, also after Enlightenment. Additionally, the idea "how I could help people, if I didn't accept my own suffering", was decisive.

To face this is the greatest challenge on the spiritual Path. First of all, one has to digest one's disappointment of not being that perfect. Especially "teachers" who already built up a clientele are often confronted by great difficulties. "Loss of face" and loss of followers!. Not surprisingly, this problem is rarely admitted. Secondly, one should know that great dangers are around the corner. For what is the case? After Consciousness has opened, strong energies come to the surface, cause of not only positive but also negative experiences. When you neglect working on unprocessed emotional complexes, these selfsame complexes will suck these energies, blowing themselves up. The consequence: together with the growth of your inner Light your shadow part (fear, anguish, rage, pain, inferiority feelings, frustrated sex etc.) will get bigger, as well. Until this inner "counterpart" becomes so strong, that it reaches a limit i.e. is breaking through. Your entire system may then turn from positive to negative. Remedy: also, yes, in particular...after a Great Experience you have to - just like the "simple souls" around you - start working on integration, i.e. go into therapy.

Because my "Dark Night of the Soul" lasted twenty years, it is impossible for me to go into all details. (See for that my **Autobiography**). One thing was rather a burden to me, namely the tendency to use my Enlightenment for my own (ego)purposes. Through the Great Experience one knows that one is the Universe, the entire Cosmos. Thus it isn't that strange that one has the idea of being "the savior to the whole of mankind". However, no one recognizes you as an Enlightened One. Common minds i.e. vibrations are much too rude for noticing your subtle energies.....Hence, it may come to a point where "you embrace all people", while being neglected, denied or worse by those selfsame persons. Nobody who is asking for your wisdom. You are one with the Cosmos, while being lonely among people! This you can "solve" by - too prematurely - announcing yourself as the "great master". To resist this temptation was for me most difficult, indeed. My Enlightenment thus increasingly posed me more and more difficulties, rather than being the ultimate liberation. Ultimately it dawned to me: "Enlightenment cannot be the Ultimate Reality". There should be still "something behind". The solution came from re-assessing my own Great Experiences. Didn't they start with Absolute Nothingness? With the Light coming out of Darkness? Ergo: Darkness rather than Light ("God") is the Ultimate Reality.

The Cosmic Mother

"Light comes out of Darkness" is common wisdom. That nobody until now took the effort of investigating this insight, is certainly due to the dominance of Christianity. Only the Black

Madonna's are giving some indications, reason why until this very date they are a thorn in the eye of the Church. Darkness, Nothingness, Emptiness have been always instruments of evil, i.e. the devil, something that started with Aristotle. Only in recent years, where the Church rapidly lost power, one dares to look behind the screens, and break through the taboo. This was the way I came to know the Mother. Since archaic times She is the dark "Cosmic Womb" from Which everything - God and the Universe - is born, the latter continuously returning to their Origin. Only She could destroy my enlightenment obsession, for wasn't it She who already once eradicated my Being altogether? My obsession, literally, disappeared into the (Her) "Black Hole!" Nothing in the world could have done the same. By the way, in spirituality nobody mentions it: the destructive side of the Ultimate as Ultimate Liberator. Moreover an insight had become confirmed: Enlightenment (Eternal Light, BuddhaNature, Great Consciousness, the Divine) is NOT the Ultimate Reality. Which means: no authority can be built on it (anymore). On the contrary, this would be like building a home without foundations. A great relief to me! At the same time it is the "end" of all patriarchal religions...

Until now the spiritual/religious world is identifying itself with "the Light" as the ultimate reality. It is equal to consciousness, non-duality, enlightenment, "God", emptiness, the transcendence, Buddha-nature. Through the Revelation of the Cosmic Mother this has become a thing of the past. "God" is NOT the Ultimate Reality. Instead it is the Light born out of the Cosmic Vacuum. Since ancient times this Absolute Void is called the Cosmic Womb. Everything – both God and the universe – is born out of Her, while continuously returning. The underlying Cosmic Powers are "Creation and Destruction". Their "aim" is to maintain a dynamic Cosmic Balance. Through it life is made possible. The whole of existence – plants, animals, rivers, clouds, rocks – is living up to this Cosmic Order. The only ones who have alienated themselves from the Whole, are humans. Since about 3000 years men started to break themselves loose from serving the Cosmic Mother. The latter being the "patroness" of the Law of "Birth and Death", guaranteeing the ongoing regeneration of life. Instead men identified themselves with their self-image, becoming isolated entities. He "is thrown upon himself", cut off from the nourishing support of the Cosmos. Instead he boasted to be himself "the center of the universe". His ego dreamed of "eternal life" (for itself) rejecting the Mother as the Source of "death and rebirth". Existential Angst was born. Ego and Death became eternal enemies. Hence, very cleverly, ego started to identify itself with the Eternal Light as the ultimate reality. "One God, one King, one Nation". Men claimed "God" to justify worldly authority. "In the mean time" ego has dominated the entire globe ("Ego-Catastrophe"). Now, this is crucial to understand. During the centuries men have always usurped God as being on their side. The function of God is to boost the (male) ego. It is sad to say. This is the reason why God has lost its liberated power. The current (spiritual) world is totally corrupted. Enlightenment is something to HAVE, not to surrender to. Ego is using God as its doormat. God is part of a world of abuse, lies, manipulation and deceit. Nowadays, Go(o)d-willing people (including almost all spiritual teachers) are deluded in their assumption that "the Light" is going to liberate the world. Understand me well: there is nothing wrong with the Divine Light. It is the ego that corrupted it. The only thing the ego fears like hell is Absolute Nothingness. Because in the (Absolute) Void there is nothing it can identify with. Therefore, the Revelation of the Cosmic (Womb) Mother (1977) is the Turning-Point in history. Through Her and only through Her (together with Her Divine Son/Light) the world can make a New Step in Evolution.

With the Cosmic Mother everything fell into place. Only through Her the situation in which we have put ourselves can become clear. Isn't it a period of fast decay? "In itself" this is not making any sense. With the Mother as "Cosmic Vacuum" this all changes. Her Emptiness is the context of a (dynamic) balance between destruction and creation. With the shifting of this balance, f.e. through accumulation (brought about by a part of mankind), Emptiness is counteracting by trying to find a new equilibrium through breaking down the too much. In this way a meaningful relationship between

"above" and "below" is established. It is an invitation to cooperate intelligently with the cosmic forces. If we do so, we have the feeling, that the Cosmos once again will act "to our advantage". It consists of the insight, that the focus of cooperating with the decay is to break down our own personal accumulations (ego) first. All artificiality, everything infused by greed and self-centeredness isn't worthwhile to pursue! On the contrary, it blocks the possibility of a new start. The latter which is urgently needed. It is like A.Toynbee said: when a culture has come to its end, an increasing number of people will be returning to the Origin in order to become renewed. Only after a New Self has been born – “death” of the ego and birth of your True Self are two sides of the same coin - people will be able to commit themselves to a New World. The Mother is thus not only the Ultimate Reality, like She revealed Herself in my Threefold Realization, but indeed proves to be THE Redeeming Dimension, that is above all direly needed nowadays.

PS. I have written so much about the Mother already, that I refrain from going on here. Instead, I remind you of some **LINKS**, especially "**Turn On**"

Back into the world

What an irony: the outcome of the spiritual Path the claim to be "Son of the Mother". This is considered to be "very strange". Despite the fact that everybody is son or daughter of a mother! On the highest plane She is the Mother of the Divine and the entire universe. This is also the difference between the Mother and a Goddess. The latter is symbolizing a particular energy, only. Therefore, feminists can surely claim the Goddess, but not the Cosmic Mother. Obviously, in this new situation I needed some time for re-orientation with regard to my new "world view". What is exactly my Mission and how to put it into practice, that was the question. To accommodate with patriarchal religion wasn't possible, while feminists were also rejecting me.....a man who claims to know the Cosmic Mother.....even more thoroughly than women do....that couldn't be accepted. A special problem was posed by the "New Age". For decades it dominated the spiritual "scene". It laid emphasis on "spirituality", "esoterism", "cosmic wisdom", "transformation" etc. etc. The point is that everything remained part of the small self. The common self (ego) extending its horizon by adding new experiences to it. The problem is that they use all kinds of "spiritual" concepts and ideas, suggesting that they really were transforming themselves. In fact everything - experiences, concepts, imagery, rituals, practices, was only part of the small mind, borrowed (stolen) from all kinds of sources. Its purpose is to give the common mind some toys to play with in order to create the illusion of a "meaningful" and "happy" life. It's all based on having, though. While others accumulate money, "New Age" accumulates experiences. In the end this all proves to be **self-delusion: "spiritual materialism!"** While true spirituality/religion stems from One Source only - from Reality - and not from images, concepts and ideas. Moreover, it is about **HOW TO GIVE UP the ego**. Serving the whole, rather than serving yourself, that is where it is all about. Thus I was forced to find my own way. "The strong one is most powerful, when alone" is something Nietzsche already said. Well, if nothing else goes! One of my main struggles (until this very day) is how to make clear that I am NOT part of the "New Age". Instead, my Cosmic Realization - the interference of the Divine - is the beginning of a truly New Era. In this way I have worked the last 14 years - everything in the Name of the Cosmic Mother - creating A New Tradition: "The Original Tradition of the Universal Cosmic Mother". It is the oldest tradition on earth with the Cosmic Mother giving birth to the Divine Light ("God"), while manifesting Herself as the Black Madonna. These manifestations incarnating themselves as "Green Men" and "Wise Women", both hopefuls to a New World. People are invited to take refuge in the Cosmic Mother, give up their ego's, while being reborn as their True Selves. In order to subsequently becoming part of the Whole, once again: "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community. The latter culminating into the 10 Steps of

"Healing the Planet", our contribution to "Healing yourself", "Healing each other" and "Healing the World".

PS. I know about the suffering of uprootedness. In the beginning it looks like (ego) freedom. However, sooner or later this turns into total inner confusion. That's why people are longing for a New Home! Do you feel invited? If so, don't hesitate and stand up. Make yourself known!

*"Come ye all unto Me,
I Am the All-Embracing One!"*
Universal Mother

PS. The poems have been translated with my limited abilities with regard to the English language.

MeiMei, "My Princess from China"



Everyone thinks of course, that "I took" my wife MeiMei from Asia to the Netherlands. Nothing is further from the truth. I met her at the ISS, the training institute of the Dutch Government for the "Third" World, where she had just graduated (MA) in Regional Development. It was at a South American party, where she sat, unmoved by the crowd, totally immersed, yes, in what? That motionlessness touched me so deeply, that I was immediately love struck. Later that evening I told friends: "I have not met a woman, but a flower". In this context, it may well be noted, that for many years I resonated more often with flowers than with people. That quiet beauty gives recognition of my deepest inner Self. The events followed each other rapidly. Action was needed, because her parents were not too keen to give their consent to a 'love affair' with a Western man. Soon I came to know a little more about her background. MeiMei's parents had quickly participated in the Liberation of China by Mao Ze Dong. By selection, they were subsequently admitted to the central government. When MeiMei's mother married and subsequently got pregnant, she wanted to end the pregnancy, because it impeded her commitment to the Revolution. Through personal intervention of Zhou Enlai - the exceptional and humane premier of China - this was prevented. The latter thus became the godfather ("second father") to MeiMei, without whom she would never have existed. MeiMei grew up much protected within the walls of the State Council, a complex adjacent to the Forbidden City. She still remembers Mao Ze Dong well. She swam often with him in the same pool...

From the beginning our love was bigger than ourselves. It was a feeling similar to continuously being in the same Space together. As crazy as it sounds, but through that, the personal was as it were set to the background. Everything from the outset played out on a different level. Everything took (takes) place in the context of subtle joy. There is a mutually understanding, no effort is involved. There was therefore in no way a sense of cultural diversity. Of course, there were aspects that I found interesting. Like the fact that she was born annex the Forbidden City in Beijing. MeiMei's inner nobility, her natural balance, her subtlety and the loving presence gave (gives) our relationship an unprecedented dimension. What to this day (Spring 2018: married for more than 25 years) continues. Strangely enough, in her youth she never discovered her own (spiritual) tradition. That was prohibited in the years of Cultural Revolution. (Incidentally, her family has experienced many of the terrible things, about which so many books are written. However, MeiMei is reluctant to talk about it).

In addition to our love that hangs around us as a silk garment, we have a very positive spiritual interaction. She is my angel ('sent by the Cosmic Mother') who has helped me to gain greater inner stability, while she in turn felt drawn towards spiritual insight and meditation. She has such a 'natural talent' for this - She IS silence – that's why time and again deep wisdom is coming to the surface.. That she is also an extremely talented therapist and a teacher in Traditional Chinese Medicine is what many people have already experienced in full effect. She dedicates herself with heart and soul to self-imposed tasks. She developed Chinese Guasha-therapy (and introduced it in Holland) by integrating it with Western biological medicine. Both through her treatments, courses and trainings – having taken care of countless people – she is loved by many.

Trans-Mission

Years later. We are driving from Freiburg back to Holland. There was an intensive confrontation, in which I – after many years of attempts – allowed her no escape anymore, a highly "uncommon" situation to a traditional Chinese woman. But I knew: "it's now or never, now the breakthrough has to happen". I pushed her (with words) in a corner. "Do you want an essential opening in your life NOW or be forever slave of your worries", that was the issue. In the middle of her agony, she suddenly said with radiating eyes: „I am through“. I was taken by surprise "yes, what, how, eh I said. "Here" she said, I am here above my head, not in my small „I“ anymore. Within a split second there was a leap and I AM THAT. What followed were three hours with long periods of silence, only incidentally a small exchange. Her physical posture had changed completely. She sat there like in Zen. Aware, open, vertical, impressive, joyful. Conversation was minimal, but full of meaning. "Before everything dominated me" she said. My concerns, my fears, my work, my lack of confidence. Now these same things are "under me", they have lost their power. They are now content of my new inner Space, the latter is timeless and limitless. In this timeless Moment there are no thoughts. I haven't any urge to move. Sitting like this is perfection; the inner very alive clarity is a treasure without measure. Even the passing landscape is breathing a special silence. She brought her head to my shoulder, as so often. "No, no" she immediately exclaimed: "this is better", going back to her royal posture, making both of us laugh. That's how she was sitting next to me: unmoving for three hours, while I drove on the German motorway, indeed a very special situation, a present of the humorous Cosmos. At the end I confirmed the Trans-Mission. The "Spark" had been ignited. She is an „Enlightened One“, my successor in the lineage of The Original Tradition e.g. Cosmic META Religion. Spontaneous insight gave her the guiding principle for life: "Loyalty to the Essence". "Yes", she said, that is exactly how I feel. I had to think of Karl Graf Dürckheim (Zen master, through whom I experienced my first 1973 Satori): Being as Promise and Obligation. Last but not

least my “own” joy. From now on we will be together, sharing the same commitment, to the benefit of everyone and everything. Gratitude, gratitude.

My Life with the SermeS (“All Holy Cosmos” Teacher)

I still remember very lively the day we married. This man was a mystery to me, that’s why I love(d) and trust(ed) him deeply. Deep within him wisdom and innocence merge. Yes, I was aware of Emptiness as his “living Essence”. Living with him is light, full of joy and surprise. He always has a kind of Presence, in which I am also included. That gives me a deep feeling of security. What impressed me right from the start is his inner Void together with an ongoing flow of most original creativity. Sometimes these two aspects are alternating, with periods of deep silence on the one hand and restless activity on the other. Through his surrender to the Cosmic Mother, he embodies ongoing Renewal, what I call his “eternal youth”. It is corresponding with a Taoist saying: One Moment in the Presence of the Eternal Mother is equal to 3000 years on earth”. To me it is always a surprise to receive spontaneous and immediate answers to my questions. There is never any thinking in between. Those answers come from his inner Depth. Their contents are always unexpected, showing deep wisdom. Sometimes it is exactly the opposite when his remarks resonate with my own budding insights. His personal love (towards me) is perfectly in harmony with his universal Love. In relationship he always puts me in the centre, paying a lot of attention to my feelings, concerns and well-being. He values daily “little things” and bigger issues equally, appreciating my stories, a new dress, my cooking and gardening with undivided attention. Any time I need his assistance – e.g. driving me to Amsterdam twice a week, assisting me in preparing my medical exams – he is there for me without any grumbling. So we have lots of fun (joy) together, always with lots of humor, never imposing any of his ideas on me. If I do have “spiritual questions” he immediately clicks with his inner (empty) Presence. Any Moment New Satori’s (Samadhi’s) can happen. Slowly the Depth of his unique Realization dawned to me. I was able to compare his insights with everything else I read and heard. “His” “Emptiness beyond Emptiness” is truly a new step in evolution. He gave the Cosmos its “All Holy Status” back. It is incomparable with anything in the past, the present or even the future. Because beyond Absolute Nothingness there is Nothing. The outcome is a New Cosmic Order. This raises so much power that I long for the day he will be called to fully coming to the open. Not surprisingly by the way, that through his Presence I recently got “my” second Satori.

Mission

Summarizing, the spiritual Path of the SermeS can be distinguished in four stages. First there were these years of transcending the world, culminating in the incredible 10 years of uninterrupted Bliss. These were followed by even a longer period of time, in which he had to integrate parts of the old self into the New Identity (“Dark Night of the Soul”). It was a stage of (painful) trial and error, including an episode of serious physical disorder, in which he wrote down and shared his experiences with everybody without exception. The result is a huge oeuvre, everything directly inspired by the Cosmos. Even to such an extent, that some can’t discover the writer behind his writings. So the time came, when he sought to rebalance his life. This appeared to be not an easy task. It took him more than ten years to write everything down, after all. Logically his mind had been pre-occupied with his writings. At a certain point strength turns into weakness. In such a case, the mind - instead of being a facilitator - becomes an obstacle. Now he had to make a shift from sharing his work toward sharing his life. Fortunately, through thorough re-examination of his Realization, he understood that Enlightenment is not the Ultimate. There was no chance for a setback anymore. It

was the greatest relief, he ever experienced. Taking refuge in the Ultimate - the Cosmic Mother - is the ultimate stage on the Way. To pour out yourSelf unconditionally, like the Mother does, symbolized by the blood-outpouring Grail Chalice, becomes the Essence of life. The outcome - stage four - is the all-inclusive Unitive Life, a giving without giver, a serving without server, the ultimate selflessness.

The Cosmic Mother is turning our deepest fear into salvation

Finally, the seriousness of the global crisis didn't give him any choice anymore. In the last decades he had boycotted his Mission wherever he could. Although deep within knowing that his commitment eventually would be inevitable, the idea of standing up as the next "Universal Wisdom Teacher" fulfilled him with horror. At last he deeply understood that he had an "eternal" obligation to the Mother, who had the deepest possible Realization bestowed upon him. By the Grace of the Cosmic Mother, the All-Embracing Womb, Queen of Heaven, Mother of God.

"We are Cosmos!"

The miracle is this: I experienced the REALITY of the Cosmic Womb, together with Her Cosmic Powers of Creation (the Divine, Her Light Body) and Destruction (Her Destruction Body). They are not spiritual categories, but Cosmic REALITY. That's why – in all three cases – my being disappeared. I experienced Oneness with the Threefold Cosmos. My individual existence ceased to exist. The separation with the Origin is lifted. For that you have to "pay the price". You have to give up EVERYTHING that clings to a separate existence. My entire Consciousness (into Absolute Nothingness and the Eternal Light) and my entire bodymind (into Mother's Destruction Body). What you "get in return" is a "thousand times" more blissful though. It also squares with all "one with the universe" etc. pseudo-spirituality. This almost exclusively rests on petty self-delusion. In the Real Experience you die, while being born into a totally New Reality. Because your mind, even your Essence is dissolved into this Reality, there is no-one who can experience it. The insight you receive is the Insight the Cosmos has of itself. I know the Cosmos because I was (am) IT. I am the Cosmos knowing ITSelf. Not everybody experiences this. The ones who did, have a special responsibility to "translate" it for all other beings. Our key practice consists of solely whispering the "All Holy Cosmos" mantra. Bringing the inner awareness from the mind to the Heart. It goes like this:

Cosmic Womb (Mother) giving birth to Her Two Cosmic Powers, giving birth to the Universe, giving birth to the Earth, giving birth to Society, giving birth to Humans. Humans being part of Society, of the Earth, of the Universe, of the Two Cosmic Powers, of the Cosmic Womb (Mother).

We do it in such a way (24/7) that it becomes our Reality. By repeating it in every daily situation it will become – once again - the foundation of our existence. A Cosmic (Wo)Man is the (Wo)Man who has restored the Wholeness of Life. He/she lives, thinks, feels, acts his/her True Nature. This Wholeness is indestructible. It is your basic security in all life situations. In the middle of agony, confusion, chaos, suffering, his/her inner Essence remains intact. It is more than that. By becoming the Cosmos – that what you already ARE from Eternity - your actions become inclusive. You become a beacon of Light amidst a confused humanity. Some will become the leaders we need so

directly: to guide the ignorant masses to their true destiny: to become part of the Whole – Heaven, Earth and the (New) Community - once again. The step from “human” to Truly Human.

To empower each other, read:

http://www.community4me.com/rabbi_gift_short.html

The Law of the universe

The Law of the universe is reflecting the Ultimate Reality of the Vacuum or Womb. It may have originated in pre-historic India. There (re)birth, preservation and destruction were the attributes of Deva Matri, the Great Mother*, in a later period "handled over" to patriarchal Gods, like Vishnu, Brahman and Shiva. This idea may have migrated first to Sumer, then to Babylon and Egypt. The Law of the universe includes the ancient notion, that everything is born out of the Womb, is maintained by it, while finally returning to its Origin. The revolutionary thing is, that this is not only true for the visible world - the self-evident fact of the "cycle of birth and death" in nature - but that this is also applicable to the Divine. Not "God created out of nothingness, but Nothingness gave birth to God".

* To HMS' surprise the Law of the universe is complying with his [Vision of the Grail](#) with its "awakening, personal integration and selflessness".

Translated to spiritual life there are three main ingredients: awakening, interconnectedness and destruction. Awakening is not only corresponding with birth, renewal and Enlightenment, but also with lust for life, sexuality and ecstasy. Interconnectedness is corresponding with relationship, love, community, mutuality and solidarity, while destruction corresponds to dying to the old, ego-death, selflessness and regeneration. To live in harmony with the Law of the universe is the aim of Mother Worship.

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* Moral Law

* Vision of the Grail

Full Moon Celebration

In ancient times, the moon was associated with a.o. the menstruation, the cycle of life (vegetation) and the tide. These natural phenomena were projected in the moon as a goddess, coming to us in three forms: the crescent moon or maiden, the full moon or mother, and the descent moon as the crone. The maiden is corresponding with birth and new life, the beauty and strength of youth. The mother has come to full ripening, her womb radiating fertility all around. The crone represents the cycle coming to a close, with death as the transition to a new life cycle. At those times, the moon cycle as a symbol of "death and rebirth", used to be a central "object of devotion". It survived in some religions like Buddhism. "Modern" religions like Wicca have restored the Full Moon

Celebration as one of their main practises. Mother Worship as the direct representative of the Mother and the Law of the universe (the cycle of birth and death), has also installed it as her monthly celebration.

The Full Moon Celebration contains the following ingredients. First, there is the fasting and purification. Every month, three days before Full Moon, members of the Church (we talk about healthy people) are going to cleanse their bodies and minds. They may do it through a laxative (magnesium sulfate), a herbal tea or an enema.* These laxatives are taken for three subsequent days. The result is diarrhoea and that is what we were aiming at. In these days fruits are eaten in the morning, a small vegetable/rice dish at noon, while nothing is eaten in the evening. During these days people refrain from smoking, alcohol, coffee and tea (all black, green, rooibos varieties). Lots of fluids - water, herbal teas and juices - are taken.

* See: <http://welcome.to/FreeWHC/> "Flow System Therapy" book, chapter "Elimination".

At the evening itself, members are coming together. Preferably in small groups, for instance as a home meeting. The program is exclusively depending on the group who celebrates it. It may be the same or different each month. The ingredients of the celebration might be chanting, dancing, a ritual, offering, praying, meditation and sharing. The next day normal food is resumed.*

* For those who would like to follow our two months' "Optimal Vitality Care", please open: www.greatmother.faithweb.com

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* Flow System Therapy. www.vitalworld.org

The Cult Objects

The Objects of Veneration of Mother Worship are representing the Cosmic Mother. The central symbol is the Cosmic Womb, consisting of the Womb (black) and all that is born out of Her: the Light (Divine: white and yellow) and the earth (universe: green). The other symbols represent the various branches of our Worship.

The second important object is the Ark of the Covenant. Just like the Ka'aba (see later) She is called the "House of God", the place where Jaweh is dwelling. The Ark symbolizes the primordial wisdom of "God born out of the Womb". The Tree of Life, the symbol taken by Israel from the Canaanites is universal. In our Tradition it represents the Mother and Her Sons (stem and branches).

The next object is the so-called Shrine Madonna or Vierge Ouvrante. She is most venerated in Mother Worship. Like the Black Virgins, she can be traced back to the ancient Egyptian Isis cult. Gnostic circles have kept her underground, until the Templars brought her back from the holy land. The absolutely unique fact about her is, that she contains both God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, indicating the original cosmogony, in which the Great Mother is the Ultimate Reality, giving birth to the Divine.

* See [the special chapter about Her.](#)

Mother Worship also considers Ka'aba, the Holy Shrine of Islam a special object. According to Islamic sources, Ka'aba originates from the era "before time", e.g. the time of the Mother. The Shrine contains a meteorite, a stone coming out of the dark universal Womb and hence considered holy. Mother Worship acknowledges the Ka'aba as the "House of God", respecting the principle of "There is only one God" and even that of "Mohammed being one of God's prophets".

The Holy Grail * is part of the universal vessel/stone mysticism, symbolizing the Mother in Her aspect of continuous regeneration, probably originating from India, where goddesses are revered in their aspects of menstruating Womb. Through very early contacts between India and the Middle East (pilgrims from India visiting the Artemis Sanctuary in Ephese), the Chalice became a vessel symbol, f.e. as part of the Ark of the Covenant. Finally, Templars brought it to W.Europe.

See: [The Vision](#)

The Taoist symbol for the original Mother ("Tao") is the Circle. It became the symbol for universal unity, frequently used in other religions as well (Zen). In the West it is represented by the snake, biting his own tale, symbolizing the primordial uroborus.

In Buddhism, the memory of the Great Mother can still be found in the symbol of the Lotus. The Buddha is not only sitting on the Lotus, but also emerging from it/born out of it. In Great Mother Buddhism, the symbol of the Universal Womb is a White Lotus in a Black Circle.

In Hinduism, the original representation for the primordial Great Mother (Matri Devi) is the triangle, symbolizing the Triple Mother, the unity of Kali, Laksmi and Sarasvati, the destruction, preservation and rebirth aspects of the Mother (later to become Shiva, Vishnu and Brahman). The triangle (yoni, vulva) also serves as the central cult symbol - the origin of the universe - as practised in Tantra.

The Womb, the Ark, the Tree of Life, the Shrine Madonna, the Black Virgins, the Ka'aba, the Holy Grail, the Circle, the Lotus and the Triangle are the "officially recognized" Cult Objects of Mother Worship.

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* Mother & Sons

Purification

Womb Worship is introducing a unique Chinese purification technique (ritual). It is called "Guasha" which means "scraping". Originating from prehistoric times and still practised by some indigenous peoples, Guasha found its way into the mainstream of Chinese Traditional Medicine. Because some claim, that the stone originally was a meteorite, we also call it "Mother Stone Therapy".

In the treatment a special oil is put on a particular area of the skin whereafter the therapist starts "scraping" the area with a "scraper" (an specially designed instrument of jade or horn). Very soon the skin becomes red. The amazing thing is, that on places where disorders are hidden, red spots appear IN the skin (not ON the skin) comparable to hemorrhage. Because the scraping is on the oily skin the patient will hardly feel pain - neither during nor after the treatment - the skin will not be damaged, and the red spots will fully disappear within 3 to 7 days.

The spectacular results of Mother Stone Purification are achieved because of its simultaneous effects on body, mind and Spirit. Its effects are a.o. detoxification, improvement of blood circulation, reflex effects on the organs, stimulation of the immune system, removing blockades, treating pain, clarity of mind, stimulation of creativity and inner balance, all in ONE simple scraping treatment! Guasha purification is usually recommended by the mater (or one of the servants). It can be done individually - as a treatment or as a self-help technique - or as a part of the Full Moon Celebration for instance. Guasha will be taught to members of the Reborn Order as part of their training. Others may also be interested in doing a course.

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* www.meihan-guasha.nl

Seasonal Festivals

Part of our effort is to restore contact with nature is its celebration of the four Seasonal Festivals: Winter (21st e.g. 25st of December), Spring (21st of March), Summer (21st of June) and Autumn (21 of October). It is not only corresponding with ancient matriarchal practices, but also with North European and Roman ("pagan") religions. Later many of them became "christened", like "our" Christmas for instance.

Since Seasonal Festivals are often connected with local customs and folk beliefs - and thus vary according to place and time - Mother Worship is reluctant to prescribe any form of practice here. However, she could imagine, that at least certain things like chanting, music, dancing, a procession (carrying the Magna Mater with us!), a happening in nature, offering, a ritual, eating and drinking, hugging, including a feast for the children, will be a permanent item on the program.

Read:

* J. & K.Lankester "De acht Jaarfeesten", 1998 De Kern (In Dutch)

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The Scriptures

All texts from the "primordial basin" are relevant to us. That includes fragments from Sumer, Babylon, Egypt, the Corpus Hermeticum, the other Gnostics (Nag Hammadi Codex), the Essenes and later the (women)mystics, heretics and others. Even St. Augustine had to acknowledge that "the essence of what characterizes Christendom, already existed before the latter emerged" (Retractiones 1.12.3). Combined with recent theological studies (G.Lüdemann and many others), it is fair to say, that the Bible is just a result of eclectic activity, censured by church authority with the aim of establishing and exercising power. "True sayings" of Jesus may not even exceed 15% of the New Testament.

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Sumerian Scriptures

Inanna's Song of Power

My father* gave me the heavens, gave me the earth,
I am Inanna!
Kingship he gave me,
queenship he gave me,
waging of battle he gave me, the attack he gave me,
the floodstorm he gave me, the hurricane he gave me!
The heavens he set as a crown on my head,
the earth he set as sandals on my feet,
a holy robe he wrapped around my body,
a holy sceptre he placed in my hand.
The gods are sparrows -- I am a falcon;
the Anunnaki trundle along -- I am a splendid wild cow;
I am father Enlil's splendid wild cow,
his splendid wild cow leading the way!

* This was the time in which, although the position of the Great Mother was still strong, patriarchy was beginning to take hold.

The Holy Priestess of Heaven

I say, "Hail!" to the Holy One who appears in the heavens!
I say, "Hail!" to the Holy Priestess of Heaven!
I say, "Hail!" to Inanna, Great Lady of Heaven!
Holy Torch! You fill the sky with light!

You brighten the day at dawn!
I say, "Hail!" to Inanna, Great Lady of Heaven!
Awesome Lady of the Annuna Gods!
Crowned with great horns,
You fill the heavens and earth with light!
I say, "Hail!" to Inanna, First Daughter of the Moon!
Mighty, majestic, and radiant,
You shine brilliantly in the evening,
You brighten the day at dawn,
You stand in the heavens like the sun and the moon,
Your wonders are known both above and below,
To the greatness of the Holy Priestess of Heaven,
To you, Inanna, I sing!
Sumerian Hymn quoted from Inanna Queen of Heaven
by Wolkstein and Kramer.

Inanna: The Holy One

The people of Sumer parade before you.
They play in the street ala-drums before you.
The people of Sumer parade before you.
I say, " Hail !" to Inanna, Great Lady of Heaven!

They beat the holy drum and timpani before you.
The people of Sumer parade before you.
I say, " Hail !" to Inanna, Great Lady of Heaven!

They play the holy harp and timpani before you.
The people of Sumer parade before you.
I say, " Hail !" to Inanna, Great Lady of Heaven!
The male prostitutes comb their hair before you.
They decorate the napes of their necks with colored scarves,
They drape the cloak of the gods about their shoulders.
The righteous man and woman walk before you.
They hold the soothing harp by their sides.
Those who follow wear the sword belt.
They grasp the spear in their hands.
The people of Sumer parade before you.
The women adorn their right side with men's clothing.
The people of Sumer parade before you.
I say, " Hail !" to Inanna, Great Lady of Heaven!
The men adorn their left side with women's clothing.
The people of Sumer parade before you.
I say, " Hail !" to Inanna, First Daughter of the Moon!
The young men, who carry hoops, sing to you.
The maidens and coiffured priestesses walk before you,
They carry the sword and double-edged ax.
The ascending kurgarra priests raise their swords before you.
The priest, who covers his sword with blood, sprinkles blood,
He sprinkles blood over the throne of the court chamber*.

The tigi-drum, the sem-drum, and the ala-tambourine resound !
In the heavens the Holy One appears alone.
* Indication of (male) sacrifice rituals?

Inanna and Dumuzi "The Ecstasy of Love"

Last night, as I, the Queen, was shining bright,
Last night, as I, the Queen of Heaven, was shining bright,
As I was shining bright, as I was dancing about,
As I was uttering a song at the brightening of the oncoming night,
He met me,
He met me,
The Lord Kuli-Anna met me,
The Lord put his hand into my hand,
Ushumgalanna embraced me.
"Come now, wild bull, set me free, I must go home,
Kuli-Enlil, set me free, I must go home,
What shall I say to deceive my mother!
What shall I say to deceive my mother Ningal!"
"Let me inform you, let me inform you.
Inanna, most deceitful of women, let me inform you:
'My girl friend took me with her to the public square,
She entertained me there with music and dancing,
Her chant, the sweet, she sang for me.
In sweet rejoicing I whiled away the time there' -
Thus deceitfully stand up to your mother,
While we by the moonlight indulge (our) passion,
I will [prepare] for you a bed pure, sweet, (and) noble,
Will while away the sweet time with you in joyful fulfillment."
It is a sagidda.

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I have come to our mother's gate,
I, in joy I walk,
I have come to Ningal's gate,
I, in joy I walk.
To my mother he will say the word,
He will sprinkle cypress oil on the ground,
To my mother Ningal he will say the word,
He will sprinkle cypress oil on the ground,
He whose dwelling is fragrant,
Whose word brings deep joy.
My Lord is seemly for the holy lap,
Amaushumgalanna, the son-in-law of Sin,
The Lord Dumuzi is seemly for the holy lap,
Amaushumgalanna, the son-in-law of Sin.
My Lord, sweet is your increase,
Tasty your plants (and) herbs in the plain,
Amaushumgalanna, sweet is your increase,

Tasty your plants (and) herbs in the plain.
It is a sagarra. A tigi-song of Inanna.

My Lady looks in sweet wonder from heaven.
She looks in sweet wonder on all the lands
And on the people of Sumer as numerous as sheep.

The Prayer of Enheduanna, priestess of Inanna

Queen of all the ME, Radiant Light,
Life-giving Woman, beloved of An (and) Urash,
Hierodule of An, much bejeweled,
Who loves the life-giving tiara, fit for High Priestesshood,
Who grasps in (her) hand, the seven ME,
My Queen, you who are the Guardian of All the Great ME,
You have lifted the ME, have tied the ME to Your hands,
Have gathered the ME, pressed the ME to Your breast.

* ME stands for "initiation"

Great Queen of Queens,
Have become greater than Your mother who gave birth to you,
(as soon as) you came forth from the Holy Womb,
Knowing, Wise, Queen of All the Lands,
Who multiplies (all) living creatures (and) peoples --
I have uttered Your Holy song.
Life-Giving Goddess, fit for the ME,
whose acclamation is exalted,
Merciful, Live-Giving Woman, Radiant of Heart,
I have uttered it before You in accordance with the ME.
Dearest Queen, Beloved of An,
Let your Holy heart, the Noble, return to me,
Beloved wife of Ushumgalanna (Dumuzi),
Great Queen of the Horizon and the Zenith,
The Anunna have prostrated themselves before you.
Although at birth You were the younger sister,
How much greater You have become than the Anunna,
the Great Gods!
The Anunna kiss the ground before You.
It is not my verdict that has been completed,
it is a strange verdict that has been turned into my verdict,
The fruitful bed has been abolished,
(So that) I have not interpreted to man the commands of Ningal.
For me, the Radiant En of Nanna,
May your heart be soothed, You who are the Queen beloved of An.

Babylonian Scriptures

Descent of the Goddess Ishtar into the Lower World

[From The Civilization of Babylonia and Assyria, M. Jastrow, 1915]

To the land of no return, the land of darkness,
Ishtar, the daughter of Sin directed her thought,
Directed her thought, Ishtar, the daughter of Sin,
To the house of shadows, the dwelling, of Irkalla,
To the house without exit for him who enters therein,
To the road, whence there is no turning,
To the house without light for him who enters therein,
The place where dust is their nourishment, clay their food.'
They have no light, in darkness they dwell.
Clothed like birds, with wings as garments,
Over door and bolt, dust has gathered.
Ishtar on arriving at the gate of the land of no return,
To the gatekeeper thus addressed herself:

"Gatekeeper, ho, open thy gate!
Open thy gate that I may enter!
If thou openest not the gate to let me enter,
I will break the door, I will wrench the lock,
I will smash the door-posts, I will force the doors.
I will bring up the dead to eat the living.
And the dead will outnumber the living."
The gatekeeper opened his mouth and spoke,
Spoke to the lady Ishtar:
"Desist, O lady, do not destroy it.
I will go and announce thy name to my queen Ereshkigal."*
The gatekeeper entered and spoke to Ereshkigal:
"Ho! here is thy sister, Ishtar ...
Hostility of the great powers ...
When Ereshkigal heard this,
As when one hews down a tamarisk she trembled,
As when one cuts a reed, she shook:
"What has moved her heart [seat of the intellect] what has stirred her liver [seat of the emotions]?
Ho there, does this one wish to dwell with me?
To eat clay as food, to drink dust as wine?
I weep for the men who have left their wives.
I weep for the wives torn from the embrace of their husbands;
For the little ones cut off before their time.
Go, gatekeeper, open thy gate for her,
Deal with her according to the ancient decree."
The gatekeeper went and opened his gate to her:
Enter, O lady, let Cuthah greet thee.

* Ishtar's sister Queen of the Underworld

Incantation to Ishtar

O heroic one, Ishtar; the immaculate one of the goddesses,
Torch of Heaven and earth, radiance of the continents,
The goddess 'Lady of Heaven', first-begotten of Sin, first-born of Ningal,
Twin-sister of . . . the hero Shamash [the Sun-god];
O Ishtar, you are Anu [the supreme god], you rule the heavens;
With Enlil the Counsellor you advise mankind;
The Word, creator of liturgies and rituals of 'Hand-washing'.

.....
Where conversation takes place, you, like Shamash, are paying attention,

.....
You alter the Fates, and an ill event becomes good;
I have sought you amongst the gods; supplications are offered to you;
To you amongst the goddesses I have turned, with intent to make entreaty,
Before you is a (protecting) shedu[a genie], behind you a (protecting) lamassu [another type of genie],
At your right is Justice, at your left Goodness,
Fixed on your head are Audience, Favour, Peace,
Your sides are encompassed with Life and Well-being;
How good it is to pray to you, how blessed to be heard by you!
Your glance is Audience, your utterance is the Light.
Have pity on me, O Ishtar! Order my prospering!
Glance on me in affirmation! Accept my litany!

.....
I have borne your yoke; set tranquility (for me)!
I have sought your brightness; may my face be bright.
I have turned to your dominion; may it be life and well-being for me.
May I (too) have a favourable shedu like that before you;
May I (too) have a lamassu like that which goes behind you.
May I garner the prosperity at your right hand,
May I attain to the favour at your left hand.

.....
Lengthen my days, bestow life!
Let me live, let me be well, let me proclaim your divinity.
Let me achieve what I desire

The Greatness That Was Babylon. HWF Saggs, p. 327.

Prayer to Ishtar

Unto the queen of the gods,
into whose hands are committed the behest of the great gods,
unto the lady of Nineveh, the queen of the gods,
the exalted one, unto the daughter of the moon-god,
the twin sister of the sun god, unto her who ruleth all kingdoms,
unto the goddess of the world who deetermineth decrees,
unto the Lady of heaven and earth who recieveth supplication,

unto the merciful goddess who hearkeneth unto entreaty,
who receiveth prayer, who loveth righteousness,

I make my prayer unto Ishtar
to whom all confusion is a cause of grief.
The sorrows which I see I lament before thee.
Incline thine ear unto my words of lamentation
and let thine heart be opened unto my sorrowful speech.

Turn thy face unto me,
O Lady, so that by reason thereof
the heart of thy servant may be made strong!

I, Ashur-nasir-pal, the sorrowful one, am thy humble servant;
I, who am beloved of thee, make offerings unto thee and adore thy divinity
. . . . I was born in the mountains which no man knoweth;
I was without understanding and I prayed not of thy majesty.
Moreover the people of Assyria did not recognise and did not accept thy divinity.

But thou, O Ishtar, thou mighty Queen of the gods,
by the lifting up of thine eyes did teach me,
for thou didst desire my rule.
Thou didst take me from the mountains,
and didst make me the Door of my peoples
. . . and thou, O Ishtar, didst make great my name!
As concerning that for which thou are wrath with me,
grant me forgiveness.
Let thine anger be appeased,
and let thine heart be mercifully inclined towards me.

Egyptian Scriptures

Isis

In the beginning Isis was a protective mother goddess of birth, life and death, later transformed into the Highest of All with the Throne as Her symbol. Her worship flourished in Egypt for all of its three thousand years. Her faith eventually spread throughout the Near East and Mediterranean. In later Rome her cult became very important: the roads and ships of the Roman Empire carried Isis to ancient France, Germany and Britain.

First the cult of Isis spread from Alexandria throughout the Hellenistic world after the 4th century BC. It appeared in Greece in combination with the cults of Horus, her son, and Serapis, the Greek name for Osiris. The Greek historian Herodotus identified Isis with Demeter, the Greek goddess of earth, agriculture, and fertility. Her cult was later introduced (86 BCE) into Rome and became one of the most popular branches of Roman religion. After the institution of Christianity, and the last remaining Egyptian temples to Isis were closed in the middle of the 6th century AD, leaving behind "secret knowledge" to Gnostic groups, leading to her revival in the form of the Madonna devotion - Black Virgin and the Shrine Madonna - respectively...

Hymns to Isis

(From the Temple of Isis at Philae--translations by Louis Zabkar in Hymns to Isis in Her Temple at Philae):

Praise to you, Isis, the Great One, God's mother, Lady of Heaven, Mistress and Queen of the gods.

You are the First Royal Spouse of Wennefer/Osiris,

The Bull, The Lion who overthrows all his enemies, The Lord and ruler of eternity.

Praise to you, Isis, the Great One, God's mother, Lady of Heaven, Mistress and Queen of the gods.

You are the First Royal Spouse of Wennefer/Osiris,

One who protects her brother and watches over the weary-of heart.

Praise to you, Isis, the Great One, God's mother, Lady of Heaven, Mistress and Queen of the gods.

O Isis, the Great, God's mother, lady of Philae, God's Wife, God's Adorer and God's Hand,

God's mother and Great Royal Spouse, Adornment and Lady of the Ornaments of the Palace.

Lady and desire of the green fields, Nursling who fills the palace with her beauty,

Fragrance of the palace, mistress of joy, Who completes her course in the Divine Place.

Rain-cloud that makes green the fields when it descends, Maiden, sweet of love, Lady of Upper and Lower Egypt,

Who issues orders among the divine Ennead, According to whose command one rules.

Princess, great of praise, lady of charm, Whose face enjoys the trickling of fresh myrrh.



Isis, giver of life, residing in the Sacred Mound, Satis, Lady of Biggeh:

She is the one who pours out the Inundation That makes all people live and green plants grow,

Who provides divine offerings for the gods, And invocation-offerings for the Transfigured Ones.

Because she is lady of Heaven, Her spouse is Lord of the Netherworld,

Her son is Lord of the Land, Her spouse is the pure water, rejuvenating himself at Biggeh at his time.

She is lady of Heaven, Earth, and the Netherworld, Having brought them into existence through what her heart conceived and her hands created,

She is the Bai that is in every city, Watching over her son Horus and her brother Osiris.



May Isis come to her House to join her Image, Her radiance underlying the faces,

Like the radiance of Ra when he shows himself in the morning.

The female Horus, beloved of the Great Horus, Mother of Horus, created by Atum,

Great Royal Spouse, united with Ra, Who protects her brother Osiris.

Mistress of flame who assaults the rebels, Who slays Apep/Apophis in an instant,

Uraeus of Ra, the Coiled One upon his head, Who gives orders in the barque of the King of Upper and Lower Egypt.

From the Stela of Amenmose and the Great Hymn of Osiris:
translations in Ancient Egyptian Literature Vol II by Miriam Lichtheim



[Isis] served as his protector,drove off the enemies, put a stop to the misdeed;

Removed the Enemy by power of her spell—golden-tongued, her speech cannot fail, Skilled in command, beneficent Isis, who rescued her brother.

She searched for him, would not give in to her weariness,wandered about this land in mourning,

Would not take rest until she had found him.

She made him shade with her feathers, Made breeze by fanning her wings;

Danced the Dance of Last Mooring for her brother, Tempered the weakness of him who was weary of heart;

She received his seed, produced an heir; Brought up the child in solitude

(the place could not be known);

Introduced him, with his arm grown sturdy, Into the court of Geb.

Gnostic Scriptures

The Gospel of Thomas

From www.gnosis.org changed and re-edited

These are the secret sayings, that the living Jesus spoke and Didymos Judas Thomas recorded.

1. And he said, "Whoever discovers the meaning of these sayings will not taste death."
2. Jesus said, "Those who seek should not stop seeking until they find. When they find, they will be disturbed. When they are disturbed, they will marvel, and will reign over all. [And after they have reigned they will rest.]"
3. Jesus said, "If your leaders say to you, 'Look, the (Father's) kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky will precede you. If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you. Rather, the kingdom is within you and it is outside you. When you know yourselves, then you will be known, and you will know that you are children of the living Father. But if you do not know yourselves, then you live in poverty, and you are the poverty."
4. Jesus said, "The person old in days won't hesitate to ask a little child seven days old about the place of life, and that person will live. For many of the first will be last, and will become a single one."
5. Jesus said, "Know what is in front of your face, and what is hidden from you will be disclosed to you. For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. [And there is nothing buried that will not be raised.]"
6. His disciples asked him and said to him, "Do you want us to fast? How should we pray? Should we give to charity? What diet should we observe?"

Jesus said, "Don't lie, and don't do what you hate, because all things are disclosed before heaven. After all, there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and there is nothing covered up that will remain undisclosed."

7. Jesus said, "Lucky is the lion that the human will eat, so that the lion becomes human. And foul is the human that the lion will eat, and the lion still will become human."
8. And he said, The person is like a wise fisherman who cast his net into the sea and drew it up from the sea full of little fish. Among them the wise fisherman discovered a fine large fish. He threw all the little fish back into the sea, and easily chose the large fish. Anyone here with two good ears had better listen!
9. Jesus said, Look, the sower went out, took a handful (of seeds), and scattered (them). Some fell on the road, and the birds came and gathered them. Others fell on rock, and they didn't take root in the soil and didn't produce heads of grain. Others fell on thorns, and they choked the seeds and worms ate them. And others fell on good soil, and it produced a good crop: it yielded sixty per measure and one hundred twenty per measure.
10. Jesus said, "I have cast fire upon the world, and look, I'm guarding it until it blazes."
11. Jesus said, "This heaven will pass away, and the one above it will pass away."

The dead are not alive, and the living will not die. During the days when you ate what is dead, you made it come alive. When you are in the light, what will you do? On the day when you were one, you became two. But when you become two, what will you do?"

12. The disciples said to Jesus, "We know that you are going to leave us. Who will be our leader?"

Jesus said to them, "No matter where you are you are to go to James the Just, for whose sake heaven and earth came into being."

13. Jesus said to his disciples, "Compare me to something and tell me what I am like."

Simon Peter said to him, "You are like a just messenger."

Matthew said to him, "You are like a wise philosopher."

Thomas said to him, "Teacher, my mouth is utterly unable to say what you are like."

Jesus said, "I am not your teacher. Because you have drunk, you have become intoxicated from the bubbling spring that I have tended."

And he took him, and withdrew, and spoke three sayings to him. When Thomas came back to his friends they asked him, "What did Jesus say to you?"

Thomas said to them, "If I tell you one of the sayings he spoke to me, you will pick up rocks and stone me, and fire will come from the rocks and devour you."

14. Jesus said to them, "If you fast, you will bring sin upon yourselves, and if you pray, you will be condemned, and if you give to charity, you will harm your spirits.

When you go into any region and walk about in the countryside, when people take you in, eat what they serve you and heal the sick among them.

After all, what goes into your mouth will not defile you; rather, it's what comes out of your mouth that will defile you."

15. Jesus said, "When you see one who was not born of woman, fall on your faces and worship. That one is your Father."

16. Jesus said, "Perhaps people think that I have come to easy peace upon the world. They do not know that I have come to cast conflicts upon the earth: fire, sword, war.

For there will be five in a house: there'll be three against two and two against three, father against son and son against father, and they will stand alone.

17. Jesus said, "I will give you what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, what no hand has touched, what has not arisen in the human heart."

18. The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us, how will our end come?"

Jesus said, "Have you found the beginning, then, that you are looking for the end? You see, the end will be where the beginning is.

Congratulations to the one who stands at the beginning: that one will know the end and will not taste death."

19. Jesus said, "Congratulations to the one who came into being before coming into being.

If you become my disciples and pay attention to my sayings, these stones will serve you.

For there are five trees in Paradise for you; they do not change, summer or winter, and their leaves do not fall. Whoever knows them will not taste death."

20. The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us what Heaven's kingdom is like."

He said to them, It's like a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, but when it falls on prepared soil, it produces a large plant and becomes a shelter for birds of the sky.

21. Mary said to Jesus, "What are your disciples like?"

He said, They are like little children living in a field that is not theirs. when the owners of the field come, they will say, "Give us back our field." They take off their clothes in front of them in order to give it back to them, and they return their field to them.

For this reason I say, if the owners of a house know that a thief is coming, they will be on guard before the thief arrives and will not let the thief break into their house (their domain) and steal their possessions.

As for you, then, be on guard against the world. Prepare yourselves with great strength, so the robbers can't find a way to get to you, for the trouble you expect will come.

Let there be among you a person who understands.

When the crop ripened, he came quickly carrying a sickle and harvested it. Anyone here with two good ears had better listen!

22. Jesus saw some babies nursing. He said to his disciples, "These nursing babies are like those who enter the kingdom."

They said to him, "Then shall we enter the kingdom as babies?"

Jesus said to them, "When you make the two into one, and when you make the inner like the outer and the outer like the inner, and the upper like the lower, and when you make male and female into a single one, so that the male will not be male nor the female be female, when you make eyes in place of an eye, a hand in place of a hand, a foot in place of a foot, an image in place of an image, then you will enter [the kingdom]."

23. Jesus said, "I shall choose you, one from a thousand and two from ten thousand, and they will stand as a single one."

24. His disciples said, "Show us the place where you are, for we must seek it."

He said to them, "Anyone here with two ears had better listen! There is light within a person of light, and it shines on the whole world. If it does not shine, it is dark."

25. Jesus said, "Love your friends like your own soul, protect them like the pupil of your eye."

26. Jesus said, "You see the sliver in your friend's eye, but you don't see the timber in your own eye. When you take the timber out of your own eye, then you will see well enough to remove the sliver from your friend's eye."

27. "If you do not fast from the world, you will not find the kingdom. If you do not observe the sabbath as a sabbath you will not see the Father."

28. Jesus said, "I took my stand in the midst of the world, and in flesh I appeared to them. I found them all drunk, and I did not find any of them thirsty. My soul ached for the children of humanity, because they are blind in their hearts and do not see, for they came into the world empty, and they also seek to depart from the world empty.

But meanwhile they are drunk. When they shake off their wine, then they will change their ways."

29. Jesus said, "If the flesh came into being because of spirit, that is a marvel, but if spirit came into being because of the body, that is a marvel of marvels.

Yet I marvel at how this great wealth has come to dwell in this poverty."

30. Jesus said, "Where there are three deities, they are divine. Where there are two or one, I am with that one."

31. Jesus said, "No prophet is welcome on his home turf; doctors don't cure those who know them."

32. Jesus said, "A city built on a high hill and fortified cannot fall, nor can it be hidden."

33. Jesus said, "What you will hear in your ear, in the other ear proclaim from your rooftops.

After all, no one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, nor does one put it in a hidden place. Rather, one puts it on a lampstand so that all who come and go will see its light."

34. Jesus said, "If a blind person leads a blind person, both of them will fall into a hole."

35. Jesus said, "One can't enter a strong person's house and take it by force without tying his hands. Then one can loot his house."

36. Jesus said, "Do not fret, from morning to evening and from evening to morning, [about your food--what you're going to eat, or about your clothing--] what you are going to wear. [You're much better than the lilies, which neither card nor spin.

As for you, when you have no garment, what will you put on? Who might add to your stature? That very one will give you your garment.]"

37. His disciples said, "When will you appear to us, and when will we see you?"

Jesus said, "When you strip without being ashamed, and you take your clothes and put them under your feet like little children and trample them, then [you] will see the son of the living one and you will not be afraid."

38. Jesus said, "Often you have desired to hear these sayings that I am speaking to you, and you have no one else from whom to hear them. There will be days when you will seek me and you will not find me."

39. Jesus said, "The Pharisees and the scholars have taken the keys of knowledge and have hidden them. They have not entered nor have they allowed those who want to enter to do so.

As for you, be as sly as snakes and as simple as doves."

40. Jesus said, "A grapevine has been planted apart from the Father. Since it is not strong, it will be pulled up by its root and will perish."

41. Jesus said, "Whoever has something in hand will be given more, and whoever has nothing will be deprived of even the little they have."

42. Jesus said, "Be passersby."

43. His disciples said to him, "Who are you to say these things to us?"

"You don't understand who I am from what I say to you.

Rather, you have become like the Judeans, for they love the tree but hate its fruit, or they love the fruit but hate the tree."

44. Jesus said, "Whoever blasphemes against the Father will be forgiven, and whoever blasphemes against the son will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the holy spirit will not be forgiven, either on earth or in heaven."

45. Jesus said, "Grapes are not harvested from thorn trees, nor are figs gathered from thistles, for they yield no fruit.

Good persons produce good from what they've stored up; bad persons produce evil from the wickedness they've stored up in their hearts, and say evil things. For from the overflow of the heart they produce evil."

46. Jesus said, "From Adam to John the Baptist, among those born of women, no one is so much greater than John the Baptist that his eyes should not be averted.

But I have said that whoever among you becomes a child will recognize the kingdom and will become greater than John."

47. Jesus said, "A person cannot mount two horses or bend two bows.

And a slave cannot serve two masters, otherwise that slave will honor the one and offend the other.

"Nobody drinks aged wine and immediately wants to drink young wine. Young wine is not poured into old wineskins, or they might break, and aged wine is not poured into a new wineskin, or it might spoil.

An old patch is not sewn onto a new garment, since it would create a tear."

48. Jesus said, "If two make peace with each other in a single house, they will say to the mountain, 'Move from here!' and it will move."

49. Jesus said, "Congratulations to those who are alone and chosen, for you will find the kingdom. For you have come from it, and you will return there again."

50. Jesus said,

"If they say to you, 'Where have you come from?' say to them, 'We have come from the light, from the place where the light came into being by itself, established [itself], and appeared in their image.'

If they say to you, 'Is it you?' say, 'We are its children, and we are the chosen of the living Father.'

If they ask you, 'What is the evidence of your Father in you?' say to them, 'It is motion and rest.'"

51. His disciples said to him, "When will the rest for the dead take place, and when will the new world come?"

He said to them, "What you are looking forward to has come, but you don't know it."

52. His disciples said to him, "Twenty-four prophets have spoken in Israel, and they all spoke of you."

He said to them, "You have disregarded the living one who is in your presence, and have spoken of the dead."

53. His disciples said to him, "is circumcision useful or not?"

He said to them, "If it were useful, their father would produce children already circumcised from their mother. Rather, the true circumcision in spirit has become profitable in every respect."

54. Jesus said, "Congratulations to the poor, for to you belongs Heaven's kingdom."

55. Jesus said, "Whoever does not hate father and mother cannot be my disciple, and whoever does not hate brothers and sisters, and carry the cross as I do, will not be worthy of me."

56. Jesus said, "Whoever has come to know the world has discovered a carcass, and whoever has discovered a carcass, of that person the world is not worthy."

57. Jesus said, The Father's kingdom is like a person who has [good] seed. His enemy came during the night and sowed weeds among the good seed. The person did not let the workers pull up the weeds, but said to them, "No, otherwise you might go to pull up the weeds and pull up the wheat along with them." For on the day of the harvest the weeds will be conspicuous, and will be pulled up and burned.

58. Jesus said, "Congratulations to the person who has toiled and has found life."

59. Jesus said, "Look to the living one as long as you live, otherwise you might die and then try to see the living one, and you will be unable to see."

60. He saw a Samaritan carrying a lamb and going to Judea. He said to his disciples, "that person ... around the lamb." They said to him, "So that he may kill it and eat it." He said to them, "He will not eat it while it is alive, but only after he has killed it and it has become a carcass."

They said, "Otherwise he can't do it."

He said to them, "So also with you, seek for yourselves a place for rest, or you might become a carcass and be eaten."

61. Jesus said, "Two will recline on a couch; one will die, one will live."

Salome said, "Who are you mister? You have climbed onto my couch and eaten from my table as if you are from someone."

Jesus said to her, "I am the one who comes from what is whole. I was granted from the things of my Father."

"I am your disciple."

"For this reason I say, if one is whole, one will be filled with light, but if one is divided, one will be filled with darkness."

62. Jesus said, "I disclose my mysteries to those [who are worthy] of [my] mysteries.

Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

63. Jesus said, There was a rich person who had a great deal of money. He said, "I shall invest my money so that I may sow, reap, plant, and fill my storehouses with produce, that I may lack nothing." These were the things he was thinking in his heart, but that very night he died. Anyone here with two ears had better listen!

64. Jesus said, A person was receiving guests. When he had prepared the dinner, he sent his slave to invite the guests. The slave went to the first and said to that one, "My master invites you." That one said, "Some merchants owe me money; they are coming to me tonight. I have to go and give them instructions. Please excuse me from dinner." The slave went to another and said to that one, "My master has invited you." That one said to the slave, "I have bought a house, and I have been called away for a day. I shall have no time." The slave went to another and said to that one, "My master invites you." That one said to the slave, "My friend is to be married, and I am to arrange the banquet. I shall not be able to come. Please excuse me from dinner." The slave went to another and said to that one, "My master invites you." That one said to the slave, "I have bought an estate, and I am going to collect the rent. I shall not be able to come. Please excuse me." The slave returned and said to his master, "Those whom you invited to dinner have asked to be excused." The master said to his slave, "Go out on the streets and bring back whomever you find to have dinner."

Buyers and merchants [will] not enter the places of my Father.

65. He said, A [...] person owned a vineyard and rented it to some farmers, so they could work it and he could collect its crop from them. He sent his slave so the farmers would give him the vineyard's crop. They grabbed him, beat him, and almost killed him, and the slave returned and told his master. His master said, "Perhaps he didn't know them." He sent another slave, and the farmers beat that one

as well. Then the master sent his son and said, "Perhaps they'll show my son some respect." Because the farmers knew that he was the heir to the vineyard, they grabbed him and killed him. Anyone here with two ears had better listen!

66. Jesus said, "Show me the stone that the builders rejected: that is the keystone."

67. Jesus said, "Those who know all, but are lacking in themselves, are utterly lacking."

68. Jesus said, "Congratulations to you when you are hated and persecuted;

and no place will be found, wherever you have been persecuted."

69. Jesus said, "Congratulations to those who have been persecuted in their hearts: they are the ones who have truly come to know the Father.

Congratulations to those who go hungry, so the stomach of the one in want may be filled."

70. Jesus said, "If you bring forth what is within you, what you have will save you. If you do not have that within you, what you do not have within you [will] kill you."

71. Jesus said, "I will destroy [this] house, and no one will be able to build it [...]."

72. A [person said] to him, "Tell my brothers to divide my father's possessions with me."

He said to the person, "Mister, who made me a divider?"

He turned to his disciples and said to them, "I'm not a divider, am I?"

73. Jesus said, "The crop is huge but the workers are few, so beg the harvest boss to dispatch workers to the fields."

74. He said, "Lord, there are many around the drinking trough, but there is nothing in the well."

75. Jesus said, "There are many standing at the door, but those who are alone will enter the bridal suite."

76. Jesus said, The Father's kingdom is like a merchant who had a supply of merchandise and found a pearl. That merchant was prudent; he sold the merchandise and bought the single pearl for himself.

So also with you, seek his treasure that is unfailling, that is enduring, where no moth comes to eat and no worm destroys."

77. Jesus said, "I am the light that is over all things. I am all: from me all came forth, and to me all attained.

Split a piece of wood; I am there.

Lift up the stone, and you will find me there."

78. Jesus said, "Why have you come out to the countryside? To see a reed shaken by the wind? And to see a person dressed in soft clothes, [like your] rulers and your powerful ones? They are dressed in soft clothes, and they cannot understand truth."

79. A woman in the crowd said to him, "Lucky are the womb that bore you and the breasts that fed you."

He said to [her], "Lucky are those who have heard the word of the Father and have truly kept it. For there will be days when you will say, 'Lucky are the womb that has not conceived and the breasts that have not given milk.'"

80. Jesus said, "Whoever has come to know the world has discovered the body, and whoever has discovered the body, of that one the world is not worthy."

81. Jesus said, "Let one who has become wealthy reign, and let one who has power renounce."

82. Jesus said, "Whoever is near me is near the fire, and whoever is far from me is far from the kingdom."

83. Jesus said, "Images are visible to people, but the light within them is hidden in the image of the Father's light. He will be disclosed, but his image is hidden by his light."

84. Jesus said, "When you see your likeness, you are happy. But when you see your images that came into being before you and that neither die nor become visible, how much you will have to bear!"

85. Jesus said, "Adam came from great power and great wealth, but he was not worthy of you. For had he been worthy, [he would] not [have tasted] death."

86. Jesus said, "[Foxes have] their dens and birds have their nests, but human beings have no place to lay down and rest."

87. Jesus said, "How miserable is the body that depends on a body, and how miserable is the soul that depends on these two."

88. Jesus said, "The messengers and the prophets will come to you and give you what belongs to you. You, in turn, give them what you have, and say to yourselves, 'When will they come and take what belongs to them?'"

89. Jesus said, "Why do you wash the outside of the cup? Don't you understand that the one who made the inside is also the one who made the outside?"

90. Jesus said, "Come to me, for my yoke is comfortable and my lordship is gentle, and you will find rest for yourselves."

91. They said to him, "Tell us who you are so that we may believe in you."

He said to them, "You examine the face of heaven and earth, but you have not come to know the one who is in your presence, and you do not know how to examine the present moment."

92. Jesus said, "Seek and you will find.

In the past, however, I did not tell you the things about which you asked me then. Now I am willing to tell them, but you are not seeking them."

93. "Don't give what is holy to dogs, for they might throw them upon the manure pile. Don't throw pearls [to] pigs, or they might ... it [...]."

94. Jesus [said], "One who seeks will find, and for [one who knocks] it will be opened."

95. [Jesus said], "If you have money, don't lend it at interest. Rather, give [it] to someone from whom you won't get it back."

96. Jesus [said], The Father's kingdom is like [a] woman. She took a little leaven, [hid] it in dough, and made it into large loaves of bread. Anyone here with two ears had better listen!

97. Jesus said, The [Father's] kingdom is like a woman who was carrying a [jar] full of meal. While she was walking along [a] distant road, the handle of the jar broke and the meal spilled behind her [along] the road. She didn't know it; she hadn't noticed a problem. When she reached her house, she put the jar down and discovered that it was empty.

98. Jesus said, The Father's kingdom is like a person who wanted to kill someone powerful. While still at home he drew his sword and thrust it into the wall to find out whether his hand would go in. Then he killed the powerful one.

99. The disciples said to him, "Your brothers and your mother are standing outside."

He said to them, "Those here who do what my Father wants are my brothers and my mother. They are the ones who will enter my Father's kingdom."

100. They showed Jesus a gold coin and said to him, "The Roman emperor's people demand taxes from us."

He said to them, "Give the emperor what belongs to the emperor, give God what belongs to God, and give me what is mine."

101. "Whoever does not hate [father] and mother as I do cannot be my [disciple], and whoever does [not] love [father and] mother as I do cannot be my [disciple]. For my mother [...], but my true [mother] gave me life."

102. Jesus said, "Damn the Pharisees! They are like a dog sleeping in the cattle manger: the dog neither eats nor [lets] the cattle eat."

103. Jesus said, "Congratulations to those who know where the rebels are going to attack. [They] can get going, collect their imperial resources, and be prepared before the rebels arrive."

104. They said to Jesus, "Come, let us pray today, and let us fast."

Jesus said, "What sin have I committed, or how have I been undone? Rather, when the groom leaves the bridal suite, then let people fast and pray."

105. Jesus said, "Whoever knows the father and the mother will be called the child of a whore."

106. Jesus said, "When you make the two into one, you will become children of Adam, and when you say, 'Mountain, move from here!' it will move."

107. Jesus said, The kingdom is like a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. One of them, the largest, went astray. He left the ninety- nine and looked for the one until he found it. After he had toiled, he said to the sheep, 'I love you more than the ninety- nine.'

108. Jesus said, "Whoever drinks from my mouth will become like me; I myself shall become that person, and the hidden things will be revealed to him."

109. Jesus said, The (Father's) kingdom is like a person who had a treasure hidden in his field but did not know it. And [when] he died he left it to his [son]. The son [did] not know about it either. He took over the field and sold it. The buyer went plowing, [discovered] the treasure, and began to lend money at interest to whomever he wished.

110. Jesus said, "Let one who has found the world, and has become wealthy, renounce the world."

111. Jesus said, "The heavens and the earth will roll up in your presence, and whoever is living from the living one will not see death."

Does not Jesus say, "Those who have found themselves, of them the world is not worthy"?

112. Jesus said, "Damn the flesh that depends on the soul. Damn the soul that depends on the flesh."

113. His disciples said to him, "When will the kingdom come?"

"It will not come by watching for it. It will not be said, 'Look, here!' or 'Look, there!' Rather, the Father's kingdom is spread out upon the earth, and people don't see it."

Saying added to the original collection at a later date:

114. Simon Peter said to them, "Make Mary leave us, for females don't deserve life." Jesus said, "Look, I will guide her to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every female who makes herself male will enter the kingdom of Heaven."

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Gnostic Scriptures and Fragments

The Gospel According to Mary

Archive Notes:

The text appears in the Papyrus Berolinensis 8502 (Akhmim Codex). This Coptic codex was acquired in Cairo in 1896 by Dr. Rheinhardt, but due to war and misfortune it was not published until 1955. The codex contains parts of three texts: *The Gospel of Mary*, the *Apocryphon of John* and

the *Sophia of Jesus Christ*. By the time of its publication in 1955, the Nag Hammadi texts had also appeared, and it was found that versions of the latter two texts (the *Apocryphon of John* and the *Sophia of Jesus Christ*) were also included in the Nag Hammadi collection. These manuscripts were used conjointly to produce the translations of the two texts as they now appear in the Nag Hammadi Library

The *Gospel of Mary* (Magdalene) manuscript, the only know version of which is found in the Akhmim Codex, is missing pages 1 to 6, and pages 11 to 14 -- these included sections of the text up to chapter 4, and portions of chapter 5 to 8.

The Gospel According to Mary (Magdalene)

Chapter 4

...Will matter then be destroyed or not?

22) The Savior said, All nature, all formations, all creatures exist in and with one another, and they will be resolved again into their own roots.

23) For the nature of matter is resolved into the roots of its own nature alone.

24) He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

25) Peter said to him, Since you have explained everything to us, tell us this also: What is the sin of the world?

26) The Savior said There is no sin, but it is you who make sin when you do the things that are like the nature of adultery, which is called sin.

27) That is why the Good came into your midst, to the essence of every nature in order to restore it to its root.

28) Then He continued and said, That is why you become sick and die, for you are deprived of the one who can heal you.

29) He who has a mind to understand, let him understand.

30) Matter gave birth to a passion that has no equal, which proceeded from something contrary to nature. Then there arises a disturbance in its whole body.

31) That is why I said to you, Be of good courage, and if you are discouraged be encouraged in the presence of the different forms of nature.

32) He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

33) When the Blessed One had said this, He greeted them all,saying, Peace be with you. Receive my peace unto yourselves.

34) Beware that no one lead you astray saying Lo here or lo there! For the Son of Man is within you.

35) Follow after Him!

36) Those who seek Him will find Him.

37) Go then and preach the gospel of the Kingdom.

38) Do not lay down any rules beyond what I appointed you, and do not give a law like the lawgiver lest you be constrained by it.

39) When He said this He departed.

Chapter 5

1) But they were grieved. They wept greatly, saying, How shall we go to the Gentiles and preach the gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of Man? If they did not spare Him, how will they spare us?

2) Then Mary stood up, greeted them all, and said to her brethren, Do not weep and do not grieve nor be irresolute, for His grace will be entirely with you and will protect you.

3) But rather, let us praise His greatness, for He has prepared us and made us into Men.

4) When Mary said this, she turned their hearts to the Good, and they began to discuss the words of the Savior.

5) Peter said to Mary, Sister we know that the Savior loved you more than the rest of woman.

6) Tell us the words of the Savior which you remember which you know, but we do not, nor have we heard them.

7) Mary answered and said, What is hidden from you I will proclaim to you.

8) And she began to speak to them these words: I, she said, I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to Him, Lord I saw you today in a vision. He answered and said to me,

9) Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me. For where the mind is there is the treasure.

10) I said to Him, Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit?

11) The Savior answered and said, He does not see through the soul nor through the spirit, but the mind that is between the two that is what sees the vision and it is [...]

(pp.11-14 missing)

Chapter 8:

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Chapter 7. Archaic Mother Community

10) And desire said, I did not see you descending, but now I see you ascending. Why do you lie since you belong to me?

11) The soul answered and said, I saw you. You did not see me nor recognize me. I served you as a garment and you did not know me.

12) When it said this, it (the soul) went away rejoicing greatly.

13) Again it came to the third power, which is called ignorance.

14) The power questioned the soul, saying, Where are you going? In wickedness are you bound. But you are bound; do not judge!

15) And the soul said, Why do you judge me, although I have not judged?

16) I was bound, though I have not bound.

17) I was not recognized. But I have recognized that the All is being dissolved, both the earthly things and the heavenly.

18) When the soul had overcome the third power, it went upwards and saw the fourth power, which took seven forms.

19) The first form is darkness, the second desire, the third ignorance, the fourth is the excitement of death, the fifth is the kingdom of the flesh, the sixth is the foolish wisdom of flesh, the seventh is the wrathful wisdom. These are the seven powers of wrath.

20) They asked the soul, Whence do you come slayer of men, or where are you going, conqueror of space?

21) The soul answered and said, What binds me has been slain, and what turns me about has been overcome,

22) and my desire has been ended, and ignorance has died.

23) In a aeon I was released from a world, and in a Type from a type, and from the fetter of oblivion which is transient.

24) From this time on will I attain to the rest of the time, of the season, of the aeon, in silence.

Chapter 9

1) When Mary had said this, she fell silent, since it was to this point that the Savior had spoken with her.

2) But Andrew answered and said to the brethren, Say what you wish to say about what she has said. I at least do not believe that the Savior said this. For certainly these teachings are strange ideas.

3) Peter answered and spoke concerning these same things.

- 4) He questioned them about the Savior: Did He really speak privately with a woman and not openly to us? Are we to turn about and all listen to her? Did He prefer her to us?
- 5) Then Mary wept and said to Peter, My brother Peter, what do you think? Do you think that I have thought this up myself in my heart, or that I am lying about the Savior?
- 6) Levi answered and said to Peter, Peter you have always been hot tempered.
- 7) Now I see you contending against the woman like the adversaries.
- 8) But if the Savior made her worthy, who are you indeed to reject her? Surely the Savior knows her very well.
- 9) That is why He loved her more than us. Rather let us be ashamed and put on the perfect Man, and separate as He commanded us and preach the gospel, not laying down any other rule or other law beyond what the Savior said.
- 10) And when they heard this they began to go forth to proclaim and to preach.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* www.gnosis.org

* www.gnosis.org/naghamm/gosthom.html

(For "The Gospel of Thomas")

* www.gnosis.org/naghamm/thunder.html

(For "Thunder, Perfect Mind", the Motherly Aspect of the Divine)

* www.gnosis.org/naghamm/sjc.html

(For "The Sophia of Jesus Christ")

The Bible 1

In her excellent book "Ich verwerfe im Lande die Kriege" Gerda Weiler is analyzing the Bible saying, that it (the Bible) has to be understood as a testimony of the struggle of the young patriarchy against the old Mother religion. While the Israelites are commonly regarded as "the twelve tribes of Israel, united under the guidance of the one God Jahweh and as such *the* example of the oldest monotheism on earth", Gerda Weiler is proving the opposite. In a series of fascinating chapters, she is looking behind patriarchal re-interpretations and emphasizes, that the twelve tribes weren't one people and that Jahweh originally was a - one of many - matriarchal (Canaaite) vegetationgod(s). Especially the archeological findings of Ras-Shamrah - a Canaite settlement - are proving the common matriarchal background of the mixed Israeli-Canaite population. "The struggle of Israel against "pagan (matriarchal) cultures surrounding them" was in fact the struggle of a small minority of fanatical Levite priests against its own (Mother-oriented) people. The early Israelites proved not to have had a monotheistic religion at all! It was the Levites that created the southern version of Jahweh, the jealous wargod, who only very late (1100 BCE) succeeded in overpowering all other

Gods. Through backward projection, Levite theology made Moses the receiver of the Law, which he (Moses) himself - as a matriarchal man, who kept watch over the sheep of his wife - has never known.

In ancient times the Great Mother is giving birth to one Son, symbolizing the oneness of nature. This God embodies the earth and the vegetation. Jahweh used to be such a God. As a competitor of Ba'al he promised the return of the seasons - summer and winter, draught and rain - on earth. In the Bible countless times "infertile" tribe mothers are giving birth to a choosen son, symbolizing the ancient cult of the Mother's Son/God, who's function it is to die and to become reborn, thus guaranteeing the cycle of fertility. He is the hero, who is voluntary descending into the underworld - the Lap of the Mother - to become reborn, in order for his people to survive. It is a theme, which can be found through the entire Middle-East, from Sumer to Egypt and from Canaan (Anat and Ba'al) via Dionysos to Jesus Christ. The Bible is full of places, where the emerging patriarchy tries to replace the myth of the mortal vegetation God by the eternal Jahweh. (Later Paul would do the same "trick" with Jesus). Sometimes a surprising open account of the old cult can be traced though. One is the Book of Hiob, the other is the famous Song of Songs.

The Labyrinth: "Mind your Steps"

* Mother of Israel

* The Song of Songs

Read:

* G.Weiler "Ich verwerfe im Lande die Kriege", 1986
Frauenoffensive (In German).

* The Book of Hiob
See a (your) Bible.

Marian Prayers & Litanies

Ave Mary

The first part of the prayer can be found in the liturgies of St. James of Antioch and St. Mark of Alexandria (4th or 5th century). It is also recorded in the ritual of St. Severus (538 AD). It only came to the West by the 7th century (Rome). The great popularity of the phrase by the 11th century is due to the writings of St. Peter Damian (1007-1072) and Hermann of Tournai (d.c. 1147), two crusaders (...). Later, probably by Pope Urban IV around the year 1262, Jesus' name was inserted at the end of the two passages, as to be sure that no other interpretation would "turn up!" The second half of the prayer (Holy Mary..) can be traced back to the 15th century, where it is found in the writings of St. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444 AD) and the Carthusians, the writings of the Servites and at some places in Germany.

The Text

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Litanies

The earliest genuine text of a Marian litany thus far known is in a twelfth-century codex in the Mainz Library. It originated at the highlight of women mysticism and the similarities with the ancient Mother hymns is striking. The original ones were very lengthy, so in the course of two centuries new invocations were composed, showing a better arrangement. A litany of this new form is that of a codex in the Library of St. Mark's, Venice, dating from the end of the thirteenth or the beginning of the fourteenth century. It is found in many manuscripts, proving that this text was especially well known and favourably received. Here is an example:

"Holy Mary, Mother and Spouse (...) of Christ, pray for me; Holy Mary, Mother inviolate; Holy Mary, Temple of the Holy Ghost; Holy Mary, Queen of Heaven; Holy Mary, Mistress of the Angels; Holy Mary, Star of Heaven; Holy Mary, Gate of Paradise; Holy Mary, Mother of True Counsel; Holy Mary, Gate of Celestial Life; Holy Mary, Our Advocate; Holy Mary, brightest Star of Heaven; Holy Mary, Fountain of True Wisdom; Holy Mary, unfailing Rose; Holy Mary, Beauty of Angels; Holy Mary, Flower of Patriarchs; Holy Mary, Desire of Prophets; Holy Mary, Treasure of Apostles; Holy Mary, Praise of Martyrs; Holy Mary, Glorification of Priests; Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin; Holy Mary, Splendour of Virgins and Example of Chastity", etc.

Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Litany of Loreto)

Holy Mary, *pray for us*.*
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel, Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,

Virgin most merciful,

Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of families
Queen of peace.

Going deeper into:

* www.udayton.edu
(The Marian Library)

Matrilogy/Thealogy

Every sincere study of the "Judeo-Christian tradition" is inevitably leading to the origin of that tradition: the Great Mother. It is sad to see, that even feminist theologians - because of fear to lose their place under the patriarchal sun - are pulling out here. Hence, Mother Worship having no other choice, but to think about founding its own "theological" school. The future curriculum will consist of at least four parts. The first - called matrilogy - will include the study of the Great Mother in all her aspects: Mother herstory, mythology, scriptures, exegesis, spirituality, ethics, liturgy etc.

"God is born out of the Mother", hence, the second part being theology/thealogy, a discipline embedded in its original (maternal) context. Emphasis is laid on Self-realization, mystical experience and feminine/masculine images of God. In its turn "God/the Goddess gave birth to the universe", the third part thus consisting of cosmo-gaiology (universe/earth science). Finally, the last part - the science of (wo)man - will include anthropology/ hu(wo)manistics. The revolutionary thing is, that apart from introducing the "mother of theology" - matrilogy - every part is integrated in a meaningful whole, according to the cosmogony of the Mother. We are very eager to make some sort of a start with our matrilogical school in the nearby future. Your feedback will be very much appreciated.

In order to achieve all this our Worship is aiming at establishing a Matricenter of the The Original Tradition. The center will include possibilities for teaching, training, study, worship, retreat, mission and conferences. All branches: Mother Worship/The Original Tradition, Stone/Vessel Mysticism (Judaism, Islam, Holy Grail), Great Mother Hinduism, Taoism, Shinto and Buddhism, will be represented. At the Sanctuary "Unity in diversity" of all religions will be put into practice. People from all cultural/religious backgrounds will find their home there. The Center will radiate the Truth of The Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality, together with a feminine world view transforming alle levels of society. Currently we are in a stage of contacting people worldwide. If you feel like involving yourself - in some way or another - in the creating of the Matricenter*, please let us know.

* Also called "Transformatorium/The Eternal Feminine.

Going deeper into:

* Unknown territory

THE ETERNAL FEMININE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF RELIGION

The Way

*The starting-point of the spiritual Path is to acknowledge your actual state of being. It will not be far from the truth claiming, that most people are alienated from their deeper Selves ("Heaven"), while simultaneously being isolated from their bodies and nature ("earth"). The deeper you allow this your existential suffering to enter your soul, the more intense your longing for Wholeness. * You will understand, that in order to be your Self, you have to drop your attachments. It corresponds with the Mothers' "destructive" aspect (1).*

* This is the first positive aspect of suffering.

The most decisive moment is that, in which you discover to be the observer of your own thoughts. Experiencing to be "here", while your thoughts are "there" - in front of you - is what we call awakening. It is the divine Spark within, that which always has been denied by the Father Church. Mother Worship guides you in establishing this new inner quality, that which you really Are, your true Self though. It corresponds with the Mothers' aspect of (re)birth (2).

After having made the leap from ignorance towards awareness, the third step is that of working on personal integration. It includes the re-integration of all parts of the small self that were once rejected, denied, excluded or suppressed.

The fourth step is that of fitting in. You are not an island in the ocean of life. Everything and everybody is interrelated, nothing excluded. Hence, in order to become fully human, you have to become part of the Whole again. You do this by restoring the unity with Heaven and earth. It corresponds with the Mothers' aspect of interconnectedness (3).

Once the vertical and the horizontal dimensions of life are restored, the Center - the Heart - is born. You may now deepen your experience by intensive meditation practices. Through it, your awareness will expand, until the Moment you transcend both body and mind. The Mother may then be embracing you with Her Light-Body, the Divine.

Meanwhile, attention is paid to regular purification of attachment to motives, emotions, desires, ambitions, intentions, ideals and goals.

Having experienced the Unlimited, gratitude will be filling your Heart. You will acknowledge the grace of the Mother in Her aspect of giving birth to the New. Having discovered the secret of total regeneration, taking refuge in the Mother will become your permanent Home. By submitting yourself to Her - celebrating Her Law of the universe - your life will become more and more balanced.

Go deeper into:

* [Awakening](#)

* [Personal Integration](#)

* [Rooted in Heaven and Earth](#)

- * [To become One with the Light](#)
- * [Bodymind Purification](#)
- * [Taking Refuge in the Mother](#)
- * [The Great Learning](#)

THE ETERNAL FEMININE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF RELIGION

Community

Mother Worship considers the Community as the foundation of life. It corresponds with the Mothers' aspect of interconnectedness. The Community is a part of Her body. Because of this, no life can exist on its own. Extreme individualism like we experience in this "postmodern" times proves to be a disease. This fact is being emphasized by modern physics and ecology. The entire universe is a web in which plants, rocks, rivers, electrons, animals, clouds, bacteria and humans cannot exist without each other. Hence, the need of restoring the Wholeness of life.

With regard to the Community Mother Worship emphasizes the principle of "being your Self connected". Which means that she cares for both the vertical aspect - being rooted in "Heaven" - as well as the horizontal aspects of life - being rooted in the earth. The consequences of this are far reaching. Because every human being has a divine Spark within, nothing less than Self sovereignty will satisfy the need for having a meaningful life. At the same time the need for being together, to share and to be responsible for one's direct surroundings has to be taken in consideration.

Re-organizing the Community has the highest priority. Our efforts are based on three pillars: The Great Learning, the Consociative Society according to Johannes Althusius and a society organized along matricentrical lines. The first goes back to one of the four Confucian classics in which it is said: "In order to rule the state, you first have to manage your estates well. In order to manage your estates well, you first should bring your private relationships into order. In order to harmonize your personal relationships you first should be balanced yourself". Self- realization with subsequent drawing of concentric circles around oneself - from the Self to the family, from the family to the neighborhood, from the neighborhood to the commune etc. - is where it is all about.

*Strive for Enlightenment, restructure your life
while serving others*

Go deeper into:

- * [The Great Learning](#)
- * [The Consociative Society According to J.Althusius](#)
- * [Matricentrism](#)
- * [Love, Sex and Eroticism](#)

* [Children's Education](#)

* www.vitalworld.org

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Practicalities

Contact

Please click [here](#).

MotherCircles

Reborn Groups (home meetings) are organized by our members. Their aim: A Joyous Life through kicking the habit of self-addiction, (including Taking Refuge in the Mother and Full Moon Celebrations).

See: www.motherworship.com

Mother Healing

Healings are held regularly. They have a very important function in Worship. It is an opportunity to be "your Self connected". Usually with body cleansing, massage, heaven & earth exercises (tiendi qigong), teaching, Q and A (satsang), emotional self-integration, walking in nature etc.

See: www.motherworship.com

Healing Communities

The spiritual nobility of Mother Worship. Their mission includes: Spiritual Service-Health Service-Community Service. Those who are interested in becoming a member may contact us.

See: www.originaltrad.fathweb.com

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimages are held at least once a year. The purpose is to receive inspiration and to "re-sanctify" holy places. Pilgrimages will often be combined with spiritual fasting. They can be divided between 1. Archeological Mother sites (a.o. Barnenez/ Neolithic/France, Malta, Philae, Ephese, Crete, Black or Shrine Madonna's) 2. Participating in local practices (Compostela, St.Marie de la Mer, Africa, Bali, Taiwan, Ryuku islands, Haiti etc.) and 3. Sacred places in nature (holy mountains, caves, jungle, desert). See also: <http://www.arthistory.sbc.edu/sacredplaces/sacredplacesintro.html>

Mother & Sons

Unity in diversity of all religions

The Mother is all-embracing, the great religions are Her Sons. Hence, Mother Worship offers her service promoting dialogue, understanding, exchange, learning, reconciliation and friendship among various religious groups.

Charity

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Chapter 8

Mother of Judaism

“Also sprach”* the Messiah

Queen of Heaven

Jeremiah 44:17-19

8.1 “We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord! We will certainly do everything we said we would: We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and will pour out drink offerings to her just as we and our ancestors, our kings and our officials did in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. At that time we had plenty of food and were well off and suffered no harm (saw no misfortune). But ever since we stopped burning incense to the Queen of Heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been perishing by sword and famine.” “And,” said the women, “when we were burning sacrifices to the Queen of Heaven and were pouring out drink offerings to her, was it without our husbands that we made for her sacrificial cakes in her image and poured out drink offerings to her?”

The Rabbinic Myth

8.2 I translated previous text because it is a (the) key to understanding the “Jewish Problem”. It is clearly reflecting the conflict between the old Mother Religion and upcoming patriarchy. Crucial is to distinguish between the people and the elite. The people worshipped the Queen of Heaven, while the priests tried to push their patriarchal God Yahweh through. It is clear that this was NOT a smooth transition. The people made it clear to the Yahweh-nists, that their God is not welcome. To underline their case, they reminded the Hebrew prophets that “in the old times” even kings and princes worshipped Asherah. As long as they did that, there was affluence, once they stopped, disaster occurred. We know that indeed king Solomon was an ardent supporter of the Queen of Heaven, Asherah. The first conclusion is that there was at that time a sharp and irreconcilable gap between the Hebrew people and the religious (Yahweh-nist) ruling class. It justifies the conclusion that there were two religions in Judea and that “monotheism” had been (violently) imposed upon the people.

8.3 This leads to the following consideration. Starting point is Babylon. There the Hebrews lived among people who worshipped (among others) a Mother Goddess. The former felt very much attracted to Her. This alarmed the Hebrew priests. These fanatical Yahweh-nists feared loss of power “over the flock”. These elite did everything to keep control over the people. Because they were still in exile they had no real power, so they did the only thing they could do: creating a Myth of superiority. Inferiority was overcompensated by a superiority-complex. They created the idea of “monotheism” (Yahweh-ism), the God who “promised them the “Holy Land”, his covenant with

“his” “chosen people”, the “exodus out of Egypt and the destruction of the Canaanite people. Their religious vision was (is) one unified nation of racial exclusivity e.g. purity, while the rest of (wo)mankind belongs to an inferior “caste”. The coming of the Jewish messiah is the beginning of a Jewish paradise, a world government ruled by Jews, while the gentiles are forever doomed to work as slaves for the Jewish masters.* It is deeply disturbing that in our times a small Zionist group – after the Jews suffered the Horrors of the Holocaust – started the genocide on the Palestinians, the latter according to some (Shlomo Sand) being the direct descendents of the historical Jews! The former shows all the symptoms of the “original” ego-overcompensation syndrome: a weak self-identity, alienation from reality (cultural autism), extreme self-centeredness (narcissism), the absence of compassion, a superiority-complex e.g. hatred towards all “others”, obsession with money and power, culminating in megalomania. So, how this problem can be solved? Answer: it is solved by its own inner dynamics. A blown-up ego is a bubble that – due to its own unlimited expansion - sooner or later collapses. Indeed, while the Zionists work hard on their illusion of “world hegemony”, the rest of humanity only have to sit down and watch, relying with Heart & Mind on the redeeming Power of Nothingness (“Cosmic Mother”).

***This “ego-overcompensation complex” lies at the foundation of the pathology of Western civilization. Just one example: the Germans started as a fragmented and divided people too, leading to impotence and an inferiority complex. Ego-overcompensation through the “Aryan Myth” and the superior “German race”, leading to the Jews as “untermenschen”/“inferior race” with terrible consequences: the Holocaust, the destruction of millions of Jews. Genocides like this are not isolated events, though. “Never again” remains a hollow phrase if the real cause is not understood. The post-war US wars (Vietnam/Iraq) and the Zionist genocide on the Palestinians prove that nothing has been learned from the Holocaust. From the beginning the “Judaean-Christian civilization” was based on ego-overcompensation, a cultural pathology, whereby “the other” (the “non-believer”, the “subhuman”, the “inferior race”) is exploited, oppressed and demonized. Only by acknowledging this common pattern, that nowadays pushes towards the “final solution” of the entire Earth, a turning point can be achieved. Extensive elaboration on the German Ego-Pathology, see my Book “Origin”.**

God is All-Inclusive. If you think “God” is there only for you, you haven’t the slightest idea about who/what God is. You simply worship your own narcissistic projections.

8.4 Back to where it all started. To be a “Jew” means being a believer of the Rabbinic Myth....what the chauvinists call the Jewish identity is thus a fiction (after Shlomo Sand, Israel Shahak, Aaron Russo) (See ch. 4). Because of its constant fear of falling back on its original insignificance, the Jewish elite fanatically clings to its Myth of superiority. Their greed for power is accordingly. Despite tough resistance of the original Hebrews the rabbi’s succeeded in their indoctrination. The main threat to the priestly dreams of ruling elite was the babylonian Mother Goddess. It is logical that these Yahweh-nists, themselves adherents to a male God, developed a deep hatred towards Her. It pushed their zeal towards a patriarchy to the limit. Even today the Talmud – with approval of the authorities – openly expresses racist contempt to everything non-Jewish. It also explains why Jewish society is oppressing its women. E.g. rabbi’s have the right to control menstruation. Another way to do it is to “militarize” femininity (S.Sered). In practice this means that femininity is dominated by masculine “values”. This is not an irrelevant side-effect. On the contrary, it touches the core of the matter. Deep down rabbis hate the feminine*. Through their Myth of masculine superiority they imposed this “value” on everybody else. (One more detail: in Israel the common expression for a non-Jewish woman is whore (“shiksa”). The suppression of femininity in the Jewish (male) soul is tragic. Because originally they were devoted followers of the Mother. There is thus only one conclusion. In the past Semite (Canaanite!) tribe people were indoctrinated by

patriarchal “values” that were not their own**. They lost their true roots in exchange of a Myth. It is thus impossible to speak of “a unified Jewish nation” or “one Jewish identity”. The way out of it – this time a real exodus – is to return to the real roots. In practice it means to restore the Eternal Feminine to begin with, both in their own souls as well as their religious perception. It is about recognition of the Canaanite part of their Being. It is this motherly part that is inclusive, taking care of all Jewish inner agony: their inherent Angst, their suppressed feelings of humiliation, insignificance, powerlessness.

*Just an example. ”There is a great difference between belief and practice in ancient Israel. The religion of Israel prohibited the performance of any ceremony regarding hieros gamos (“sacred marriage”). By the same token, the worship of the sacred tree (Asherah) which has left traces in Israelite worship has been strictly forbidden” (Moshe Weinfeld).

**Criticizing Jews and Israel, one should not generalize, but distinguish between the hardcore of advocates of the Myth and the victims of that Myth, the Jewish people. The first category consists of Yahweh-nist, Rabbinic, Zionist ruling class, while the people have their roots in a diverse, Canaanite, feminine-oriented, reform-Jewish, liberal, gentile, peace-oriented, open and tolerant past. Unfortunately, intimidation, manipulation, indoctrination, insecurity and fear made the people accept the Myth a great deal. However, under the surface the cry for liberation lies dormant. Thus, instead of attacking the people as a whole, all effort has to be made to unmasking the Myth. It is this Myth that is responsible for the (current) “Jewish Problem”.

“A man should behave in truth and uprightness to his neighbor, without perverting justice. He should have compassion on his neighbor in truth just as the Holy One, Blessed is He, has compassion on those of His creatures who are no more than average, to perfect them in accordance with the quality of truth”. (Rabbi Moses Cordovero)

*To the Cosmic Mother all people are “chosen”, no one excluded.
And not only people, but also the grass, the trees, the
animals, the rivers, the rocks and the clouds*

8.5 The lost Ark of the Covenant* symbolizes the lost "Mother of Israel". The former is called the "House of God", which points at the original Mother Religion. In ancient tradition "house", like vessel, tomb, cave, chalice etc. all represent the Great Mother. In Solomon's time the Holiest of Holiest of the Temple was called "Womb of Asherah"... "House/vessel of God" means the Mother containing her Divine Son. It is emphasized by the fact, that the historic Ark contained a chalice as well as a rod, (others claim it was empty, which is reflecting the Essence of the Mother, as well), the latter symbolizing the rule of the Son, Yahweh. Still some memory of the motherly Emptiness may have been there, because in Hebrew "In the beginning" (ruach) can be translated with "womb". Also in Genesis the words "Void", "Abyss" and "Darkness" (teohom) all refer to Tiamat ("Sea"), the primordial Mother of Babylon. Thus "God created out of Nothingness (Darkness)", is a patriarchal reversal of the Mother as Birth giver of the world. Things were twisted round. In later times Hokhmah (Sophia) or wisdom appears as the feminine aspect of God (Proverbs) (rather than the other way round). In 8:12-36 she still speaks on her own account, though.

* Not accidentally is the later Mary called....the Ark of the Covenant (Litany of Loreto).

8.6 Since the origins of dualism (Iran, India) two aspects, which previously were part of a Whole, were torn apart and set up against each other. Light and darkness, God and world, good and evil, birth and death became two separate entities. Originally, they were inalienable instruments of the Great Mother. They could not exist on their own. The patriarchal fear of ego-loss demonized

darkness, death and evil while starting a crusade against them. Thus in the Jewish Kabbalah the Goddess Lilith appears as the antipode of Hokhmah. She is the personification of evil and a caricature of the Mother. On the other hand Isaac Luria, a Kabbalist, came very close to the reality of the Cosmic Mother as Vacuum. He said that God as Nothingness continuously descends into his own Depth ("Tzimtzum") and emerges from it, together with his creation*. I think it's very worthwhile to include this concept into comparative mysticism.

*Luria's intuition comes very close to the Truth. Instead of the Divine "descending into its own Depth", the Cosmic Vacuum (Womb, Abyss) contains two opposite, yet complementary Cosmic Forces: Creation (Light) and Destruction (Darkness). Everything goes back to the Origin, while emerging from it (Her) in the SAME eternal Moment. G. Scholem claims a "Mother" who gives birth and destroys. As always in the Kabbalah this remains object of speculation. It never becomes Truth.

The idea of a "chosen people" is an insult to God

8.7 *"Prior to Creation, there was only the Infinite or "En Sof" filling all existence. When it arose in G-d's Will to create worlds and emanate the emanated...He contracted (in Hebrew "tzimtzum") Himself in the point at the centre, in the very centre of His Light. He restricted that light, distancing it to the sides surrounding the central point, so that there remained a void, a hollow empty space, away from the central point... After this tzimtzum... He drew down from the En Sof a single straight line [of light] from His Light surrounding [the void] from above to below [into the void], and it chained down descending into that void.... In the space of that void He emanated, created, formed and made all the worlds. (Etz Chaim,Arizal, Heichal A"K, anaf 2)" Wiki.*

Example of how Judaism tried to re-create Truth, while leaving the Mother out! Admirable, but incorrect

8.8 Another example of how the memory of the Original Great Mother still can be traced in the Lurianic Kabbalah (later is the quotation by Nathan of Gaza). As sign of the spiritual progress of his master (Sabbatai Sevi) it is said that the latter "rose his step to his mother". According to G.Scholem* this can only mean the sefirah "Binah" (Divine attribute, configuration), which is also called the Supernal Mother. Typical for all patriarchal religions is that they took Mother's power from Her, while degrading Her to a lower status. Here the surprise is that the Binah was "upgraded" as "Holy Ancient One". In many traditions this is a common name for the Mother (In Islam the priests of the Ka'aba are called "Sons of the Old Woman"). The point is that "in the times of the messiah" the "Holy Ancient One" will become manifest as the Redeemer, causing "Tikkun" (harmony, restoration) on Earth. Together with it, important changes will occur in the structure of the mystical Cosmos. It is part of the teaching of the "world cycles", in which the Cosmos eventually returns to its Source, Divine Wisdom, and the Original Mother**. How incredible actual this is! It is open to speculation whether the Primordial (oral) Torah was received through the Mother as well. Unfortunately the Original Source was "forgotten", in favour of a dogmatic priestly rule.

*Gershom Scholem "Sabbatai Sevi, the Mystical Messiah", 1973 Princeton University Press.

**In the Zohar, the kabbalist commentary on the Torah, allusions on the Eternal Heavenly Mother are made. It calls the feminine aspect of the Shekinah "Goddess" ("Elleh"). The Mother is considered the "mirror image" of the Sefiroth (the 10 attributes of God). In the Book of Proverbs She was the Lady Mother of Wisdom, the Source of wisdom to King Solomon. It is here that an opening can be made to the mutual understanding of religions. Central stands the ego as life-denying entity. Ego is nihilistic (denial of the Divine as Primordial Ground), giving it up is Realization of IT. This insight is universal. If the world acknowledges the Mother as the Cosmic Vacuum (confirmed by physics) or Womb, as the Ultimate Origin to which the ego returns to give itself up, the former giving birth to the "Divine Spark Within", then a

foundation for universal reconciliation has been laid. It is based on the wisdom that “one has to descend in order to ascend”.

8.9 The two lines of Tradition are Canaan (Asherah) and the Kabbalah (mystical treatise). It is very likely that after Asherah was suppressed by the priests, She came back (centuries later) through the Kabbalah. One astonishing thing: the kabbalist “Sacred Tree (of Life)” is synonymous to the Mother Goddess Asherah, later to be copied as the Jewish Menorah. The Kabbalah reduced this to abstract categories: “tif’ereth” and malkhuth”, the male and female aspect of God. Thus in the Kabbalah, the mystical view (Isaac Luria) comes close to the Wisdom of the Original Mother Religion. Reconnecting these two elements is very exciting. It could bring New Life in Judaism. Crucial is the transfer between speculative axioms (mind categories being the substance of Judaism) into Reality. It goes like this. In the beginning there was the Great Mother. She is identical with the Queen of Heaven, to Whom the entire population of Juda brought their offerings. She is the Canaanite Mother Goddess Asherah. Out of Her Cosmic Womb the Light (God, En-Sof) is born. Rather than “God created space” (as in the Lurianic Kabbalah), Reality proves that the MOTHER is Absolute Nothingness. Instead of God contracting (Tzimtzum), in order to make space for creating the world, She is Empty from Eternity, uninterruptedly giving birth to the Divine Light (En-Sof), its emanations (Sefiroth) and the universe*. The Kabbalah thus can be considered as an important step towards the Universal Cosmic Order.

*The entire Jewish Drama has one single root cause
Its self-delusion of being the “chosen people”
Everything else can be traced back to it*

8.10 Starting point is the ego. Very early in history the Hebrew ego dissociated itself from the Whole. It identified itself with the Myth of the “chosen people”. Because of isolation and oppression during the centuries the Jews have been clinging to this idea, in order to survive as a “people”. Nowadays this necessity has turned into a self-induced threat. Increasingly, people around the world do not accept this exclusivist position. The way out is the Cosmic Womb! Taking refuge in Her Bottomless Abyss (Tehom....) the ego loses its self-centred identity. By doing so the Mother grants you your True Self, the Divine Spark within you. This is not the end though. In order to become fruitful (Tikkun) in the world this your True Self “incarnates” by becoming part of the Whole (once again). In contrast to the Jewish Talmud – where everything is based on speculative thinking, a vicious circle with no way out - this Whole is equal to Reality. Jews, for the first time in history, have the opportunity to exchange their (destructive) Myth into the Reality of “Heaven, Earth and the Community”. Instead of a self-obsessed (pseudo)reality, Jews – like all other people on this Earth - find their (true) identity in Universal Truth.

*Historically, Yahweh was Her Son, later to become Her Lover. In the first phase the Son continuously returned to his Mother. Though the emancipation of his ego, he separated from Her, starting a career for himself, exclaiming “I am the Only God” upon which his Mother exclaims: “This is a lie, Yahweh. The Light is Mother’s first Divine emanation. It is the Dimension through which the Mother is giving birth to the world. There is thus a hierarchy: The Cosmic Mother giving birth to God (first emanation) and the universe (second emanation). It appears that at the beginning, Judaism was based on the Divine Feminine. With the Mother as the Ultimate, the Origin of All, not only the current authoritarian, exclusivistic and militaristic Jewish society, but indeed the entire world will be healed.

*The Mission of the Messiah:
To free you from your delusions*

The Jewish Dilemma

<p>Babylon I. Where it all started Rabbinic Law Monotheism Yahweh Dogma/Control/Power Torah/Talmud Orthodox Judaism Zionism Oppression of women State power Anglo/Zionists New World Order Racism/Oppression</p>	<p>Babylon II. Where it all started People's Religion Vegetation Gods Polytheism Queen of Heaven God-Experience Mysticism Heterodox Judaism Women as Goddesses Frankfurt School A New Society Cosmic Consciousness Tikkun</p>
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Which Judaism do YOU prefer?



From the Zohar to the Madonna

8.11 Jacob Frank was the successor of the “false” Jewish Messiah Sabbatai Zvi. He is part of the Babylon II Tradition. He had a deep longing for God-Experience. From that point of view he considered “official” Yahwehism a religion of the dead letter. His passion was to revive, renew True Religion. This, he said, is only possible if the old is broken down. Obviously the Rabbi’s were not amused. They did everything in their power to denounce Frank and the Frankists. Indeed, there were aspects of behaviour (rudeness, self-aggrandizement, sexual orgies) that were open to criticism. In recent times Frankist ideas are totally distorted. It has culminated in Satanism, as the way of the Western “elites” to create a New World Order, based on oppression, surveillance, exploitation and worse. Surprisingly, even now Frank shows us the right direction. After many years of “nihilism” he found his Refuge in the Black Madonna (of Czestochowa, Poland). It is the Mother Who brings Reconciliation, the end of violent dialectics and True Peace to the world. In the end of his life Frank hoped to reconcile Judaism, Christianity and Islam, everything through the Power of the Mother.

8.12 The new Adam and the new Eve represent feminine and masculine mysteries that are at the heart of the Jewish mystical theology. The Frankists remained influential in Polish Catholicism and many of the Polish sources are influenced by Frankist ideas. The Frankists have been misrepresented by their enemies and critics but I think that their teachings need to be reassessed in the light of the current global crisis. The Frankists’ symbol was the red Rose. Jacob Frank spent 13 years at Czestochowa where Our Lady appeared to him as a beautiful Virgin. Jacob Frank was a devotee of the Zohar and Our Lady. He saw her connection with the concepts of Kneset Yisrael, Matronita and Sabbath Queen as revealed in the Zohar. He stated: *“If you had caught on to that Maiden (The Virgin Matronita) in whom rests all the power of the world then you would have come in to the power to do works. But since you are not worthy of this, to cling to her, I know not to whom she will reveal her*

secret, and I am sworn and wait to do and fulfill whatever she orders done. And I bless you, for she has commanded me to receive you, and I rejoice. I told you that I am only a messenger, and whatever she says to me, I do." Jacob Frank here humbly claims to be only a servant and messenger of Our Lady. He also stated: "*You were not worthy to understand when I said to you, 'I will show you God', for first you must meet the Virgin because she is the Gate to God, and through her one enters in to God.*" He also referred to her as the Redemptress. The Jewish tradition also calls Esther a Redemptress. Jacob Frank and his teaching have been distorted by his enemies and also by occultists to their own ends. Even some of his own followers did not fully understand what he had taught them. Zohar 1:11b refers to Rabbi Shimon as a precious pearl. This pearl shines forth as a great light. Jacob Frank describes the light or aspect of God that he had and its growth as a pearl. As Rabbi Shimon was in a cave for 13 years so Jacob Frank was in a 'cave'/prison for 13 years at Czestochowa. He associated this era with miraculous Roses that would bloom every day for 110 years. These Roses are the wonderful mystical insights that would find their full blossoming when the Jewish mystical tradition would be united with the Catholic mystical tradition leading to a wonderful era of peace. He also predicted the coming Holocaust of the Jews in Europe. The Jesuits had strongly supported Jacob Frank and his followers and both the Frankists and Jesuits were hated by certain groups within the Church that worked with the anti-Frankist Jewish authorities in order to slander and persecute both groups. The Frankists were also called Zoharists. The Lady of the Zohar who is the Jewish Rosa Mystica is revealed to Frank as Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Aron Ben Gilad (abbreviated)

Asherah in the Torah

8.13

27 Bible Verses (out of 64) about Asherah

1 Kings 11:5

For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:33

because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did.

Deuteronomy 16:21

"You shall not plant for yourself an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself.

1 Samuel 31:10

They put his weapons in the temple of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

1 Samuel 7:3

Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your heart,

remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the LORD and serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

Isaiah 27:9

Therefore through this Jacob's iniquity will be forgiven; And this will be the full price of the pardoning of his sin: When he makes all the altar stones like pulverized chalk stones; When Asherim and incense altars will not stand.

Judges 2:13

So they forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtaroth.

Judges 10:6

Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.

1 Samuel 12:10

"They cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve You.'

Judges 3:7

The sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth.

2 Kings 23:13

The high places which were before Jerusalem, which were on the right of the mount of destruction which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled.

1 Kings 14:15

"For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger.

1 Kings 14:23

For they also built for themselves high places and sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree.

2 Kings 17:10

They set for themselves sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree,

2 Kings 17:16

They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.

1 Kings 15:13

He also removed Maacah his mother from being queen mother, because she had made a horrid image as an Asherah; and Asa cut down her horrid image and burned it at the brook Kidron.

1 Kings 16:33

Ahab also made the Asherah Thus Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

1 Kings 18:19

"Now then send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

2 Kings 13:6

Nevertheless they did not turn away from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel sin, but walked in them; and the Asherah also remained standing in Samaria.

2 Kings 21:3

For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

2 Kings 21:7

Then he set the carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

2 Kings 23:4

Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

2 Kings 23:7

He also broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes which were in the house of the LORD, where the women were weaving hangings for the Asherah.

Jeremiah 17:2

As they remember their children, So they remember their altars and their Asherim By green trees on the high hills.

Jeremiah 7:18

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the Queen of Heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me.

Chapter 9

Great Mother Buddhism

also called

Ekayana or Original Buddhism

“Also sprach” the Maitreya: Origins, Prophecies and the Messenger

Origins

9.1 The origin of Buddhism (Ekayana) lies in pre-Buddhist times. It starts with the Great Mother Tradition, subsequently followed by Hinduism. Hinduism is the only religion (apart from Taoism) in which a continuity of the Original Mother is still visible. Buddhism is a reaction to Hinduism. Logically, in order to distinguish itself from its predecessor, the former had to change core teachings. At the same time it was the beginning of patriarchal religion. Hence, especially insights and concepts related to the "Eternal Feminine" had to be "transformed". For instance, central to the Mother Religion was the "cycle of life and death". It corresponded with feminine logic of menstruation, the change of seasons and the moon phases. Because in archaic times the role of men was secondary (to that of women) - often related to that of "vegetation god", in which they had to sacrifice themselves to ensure the next harvest - men were seeking "a way out". They started the "quest for immortality". However, the underlying Truth, namely the Mother as the Vacuum - the Cosmic Womb - could not simply be ignored. That's why the Buddha not only proclaimed his Awakening, but subsequently referred it to something beyond: Nirvana. According to the Buddha Enlightenment has to be put into the context of Absolute Emptiness, the Void. The latter, not the former has to be considered the Ultimate. In the Sukhavativyuhasutra ("Land of Bliss") for instance, the Buddha is asking Maitreya: "Did you see any being in the Land of Bliss, that has been originating from the *lap*?" Few realize that with this the Buddha acknowledged "Darkness" to be the Origin of Light - a memory of "the old times" - a hierarchy that under the influence of patriarchal developments within Buddhism was soon "forgotten". Not surprisingly, knowing that Buddhism originally was an enterprise entirely aimed at overcoming "the cycle of birth and death" - the feminine aspect of life - after all, a fact even not fully acknowledged by renowned feminist scholars*. "Buddhahood" became a dimension for itself and on its own. The "organic" relationship with the Absolute Void was

pushed to the background. It was the Yogacara school that re-opened the discussion though. It emphasized "tathagathagarbha", the Womb. This school not only restored the original lineage ("Light born out of Darkness"), but had no problems with feminine connotations of the Origin. A tendency which later - in a weakened and deviated form - was to be continued by Vajrayana Buddhism.

* R.Gross "Buddhism after patriarchy", 1993 State University of New York Press

In Great Mother Buddhism the "cycle of birth and death" is reunited with its Origin, overcoming 2000 years of (hidden) dualism

9.2 This is confirmed by insights of those who suffered the Great Death* (Tibetan: delog) as well as by modern physics. The Ultimate is the dimension beyond Enlightenment and death, and appears to be a Vacuum. In the old times this was described as the Abyss of the universe, the Womb or the Great Mother. In recent times quantum physics assumes a "zero-point energy ocean" beyond the tangible universe. The former, in its turn, originates from the Abyss beyond. The foundation of life is a Vacuum "in which everything without exception continuously dies and is being reborn in the selfsame Eternal Moment". Which leads to the concept of the Absolute Void as the destroyer and creator of all life: both of Buddhahood (Light, Being) and the relative world. Light is born out of Darkness. Light continuously returns to Absolute Emptiness. It also dies. Because death and rebirth of the Light happens in the selfsame Eternal Moment....it only seems that the former is "Absolute". In Reality, everything, even the Light is subjected to death and rebirth. Thus, Buddhahood is born out of the Womb! The difference between the Great Mother and Nirvana is that the former includes the dynamic aspect of "birth and death", while the second excludes this. (Apart from the "formal" recognition that "Nirvana is samsara"). By making "Nirvana" an abstract term the Mother was stripped from Her dynamic (Womb!) aspects. It points at a fundamental difference between the official (patriarchal) religion (with the masculine fear of life) and the more down to earth common people, who instead kept an inclusive (matricentral, feminine) attitude. The consequence of this is far reaching: do you accept "birth and death" as belonging to reality or are you trying to escape from it? It is turning point in contemporary Buddhism.

See: chapter ["Threefold Realization"](#)



Miroku Nyorei (Maitreya)

9.3 From the beginning of Buddhism there was a notion of the underlying feminine principle,

though. The Prajnaparamita is said to be "The Mother of the Buddha's" or "The Womb of the Tathagatas". Existence is bottomless, hence all dharmas have no self-existing identity. The primary matrix of existence is called "Mother of Creation". The Mother principle is the space that gives birth both to all Buddha's and to the phenomenal world. It is an ongoing process. However, this insight doesn't go far enough. Here "Mother" means "Essence of the Buddha's", which is equal to the Light, Buddhahood. The confusion is, that the Light is also called Emptiness. Because in Enlightenment the ego is dissolved into it. However, it is relative. Because the Light is born out of Darkness, there must be something beyond "Emptiness", though. That's why the True Mother is "Emptiness beyond Emptiness" or the Darkness from Which the Light (Buddhahood) originates. Even in Tibetan Buddhism the insight in the true nature of existence is confusing, mixing up "Emptiness" with "Emptiness beyond Emptiness", e.g. in the biography of Machig Lapdrön, an enlightened female (1055-1145). There Tara said:

9.4 "Listen, yogini, your past is cleared from your heart but I will explain it to you. The Great Mother is the void state of all the dharmas which we call Mother of all Creation. The Mother is the Mother of the Buddhas of the Three Times, the Dharmata of the Absolute State, beyond all obstructions, the pure essence of egoless voidness-Prajna".*

* T.Allione "Women of Wisdom", 1986 Arkana

9.5 Trungpa Rinpoche describes the primordial feminine as follows. Here the original Mother-principle is already abandoned (e.g. misunderstood!) in favor of a "consort" of the Buddhas. Rather than Buddhahood being born out of Her, is she born out of Buddhahood. It corresponds with the Shakti-principle of Hinduism or Sophia in Gnosticism. How different this being from pre-buddhist times in Tibet - called "Zan-zun" - in which the Ultimate was called "Sa-trig er-sans" or "Great Mother of Space", confirming that originally She alone was the Source of all life. He states:

"In phenomenal experience, whether pleasure or pain, birth or death, sanity or insanity, good or bad, it is necessary to have a basic ground. This basic ground is known in Buddhist literature as the mother principle. Prajnaparamita (the perfection of wisdom) is called the mother-consort of all the Buddhas*...As a principle of cosmic structure, the all-accommodating basic ground is neither male nor female. One might call it hermaphroditic, but due to its quality of fertility or potentiality, it is regarded as feminine".

Chögyam Trungpa "Maitreya IV", pp. 23-4



Predecessor/Goddess (Hariti) of Maitreya (Candi Mendut Java)

9.6 Why is it so important to know about the true nature of "Emptiness beyond Emptiness?". Although Buddhists use it as a concept very few know about it from their own Realization....During the centuries Enlightenment was considered the Ultimate Liberation.

Liberation consisted of two essential parts. First of all, in Enlightenment the ego disappears. Thus, Realization meant freedom from the (unconscious) identification with the small self. The second part consisted of the cultural/religious environment. After Enlightenment the tradition would take care of the newly awakened one, embedding him or her in the context of rules, practices and conventions. The latter preventing a relapse into self-centered attitudes. The current situation is totally different though. Enlightenment has become a commodity in the worldwide "spiritual" market. It is not something to BE, but to HAVE. It has become the victim of a materialistic attitude. Moreover, instead of leading a selfless life - dictated by the tradition - spiritual Attainment has become an instrument of being successful in a extremely self-centered environment. "To make a difference" as it is called. Enlightenment is thus often (mis)used for one's own ego-purposes. A balancing tradition is totally absent. "Self-effort", the core of the Buddha's preaching, has thus got an unexpected shadow part. With the ego as underlying motivation the treasure of Attainment degenerated. The result is, that Enlightenment has lost its liberating power.

9.6a. Some time ago the Buddhist world was shaken by the news that Japanese Zen masters had supported the aggressive Japanese war. Western Buddhists shed (crocodile) tears, apologizing for this dark past. Why am I ironical here? Because "Zen at War" hasn't ended with World War II. What we sadly see nowadays is that "Zen" is shamelessly handing over itself to the interests of big business. Under the guise of "self.improvement", many brochures of "Zen"-centres openly promote their "service" with emphasizing the "positive" benefits of Zen for the workplace.....By practising Zen one can achieve greater "effectivity, flexibility, creativity", which improves your performance in the office, increases your career chances....and this ad nauseam. The same Zen people (teachers) who are so hyper-aware of the darker sides of Zen in the past, display a blind spot for the darker side of Zen today. It means that their lamentations are at best superficial, that they haven't done any serious attempt to discover the true causes. Are they totally hypocritical? Or simply ignorant? Do they realize their role in the HereNow? The current war of which they are a part - again as aggressors - is that their collaboration with big business is further destroying the earth. By improving the effectiveness of the managers, Zen is (indirectly) promoting profit-maximalization of the company - and thus co-responsible for competition, exploitation, worldwide consumerism, addiction, destruction of nature, war and injustice. Zen at War today? I invite everybody to openly and courageously investigate this claim. Only then Zen could free itself from its dark present.

9.7 If Enlightenment (relative Emptiness) cannot save us anymore, liberation has to come from "something" that is beyond. It is the Dimension of Absolute Emptiness. Only the One who has experienced Total Annihilation, in which both the I and Enlightenment have disappeared altogether*, can guide you here. It is corresponding with the notion of the Vacuum, in pre-Buddhist times called the Great Mother. Buddha called it Nirvana. Contrary to Enlightenment the Vacuum cannot be attained, realized or possessed. It can only be worshipped or surrendered to. The ego has no chance to use it for its own purposes. Absolute Emptiness is thus the true testcase for a truly ego-less attitude. You have no choice but to surrender without expecting anything back. To give up your ego with the underlying expectation of getting Enlightenment back isn't very difficult. In fact, you don't give up anything. Surrendering to the Great Mother, just because of awe, adoration or gratitude, on the other hand, is the way of true purity. It solves our current ego-problems. Hence, the era of Sakyamuni - based on self-attainment - is over. It has become (too much) corrupted. Everyone who is honest admits how deep the Dharma has sunk nowadays....Instead, realizing your Maitreya Mind through unconditional surrender/ love is the only way true liberation can be attained. It requires a total renewal of all aspects of the Way. That's why Maitreya isn't just "a new Buddha". He is a totally new appearance. He hasn't come

in his own right but serves as an instrument of "Something" Beyond, the Dimension that cannot be named, the true Unknown, the Great Mother. Hence, the new guideline to all reborn Buddhists: "Take Refuge in the Great Mother, Maitreya Buddha, the new Dharma and the new Sangha". Those who have eyes, see it.....

* See: ["Threefold Realization"](#)



Buddha, born out of the Mother Lap. Japan 17th? century
Computer-manipulated picture from R.Camphausen "The Yoni", 1996 Inner Traditions

9.8 Anne C. Klein in her book "The Great Bliss Queen" talks about the biography of Yeshey Tsogyel, a Tibetan female Enlightened One. She seems to coming close to the Truth when she is stating, that "in Nyingma Great Completeness traditions, the womb imagery associated with Yeshey Tsogyel suggests a Buddha nature (...) that is "not merely empty, but has the nature of clear light" and "Here the ultimate empty nature itself is filled with positive potential".* The confusion is about the identity of Emptiness ("birthless" origin) and awareness, because eventually the "primordial emptiness proves to be nothing but the internal clear light", e.g. Enlightenment"**. Not surprisingly though, that she subsequently describes how to realize this innermost essence.***, probably not realizing that this is the very core of patriarchal spirituality. She does this in a feminist disguise, since she is talking about "how to become a Great Bliss Queen". Unfortunately, the primordial Origin (the Womb, Absolute Emptiness) is mixed up here with Her offspring: the Light e.g. Buddhahood. What has been overlooked here is the hierarchy of "Mother and Son" (or Daughter). In reality the Ultimate is Emptiness beyond Emptiness (the "Womb of Buddhahood"); it is the Great Vacuum going beyond Buddhanature. It appears to be the Ultimate Bottomlessness. Why is this so important? Obviously, because this is Reality-As-It-Is. Moreover, the Womb is beyond every Realization, hence, It ("She") cannot be attained, achieved or possessed, only worshipped. It is the end of a materialistic era, in which identification with Enlightenment is being (mis)used in favor of influence and power. Buddhanature - the Light - on the other hand, has to be understood as Her Lightbody, her Cosmic Son (Daughter). Something that is granted to you, once your surrender is total. It is the foundation of a carefree life based on effortlessness, grace, joy and gratitude, rather than ego-ambition. Conclusion: The above mentioned book typically advocates "stealing of the female secret", the replacement of the Realm of the Mother (Darkness) by masculine values (Light). It parallels the transition between the original pre-buddhist feminine world and early patriarchy in historical times. Again, it proves how difficult it is, to *really* overcome the hurdles of patriarchy.

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* A.C.Klein "Meeting the Great Bliss Queen", 1995 Beacon Press, p. 160

** *This is the core of the confusion. It arises with identifying the Ultimate with Buddhahood. How did it come? Well, to the ego Enlightenment is "Emptiness", because in Enlightenment the ego (self) disappears into it. This is only half the truth, though. Because, in its turn, Enlightenment (Buddhanature) "dies and is being reborn" in the Beyond, in "Emptiness beyond Emptiness". Hence, the latter and not Buddhanature being the Ultimate Reality (which I call the Cosmic Womb, e.g. the Great Mother).*

*** *ibid.* p. 170



Amida Buddha sitting on/emerging from the LotusWomb

9.9 The object of ultimate reverence thus being the Womb! In Asia, from time immemorial, the Great Mother has been symbolized by a Lotus flower. "Om mani padme hum" - the jewel in the lotus - means Being emerging from the Cosmic Womb. A closer look at almost all images of the Buddha, e.g. celestial Buddhas, Kuan Yin etc. reveals, that he (she) is sitting on a Lotus. It symbolizes the essence of (Great Mother) Buddhism. The Lotus is the Womb from which Buddhahood arises! This way the "memory" of the Great Mother has been preserved throughout the Buddhist world in millions of images. Hence, Great Mother followers both revering the Mother and the Buddha in the selfsame images. They may whisper "Womb of Buddhahood" or a similar mantra, while prostrating themselves. In Japanese Tantrism (Shingon) images could be very direct and concrete - a Buddha born out of the vulva - as a picture shows.* Furthermore, the supreme all-embracing Matrix is called the World of the Mother-lap there. It is described in the Dainichi-kyo/Mahavairocana sutra. Furthermore huge mandala's - with 428 different figures - have been painted in which the Mother-lap World has been visualized.

* See above.



Womb Mandala

Taizokai (Mahakaruna gharbha mandala)

Even in Nestorian Christianity, the "sect" that had penetrated China in the first centuries ACE, the key symbol is a cross emerging from a lotus! It is an indication of the same - deeply hidden in the archaic layers of consciousness - wisdom: Christ as the Son of the Mother.



9.10 In Buddhism another "detail" was "forgotten". Buddha having got "his" Enlightenment under a BODHI-TREE. Why under a Bodhi-tree? Why not in a sacred place, a meditation hall or just somewhere? If you read the scriptures one cannot but sense, that there was something special about the fact, that he was sitting under that tree. Was that tree somehow essential to his Realization? Couldn't he have realized without it? Could the Bodhi-tree perhaps have facilitated it.....The fact, that the tree was indispensable makes the latter very likely. So, what does the Bodhi-tree stands for? Is it just like any tree? You will guess it, it is not. The BODHI-TREE* connects to very ancient times, hence its magical/mystical aura. Actually, it symbolizes the Tree of Life, which in turn reflects the Primal Mother of pre-historic times. It was the key symbol of the Sumerian MotherGoddess Inanna, later spreading into all directions. To the West (MotherGoddess Asherah, Canaan), to the North-East (Taoist Mother Hsing Wang Mu) and to the East (the Harappa culture of the Indus delta). The Tree of Life (think of the Bible-story in Genesis) stands for the Origin, from which all life emerges. Apparently, at the time of Sakyamuni's life it was still such a powerful symbol, that it couldn't be neglected. Applied to the Enlightenment story it means, that Buddha was GRANTED Enlightenment. It was granted by the Primordial Mother, symbolized by the Bodhi-tree! Typically, patriarchal mind subsequently denied its ancestral roots, boasting that Enlightenment is the result of self-effort, only. You have to pay dearly for cutting yourself off from your maternal Origin, though. That's why in current Buddhism the elán has dried up. Even Buddhists have to face the fact, that, if it wants to renew itself, it has to go back to its (pre-Buddhist) Source.

* The Bodhi-Tree is the symbol of our new Eco-Dharma! Personally, an indigenous healer of the Caribbean once recommended me to do the same: to go to Haiti, sit under a sacred tree and *wait until he tree would give my new name.....*only then I would be able to become a healer like herself. It is equal to the Dragon-Flower tree story of the [Maitreya Dragon-Flower Assembly](#). Only if that tree starts flowering - if the Mother starts flowering - then A New Era will evolve.



Buddhas: Sons of the Mother

9.11 Even from an angle, where one would expect to find nothing but "masculine purity", namely Theravada Buddhism, reminiscences of the Great Mother can still be found. In his excellent essay "The Great Goddess Today in Burma and Thailand: An Exploration of Her Symbolic Relevance to Monastic and Female Roles"*, John P. Ferguson makes it clear that "Theravada Buddhism, it would seem, built its religious edifice upon a preexisting structure in which worship of the Goddess was fundamental". One of his main thesis is that Buddhism is a reaction to the power of the Mother. "To the Buddhists the Great Goddess is a veritable matron of suffering (because of the inability to resist Her attractions), the primal cause to all mankind's troubles. She makes us love Her more than we should". Hence, nonattachment to be the core of Buddhist teachings. The interesting nuance, however is, that the Buddha did not renounce the world because of hatred, but because he loved it too much. That means, that there is "a positive valorization of the world of the Great Goddess at the very moment the Theravada Buddhist rejects it". Furthermore it is stated, that the Goddess appears at crucial moments in (Theravada) Buddhist life. First of all, the Buddha's Enlightenment would not have been possible, without the Goddess' interference under the Bodhi tree**, in which She at a crucial moment, after the Buddha touched the Earth (Goddess) as a cry for help - which ever since became one of the main mudra's - "made such a fearful sound, that Mara (the god of desire and illusion, trying to distract the Buddha) fled. "The Buddha's Enlightenment is thereby assured by the timely intervention of the Great Goddess Herself".

* In: James J.Preston "Mother Worship", 1982 Chapel Hill

** As stated above, the Bodhi Tree itself being a symbol of the archaic Tree of Life, in its turn being a symbol of the Original Great Mother. The hidden meaning could be, that - contrary to his own claims - the Buddha didn't realize through self-effort, but rather was granted it by the Great Mother: the Light that was born out of Darkness. Isn't that fascinating? See literature about Sumeria and Harappa or Indus culture. See also Pali sources, found mainly in Burma.

9.12 The second very interesting phenomenon is that of the seasonal retreat of young Buddhist novices. "It may be merely coincidental with slack labor periods that males who choose to become temporarily monks pick the period when the rains fall upon the newly planted rice and come out of the monasteries again at harvest time when labor demands are greatest. Such an explanation is traditional. Yet there is reason to see the timing as part of a much deeper and more meaningful statement. In the whole of southern Asia, the fertility of the crops was often ensured by sacrifice of things dear to the people. Vegetation rituals were developed that included human sacrifice and dismemberment for burial in the fields, animal sacrifice with blood poured into the ground for the Earth Goddess, and various planting and harvesting dramas to please the Goddess with gifts and kind words.* Theravada Buddhism evolved in the midst of such ancient beliefs and practices. It is not impossible that the self-denying monks sequestered in their compounds for the growing season were a revolutionary substitute for the ancient sacrifices to the Goddess. If such a hypothesis is correct, then the monks of Theravada Buddhism can be seen as silently but dramatically sacrificing, not their bodies or their blood, but their desires".**

* These rituals were an important part of almost all prehistoric Mother-oriented cultures, both in Africa, Europe, India, Indonesia (Rice-Goddess), China and South America.

** Ibid. p. 289

9.13 Tibet used to be a largely matriarchal society, in which people worshipped the Great

(Mother)Goddess. Its women were strong, independent, while taking care of the community. Some pockets have still survived, like the Mosuo tribe in Sechüan. The structure is matrilinear, e.g. the central positions are inherited by women. They still worship the Goddess in the form of the mountain that lies next to their lake. No wonder that Buddhism with its misogynic philosophy encountered strong resistance. However, through a clever integration policy it succeeded in getting the upper hand. Ever since, the Mosuo are ruled by a patriarchal monks class. The same happened in Tibet many centuries ago. In order to make its rule sustainable it had to submit the Mother e.g. feminine dominance. This is what they did. Instead of recognizing the Cosmic Mother as the Ultimate Reality, they started using Her Power to favour their own male spiritual ambition. So they turned reality upside down. Not the Cosmic Womb - Absolute Emptiness (Emptiness beyond Emptiness) - was considered the highest spiritual principle, but Her derivative - BuddhaNature (Emptiness) - was. In Reality, the latter is born out of the former, though. Hence, the Son should pay tribute to the Mother. This was cleverly reversed in such a way, that the Goddess was made subordinate to the ruling Lama class. She had to serve male spiritual realization through sacrificing Her female energy, a victim on the altar of male supremacy. The underlying emotion is fear for the feminine. Tantric practices - in which the initiate steals the energy of a female "helper" - are a way of exploiting and controlling it. Obviously, here the Truth is being manipulated. Under the flag of "spiritual wisdom" Reality - the Mother as the Origin of all - is grossly distorted, a fatal ignorance, indeed. Surrender vs ego-inflation, purity of intention vs (limitless) greed for power.....that's where it is all about.

9.14 Insight is not complete without understanding the Buddhist concept of compassion. Many Westerners think that it is similar to the Christian idea of love. This is not so. Although many Buddhist leaders have strategic goals in mind, purposely remaining vague in this regard. They talk about compassion, leaving it to the audience how it should be interpreted. Originally, Buddhist compassion is describing the quality of the Enlightened Mind. Which means that somebody who "got enlightened" automatically - and without any effort, obviously, because the ego has disappeared - possesses inclusivity*. Hence, it is a State of Mind. Buddhist philosophy subsequently added a purpose to it, namely "compassion as the desire that everyone would reach that same state of freedom". Freedom in the sense of "being freed from the cycle of birth and death" (of life!). Enlightened Ones thus don't have to reach out to others. Instead, their attitude is "become like me". No reaching out to the world with its suffering. The world itself is suffering, after all. So, "compassion" is the desire to heal people from the world rather than healing the world itself. The world as such cannot be healed, for it is the cause of suffering from which one has to escape. Socially, "compassion" can only be "exercised" by the monk elite. They only possess universal wisdom. "Lay people" and their problems are only relevant, in as much they want to escape from "samsara". This deeply engrained dualism has led to horrendous situations: an arrogant monk's elite on the one hand and an ignorant, impoverished, miserable lay population, often ruthlessly exploited by the former. "Compassion", despite its "mystical" aura, proves to be self-serving. Don't buy these talks about "compassion", unless it becomes utterly sure, that true inclusivity - embracing ALL levels of existence simultaneously and equally - is meant. The "highest state" is measured by the love it has for the lowest.....

* Which in itself is correct.

Prophesies

9.15 The appearance of Great Mother Buddhism in modern times has been prophesied by Chinese popular religious literature, called Pao-Chüan. Although the origins can be traced back

to the fourteenth century, the first books were composed in the sixteenth and seventeenth century. The exact meaning of Pao-Chüan is "precious book". Quite contrary to the official monastic scriptures, the precious books were written by religious lay people. Characteristic of this literature is that they emphasize "the restoration of the primordial unity", both spiritual and worldly. The members of these Buddhist sects not only hoped for personal liberation, but also for a "better world". These people were more or less embracing "all three teachings" (Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism). Hence, respect was paid to life-giving powers and persons such as heaven, earth, parents and teachers. There was an awareness about the continuous decline of religion, including monastic and priestly Buddhism, so that eventually common people became the representatives of the Way. They bore the true tradition and were neither clerical nor lay.

9.16 The Pao-Chüan literature is unique with regard to its mythical background. Unlike the mainstream Buddhist definitions the Ultimate is described as the "Eternal Venerable Mother" (Wu-sheng lao-mu). According to these myths the Eternal Mother sends down to earth ninety-six myriad's of her children. Although they are originally all "Buddha's and immortals", once on earth they forget their true home in paradise and become attached to fame, profit and sensual pleasures. Trapped by their desires, they are immersed in samsara, the "sea of suffering", repeatedly encountering death and rebirth, and enduring punishments in purgatory. The Venerable Mother, grieved by this, sends down messenger deities to remind her lost children of their true nature and the way home*. It is likely that Pao-Chüan literature links the ancient notion of the prehistoric Great Mother to the outcome of later spiritual practice. To it he Void isn't just an "abstraction" (Nirvana), but the Realm which includes the dynamic aspects of life - birth and death - a "compassionate Mother" who cares about the world.

*"Heaven" (the Light, Buddha) and earth continuously die
in the Great Mother, while being reborn in the
selfsame eternal moment*

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Chapter 10

Mother of God

“Also sprach” the Messiah

The Ultimate Reality: The Mother of God

Bible confirms Mother

1.14.29 There many places in the Bible, where the existence of the Mother can be traced. It starts with Genesis. It says: "In the beginning God created Heaven and Earth. And the Earth was without form, and void, and darkness was filling up the depth. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters".

10.1 Superficially looking at "God created Heaven and Earth" only confirms the patriarchal claim, that God is the Origin of the All, the primordial ground of existence. However, looking a little closer, we see in the second verse "And the Earth was without form". Generally this is considered as self-evident. The Earth has to be empty, how otherwise God could start creating? Few realize that there is a hidden meaning in it. It says that *before God* there was formlessness. The verse leaves no doubt about this. In order to be totally clear "and void" is added, subsequently stating "and darkness was filling up the depth".

10.2 The hidden meaning is that before God void, darkness and depth existed. God didn't create them, the latter being pre-existent. "Void, darkness and depth" were there before God appeared, the former thus *preceding* God. It turns everything upside down. First there is Void, subsequently God appears. Or, with other words "God is born out of Emptiness". What a surprise! It confirms my insight about the Ultimate. The Bible wasn't able to wipe out the traces of the past. It couldn't talk round the fact, that the Great Mother - Void, Darkness and Depth - is the Ultimate Reality.

* Darkness, Void, the Deep, the Sea are all metaphors to the Original Mother.

10.3 Once the hierarchy is re-installed, the sequence poses no problem. Once you accept that God is born out of the Mother, the opening verse of the Bible "In the beginning God created Heaven and Earth" is self-evident*. Isn't God the Light Body ("Son") of the Mother? Yes, it is Her first emanation. As such it is giving birth to Her second emanation: the visible world, the universe, "Heaven and Earth". Thus, God is born out of the Mother, while the world is born out of God. It is emphasized by the last part of the verse "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters". In the Old Mother Religion "the waters" symbolized the Primordial Ground of the Mother. "God facing the waters" means God being the emanation of the Mother.

* Obviously, referring the rest of the "creation story" to the realm of fables.

Christians, heed the call, and go back to your roots

10.4 Secondly, Adam, after being expelled from the Garden of Eden, exclaims/protests, after God had condemned Eve: "She is the Mother of all living", emphasizing the Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality. Again proof of the fact, that Her memory was still alive. Moreover, isn't the Dark Shulamite from the Song of Songs no one but the manifestation of the Original Mother? And what to say of chapter 12 of the (biblical) Book of Revelation? There it is said: "And a great sign appeared in heaven: A Woman arranged with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars". Although not in any way identifying with the Christian apocalypse, the symbolism of the Queen of Heaven (Jewish name for the Cosmic Mother) with Her Son, confronting the "Beast" (Mega-Ego, "Big Brother", Leviathan) with seven heads (totalitarian state, neo-liberalism, banking system, surveillance society, militarism, destruction of nature.) is too fascinating to ignore. Please notice: it is the Cosmic Mother – the centre of Revelation - Who is the beginning of A New Era!

Mother of God

10.5 The Mother is projected into Mary, the "Mother of God". The Church had a serious dilemma. On the one hand it wanted to eradicate all memory of the powerful Primordial Mother; on the other hand it had to give in to the demands of ordinary people who wanted to have "their Mother back". Mary thus had to replace the Mother, while simultaneously neutralizing Her. A compromise was found at the Council at Ephesus 431 CE (the sacred site of the Original Mother Artemis....), in which Mary became the "Mother of God". Church people could interpret this as "Mother of Jesus" (who according to them is also God), while the traditionalists (Gnostics) could cherish the literal meaning of it. The surprising thing is, that at least until the 15th century Mary is considered to be the Mother of All, in the literal sense that she gave birth to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost together. It is known as the "Vierge Ouvrante" devotion which was widespread in Europe (Poland, Germany, France, and Spain). Statues reveal Mary with God the Father!, the Son and the Holy Ghost coming out of Her body.* It is the most perfect illustration of the Truth ever made.

* The tradition of the Mother as the Source, out of which everything - including God - is born, had its most prominent traces in Christianity. See image of Vierge Ouvrante in my website. See also our virtual "Mother Church" project from 1999.

I have been sent by the Cosmic Mother

10.6 The most powerful devotion to the "Mother of God" included the Black Madonna. Her devotion has always been some sort of embarrassment to the Church. The reason is clear. Her dark appearance relates to the Original Dark Essence of the Great Mother. In ancient times the Black Stone symbolized the Mother, embodied by Isis, Artemis, Cybele and other Mother Goddesses. Black Madonna's thus directly re-connect to the Source. (Notice that the African Black Mother preceded this all). That's why during the centuries, people always felt an enormous attraction to them. Again the Church tried to find a way between recognition and suppression. Even in recent years Black Madonna's still have "disappeared" or changed into white ones. This sometimes has led to energetic protests of the (local) population. Famous Black Madonna's are Altötting, Einsiedeln*, Rocamadour, le Puy, Monserrat, Loreto and Tindari.

* See my extensive essay on the Black Madonna of Einsiedeln, chapter 15.

10.7 The history of Marian dogma shows how the Church tried to "upgrade" the status of Mary. After "Mother of God", her "perpetual virginity" was proclaimed (649 CE). Then it took a long time (1854) before the next dogma came into being: that of "immaculate conception" followed by her "bodily assumption" in 1950. Looking at these dogmas it is particularly striking, how artificial these attempts are. Actually, they try to copy various aspects of the Primordial Mother. The Church has

pushed Mary's status to the limit. It very well understands that increasingly the "popularity" of Jesus is on the decrease, while that of Mary is on the increase. Pope John Paul II loved to call Mary the "Queen of Heaven" - a hollow phrase (if not further substantiated). A group "Vox Populi" is even lobbying for a fifth dogma, that of "Mary Mediatrix or Coredemptrix". The irony is this. While the Church had once "killed the Great Mother", they now try to re-introduce Her through the backdoor. This attempt will fail, unless the substitute (Mary) is replaced by the original: the Great Cosmic Mother. Only when She becomes disconnected from the Church She will have a (great) future. In that case She has to reclaim all old qualities e.g. attributes. People have to start recognizing that She represents the Ultimate Reality, rather than being just "an appendix" to the patriarchal God. It is something the Church - because of its inner contradictions - will never be able to achieve. Only the people themselves are.

http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/5229/kc_mary1.htm

Gnosis

10.8 Another text (Thunder, Perfect Mind) says:

"I am the first and the last. I am the honoured and the scorned one. I am the whore and the holy one. I am the wife and the virgin. I am the mother and the daughter. I am she whose wedding is great, and I have not taken a husband...I am knowledge and ignorance...I am shameless: I am ashamed. I am strength, and I am fear...I am foolish, and I am wise...I am godless, and I am one whose God is great".

10.9 Other texts take a mixed position, in which the Divine is both masculine and feminine. E.g. the (Gnostic) Secret Book says:

"...(She is)...the image of the invisible, virginal, perfect spirit...She became the Mother of everything, for she existed before them all, the mother-father..."

Gnostic teacher Simon Magus said: "Grant Paradise to be the Womb; for scripture teaches us that this is a true assumption when it says, "I am he that formed thee in thy mother's womb" (Isaiah 44:2)...Moses...using allegory had declared Paradise to be the Womb...and Eden, the placenta..."

Sethian Gnostics explain that: "heaven and earth have a shape similar to the womb...and if...anyone wants to investigate this let him carefully examine the pregnant womb of any living creature, and he will discover an image of heaven and earth".

Another text from Nag Hammadi (where Gnostic texts were found): the Trimorphic Protennoia, the Divine Feminine declares:

"I am the Thought that dwells in Light...I existed before the All...I move in every creature...I am the Invisible One within the All. I am androgynous. I am both Mother and Father, since I copulate with myself. I am the Womb that gives shape to the All. I am Meirothea, the glory of the Mother".

From the Gospel of Thomas: "Who doesn't hate his father and mother, like I do cannot be my disciple. And who doesn't love his Father and Mother, like I do can also not be my disciple because my mother gave birth to me in order to die, while my true Mother has granted me Life".

Jesus

10.10 In her excellent book "The Gnostic Gospels" Elaine Pagels describes how "in the beginning" not God but the Mother was the Origin of all. The former was a derivative, merely

instrumental power that the Mother had created to administer the universe. But his own self-conception was far more grandiose. He believed that he had made everything by himself, but that, in reality, he had created the world because of Wisdom, his Mother, "infused him with energy" and implanted into him her own ideas. But he was foolish, and acted unconsciously, unaware that the ideas he used came from Her: "he was even ignorant of his own Mother" (Hippolytus. Ref.6-33)

E.Pagels "The Gnostic Gospels", 1989 Vintage Books.

10.11 According to the Secret Book of John: "...he said..., I am a jealous God, and there is no other God beside me. But by announcing this he indicated to the angels...that another God does exist; for if there were no other one, of whom would he be jealous?...Then the Mother began to be distressed".

At other places it is said: "The creator, becoming arrogant in spirit, boasted himself over all those things that were below him, and exclaimed, "I am the father, and God, and above me there is no one". But his Mother, hearing him speak thus, cried out against him: "Do not lie, Ialdabaoth..."

The Greek terminology for the Trinity, which includes the neuter term for spirit (pneuma) virtually requires that the third 'Person' of the Trinity be asexual. But the author of the Secret Book has in mind the Hebrew term for spirit, ruah, a feminine word; and so concludes that the feminine 'Person' conjoined with the Father and Son must be The Mother. The Secret Book goes on to describe the divine Mother: ... (She is) ... the image of the invisible, virginal, perfect spirit ... She became The Mother of everything, for she existed before them all, The Mother-father [matropater] ...

The Gospel to the Hebrews likewise has Jesus speak of 'my Mother, the Spirit.' In the Gospel of Thomas, Jesus contrasts his Earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, with his divine Father - the Father of Truth - and his divine Mother, the Holy Spirit."

Elaine Pagels, *The Gnostic Gospels*, Random House 1989

Surrender to the Mother

By Bede Griffiths, Hindu-Christian Monk

" Last January (1990), I had this experience of what medically they call a stroke. It means death of the mind. Suddently a terrific force hit me and the mind went like that.(demonstrates, see You Tube) And I was laid out for about a week. People thought that I was going to die and I thought I was going to die which was very important...and then I slowly began to come back and as I was coming back I had the premonition that I was going to die. I said the proper prayersand waited and nothing happnened and so I got (Shamla ?) to massage me and I came back to normal and then I felt a need to surrender and it was interesting: "SURRENDER TO THE MOTHER". It came very clearly, "**SURRENDER TO THE MOTHER.**" And I made this act of surrender and a kind of wave of love overwhelmed me. There was a friend, a nurse, Judy Waters, looking after me...and I called out, "I've been overwhelmed with love and I don't know if I can weather and survive it." It was such a tremendous hurricaine. I think it was simply an opening to the unconscious. A call to the feminine simply opened up.That was real death of the mind...and from that time onwards, I've never really been in the dualistic mind. Something is always beyond it....What my experience taught me was that when everything else goes you discover this love which is in you all the time. It's there, deep down there, and you know nothing about it. But let everything go and it comes.

And I got a tremendous insight into Jesus on the Cross through this. It was very interesting and the words, "MY GOD , MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" came. That was the climax for him. I think it was at that moment he lost everything: his disciples had fled, the Jews were all against him, his people rejected him and now he had to let go of his God. "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" And the moment he let go of God and faced death, darkness , nothingness, he was taken into total love...That is the experience of death. Behind all death is the tremendous power of love. Everybody has got it in them if they could only find it but the mind is controlling all the time and won't let it through. But somebody has to hit you on the head to awaken you to, " I am no longer afraid of death or accidents or illness; they are all incidents which love can use to reveal itself." I think that when people die, they are all afraid of so many things. But what you face is unconditional love. That is the Judgment. It's unconditional love which is very demanding. It doesn't let you do whatever you like. Love demands Love. You're called! Some people just cannot respond. But for most people it's so powerfull you just have to give way and surrender. That's what we're called to do."

FATHER BEDE GRIFFITHS, Hindu-Christian monk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3Dm6bt-s00>

The Black Madonna: Manifestation of the Mother

THE BLACK MADONNA OF EINSIEDELN

10.12 In Europe Black Madonna's are a unique phenomenon. There are some four hundred fifty of them, to be found mostly in France. Much discussion is still going on about their origin. The Catholic Church is giving its official interpretation of Black Madonna, as just being the Virgin Mary, being black for some trivial, local reasons, e.g. "accidentally blackened by candlelight". Others consider Her to be "the ancient earth-goddess converted to Christianity"*. The assumption made is, that in archaic times, many regions in Europe were indeed matriarchal, a fact which is confirmed by the many megalithic findings on the entire continent. The caves of France and Spain, the motherly goddess figurines, found from France to deeply into Russia, the domes/temples of Barnanez (France), Gozo (Malta), Crete and Çatal Hüyük are speaking volumes. This is of course not only of archaeological interest. It means, that the archetype of "the Mother" is deeply engraved in the European (universal) soul.

* S.Benko "The Virgin Goddess; Studies in the Pagan and Christian Roots of Mariology", 1993 Brill.

10.13 A second momentum occurred when the memories of Middle Eastern Mothers e.g. goddesses - like Inanna, Isis, Astarte, Artemis and Cybele - were penetrating the European continent. It started with the Phoenicians and was greatly promoted by the Roman Empire, the latter connecting East with West. The effect was, that above mentioned deities had worshippers all over the place. Especially the route from Marseilles into the French mainland was intensively used. Even up to the year 550 Isis had a temple in Soissons (north of Paris). They co-existed with Celtic sanctuaries, which essentially worshipped the ancient Great Mother as well. With Christianity becoming increasingly powerful, the original places of worship were either destroyed or transformed into

Christian churches. During the "Dark Ages", which followed the collapse of the Roman Empire many "pagan" groups went underground. Only to be revived at the highlight of the Middle Ages, when the Knights Templar (see chapter 43), returned from the Middle East, and with them many of the lost archaic spiritual treasures.

10.14 In the mean time in Asia Minor (Turkey), the people of Ephesus, worshippers of Artemis, the Black Mother since many centuries, forced the Church to honour the Great Mother, by officially (431 CE, by decree) installing the Virgin Mary as the "Mother of God" (Theotokos). This was clearly a compromise, open to various (confusing) interpretations. The Church could feel satisfied by the idea of the Virgin being the "Mother of Jesus", while those with connections to the past (secretly) would take it literally, by continuing to cherish their idol of the ancient Great Mother as the Ultimate Reality. The seed of "secret teachings" brought back by the Knights Templar thus found a fertile soil. It revived a tradition, which was still at the surface of consciousness. It is the explanation, why in very short time all kinds of "Mother-inspired" people, groups, poems, songs, prayers, litanies, philosophies and places of worship popped up. With regard to idols it meant, that archaic images of the Great Mother, disguised as Black Madonna's were installed in hermitages, chapels, convents, palaces and churches*. One of them was (is) the Black Madonna of Einsiedeln (Switzerland). The unique thing about this place of worship is, that the historical/ mythological/spiritual meaning of the place has been preserved, which is giving us a deep understanding about the true nature of the Black Madonna's.

* See also: E. Begg "The Cult of the Black Virgin", 1996 Arkana and P. van Cronenburg "Schwarze Madonnen", 1999 Hugendubel.

10.15 The story starts in the ninth century with St.Meinrad, an aristocrat from Southern Germany. After many years of monastery life, he decided to become a hermit. First he lived near the Lake Zurich, but later was moving further into the forest, the Finsterwald*, only with a bible and some other texts with him. Women! of the Finsterwald gave him a statue of the Holy Virgin. During the beginning of that time, it happened that suddenly he was surrounded by a horrifying numinous darkness, indeed a universe of demons, as it was said according to the legend**. The only way to save himself was to prostrate himself to the ground in prayer, while commending himself to God. Only after a long time of endurance he started to see a light "in the east". Then an angel appeared in the midst of the darkness, sending the evil spirits away. From that moment on Meinrad never faced the dark horror again***. After twenty-five years at Einsiedeln, at one morning it was revealed to him, that he would die that day by two murderers. He subsequently received the men kindly, after which they indeed killed him. Decades later St.Conrad, bishop of Constance was asked to consecrate Meinrad's Holy Chapel (and the church attached to it). One day before the supposed ceremony the bishop went to the Chapel at night in order to pray. Suddenly the latter was filled with "light brighter than that of the sun at midday", while Jesus himself was standing in front of his Virgin Mother, consecrating the Chapel to Her by sacrificing the Holiest, assisted by the evangelists and other saints. Trying to consecrate the Chapel next day, a heavenly voice interfered St.Conrad's proceedings, saying loudly, so that everybody could hear it: "Cease, brother, the Chapel is (already) divinely consecrated".

* Hence, the name "Lady of the Dark Forest", symbolizing Her True Nature.

**See my "Threefold Cosmic Realization", chapter 34.

***F.Gustafson "The Black Madonna", 1990 Sigo Press

10.16 As I said above, the uniqueness of Einsiedeln is the combination of the Black Madonna and the legend around Her. It is proving that Her roots are indeed archaic, originating from the time of the Great Mother. It starts with the story of St.Meinrad, having this horrible experience of darkness*.

Crucial hereby is, that there wasn't just darkness or devils (within him), but that he was surrounded by it. Being immersed in this kind of horror corresponds with the descent into the Underworld - which is the destructive side of the Vacuum, the Great Mother - as has been described time and again in the legends of the Mother Religions, in which either the Queen (Inanna, Isis) or Her divine Son (Tammuz, Osiris) have to die in order to be reborn. That's why it is said, that Meinrad "did not have to face the terrors of such dark spirits anymore"*. Devils may visit you again, death in the Underworld you experience only once. "Death and Rebirth" are THE characteristics of the Great Mother religion. The announcement of Meinrad's physical death and his gracious acceptance are only confirming this. A Great Mother's divine hero knows about his role as a "vegetation god" all the time, the fact, that (one time) he has to die in order to become reborn. It is the same reason, why Jesus - standing in the same archaic tradition - also knew in advance about his fate...**

* Having gone through this website, it will not surprise you, that I feel "a special relationship" with St.Meinrad, since he and I went through the same ordeal.

**http://www.healingtheplanet.info/Mother_Church/mother_church.htm

10.17 The story of the Divine Dedication is only adding up to this. First of all St.Conrad's illumination happened at night*. This corresponds with Reality As It Is, namely, that Light is born out of Darkness. There is a hierarchy between the two. First there is the Vacuum - the Great Mother - "subsequently" giving birth to the Divine. This is not only supported by the Black Madonna's themselves in the first place - and the reason that people throughout the ages felt the deep Truth about them - but also in Christian texts, orthodox and unorthodox. Gnostic texts speak of the Depth of the Original Darkness, preceding Light**; the Mother is scolding at Her Divine Son for his arrogance, thinking that he and not She is the Ultimate, Dionysios Areopagita is writing about Darkness, just like St.John of the Cross does, while "Darkness precedes Light" is written on the altar of the cathedral of Salerno. The fact, that Jesus is sacrificing the Holiest - himself - to his Virgin Mother, is the next step in the revival of the archaic Great Mother myth. It is corresponding with the notion that Light is continuously returning to its Origin, Darkness, while being reborn at the selfsame Eternal Moment. That's why in archaic times the Son of the Mother was also Her lover. It again underlines the hierarchy: the Chapel dedicated by Jesus to his Eternal Mother and not vice versa. That this was an affair between the archaic Great Mother and Her Son - and not the business of the renegade patriarchal Church - is subsequently underlined by the fact, that the Church was prevented from consecrating it. The sad thing up to this very day, is, that the Chapel of the Black Madonna of Einsiedeln is installed in the big Church against the will of the Divine itself. She (should!) thus still be in Her original purity, "unpolluted" by any claim e.g. sovereignty of the Church whatsoever. Even a papal bull was issued at that time, declaring "Anathema upon any who, in the future, would dare to renew the consecration of the Holy Chapel"***, only confirming the statement above. Hail to the Great Mother ("Salve Regina"), who's Presence - despite the dark millennia behind us - has never left us.

* Conrad made a reference to the Sixteenth Psalm "in the night also my heart instructs me".

** The Holy Chapel of Einsiedeln is made of...black marble.

*** Ibid.

10.18 In this most desperate of times the Black Madonna's are a refuge to everyone. Isn't the characteristic of modernity disintegration on all levels of society, after all? Our inner confusion, chaos and despair are reflected by the outside world. We are rapidly moving toward social/political disorientation. Our society appears to be built on self-centeredness, greed and accumulation. In such a way, that the "Law of the Universe" - the dynamic equilibrium between death, preservation and rebirth - has become disrupted. The "Cosmos" cannot tolerate this though. It will destroy our evil,

accumulation and ugliness. It is the explanation for the fact that everything is going downhill nowadays, while nothing seems to be able to stop it. If we like it or not, we are moving in the direction of Darkness. The basic suffering is fear of Nothingness. "God is dead" so he cannot save us. Thus there is nothing between us and the Cosmic Abyss anymore. A direct exposure will be unavoidable. It is here that the Cosmic Mother in Her appearance of the Black Madonna is coming to rescue us. She is the Cosmic Womb to which everything without exception is returning, while continuously being reborn. She is the Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, the only one who is able to transform Darkness into Light. Rather than being frightened by the prospect of destruction, our understanding of the Cosmic Mother saves us from becoming hopeless. The Vacuum turns destruction into rebirth after all. What seems to be a desperate situation proves to be a Cosmic Law, inviting us to comply with it. Only by understanding Her Law, the senseless is making sense, the unacceptable is becoming acceptable, fear is turning into trust. Hence, surrender to the Black Madonna and you will be saved. Through the Great Mother (wo)mankind may be overcoming its most fundamental fears. Eventually She will turn the tide. The practical consequences are far-reaching:

10.19

The Black Madonna embodies Darkness as the Ultimate Reality. She is the Cosmic Womb giving birth to both God and the universe.

Therefore, She is universal, manifesting Herself in various traditions. She can be compared to the Holiest of Holiest of Islam, the Ka'aba.

She explicitly stated that She is NOT the property of the Church. She refused to cooperate with attracting people to the Catholic faith.

It means that locking Her up in a church building is against Her Will, a fact even confirmed by a papal bull.

Other Great Black Madonna's (Chartres, Le Puy, Monserrat, Loreto) - originally being the Deities of the people, as well - were equally imprisoned by the Church.

The time has come to (once again) acknowledge Her True Nature, together with Her True Liberating Message to the world.

The hermit Meinrad embodies the tradition of dying and resurrecting Gods, emphasizing an unbroken connection since pre-Christian times.

The Gods as "Son/Lovers" to the Mother is confirmed by Jesus, dedicating the Holiest to his Mother, rather the other way round.

In these most critical of times people all over the world have a right to know Her. Her "Darkness giving birth to the Light" being the All-Embracing Liberating Power.

It complies with traditions in the Alps (Switzerland, Austria, and Italy) where She is brought from one village to the other ("Wander-Madonna"), so that everyone can receive Her Grace.

The Black Stone is Her symbol, originated in Anatolia, where Mother Goddess Cybele embodied the Sacred (meteorite) Stone, later incorporated in the Ka'aba.

Because of Her extraordinary Transformative Healing Power our Mission is to establish **Cosmic Mother Healing Shrines** worldwide.

The **Cosmic Womb Mandala** is the image that closely complies with Her Reality. It is purposely kept "neutral", making it acceptable to people of all traditions.

Join our interreligious project by organizing a Shrine in your own neighbourhood. We will come and support you with setting it up!

You'll find all the information in our "**Mother for Mothers**".

TAKING REFUGE

10.20

Our International Pilgrim Site
Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine
(With Her Manifestation: **The Black Madonna**)
"Come ye all unto Me, I Am the All-Embracing One"

The Supreme Mystery of Life
Both the Divine (white, yellow) and the universe (green)
are born out of the Cosmic Womb (black), while
continuously returning to their Origin

METAreligious Initiative
The Cosmic Mother is universal
Therefore the image is "neutral".
Every tradition can recognize itself in it!
Pray your own prayers and the Mother
will answer them

She is everywhere:
As "Universal Mother" (Hinduism),
"Heavenly Mother" (Taoism), "Mother of God"
(Christianity), "Shekinah" (Judaism),
"House of Allah" (Islam),
"Sophia" (Gnosticism), "Nirvana"
(Buddhism).....

Suffering
However deep you sink
the Cosmic Mother is still deeper
always waiting for you!

Mother Worship
The Ultimate Healing consists of giving up your ego.
That's why the Green Man brings
the Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine
to all corners of the Earth.
To give you the opportunity of giving-up,

**renounce and surrender
your ego to Her Bottomless Depth**

**Vow
Cosmic Mother, I vow to give up my ego**

**Healing
"May I, through Your Bottomless Darkness,
become profoundly renewed"**

**You think you understand the Mother?
Even philosophers cannot explain Her.
The scriptures say that She, herSelf,
is the Essence of us all. It is She, herSelf,
who brings life through Her sweet will.
You think you understand Her?
I can only smile; you think that you can
truly know Her? I can only laugh!
But what our minds accept, our hearts do not.
Ants try to grasp the moon, we the Mother.**

Ramprasad Sen
(18th century, Bengal)

Mary Magdalene: Mother's Representative (Priestess)

Mary Magdalene
Teacher, lover and successor to Jesus

10.21 Let me talk about Mary Magdalene. She is my sister, my dearest spiritual friend. There is hardly someone in Western tradition, who has been so misunderstood, nay abused like her. She embodied everything the "young Church" detested. And above all: she was dangerous. First of all, she was one of the last representatives of the old Mother Goddess Religion; secondly she was a woman e.g. the lover of Jesus, while thirdly being a fully Realized One. While the Church had to promote Jesus, not only as the Son of God, but as God himself, every weakening of that position was intolerable. In the Churches' concept, a woman as the heiress of Jesus' teachings was totally unacceptable. Therefore, even during Jesus' lifetime clashes between the patriarchal hard core of the apostles and Mary took place. It is the reason that, while Jesus always had been very outspoken about equal position of women, the apostles, after Jesus' death, immediately started a campaign to curb women's freedom, equality and activities.

10.22 Being a (Canaanite!) priestess of the ancient Great Mother (Asherah) Religion*, initiate in the seven stages of mystery religion (hence her "seven sins"), and in line with other great women of the Old Testament, she initiated ("anointed") Jesus into the mysteries of the Eternal Feminine. While officially addressing himself to the "Father", which - seen in the context of the Jewish culture - was inevitable, the entire life of Jesus is a testimony of being a messenger to the Mother**. He was very conscious of the role he had to perform - that of the matriarchal hero - including death and resurrection - in order to comply with the myth of the ancient "vegetation god" or priest-king. Not

surprisingly thus, that Jesus was an outspoken defender of women, not only on a personal level, but also politically, as the challenger to the patriarchal system. Mary Magdalene, in her turn, was the mentor and companion of Jesus.

* The Holy of Holiest in the Temple of Solomon was called "Womb of Asherah".

** See i.e. The Secret Book of John (Gnostic text). There God exclaims "I am father, and God, and above me there is no one. But his Mother, hearing him speak thus, cried out against him, "do not lie, Ialdabaoth..." (E.Pagels "The Gnostic Gospels", 1989 Vintage Books).

10.23 In the Gnostic Gospels it is said, that "Jesus loved her more than the other disciples", yes he even kissed her on the mouth, which - in the Jewish context - would certainly not have been possible, without being intimate lovers. The solution: both Mary and Jesus were Canaanites, not Jews. Mary was the High Priestess of Asherah/Astarte, teaching Jesus his role as "God/King. The question, whether they also have been husband and wife is irrelevant in this regard. Kissing each other – as Canaanites - even in public would not have roused much fuss. Being lovers, because of their joint commitment to the Great Mother is more likely and is a sign of great courage. You may say, both were an example of a "hieros gamos" or holy marriage, in which Mary initiated Jesus into the secrets of sacred sexuality. The fact, that only women attended his dying on the cross, plus, that he stayed in the grave for three days - the holy three days of the New Moon in the Old Tradition - plus, that it was Mary Magdalene who saw him first after his resurrection, are signs of the same secret: Jesus as the "hero" of the Great Mother Religion.

Elaboration

10.24 What was exactly the nature of Mary's teaching? As said above, the essence of the Mother Goddess Tradition was "death and rebirth". For thousands of years, people believed that all life died in the Cosmic Womb, while continuously being born out of it. It is reflected in the unique text "Descent of Inanna into the Underworld". Inanna, the Goddess-Queen of Sumer was searching for her deceased husband Dumuzi (symbolizing the Vegetation God). She descended into the Underworld, where she had to go through the Seven Gates, progressively being stripped off of various layers of her personality. Ultimately, she stood naked before the Ultimate, experiencing spiritual rebirth. Ever since, "death and resurrection" had been the spiritual ideal of the cultures of the Middle East. In Hellenism, it was the core of the mystery religions. It was exactly this initiation that Mary Magdalene had been teaching to Jesus. It would become his inner guideline - his mission - something he committed himself to until the bitter end*.

*Spiritual resurrection doesn't necessarily include physical death. It is likely, that Jesus pursued the spiritual ideal only. However, after having been arrested for political uprising, he reconciled himself with his fate, strengthened by his inner knowledge.

10.25 Now we understand why the Church turned the Seven Gates (the Seven Initiations of Inanna) into Mary's "seven sins or demons". Through this, they aimed at hitting the Mother tradition in its very heart. It had to conceal at all costs, that Jesus' mission of "death and resurrection" didn't come from the "Father", but from the Mother. However, this isn't all. Mary Magdalene wasn't "just" an initiate of the Old Tradition, but an Enlightened One as well. This must have been very painful, for none of the apostles "understood him" (Jesus). Among the ignorant followers, Mary was the only one (probably together with Thomas), who had the same level of Realization. The Gnostic Gospels of Nag Hammadi reveal that Jesus not only was preaching to the crowd, but tried to build an inner circle of spiritual initiates as well. Mary Magdalene as "his first initiate" (actually the other way round) created wild jealousy with the rest of the group. They did everything to cross her in her efforts

to spreading the message. What would have happened if not them, but she would have become the legitimate successor to Jesus?*

*Hence, she is the only legitimate heiress of the teachings of Jesus Christ (actually his Teacher) and had every right to be his successor.

10.26 The Church thus had every reason to denounce her. And that is exactly what it did. To depict the closest friend of Jesus as "a prostitute" not only testifies of the Churches' ruthless cynicism, but tries to denunciate the entire holy temple practice* of the old Mother Religion, which has been THE aim of the Church ever since. Mary's beatification as "the saint of the prostitutes" doesn't change this at all. It puts her in a corner, in such a way, that her actual glory would never ever return. The campaign against Mary Magdalene is part of the larger crusade of the Church to eradicate all the memories of the previous Mother era. In reality Mary Magdalene was an extraordinary woman, indeed "the woman who knew the All". Not surprisingly thus, that she was called "the apostle of apostles" e.g. the "tower of wisdom" and teacher of the Gnosis. The Gospel of Mary Magdalene is the only gospel, written or inspired by a woman. Together with the other apocryphal scriptures it was suppressed, until very recently, it was rediscovered at Nag Hammadi..

* In which the priestesses initiated males into sacred sexuality. The later denunciation of this practice can be found everywhere in Church history. An example of this slanging-match is "Whore of Babylon", which should refer to the Great Mother Goddess. The attack on Mary Magdalene is part of the same pattern.

10.27 In recent publications Mary Magdalene is depicted as the wife of Jesus. Moreover, as Jesus' wife she conceived and raised their common children. Therefore, some are suggesting, that her womb symbolizes the Holy Grail. After her escape to Southern France her second child Joseph continued the "bloodline", which later became the royal dynasty of the Merovingians. This story is presented as a top revelation. Contrary to what popular writers try to let us believe, this bloodline has died out. The true secret goes far beyond this, though. As a High-Priestess of the Old Religion Mary Magdalene worshipped the Great Mother. The top symbol of the Mother is the Cosmic Womb. This secret she passed on to her disciples. The Holy Grail thus not symbolizing *her* womb, but *the* Womb of the Cosmic Mother. It explains the secrecy around it. It has nothing to do with Mary's physical womb, at all. The reason, that the Grail has never "been found" is that the Mother cannot be attained. She is beyond everything in the universe.. Hence, the saying: "The Grail cannot be attained, only be granted".

*Everything confirmed by the SermeS,
Through whom the Cosmic Womb has Revealed Herself
To (wo)mankind*

Excursion

10.28 The unbelievable thing is that after so many centuries, the Mother has revealed Herself again through the symbol of the Grail. It happened in 1974. Suddenly and totally unexpected an unusual clarity filled the room. I was part of that clarity. Then, on the wall approximately 2 meters in front of me tiny lights started emerging. Some seven of them. They had a certain relationship to each other. Very soon I saw, that they were connected by tiny green branches. Everything was continuously developing at a slow pace. Small golden flowers with red hearts on top of the branches emerged! I could easily watch it. It appeared to be St.John's Wort. The movement didn't halt for a moment. The branches slowly transformed themselves into big golden arms. Arms of a Menorah, a Jewish (Canaanite) Tree of Life. The candlestick had seven red flames on top of the branches, the whole radiating light in all directions.

10.29 subsequently, the arms of the Menorah became thicker and thicker. They all grew toward each other. To the extent, that eventually no space was left between them. It had become one solid object - a Chalice! - radiating a fascinating light. Such a Light I hadn't seen before in my life. I felt a combination of increasing excitement, together with corresponding great clarity of mind. There were no thoughts, only an exalted being on the verge of experiencing something very, very wonderful. The Chalice then started to slowly tilt over to the right side. I could see a part of its inside. And then, unbelievably, something started to drip over the edge. It was red. More drops came. First one by one, then a small stream. Slowly the stream became stronger; eventually it developed itself into a small waterfall. I was struck with awe. This wasn't something of this world. O my God, I recognized it. It was blood!*

*For an extensive report, see "[Vision of the Grail](#)", chapter 10.

Epilogue

10.30 It took many years, before I fully understood its meaning. The Grail Chalice symbolizes the Cosmic Womb. Through an unfathomable "cosmic decision", the Mother had revealed Herself to the world. I still cannot believe it. Her Message is hidden in the sequence of the St. John's Wort, the Menorah/Tree of Life and the Grail. The first standing for "awaken!", the second for personal integration e.g. "restructure your life" and the third for selfless love or "serve others". Not surprisingly thus, that this Her Message has become the guideline to my entire life. Looking back, the Vision was the announcement of the Threefold Cosmic Realization (1977), at that time it was something I was totally unaware of. The intriguing thing, of course is, what this has to do with Mary Magdalene. Both she and I were granted an equal intimate relationship with the Mother. We both are initiates of the Grail. After so many centuries, the spiritual line of the Grail has thus been restored. Amargi!*

*Greeting from Sumer 2300 years ago. It means "Freedom" or "Return to the Mother".

10.31 Through the Grace of both my Vision and my Threefold Realization*, I know Mary Magdalene from within. We are spiritual brother and sister. She and I are in the same Space; nay ultimately we are the selfsame Space Itself. Her life and suffering are my life and suffering. I therefore feel it as an act of Love, to do whatever I can to spread her glory in all directions. Nowadays, the infamous Church, seeing that the Truth has come out and that her popularity cannot be stopped anymore, tries to tactically adjust to the new situation. This is totally unacceptable. The Church should never be able to benefit from her in any way. There is only one possibility: rehabilitating Mary Magdalene would mean, that she is going to be acknowledged as the successor to Jesus and that consequently the entire papal lineage is a fraud.

*See [Revelation](#) of the Cosmic Mother, chapter 34.

Jesus Canaanite

The Great Jesus Interview

THE GREAT JESUS INTERVIEW “Jesus Lives”

“There is no original sin
Hence, neither redemption nor a savior is necessary
I am not God
Rather, I am an Awakened One
Yes, the God-Experience has been bestowed upon me
My Mission is to teach you how to become like Me
The Divine is penetrating the Whole of existence
Plants, animals, humans, rocks, rivers and the sky alike
Everything is sacred, nothing excluded
This Revelation is ongoing
Including countless women and men of all times
Everybody is called, everybody is chosen
In these most desperate of times
I don't need followers
Instead, I need successors!”
Jesus
“The die is cast”

10.32 Just like the Old Testament Jesus was annexed by the Church. It adapted him to its own image, in a way that not much was left from the real Jesus. Jesus neither founded a Church nor wanted to do so, what he wanted was to restore the Old Tradition. What he meant by that, well, officially the Jewish tradition, since he couldn't be open under the rabbinic oppression. However, in reality, he had little to do with the Jewish tradition, e.g. in Judaism the teaching of love hardly exists, nor are resurrecting Gods part of it. So he neither belonged to Judaism nor to Christianity (certainly not to Buddhism as a Bodhisattva as the Dalai Lama claims) but he could well have been a Canaanite (See Book “Origin”, chapter “Jesus Canaanite”), Though it is true that the Canaanites had mostly mingled with their conquerors (Hebrews), there had always been groups that wanted to restore the Old Tradition of the Mother Goddess. "Old Tradition", this can only be the tradition, which had been existing for centuries alongside Jewish monotheism and turned out to be extraordinarily strong. E.g. Elijah could destroy the priests of Baal, but not the priestesses. Solomon, the famous Jewish king, publicly venerated Asherah, the Mother Goddess (Cosmic Womb) of the Canaanites and so on and so forth. Jesus as a non-Jew, this is an outrageous idea, of which the (positive!) consequences cannot yet be predicted. In any case he is part of a thousand-of-years-old tradition of "dying and resurrecting Gods" just as Yahweh had once been (as Son/Lover of Asherah, the Canaanite! Mother Goddess, a fact later suppressed by the Rabbi's), what I called The Original Tradition, with its first representatives Osiris, Tammuz, Baal, Attis, Adonis, Dionysos and....Jesus. They are the predecessors, the true Source of the Green Men of the Occident.

10.33 There is strong evidence for the thesis that Jesus was a Canaanite, i.e. devoted to the Mother Religion. His death and resurrection are central. Whether physical or spiritual is irrelevant. Important is the principle, which originally stems from the (Canaanite) Mother Religion (and was later continued by the Hellenistic Mysteries). But from the very beginning many things suggest this fact too. He was born in the north of Israel, i.e. in Canaanite land. "Born from the Virgin Mary without a man being involved". "Virgin" means "independent from a man" - it reminds of the parthenogenesis of the Great Mother, who - as is known, is self (pro) creating. Joseph is the son/lover without father claim. The Church claims she is conceived through the "Holy Ghost".....the dove which, however, originally was a symbol of the Great Mother.....so Jesus was “begotten” by the

Cosmic Mother.....The fact, that Joseph plays a subordinate role, corresponds with the old matricentric Canaanite culture, as well. The same wouldn't have been possible in Jewish (strictly patriarchal) circles. Later on Jesus is baptized by John, only to show the outside world that he belongs to Judaism. He receives his God-experience (Enlightenment) on the Tabor Mountain, a holy mountain of the Canaanites. His wrath is aimed at the Jewish tradition of doing business in the temple. Later on Jesus is always surrounded by a group of women, supporting him in many ways. The marriage at Cana.....as "hieros gamos" (sacred marriage) is a central event in the Old Religion and is managed by his mother, proving the maternal line. That he denied it later on is no proof against this theory, as from time to time he had to deny his descent, in order to not be too suspicious. He supports or heals mainly non-Jewish women. He is indifferent towards the Jewish laws or is insensitive to them, while at the same time "wanting to restore the tradition".....So supposedly not the Jewish tradition.....

10.34 He is anointed by Mary Magdalene, which is an initiation rite of the God/Kings of the Mother Goddess. The former is called "Apostle of the Apostles", the woman who knows the All, a strong indication towards her status as High-Priestess of the Canaanite religion. That this is a fact is proved by her (in the Bible) being called "whore" (an indication to the Canaanite sacred temple prostitution) and that seven demons were exorcised (this points to her seven initiations of the Canaanite religion). It is possible to give an answer to the biggest mystery, i.e. where Jesus had been from the age of 12 to 32. There is not even a hint anywhere. Logically, because it could not be made public since....he was a disciple of the forbidden, even fanatically persecuted Canaanite religion.....Later on, he acts as the lover of Mary Magdalene (she representing the Goddess, whether they were married or not thus being irrelevant!) and kissed her on the mouth in the presence of his disciples.....something which was only acceptable to Canaanites. She discovered his empty tomb; she was the first to recognize him. He knew from the beginning about his role or fate – of becoming a "dying and resurrecting God/King" - since Mary Magdalene had initiated him into the old Mother Religion. However, this was meant purely symbolically, the physical death as a punishment for stirring up a riot, was an accident i.e. unexpected, a tragic misfortune... Nothing suggested that a man called Paul would later use this event to build his Christianity.....

10.35 Jesus as Canaanite or Green Man, part of a tradition of "dying and resurrecting Gods" has a message for us. First of all, he is no longer the "Only Begotten Son of the Father" but is one of many. And this not only with regard to the past. God-Experience is part of our heritage, every man and every woman can experience it. As Jesus himself taught: "The Kingdom of God is in you". Instead of being believers, i.e. to let Jesus die for us, so that we can go on with "business as usual" we should become part of the tradition of "dying and resurrecting Gods" ourselves. For the essence of today's global crisis is: either our ego will die, or the world will go down... The ego has to become a servant to the Whole instead of being its centre. It is about becoming true successors to Jesus i.e. Osiris, Tammuz, Baal, Attis and Dionysos*, respectively, with the Eternal-Feminine as the Ultimate Reality. Just like it was practised in the Hellenistic Mysteries, e.g., leading a spiritual life where we let our ego die in order to be constantly reborn. Grace was bestowed upon me by becoming part of this Tradition i.e. I was indeed granted the Great Realization of "death and resurrection". **The "Threefold Cosmic Realization"** is the deepest possible spiritual Experience. If we open up to IT, we are not alone anymore. The Original Tradition has risen like a phoenix from the ashes. The Cosmic Realization of "death and resurrection" is real and alive. It is accessible to all. I personally bear witness to it through my **LINK: Vision of the Grail (10)** and **LINK: Threefold Cosmic Realization (34)**. And, as I stated above: I am only Enlightened because you are, too..... because the whole Cosmos is.....

* Since this chapter is dedicated to Jesus we didn't talk about female models. However, it should be obvious that Isis,

Inanna, Ishtar, Cybele, Asherah, Aphrodite, the Black Madonna and Mary Magdalene are just as important as her male partners....**LINK: Wise Women (18), The Universal Shell, The Lady and the (Her) Beasts (website).**

The Interview

10.36 The essence of Christian belief is that "Jesus lives". At the same time there is continuous controversy about his teaching. For two thousand years Christianity is split in countless fractions, all claiming to possess the Truth. Theologians have been indulging in speculations e.g. interpretations to such an extent, that the "true message" has become obscured. Nobody seems to be interested in Jesus' own opinions. They don't take their own faith literally. However, if Jesus is alive as they claim he is, then it must be possible to directly contact him. And this is exactly what Han Marie Stiekema did. He says: In order to meet CHRIST I went within to "my" deepest layer. Once in the Realm of Limitlessness "I" enjoyed Unity with the Divine. My common self had totally disappeared. A Voice whispered: "My brother, are you there? I am the Essence of the Universe, like You are the Essence of the Universe. Here we can meet. Actually, we are already One. Isn't that a miracle? Again the Voice: "My brother, do you hear Me?"

NOT JESUS, BUT HIS (THE) ESSENCE LIVES, THE SELFSAME ESSENCE THAT PENETRATES THE WHOLE OF EXISTENCE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, INCLUDING YOU AND ME, THE GRASS, THE TREES, THE FLOWERS, THE ANIMALS, THE ROCKS, THE RIVERS, THE CLOUDS.....

10.37

HMS. Yes, but how I know it is You?

CHRIST: Of course you know; don't you know your own Innermost Core?

TOGETHER: We don't have to search for each other. The Unity has been there from Eternity. Let's enjoy our Oneness and entertain ourselves with some playful talk, to the benefit of all, those who are thirsty and hungry. Yes, let's do that!

CHRIST: Actually, I am very happy that you have invited me to speak. For two thousand years - although all saying that "I live" - nobody has ever got the idea of contacting me directly. Not being able to express myself was the greatest ordeal, ever.

HMS: But what about all those learned men: apostles, church fathers, theologians, popes, bishops, priests, ministers and all others, who were involving themselves and still are in promoting your message? Isn't the Church representing you on Earth?

CHRIST: These pedants e.g. wiseacres are only interested in their own opinions. They misused my message in order to strengthen their own positions, denying the greatest Truth of all, namely that I AM Eternally Present.

HMS: Isn't the Bible God's word?

CHRIST: The Bible served the purpose of establishing power. It has very little to do with the Truth. With the Bible in their hands the clergy had an instrument to oppress all their "adversaries". As you know only an estimate 15% of my words are genuine*. With the discoveries of Nag Hammadi,

people suddenly became aware of a totally different interpretation of my stay on Earth. However, even those Gnostic scriptures don't give the full account.

* As has been proven by prof.dr.G.Lüdemann and many others.

HMS: I think the most crucial question of all is "Who Are You?"

CHRIST: I cannot tell you how much I regret the controversies caused by this issue. It cannot be understood without seeing it in a broader context of pre-Christian religion and beyond. The difficulty of my task was to satisfy the demands for a Messiah, bringing about social change, on the one hand, and my deeper mission, teaching the people about Ultimate Reality, on the other.

HMS: Could you explain?

CHRIST: Well, my life at that time didn't originate "out of the blue" – as the Only Son of God - as many scholars try to claim. During my life I was always very much aware of the ancient (Canaanite) Tradition, of which I am a part. As you know, I repeatedly emphasized my mission as to restore the Original! Tradition. Of course, I had to conceal my effort in order not to become persecuted.

HMS: What was the true nature of your Mission?

CHRIST: Well, Jewish tradition didn't have the coherence later writers try us to believe. In fact, there were two contradicting tendencies: that of the popular Mother Religion on the one hand and the legalistic, fundamentalist Yahweh religion on the other. In fact, the Old Testament is an account of how the latter tried to crush the former.

HMS: Did you consciously considered yourself to be a part of that struggle?

CHRIST: In order to answer that question you have to go back to the pre-Hebrew era. At that time the Great Mother Religion flourished in the entire Near East, predominantly in Sumer, Babylon and Anatolia. Later these cults spread to Egypt, Canaan and the Hellenist realm. Its Essence is always the same: it consists of the All-Embracing Mother with Her Son/Lover: the “dying and resurrected” God man.

HMS: You mean to say, that these traditions are somehow connected?

CHRIST: The popular beliefs of the Hebrews and later Christianity are NOT exclusive new beginnings in history, as they pretend to be. They are rather continuations in disguise. It began with the Hebrews taking over the Canaanite Goddess cult. They copied the Divine couple Asherah and El, the latter replaced by Yahweh as Her “Son/Lover”, later to be continued by Astarte/Anat with Baal as the dying and resurrected God man. While the Mother symbolized the Cosmic Womb in which everything is born e.g. returns, the God played the role of Her servant, protecting the vegetation. He did this by dying every autumn, while being reborn every spring.

HMS: You were also a "dying and resurrected God man", weren't you?

CHRIST: Exactly. Like so many others in my time. They all tried to revive the ancient Mother Religion in some way or another. Since the old times an evolution had taken place, though. It started with Gilgamesh. He escaped from the Goddess (Ishtar) and started his own spiritual quest. Instead of being a Vegetation God, he searched for immortality..

HMS: Which was a break with the past?

CHRIST: Right. My Mission was twofold. I came to restore the Old Mother Tradition, together with Her dying and reborn Son, thus starting to teach the people the way out of their personal ignorance. Haven't I said "Become like Me?" It means that everybody can become reborn as a New Self.

HMS: With regard to the first part, where did you get your inspiration from?

CHRIST: Hebrew society wasn't as homogenous as the Bible tries us to believe. In fact, many people - especially women - still followed the Way of the Mother. That is the reason why my mother Mary was surrounded by women, while having no "legal husband". The latter means, that my mother was a (matriarchal) Canaanite, living as a Virgin, e.g. "a woman who is not depending on a man". Of course, later, the Church distorted all this.

HMS: Unbelievable, I never understood it this way.

CHRIST: There is much more, though. I have been raised in a "feminine" environment. An environment that secretly worshipped the Great Mother. That's why I have been always respectful to them. They have sent me to a Mother-oriented Mystery School in order to be trained as Her Servant. It explains why I had "disappeared" for several years. It was the most intensive training imaginable. The Jewish priests - fanatical followers of the "One God" - Yahweh - would have crushed me, should I have been discovered.

HMS: Does this comply with Jeremiah 44 in which the women say: "we want to bring offerings to the Queen of Heaven?"

CHRIST: As you probably know, during my years of teaching, I have quoted from one Old Testament book only, namely Second Isaiah. Why? Because it is the only book, that praises the Mother. It suggests "return to the joyful life of a mother with a large family"*. No mentioning of "husbands" in this text, hence it is a (hidden) reference to the times of the Old Mother. Sometimes I even dared to be more open. Thus, Thomas quotes me by saying: "Your mother gave you life, but your True Mother gave you True Life". Somewhere else I talked about my mother as a "prostitute", i.e. an initiate of the Original Way.

*However, patriarchal structure was not challenged, at all. See G.Baumann "Prophetic Objections to Yahweh" in "The Feminist Companion to the Bible", Second Series 8.

HMS: Nowadays, an increasing number of people have all kinds of personal interpretations about you and your life. What do you think of that?

CHRIST: The reality is much more revealing. For the first time in 2000 years I will reveal the Truth about my background. You all know that I was conceived by the "Holy Ghost". It was an attempt of the Church to conceal the underlying reality. You should know that I was born into a subculture of Canaanite people. Those who still practised the old Mother Religion. These groups were women-centred. There is even proof in the Bible for them. Like you said above (Jeremiah 44.15-18) "We used to have plenty of food, and prospered, and saw no misfortune. But by the time we stopped making offerings to the Queen of Heaven.....and pouring out libations to Her, we have lacked everything and have perished by the sword and by famine". Earlier it is said that the women were not alone in this.

HMS: What was meant?

CHRIST: That they did it together with men. Again the text: "We will do everything that we have vowed, making offerings to the Queen of Heaven and pour out libations to Her, *just as we and our ancestors, our kings and our officials*, used to do in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 44.17). It proves that this tradition was once prominent in the entire nation. The women group in which I was raised was one of the last pockets of this tradition. Something I am very proud of, indeed.

HMS. Please, go on, I die from curiosity!

CHRIST: In those circles women were not married according to Jewish law*. Instead, they lived in solidarity with each other, supported by one or more male supporter/friends. Joseph was one of them. In fact, it wasn't known who of the friends made my mother Mary pregnant. An unbearable fact to the later Church. That's why they "spiritualized" the whole story.

* In order to lead people astray, the Bible has put the stage of a MARRIAGE in Canaan! Another interpretation: it symbolizes the Canaanite "hieros gamos" ritual.

HMS: This will shock people even more as the revelations of your supposed marriage to Mary Magdalene*.

CHRIST: She was also called a "prostitute!" You know in the Old Times priestesses of the Goddess initiated men through "sacred prostitution". Thus the Church cleverly misused her true status (by calling her "prostitute"). By the way, these recent revelations are very incomplete, to say the least.

* See also in this chapter: Mary Magdalene.

HMS: Please, continue!

CHRIST: Mary wasn't my follower, I was her's. She was my mentor, coach and protectress. That's why it was she who anointed me. She was the most remarkable woman I've ever met. Her wisdom, love and strength were unsurpassed. She was really "the woman who knew the All". She had realized the "Seven Stages", which is the highest possible accomplishment in the Mother Tradition*. That's why my male followers - Peter - envied her so much. Against the background of an already dominating patriarchal society Mary had no chance to further develop her teaching.

* Which the Church later turned into her "seven sins".....

HMS: Could you tell us a little more about her?

CHRIST: She was - just like my family - a Canaanite woman, very independent, influential and wealthy - like many priestesses of the Goddess - a status that was recognized and respected by many. Their contacts with men were open and free. Therefore, kissing her on the mouth in public didn't automatically mean that we were "married". In our circles "marriage" wasn't an issue. She had more lovers and I happened to be her favourite (did I hear Christ laughing?.....), a dedication that grew over the years.

HMS: A paradise that couldn't last for ever.....

CHRIST: By and by she made me clear that my time had come e.g. that I should take up my role as a true Son of the Mother, teaching people "death and rebirth" as a way toward personal salvation. It started with my Enlightenment on Mount Tabor. It emphasizes the difference between God-Realisation and "being God". If I would have been "God" from Eternity, like the Church tries to claim, Realisation wouldn't have been necessary. Despite that, the beginnings of my public appearance weren't fun, so to speak. It took some time before I felt convenient in my role.

HMS: Why was that?

CHRIST: Well, I had to combine several roles simultaneously: First of all that of "Servant to the Mother". I honestly can say that this was a complete failure. I didn't succeed at all in conveying the message of the Mother as the Source of all life. The oppression of the System was simply too strong. Proof of this is that during my life the resistance against woman emancipation was enormous. Later, when Christians took over, women were to be excluded from every active role in religion.*

* As part of the Churches' program to eradicate the Mother Religion, once and forever.

HMS: A very sad development, indeed. I know of heroic women and men, who in the first centuries, tried to resist this development, indeed, as you say, to no avail.

CHRIST: Even my role as a spiritual teacher of the Mysteries was suspicious in the eyes of the orthodox Jews. They saw me - not without reason - as a representative of the unbelievers, the Hellenistic Jews and the gentiles, many of whom were living in our midst. The former felt threatened, that's why, eventually, and they (successfully) tried to eradicate me. Put to it my attempts to also comply with the expectations of common Jews, who saw me as the Messiah - think of my failed entry into Jerusalem - and you get an idea of my despair, at last. Thus, I had to die as a criminal, nothing more, and nothing less. My small self finished, back to the Earth, my True Self back to its Source!

HMS: That is a cool way of looking at it!

CHRIST: It is the Truth.

HMS: Thus, no "Only Begotten Son of God", sent by his Father, dying for the sins of (wo)mankind. No redeemer, no savior, no resurrection, either? No justification for a "Christian Church" either? Please explain.

CHRIST: Well, actually, there are "three Jesus Christs". First the historical Jesus. He was a Canaanite and follower of Mary Magdalene. Mary had chosen him as the next "God/King of the Canaanite Tradition. It was a hidden mission though. "Officially" this man happened to be a very insignificant healer. Measured to worldly standards, there were dozens of his kind and he wasn't successful, either. So, it is to no surprise, that no historical records have ever been found. Secondly, Christ the spiritual Teacher, Enlightened and knower of the Truth, sharing his Being with devotees. Thirdly, the Jesus Christ as presented by the Church, the "Only Begotten Son of God".

HMS: I am perplexed.

CHRIST: The second Christ is the one who you are talking to, right now. He symbolizes the Divine Spark in all living beings, like yourself. He (it) embodies the spiritual principle, worshipped and realised from before written history. His first "appearances" can be traced down to Osiris, Horus,

Tammuz, Baal, Attis and Dionysos. A tradition that later was to be copied and usurped by the Christian Church.

HMS: So, when talking about "your life on Earth" you are talking about Your incarnation as the "second Jesus".

CHRIST: The second Jesus - like everybody else - had ME as his innermost Core. I know who he was, because I AM his Essence. Though ME Jesus was able to be a teacher. His actual teaching was hindered by the fact that he had to satisfy two groups of people simultaneously: the initiated and the non-initiated. To the former the Divine (the "Father" to the non-initiated) is the Essence of the entire universe, being the Core of everything existing. It is What-You-Really-Are, What everybody Ultimately Is. That's why he taught to his spiritual disciples "The Light is within (and around) you" and "Know yourself and you will become like Me".

HMS: In fact, sharing his Divine Essence with all and everyone!

CHRIST: You are right. But let's first talk about Paul, the one who continued the teaching. What he did was the following. As a Hellenist Jew he had a great insight in the Mystery Religions. Through his own Enlightenment he also saw the similarities between the former and my teachings. He had a very sharp eye about what factors had caused my failure: the orthodox Jews who resisted Hellenistic influence. So, he started to reconstruct my story, emphasizing the Path of Salvation through "death and resurrection", this time focussed not on Israel, but the Hellenistic world.

HMS: Of which many say "he did it his own way"....Some even claim that he totally distorted your original teaching.

CHRIST: First of all, it should be stressed, that religion is a process of continuous Revelation/Realisation. The Divine is penetrating the Whole of existence, calling and choosing many, all the time. That exactly has happened to Paul. It justifies his own input. However, he not only respected, but also extended the core of my teaching, namely, that every person is deep within, Divine. Obviously, he was a little "over-enthusiastic", in the sense that he idealized me. Instead of saying "the Divine or the Light within" he talked about "Christ within". He (also) clearly failed on one point: excluding the Mother from his teachings, isolating "death and rebirth" from their True Source, the very Source that makes "death and rebirth" possible*. It made it much easier for the later Church to incorporate his teachings into an authoritarian, patriarchal framework.

* Most modern (male) scholars are doing the same. They all exclude the "Eternal Feminine" as the Source of existence. Even Timothy Freke in his more than excellent book "The Jesus Mysteries" (1999 Three Rivers Press) - a book that I can recommend to every sincere reader - does it "for didactic reasons". Equally inspiring is Tom Harpur "The Pagan Christ" (2004 Walker & Company).

HMS: How could indeed Paul, become the main pillar to the later Church? I think of making you the "Son of God", the "Redeemer", on the one hand, and his enmity toward women, on the other.. How can these be reconciled with each other?

CHRIST: It is simple. More than half of his letters have been forged. While defending Gnosis - Self-Realisation - in the first seven or so, Church propagandists let him claim exactly the opposite in the following ones. That this was known to the early Gnostics is proved by the fact, that almost all of them consider him to be one of their most respected teachers!

HMS: Thus, the Church not only suppressed your words, but falsified the words of Paul, as well. Outrageous!

CHRIST: It is.

HMS: Still, in both groups of letters he doesn't speak of you and your life. He doesn't seem to be very interested in his beloved teacher as a person, at all. Hasn't that bothered you?

CHRIST: It proves his spiritual maturity. He simply went to the core of the teaching - *something that existed long before my time* - and dropped or adjusted everything else. Please, realize that the Mystery Teachings weren't my property. I hadn't invented them! So, Paul could dispose of them without my consent*.....Important is, that people knew about the forgeries.

* That Paul is referring to a Tradition that goes far beyond the historical Jesus is proven by his sayings. E.g. Col. (1:25-8) Paul asserts he has been assigned to the task of announcing "the secret hidden for long ages and through many generations!" (D.Pratt).

HMS: Removing them is pretty late after 2000 years of Outer Christianity, e.g. a Church that has suppressed all expressions of inner religiosity e.g. spirituality. I think of oppressing e.g. eradicating the Old Mother Religion, then the Pagans, followed by that of the Gnostics, then the Jews, followed by the witch-hunt on women, etc., etc..

CHRIST: I know, I know. The occurrence of the (Catholic) Church is maybe the greatest tragedy, überhaupt. Its aim was (is) power, rather than liberation e.g. emancipation of the people. There is only one justification for being a religion: that is leading people to God-Realization. It means that your effort is a temporary one. Once a person has realized, the Church proves to be superfluous. This is true selflessness, something of which the Church possesses very little. Actually, the Church has done exactly the opposite.

HMS: Does it still represent the Truth?

CHRIST: The Outer Mysteries - a savior, a canon, dogmas, outer rituals - are at best a first step toward God-Understanding. They have to be followed by teaching into the Inner Mysteries e.g. necessarily becoming a spiritual Path as the next step. Some Churches indeed try this now. But because the clergy will never be willing to lose its grip on "their" people, these attempts are like hollow gestures. Something totally new has to emerge.

HMS: Like?

CHRIST: A new attempt has to be made to integrate all levels of existence. In fact, the tradition that I once tried to restore has still to be healed. I desperately need successors, who continue where I failed. It starts with the Great Mother as the Origin of all that lives. As the Cosmic Womb She is the foundation of continuous "dying to the old, while rising as a New Woman or Man". A tradition that existed far beyond the beginnings of Christianity.

HMS: Like portrayed on a 3. Century CE amulet where a "God" is dying, apparently you, but at a closer look it is Osiris/Dionysos, the Pagan "God" complex.

CHRIST: This amulet is indeed unique, for it emphasizes the unity of the tradition. You may call it the "dying and resurrecting" Vegetation/Mystery God (Tammuz-Osiris-Baal-Attis-Dionysos-Christ

etc.) complex (TOBADCetc.). Crucial is that they all - as "Son/Lovers" - manifest the underlying Truth of the Great Mother as the Ultimate Source of "Death and Rebirth".

HMS: I have studied this picture and have come to an amazing conclusion. The connection with the Mother is emphasized by the Vulva, the Stake (the sacred symbol of the Mother Goddess Asherah) instead of a cross, while the horizontals are there, merely for practical reasons: to support the arms.....; the Moon as the classical symbol of the Goddess and the "Venus" Star or the Star of Ishtar, proof of the fact, that God is dying in the Dark Lap of the Eternal Mother*.

* See picture in Timothy Freke "The Jesus Mysteries".

CHRIST: Excellent. Maybe from now on we are going to call "God" **TOBADCetc.....**(laughs loudly about his joke...). Moreover, in many accounts from initiates of the Mystery Religions it becomes clear, that spiritual rebirth always has been understood as going into Darkness, in order to die to the old. After allowing your fear of death into your innermost core the Eternal Light will be born, the initiates' resurrection to his/her Divine Essence. It is a confirmation of the underlying Truth: the Cosmic Womb - Darkness - giving birth to the Light.*

* See "**Threefold Cosmic Realization**", chapter 34.

HMS: Which isn't the end of the spiritual Path....

CHRIST: Right. The Divine is penetrating everything without exception. That means, after your awakening - in order to become fully Whole - you still have something to do: including your small self ("personality") into your New Identity. Only when the personality becomes one with your Essence - becomes content of your Inner Space, once again - the spiritual Path can be considered successful. Only a purified body/mind can testify to the underlying Truth!*. Only then you will be able to re-integrate in the context of life: "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community" and become fruitful. It is your "sacred marriage" with existence. Together you may create a sacred Earth, once again.

* Due to influences from abroad (Indian philosophy) this very essential last step is often not made. Many awakened people cling to their "attainment", while declaring the small self as an irrelevant, illusory part of existence. They often look pitiful to those who do embrace the heroic path, as if the latter still "have a problem" or "haven't understood where spirituality is all about".

HMS: What you say is very enlightening to me.

CHRIST: Buddhism has been more consistent only with regard to the first step. If the Ultimate Reality is indeed penetrating everything and everybody without exception, then everybody is already (potentially) Enlightened. Contrary to Christianity, in which I was supposed to be the "Only Begotten Son" of God, everybody may become a Buddha.

HMS: The consequences can be seen in the shattered society of today.

CHRIST: By hiding e.g. suppressing the Truth, people were prevented from realizing their own True Self. It is the cause of the degeneration of the entire culture.

HMS: While at the same time they were called to imitate you.

CHRIST: It was (is) one of the Churches' greatest sins. On the one hand forcing people to "become like me" - qualities like love, humility, kindness, sacrifice, justice etc. - while at the same time deliberately denying them to realize their Divine Spark within, from which those qualities originate.....

HMS: What is the future of the Church according to you?

CHRIST: Whether big or small, institutions based on lies, manipulation, deceit, greed and oppression will continue to seek dominance and exploitation. However, they have nothing to do with God, me or life.

HMS: The Church blocking the road to God, rather than the opposite.

CHRIST: The purpose is to make people so confused, that they become willing victims of the Churches' dominance. By making me "God", they deliberately destroyed the work of the Ultimate e.g. the continuity of Revelation to countless women and men. God's purpose is to uninterruptedly renew the tradition, in order to continuously regenerate (wo)mankind. By denouncing this, the Church is responsible for the degeneration of the culture. People deprived of their Divine Spark within, a balanced culture, is the tragedy of the West. Limitless growth is a sign of degeneration, like a plant that goes to seed.

HMS: They put you in a position, you didn't want to be in?

CHRIST: What I regret most is that by making me the "redeemer", they took the possibilities away from people to "die and become reborn" themselves. Rather than becoming liberated, people were cut off from their inner Source, deprived of the possibility of Renewal and Regeneration. The latter isn't just allegorical or symbolical - as some modern writers try us to believe - but is a Realization that is more Real than real. Spirituality is about living in Reality, it is the birth of a New (Wo)Man.....

HMS: Instead, redemption has become an absolute monopoly of the Church.

CHRIST: You say it. My passion on the other hand, has always been to guide people toward their own God-Realization. I never favoured the founding of a Church. Fortunate for you, that you live in a time in which the old structures are collapsing.*

* See also in the website "[MatriTalks](#)" nr. 70

HMS: If you would be teaching now, what would your teaching be?

CHRIST: The essence of every religious teaching is to guide people back to the Source. I confess that I am totally relieved, that nowadays the Truth can be transmitted without obstacles. In the past I made some mistakes myself, which contributed to the confusion.

HMS: This sounds like a confession (laughing).

CHRIST: It is. In my enthusiasm to spread the tradition I forgot about practising patience. A certain ambition to gain political power wasn't entirely strange to me, either. It has led to premature actions like my entry as "a King" into Jerusalem. Logically, the authorities felt threatened. I should have postponed it or entirely cancelled it in favour of spiritual teaching, only.

HMS: I thought "your Kingdom wasn't from here".

CHRIST: To emphasize one Truth is not necessarily denying the other. I considered myself part of the Old Tradition after all. There the Divine Son is also a King. More important though is that my premature death could have been prevented. Buddha had forty years at his disposal to spread the Dharma.

HMS: So, it wasn't all determined beforehand?

CHRIST: What do you mean?

HMS: I mean your "death and resurrection".

CHRIST: Preconceived was the archetypical myth of the "dying and resurrecting God" as part of the Great Mother Tradition. It offered me a guideline, an ideal so to speak. I did not take it seriously as something that could actually happen to me. Only the very last moment I realized that "the dream had come true". I had two choices: escape, which would mean committing treason to my inner Truth or to accept. You know how it eventually turned out.

HMS: Crucial to the Churches' "teaching" is the "fact" that you resurrected in the body. What is true about it?

CHRIST: Don't you remember what I said to Mary (Magdalene) after my resurrection? I only have to quote the Churches' own Bible. There I said "don't touch me". It means "I don't have a physical body, but a spiritual one", emphasizing that my "Death and Rebirth" had to be exclusively understood as a spiritual realization. You know it from your own experiences....

HMS: What would you like to share with people today?

CHRIST: Commitment to one's inner Truth is decisive. In order to be fruitful your Consciousness has to be connected to the Universal Truth.

HMS: What benefit people would gain from it?

CHRIST: By surrendering to the Ultimate, you will be granted continuous Renewal. Unlike me, who is said to have only once "died and resurrected" (laughing again?....), you should continuously be "dying to the old" in order to be reborn. It is a VERY REAL experience, indeed. Once realized, you should share your new qualities with the people around you. By doing so, my effort could gain a new meaning.

HMS: Such as?

CHRIST: That my "death and resurrection" is not something that can be claimed, monopolized by the Christian Church, anymore. It is not exclusive. It is not tied to my person either. It is universal.

HMS: What consequences could this have for spirituality in general and the Western tradition in particular?

CHRIST: These times are characterized by decay. It is an invitation to go back to the Source, in order to renew yourself. Not only individuals but the tradition, nay, the entire culture should regenerate itself, as well. That is the meaning of the Revelation of the Mother. Through surrendering

to Her many people will be granted God-Realization. These people will guide others in making the next step in evolution.

HMS: Renewal as a permanent process?

CHRIST: Religion should be based on continuous Renewal, yes. In fact, this is taking place all the time. The mystics of past and present are the forerunners. They all realized their Universal Consciousness. I don't need believers, I need successors!

HMS: This a very revolutionary statement, indeed!

CHRIST: "The European soul is dead". Isn't that remark coming from the previous pope, who, like all other popes, obviously is NOT my representative on earth. And this after 2000 years of Christian re-education? This could only mean, that Christianity has terribly failed, right from the start the religion took a wrong course. You have, in a way, start all over again.

HMS: What could possibly be the Mission of your successors?

CHRIST: They - women and men - have to connect where I got stuck. It is all about the Mother. The time is very favourable. Patriarchy is almost at its end, although may produce quite some (very) unpleasant spasms. There is a beginning awareness of the Cosmic Mother as the Source of all life. Unconditional Love - like an earthly mother to her child - should be the attitude to all living and non-living beings.

HMS: And furthermore?

CHRIST: To teach spirituality e.g. religion from within. Outer Christianity became the dominant religion, not because its inner or moral superiority, but because of (violent) oppression of all "others". The traditions that experienced God from within were crushed. Again, due to my inability (and historic inevitability) I didn't succeed in establishing a lasting inner tradition. My only hope is that through the suffering of so many centuries, people will find the strength and the resolve to turn the tide. Not only for the sake of individual salvation, but of an entire culture.

HMS: I have heard one of your major concerns is the social/gender issue. Could you explain?

CHRIST: Well, as you know, I have been the initiate of women, not the other way round. Looking at the developments in current times, there is indeed reason for concern. Developments again go into the wrong direction. It is not about the emancipation of women, at all, they inevitably have to realize their masculine part, because that's the way to overcome the suffering of the past. Thus, it is okay that they go for independence, career and even power.

HMS: But.....

CHRIST: Yes, obviously, there is a "but". Their mistake is to assume, that emancipation is possible within the framework of a patriarchal society. The latter is very clever by binding women through the temptations of the consumer paradise. So, career, yes, but only if a women-oriented society is being aimed at. Within the current system all feminine aspirations will eventually be crushed. Look at the most successful among them. Are they more human, feminine, and compassionate? The opposite is the case, I am afraid.

HMS: What about men?

CHRIST: Men increasingly become victim of their own system. Is a boy guilty, just because he has been born into a male-dominating social system? He will be brain-washed without being able to resist the powers around him. In these times, where this system is rapidly deteriorating, male identity is on the brink of break-down. This is a very dangerous situation, indeed. My successors should be aware of this. In fact, they have the same task as I used to have: to re-educate the male part of the population*. The only way out - like before - is to make them aware of their alienation from life and the subsequent necessity of becoming part of the Whole, once again.

* Social developments in which women are realizing their inner masculinity ("animus") and men their inner femininity ("anima"), the latter also called "metro-sexuality", intensified by the tendency of single parents, in which children increasingly become "daughters and sons of the mother"....., could very well give society a push toward a more androgenic/matriarchal direction, as advocated by Jesus.

HMS: So, there are still sources of inspiration here in the West?

CHRIST: The turning point is the Revelation of The Great Cosmic Mother. She is All-Embracing and all existing religions are Her Sons. As Unity in Diversity She is the completion of (wo)man's religious aspiration. Since the beginning of time nothing really has changed!!!

HMS: Thank you very much from the Depth of my Heart. Talking with you truly has made me a different man.

CHRIST: It surely will. Very soon the Cosmos will lift you up, giving your life a totally new Dimension. Under all circumstances: rely on Her!

TOGETHER: Praise the Mother!

Chapter 11

European Green Man & Wise Woman Pilgrim Network

Sheela Na Gigs

Distortions of the Cosmic Mother

See also: <http://www.sheelanagig.org/index.html#http://www.sheelanagig.org/SheelaTheories.htm>

11.1 "Sheela-Na-Gigs" are carvings of women who has spread their legs, openly displaying their vulva. Remarkable is the fact, that they are almost always ugly. They are carved on many churches on the continent, in England and in Ireland. None originated earlier that the 10th or 11th century. The common explanation is that they were used by the Church to "warn people" against sexual lust. The people considered them to be Mother Goddesses of ancient times. The question: where did they come from? For the first time this problem can be answered.



Mother "Sheela" from Palestine

11.2 Above Goddess picture comes from the Bible and Orient Museum in Fribourg, Switzerland. Its origin is Palestine. She shows Her vulva without any reservation, emphasizing the Source of fertility, maybe even the Womb as the Origin of all. Her eyes are inward, which is a proof of Self-assuredness and determination. These and countless similar Goddess statues have been found in the entire Levant. For sure, pilgrims to the Holy Land and Crusaders (Templers) also knew them. Without any doubt many of these statues were taken back home to Europe



Kilpeck (GB)

11.3 While f.i. the Templars took them very seriously - venerating them as MotherGoddesses - the Church got a shock. To them a positive display of femininity was a curse. It was the time where the Troubadours flourished with their open veneration of the "Lady". The Churches' countermeasures included the creation of "Sheela's", while the Troubadours were eventually forbidden (sic), while the Templars were eradicated two centuries later....

11.4 In Pre-history, (Mother)Goddesses exposing their "Yoni's" was a common feature. It is proof of the fact, that the Vulva was considered sacred: the Gate to the Cosmic Womb. Only an institute that considered sex as pathological (the Church) could have the sick idea of turning beauty into something ugly ("Sheela's")



Buddhist! "Vulva" Temple, Yunnan, China

11.5 To prove that the Feminine with the open vulva (Cosmic Womb) is universal, here a thousand year old rock carving from Australia and a Tokudashi girl, showing her vulva to men, re-enacting the ancient scene in which Ama-no-Uzume (Shinto Goddess) showed Her genitals to SunGoddess Amaterasu

Vulva Goddesses

Devi Lajja Gauri/Baubo/Dayak Art

11.6 In 1937 Lady Raglan from Britain re-discovered the Green Man. She saw one (and later a lot more) on the wall of an English monastery. Typically, with a sad face and with leaves sprouting out of his mouth. It was Lady Raglan who called this face "Green Man". Slowly, it became clear that Green Men embody the suppressed Original Tradition of Europe. Indeed, it was Christianity which had done everything to hide the fact, that Jesus was part of the pre-Christian tradition of the Great Mother and Her Son/Lovers. The Churches' ambition was to be a totally unique beginning in history

with no roots in the past whatsoever. The re-discovery of the Green Man (and Wise Woman) crushed all its illusions. It has become clear that the memory of the Green Man survived the times. First of all he can be found on/in hundreds of churches all over Europe (**See this chapter: our European Pilgrim Network**), secondly there is one country that preserved i.e. revived this ancient tradition best: Britain. Especially, Green Man as "Spirit in Nature" is emphasized. E.g. the annual "Jack in the Green" (see website) festival of Hastings is an incredible expression of a new Consciousness.

This is YOUR tradition!

11.7 While God was condemning Eve in the Garden of Eden, Adam shouted in protest "She is the Mother of all living". It proves that not only women resisted early patriarchy, but men did so, too. Adam resisted God and emphasized his deepest insight, namely, that the Great Mother and not God is the Primordial Origin of existence. It also means that Adam himself didn't believe the fairy tale about "Eve taken from Adam's rib". On the contrary, he fully acknowledged Her as his Birth giver. It makes Adam the ultimate hero of all men and women.

11.8 S. Kramer once again: "Dilmun is a land that is "pure", "clean", and "bright", a "land of the living" which knows neither sickness nor death. What is lacking, however, is fresh water so essential to animal and plant life. The great Sumerian Water-God, Enki, therefore orders Utu, the Sun-God, to fill it with fresh water brought up from the Earth. Dilmun is thus turned into a divine garden, green with fruit-laden fields and meadows. Furthermore Enki is known as the God of Wisdom, the "resourceful, skilful, handy and wise". He is the first God who is creating a World Order, a civilization, something that later on is copied by Osiris and Dionysos. That he is the precursor of a dying and resurrected Vegetation God is furthermore illustrated by the tale, in which Enki eats "forbidden fruits from Ninhursags garden" (...)*, whereupon the angered Ninhursag pronounces the curse of death upon him. She subsequently disappears. Immediately after, Enki's health begins to fail, eight of his organs become sick. A fox manages to bring the Mother Goddess back, the latter healing dying Enki. She seats him by Her vulva (...) and after inquiring which organs ache, She brings into existence eight corresponding healing deities, and Enki is brought back to life and health.

** Compare with the biblical Garden of Eden story. Here you can see how the process of patriarchalization worked: things were simply put upside down.

11.9 Later the (Mother) Goddesses systematically "delegated" aspects of their Being to men. Hence, men became "Vegetation Gods". Their role was to protect the seasonal cycle, while safeguarding the harvest. They did this by dying in autumn, while being resurrected in spring. The land was considered the realm of the Mother. That's why in this era the men acted as servants to the latter. The first man in written history to do so was the shepherd Dumuzi (Tammuz). He was the lover of Inanna, Queen of Heaven and Earth (of Sumeria), also called The Green One. It was She, who first descended into the Underworld to die in order to be resurrected. After Her return She needed a substitute in order to guarantee the continuation. She chose Dumuzi. He is the second-important precursor to The Green Man. His influence can be traced toward the West, contributing to the myth of Baal* and to the East, where he possibly played a role in the early Harappa culture of the Indus delta.

*With great sadness we think of the destroyed temple of Baal at Palmyra.

11.10 After the early Church fathers had thoroughly stamped out the Old Mother Religion, the memory went on in disguise, e.g. "neutral symbols" were used to hide the underlying reality. One of the most popular was the "Tree of Life". It is probably as old as (wo)mankind, used by both the Sumerian Goddess Inanna as well as the Canaanite Asherah/Astarte. Hence, trees e.g. leaves became hidden references to the Goddess. Since the relationship between the Goddess and Her Son-Lover

had become a great taboo, the Vegetation God had to continue without his Divine Partner. So, he became "independent". (Mostly, but not entirely, as we will see). Originally, any resemblance with Christ – to the Church the latter is the only resurrected One - had to be avoided. Christ had redeemed (wo)mankind, hence The Green Man identified himself with the other realm of existence, nature (which had been his "focus of interest" throughout the centuries, anyway). Taking into account, that "nature" was the anti-Christ, indeed equal to the Devil; it proves that the Church wasn't able to totally eradicate the old Vegetation God. Rural people continued to practice their "pagan" rituals until very recently. The Church found a solution by portraying Green Men as the old Pagan Gods, defeated by the victorious Christ. Thus, The Green Man, together with the typical foliage in and around him, was tolerated as artistic ornament in churches all over Europe, especially in England, France, Germany, Spain and Portugal.

Green Man in the Dark Ages

11.11 Julian "the Apostate" should be mentioned here. As Roman Emperor, he denounced Christianity in favour of the ancient Mother Religion. To him Cybele was the Mother of the Gods.* However, this did not last. After him Christianity step by step got its grip on society, once again. Crusades against the "pagans" and their "nature worship" were its utmost priority. This chilling excerpt has been taken from W.Anderson "Green Man". "A woman is taking an axe to a tree. From the crown of the tree two heads rise up aghast at what she is doing. They are the spirits of the sacred tree. A bishop stands to one side blessing her action; there are other people marvelling as they look on. This scene is shown in a twelfth-century manuscript of the life of St.Amand who, five centuries earlier, had brought about the destruction of sacred groves and oaks. According to the story, the woman was a pagan and she also was blind; when St.Amand converted her, he put an axe into her hand and told her to cut down a tree. When she had done so, her sight was restored to her. It is supposed to be a proof of her trust in the Christian God. The story is a parable of a process that has been called the greatest psychic revolution in the history of our culture. This was the victory of Christianity over Paganism, in particular over the cults of the tree and the sacred spring.

* Around 200 BCE the Romans introduced the Magna Mater as an attempt to save the old order. The attempt of Julian is a last heroic effort - before Christianity definitively took over - to emphasize the Mother as the Ultimate Reality.

O Man
Regard thyself
Thou hast within thyself
Heaven and Earth
Hildegard of Bingen

Green Man in the Romanesque Period

11.12 This was a time of hope, in which The Green Man returned. In the beginning he appeared as Cernunnos, the Celtic Vegetation God (Church of St.Pierre at Moissac). Sculptors - part of common people still reminding the original Great Mother and her Son-Lover - became more and more daring, bringing in ancient motives, like the Tree of Life, all kinds of animals and abundant vegetation. Not surprisingly thus, that they started carving images of The Green Man as well. The meaning was often twofold. On the one hand, it symbolized the connection with the natural world, which should not be forgotten, on the other hand, the Church saw them as a warning: "Don't become entangled in the flesh, attachment and pleasure". Both sides accepted a compromise. However, sometimes images - like that of the Sheela-na-Gig (Kilpeck, England 1130) - really come as a (big)

surprise. The figure is a naked woman, displaying her genitals openly and boldly. It means that the Church - even at this time - has not been able to fully eradicate the memory of the Great Mother. Elsewhere women (Goddesses) have vegetation coming out of their vulva. At the same time the images of The Green Man started appearing more and more, together with the cult of the Black Madonna's. The latter as a "re-incarnation" of Isis e.g. Cybele, whose worship had been spread over Europe in the period before. Thus, The Green Man still represents Osiris, Attis and Adonis and hesitantly.....Christ reborn. The former slowly growing to a new prominence.

Parsifal

11.13 Later in history the original myth would re-appear. It is an absolute highlight. Many have heard of it, but a few have grasped the real meaning. The centre of the legend is the search for the Grail. There are various versions of the tale: early British, the French version of Chretien de Troyes and the German version of Wolfram von Eschenbach. The core of the story is the restoration of the Eternal Feminine through the new Vegetation God. In the course of time the God/Kings had forgotten their relationship with the Great Mother. They increasingly ruled the country in their own right. It is the reason that the land had turned into a wasteland. The old King is called Amfortas, the "Fisher-King". He refuses to die as a true Son-Lover of the Mother-Goddess - making space for the new King to come - but is at the same time unable to pro-create himself: "He has a wound in the groin", symbol of his impotent ego. That's why he can only be redeemed by somebody, who is worthy to succeed him, e.g. the one who is prepared to take up his role as the original Vegetation God/King. All signs are auspicious for Parsifal to be the next King. First of all, his mother is Herzeloyde, "clear as the light of the sun". She gives birth to Parsifal, while her husband is absent. It suggests a "parthenogenesis", the original quality of the primordial Mother, who is giving birth without interference of a masculine principle. It is a confirmation of the very ancient source of the legend. Furthermore, the name "Parsifal" means "The One who has gone through the Valley". The Valley stands for Womb or Great Mother. Parsifal knows the Original Mother, indeed reconnects to "the beginning of times". He is also called The Green One*. In the British versions his mission is to bring the land back under the sovereignty of the Eternal Feminine. He is doing this by finding the Grail. The Grail stands for the Cosmic Womb or Original Great Mother, the Vessel of ever-flowering abundance. In Wolfram's version the emphasis lies on the initiation he went through. He started as an ambitious (ego-centric, patriarchal) knight, to be moulded through countless challenges and obstacles into a worthy Son-Lover of the Mother. And not only that. Only after having grown mature - which is not contradictory to the previous! - as an integrated personality, who, from his own (painful) experiences recognizes, that compassion is the supreme and only way "to function meaningfully in this world", he eventually redeems Amfortas, while taking his place as the next King.

* Green is a dominant colour in the Parsifal legend. Eight of the women who serve Amfortas "have clothes greener than grass", while having flowers in their hair. The Grail itself is resting on a beautiful oriental! green silk towel. Other sources say, that the Grail itself is made from (green) emerald (just like the sceptre of Prester John, see under). Also think of the "Emerald Buddha" of Bangkok, Thailand.

11.14 Usually, the artefact - of the foliate head - is taken as the real thing. In that case it is good to realize, that the carvings are only an expression of a Living Reality Beyond. Instead of judging everything according to its superficial appearance - "everything that is not a foliate head is not a Green Man" (that's what they say) - a search for the underlying spiritual Truth seems to be "equally" rewarding. This can only be achieved through spiritual Realization e.g. to find the Green Man in your own innermost core. You then come to the conclusion, that the Green Man is a symbol of Immanent Transcendence, penetrating, embracing the Whole of existence. The Green Man is Divine, successor to the ancient Vegetation Gods. His Essence is Formless. Formlessness is including all forms, that's

why the manifestation of the Green Man changes according to necessity and situation. It is not fixed to one kind of expression only. It is the deeper meaning of the Green Man as a trickster. Take one shape as an absolute criterion (like many authors do) and you miss the point. Do you want to know the Truth yourself? Go within and find the Green Man there!

The Gothic Green Man

11.15 The Gothic Period constitutes the highlight of The Green Man. He appears in almost all famous Gothic Cathedrals, in particular in France (Chartres, St.Denis, Sens, Bourges, Reims, Dijon, Poitiers), Germany (Freiburg, Trier, Marburg, Bamberg), England (Winchester, Southwell, Exeter, Norwich, Lincoln), Spain (Burgos, Leon, Santiago de Compostela) and Portugal (Batalha). His head is mostly carved with foliage. Again W.Anderson: "These three Green Man heads on the South Portal (of the Cathedral of Chartres) set a pattern, I believe, for the future development in Europe of the image, just as the column statues standing behind them marked a further stage onwards from those of the Royal Portal in conveying a new sense of the individuality of the soul - which was to be followed by Reims and elsewhere. Furthermore, the leaves that issue from them are in each case recognizable as those of particular species: they are the oak, the acanthus and the vine. To understand the significance of finding recognizable plant species here, we have to go back sixty or seventy years to the first appearance of the Gothic style of St.Denis. There the theme of associating vegetation with sin underwent a transformation as the sculptors undertook a purer copying of classical models. At Sens, the next great centre of early Gothic, the capitals are carved with simple and beautiful ideal plant shapes that suggest a similarity with the art of Ancient Egypt or, as though under the influence of Neo-Platonic thought, they were meant to signify the eternal ideas of vegetation. This was to be followed in the later twelfth century by the sculptors of the nave of Notre-Dame de Paris where - since the first time of Roman imperial art but with a wholly different purpose - they began to portray definite and recognizable species of plants carved with delight and enjoyment as signs of the goodness of creation."

(Pre)Modern Times

11.16 Another major change came with the entry into modern times. This started with the Reformation. W.Anderson: "While in the previous era The Green Man was a symbol of harmony between the laws of Nature and the laws of humanity, the stern leaders of the Reformation disturbed that balance by attempting to crush popular ceremonies such as those of May Day in which much of the old vegetation rituals survived. Behind the success of Protestantism in the North lay powerful economic forces, which required an even greater exploitation of natural resources: the extension of mining, the introduction of draining on a vast scale, the construction of canals, the rise of what was to become the chemical industry - as well as the part played by Protestant Holland and England in the exploitation arising from the newly discovered routes to Africa and the Indies. All of these depended on a necessary divorce between man and Nature in the course of which man became increasingly the manipulator and violator of Nature. The object of all these endeavours was increased productivity and fruitfulness which was to pay for the great houses of the nobility - replacing the castles of the past - and the splendid town houses of the merchant classes. As The Green Man moved into that secular world he became a frequently used symbol of that fruitfulness: he is to be seen in chimneypieces, panelling, furnishing, embroideries and bronzes. Not only does he appear on armour, but he enters the age of gunpowder by forming part of the decoration of cannon, fowling pieces and the stocks of pistols".

European Green Men & Wise Women Pilgrim Network

11.17 In 2004 I travelled 16 countries in Europe to document the presence of Green Men and Wise Women. My intuition was right. From Sweden to Portugal and from Ireland to Slovakia – after having visited hundreds of churches, monasteries, castles, towns and cities I can confirm that from the Dark Ages until this very day the memory of both is still (very much) alive. It means that there is continuity between the pre-Christian Vegetation Gods and post-modern times. There is more to it. In all those countries, the appearances of the Green Men were very similar. It means that there has been a uniform “Pagan” culture – interconnected with each other – before Christianity “took over”. These beliefs were so strong, that the Church had to give in and allowed these images into their places of worship. One driving force behind was certainly the dominant influence of the Knights Templar. They empowered the already existing (Celtic) culture with new horizons, brought to the West from the Middle East. The big cathedrals of Europe – financed by the Templars – bear witness of this. It is the Gothic world that most prominently spread the message. The faces of Green Men represent immanent Divinity, recreating the world. It is symbolized by foliage coming out of the openings of the face. These faces express a whole spectrum of emotions, from divine exaltation to extreme pain and anger. This reflects the fate the Green Men have gone through: their highlights as the bearers of the entire culture to being the oppressed in Christian times.

11.18 On my trip I was caught by an inner fever, rushing from one place to the other. Once you know how to detect Green Men, you see them everywhere. Great places are Uppsala and Lund in Sweden, Magdeburg, Marburg, Köln, Mainz, Freiburg, Konstanz in Germany, Chartres, Poitiers, LeMans, LePuy in France, Exeter, Kilpeck, Winchester, Tewkesbury, Wells, Canterbury in England, Eunate, Burgos and Santiago de Compostela in Spain, Batalha in Portugal, Lucca in Italy, Salzburg in Austria, Split in Croatia, Bratislava in Slovakia, Prag in Tchechia, Krakow in Poland. In Turkey I saw incredibly beautiful “heads” (Hierapolis, Aphrodisias), unfortunately many of them badly damaged. The actual list is much, much bigger though. The full documentation can be seen for free in my website. It contains hundreds of pictures with accompanying texts. It is a great treasure, worth to get officially recognized and preserved. It is my hope that all these places will interconnect to become a Green Man & Wise Women Pilgrim Network, contributing to the Renewal of the Culture.

Green Man Revisited

11.19 He would recognize our situation of today immediately: it is the extreme form of the “wasteland”. I hesitate to become personal, but I can testify about the Return of the Great Mother firsthand. In these most critical of times, at the end of a cycle of gradual degeneration, She has reappeared as the Reality beyond Reality. It went like this. Like in the Parsifal myth I needed the first half of my life to explore the dimensions of the mind. In the second, though, I was “invited” to accommodate to the demands of the Eternal Feminine. I had to restructure my within and without in order to be worthy to the mission She had bestowed upon me. One thing was still missing though: her counterpart The Green Man. In order to fully restore His Story something still had to happen. It materialized in making the step to actually fully identifying with the masculine archetype. It coincides with the (ecological) crisis the world is in. The Original Myth of The Great Mother and The Green Man thus come at the right time! Rather than to fall back on a shallow history of meaningless figures (kings, generals, popes, politician's, scientists, businessmen etc.), a vibrant inner His Story of meaning, inspiration and empowerment has become available to you. It is not enough to stay comfortably in your chair, supporting some charities here and there, while going on with “business as usual”. You have to become what you Are.....Your true identity should serve the Whole.

Now is the hour of Truth. What are you doing, if put with the back against the wall? Hence my mission is to awaken everybody by giving the example through my own life. What bliss, when I for the first time took my green garment on. A stream of empowerment entered my Being, as well as my body. I see the saving of the planet carried out by people - Green Men and Wise Women - who start changing themselves in a most drastic way*. What is there to be lost? What is possibly worthwhile to cling to, if (wo)mankind cannot even secure the future generation? Or, in my case, if The Netherlands is drowned in 50 years from now?

* In the seventies Charles A. Reich already wrote the book "The Greening of America". Now the greening of the entire planet is at stake.

My two main sources were: A.Baring & J.Cashford "The Myth of the Goddess", 1991 Viking
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Both books are strongly recommended!

Become a Green Man, Wise Woman respectively!

Her Heroines/Wise Women

Embodying the Cosmic Web of Life

11.20 We Wise Women, Daughters of the Mother, Claim our Divinity through the Goddess within. We want nothing less than a new society. For 2000 years the existing system has been a disaster to us. We claim to be the substance of life. Without us nothing works. We are the centre of procreation, relationship, family and the community as a whole. Our own sisters - unfortunately - have forgotten this. They run after the benefits of a patriarchal, exploitative society. Their egos are blown up just like men's.

11.21 So, let's start with the most crucial issue: sisterhood. Without solidarity, nothing ever will be achieved. Mothers are central in this regard for they have a common interest. We want to extend our traditional role to society. Our OWN WAY, making the Community the "centre of the universe". All sovereignty should be exercised by it. This is called subsidiarity, a principle accepted by the EU. It should be applied to families, streets, neighbourhoods, communes, provinces (counties) and states. It says that everything the family can do is done by them. What cannot be done is delegated to the street (community). Everything the street can do is done by them. What cannot be done is delegated to the neighbourhood. Everything the neighbourhood can do.....and so on, eventually including the highest echelon. It is a bottom-up process.

11.22 In this process we women are the leaders, traditionally being clan mothers, healers and weavers. We have all the modern qualifications for doing the job. What we DON'T want any more is to be part of the rat race. It destroys body and souls, relationships, as well as children, and eventually the whole Earth. Feminine emancipation isn't about competing with men. On the contrary. Together with men we want a society based on respect, equality, love, justice, peace and harmony with nature. The Mother is behind us.

"As long as we continue to burn incense to the Queen of Heaven, everything will be well" (Jeremiah 44, 17).

11.23 In fact, the gender issue is subordinate to the question whether identifying with a masculine or with a feminine world view. E.g. are you - as you are, woman or man - supporting a patriarchal or an integrated society? Once you discover who you really are - the true Self - your

masculine and feminine aspects are less important anyway. Having an inner distance to them, you may start playing with them. Being a man or a woman less and less proves to be a matter of identity, they rather appear to be functional. Such a person is truly liberated, liberating others. The first step is to acknowledge/ experience the hidden masculine e.g. feminine part in yourself, the second is about establishing contacts with people, who are in the process of doing the same, thirdly, a joint effort has to be made to empower the feminine principle in society. It will be clear, that MEN have to take the lead here (.....). First of all, because of his transgressions in the past (present), for which he has a special responsibility. He may stay as he is, his masculine aspect strong, analytical/linear/controlling, even aggressive. The change to be made though is that instead of using these abilities for his own sake (and thus suppressing life), he should put them in the service of supporting the Whole. Others, experiencing their budding inner feminine part, their opening up to the holistic inner Self, will spontaneously (...) feel the necessity of extending it into the environment. In both cases men will experience, that by starting to support feminine values, his best qualities will evolve: courage, intelligence, creativity, perseverance, nobility, dedication, compassion and self-sacrifice. Eventually, the challenge for women and men is the same: devoting oneself, with all inherent abilities, to the cause of the Whole.

11.24 In these most critical times, the rediscovery of Green Men & Wise Women is a "gift of the Mother". Christianity is dying, leaving behind a religious and moral wasteland. People turn to either nihilism or fundamentalism. Neither of the two is able to lead (wo)mankind to a new stage in evolution, though. Even Buddhism shows serious signs of degeneration. So, is there anything we can rely on? The answer is yes! It depends on how you perceive the current decay. If you consider it as "a disaster", trying to cling to dead paradigms and values, then you are lost. If, on the other hand, you consider the current decay as the breakdown of ego-accumulation, a necessary process, that is giving way to the new to emerge, then, the future is yours....Green Men & Wise Women are taking the lead by going back to the Origin, dying to the old (ego), while being reborn as New Selves. Transforming the core of The Original Tradition - Death and Resurrection - into an inner, spiritual event. Once your New Self is born you become part of the Whole – “Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community” - once again. This process is for men and women alike.

Green Men & Wise Women

11.25 Usually we define our identity through disposition and education. It is a social conditioning. Originally, people defined themselves through cosmic connections, though. Even Christianity claims that "we are created in the image of God". (By the way, how can we be "sinners?"). In our Tradition, we indeed stress the Divine Spark within, as elaborated above. Through this New Self, all people are deep within identical, sharing the selfsame Divine Realm. Once this New Self becomes part of the Whole, once again, men and women have different emphasis, though. Not because of their socialization, but because of their cosmic connection. You remember the Great Mother as the Cosmic Vacuum or Womb. She is Emptiness (beyond Emptiness) that contains both God and the universe. The latter also called "Mother's Web of Life". This "Web of Life" is ruled and maintained by a dynamic balance of death and rebirth. The Web itself is the interconnectedness of events, energy and matter, the stuff that constitutes our "material" world. Both men and women derive their additional! identity from these two aspects of the Cosmos. Green Men are reflecting "Death and Rebirth", while Wise Women are the "Web of Life". It has important consequences for their roles here on Earth.....

11.26 To derive your identity from "the Cosmos" is the ultimate empowerment. The Whole is ruled by the "Law of the Universe": the dynamic balance between destruction, creation and "permanence". Women reflect this Cosmic Force physically: through the cyclical function of the

menstruation. Men don't have this. Their bodies are (largely) non-cyclic. That's why in men "death and rebirth" are manifested on the psycho-spiritual plane, as a continuous ego-death. It prevents ego-accumulation; the latter is THE characteristic of patriarchy. Secondly, Mother's Web consists of the interconnectedness between events, energy and matter, also called the "Whole" or the "substance of life". Women, through their unique inclusive qualities embody this Whole, (while men are the servants to it). Living life this way is granting you "Cosmic Resonance", manifested by great insight, joy, renewal, strength and compassion. All other (moral) qualities are sprouting from it: love for truth, justice, inner (and outer) peace, community, harmony with nature....

11.27 Green Men & Wise Women have thus evolved from guardians of the seasons toward symbols of Wholeness: with their spirits in Heaven, their bodies in the Earth and their "souls" as part of the (new) Community. Contrary to Bodhisattva's or Advaita saints, they have "incarnated" into this world, as Immanent Transcendence. As such they are the new "role-models" to the 21th century. Life in this century will not be easy. Increasing deterioration, chaos and violence are to be expected. Therefore, new social units, with Wise Women at their core, supported by male partners and friends seem to be at least one answer to the deterioration.

For more: see "**Healing Communities**", chapter 43; also "Cosmo-Political Society", chapter 44.

11.28 The consequences of "Cosmic Resonance" to daily life are manifold. First of all, the "Web of Life" materializes itself on Earth through the community, the co-existence of people, together with all other living and non-living beings. The root of ecology is the Cosmos! The human community is the sum total of all social levels: the individual, the family, the group, the street, the neighbourhood, the commune, the county, the region and the nation. Everything "organically" linked to each other according to subsidiarity. Which means a bottom-up structure of self-governing bodies. What a lower level can carry out will be done by them, without interference by a higher echelon. Only those things that exceed former's competence will be delegated to the next. Thus, what a street can do is done by it. What it cannot do, is carried out by the neighbourhood, etc. etc. I have called this "Community Democracy". The big difference with the current system is that people themselves are the Sovereign Living Body of society, while the State is the "administration" carrying out only those tasks that cannot be done by the lower levels. Thus the power of the State is limited by the Sovereignty of the Community.

11.30 A serious problem, increasing every day, is the addiction to electronics of all kinds - computer, TV, video-games, smart phones - by our youth. The result is absorption by the "virtual world" to an extent, that young people are totally alienated from real life. In large cities there are millions of youth, who never experienced wild nature. They have no chance to appreciate it, so they don't know what it is. The consequences are grave, not only for the boys and girls themselves, but to the Whole of (wo)mankind. For, once these persons are adult they have no antenna for the value of the natural world. Thus, they will do nothing to protect it. If an entire generation becomes indifferent to the Earth.....what future (wo)mankind will have? Living in a science-fiction world could become the horror of tomorrow. Therefore, we will do everything to motivate young people to become Green Men & Wise Women. A training in the wilderness – e.g. in the mountains, the tropical jungle - will certainly part of the overall training scheme.

11.31 The Living Community is a reflection of Mother's Web of Life. Women embody the Substance of it, i.e. the interconnectedness of all elements described above. It means that women (and especially mothers) - with their great social talents - should become the leaders of the New Community. Until now, women, who want to develop their talents have no choice, but joining the capitalist rat race. Which has been proven to be a disaster. Women, on the other hand, flourish in a

context of cooperation, rather than merciless competition. It is here that "Wise Women" are taking the lead. They are the shining examples to all others, showing that a career - as leaders, managers, caretakers, coordinators, experts, businesswomen, officers etc. - in and for the Community is much more challenging and fulfilling. While "(Wise) Women" are the Heart of the Community, "(Green) Men" - as Servants to the Whole - are the executives, the hands and legs so to speak. While cooperating closely, both genders have their own areas of competence and power; both are passionately committed to the Whole....

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of the
GREEN MEN and WISE WOMEN"**
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11.32

ORIGIN IN PREHISTORIC TIMES

The Cosmic Mother
(E.g. "Venus" of Willendorf)
Mother Goddesses of the Gods
Inanna, Ishtar, Asherah (Sumer, Canaan)
Later: the "Dying and Resurrecting" Vegetation Gods
as the first Green Men
(Enki, Tammuz, Baal)
(*"Sons of the Mother"*)
Isis/Osiris the Green Goddess/God
Cybele ("Magna Mater") and Attis
(Origin: Anatolia)
Great Mother/Astarte/Aphrodite
of Cyprus
Spreading to East and West

11.33

IN THE EAST

Indus Valley Mother & Her Son proto-Shiva
Indian "Kirtimukha" (Unity of Mother & Son) syncretism
Extension to South-East Asia
Angkor Wat
On Borneo/Dayak Green Men
The Green Goddess (Lara Kidul) of Java
On Bali: Bohma
Extension to China
Tibetan Bön culture
Chinese Mother Goddess Xi Wang Mu and
Her (early) Chinese Sons/Emperors/Dragons
Lao-Tze, prophet Mother Tradition
Chinese Minorities

Buddha Maitreya: Servant/Messenger

11.34

IN THE WEST

Cyprus/Crete

The Celts (Wise Women & Druids)

Mother Goddess Cerridwin

(Celtic "Cauldron of Death and Rebirth"

+ head symbolism)

The Greek World

Demeter and Her Daughter/Goddess

Kore, Dionysos

Hellenistic Mysteries,

(Through "death" of ego inner Renewal &

Regeneration

e.g. birth of True Self)

Roman Green Men

(E.g. Hierapolis, Split, Trier)

"Nature god" Silvanus

The Nordic Freya and Baldur

Christianity

(Mary as "Mother of God" and Jesus

as Her "dying and resurrecting" Son)

Green Men are NOT part of Christianity;

Christianity is part of the

Green Man Tradition

(e.g. Münster of Freiburg)

Excursion:

Africa: The first "Great Mother"

Valley of the Omo (Uganda/Kenya

Queen Mother Tradition

Great Mother of Teotihuacan with Her Son

Quetzalcoatl (Mexico)

Pachamama (Andes)

11.35

MIDDLE AGES

(*Rebirth of the Green Men &*

Wise Women)

Hildegard of Bingen

(*Jesus as Green Man*)

Black Madonna's as incarnations of the Original Cosmic Mother

Green Men as Her Lovers/Protectors

Parsifal, Green Man, Priest/King of the Grail (=Cosmic Womb)

"Notre Dame"/Our Lady

Green Man as "idol" of the Templars

Green Men as Guardians of Gothic Cathedrals

Shrine Madonna's/ "Vierges Ouvrantes"

Al-Khidr, Green Man of Islam

Green Man popular in the Renaissance
Protestant iconoclasm
The Baroque as an attempt to eradicate
the Green Men
J.W.von Goethe
"The Eternal-Feminine"(Faust II)
His Green Man symbolism:
"Stirb und Werde"
Neo-Classical revival of the Green Men
(19th Century)

11.36

"MODERNITY":

The Ego-Catastrophe
Revelation of the Cosmic Mother:
Threefold Cosmic Realization (1977)
The Original Tradition
*(European Green Man & Wise Woman
Pilgrim Network)*
Green Man Festival
(Hastings, UK)
Green Men & Wise Women as hopefuls to the global crisis
Mission: "Healing the Planet"
*Spiritual Service, Health Service,
Community Service,
Earth Service*
Green Man is among us!
(In Website unique poster "Green Men of Germany")

11.37

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Chapter 12

Mother of Islam

“Also sprach” the Mahdi

“Woman is the Radiance of God”

Rumi (1207-1273)

Allah

12.1 To know Islam one should look at the exterior (male, patriarchal) and the interior (feminine). A lot of prejudices about Islam originates from a one-sided observation: intolerant, aggressive, extremist. It is the cause of Western rejection, fear and discrimination. That doesn't mean these aspects aren't there. Through unlimited immigration Muslims lost the context (religiously, culturally, socially) of life, one main reason for their being adrift. Islam has lost its Soul. Combine this with a great deal of resentment, hatred towards the West, together with their experience of oppression, war and poverty, behold the explosive mixture. And indeed, there are passages in the Qur'an that call for oppression of non-believers (much more limited compared to the hate-speech of Torah/Bible/Talmud/Zohar!). Against this background it is hardly to believe that the center of Islamic belief, its interiority, the Nature of ultimate Divine Reality is Feminine. In the Qur'an Allah has revealed “Himself” through the names of Majesty (jalal) and Beauty (jamal). It corresponds with Allah's Interior which is Non-Creating (feminine) and His Exterior, which is Creating (masculine). That again can be “defined” as the Unmanifested Aspect of Allah (passive feminine) and “His” Manifested Nature (active, masculine). **The unique thing about Islam is, that Allah includes these two aspects.** In Him (Her!) the Unmanifest Essence and Outpouring Being prove to be “two sides of the same coin”. It makes the understanding of God – as Feminine (“passive”) and Masculine (“active”) - a very truthful and complete one. That the femininity of Allah is deeply rooted in Islamic faith also becomes clear through the fact, that Allah is never called “father”. It is something Westerners may surprise as well. Rather Allah may be addressed as “Mother”. E.g., Rumi in a passage of his Masnavi says: “Mother, return us to Your breast”. Crucial is that The Divine Essence is also Feminine (al-Dhat), it is beyond God in “His” aspect of Being (Sein). This is emphasized by Darkness, Allah Unmanifest, empty. “Darkness is giving birth to the Light” (Cathedral of Salerno). The Unmanifested (Feminine) giving birth to the Manifested (Masculine), is the Mystery of Allah, embracing both.

Allah as the Ultimate Reality: The Dark Unmanifest Cosmic Womb that gives Birth to Ya Nur (The Eternal Light)

12.2 The masculine side of Allah is that of Creator. Allah as Ruler of the world, Lawgiver. However, Allah is more than the creator of the world. Al-Khaliq, the Creator, is only one of the divine names. Because there is the uncreating aspect of Allah. The Divine Reality is Beyond the act of creation.

He/She is both Emptiness and Energy. The non-creating aspect of Allah corresponds to the Divine Femininity. It is this to which Sufi poetry so often refers. The images of the beautiful Beloved are referring to the METAcosmic aspect of the Divine, not the creating aspect (See internet: "The Divine Feminine in Islam"). The hidden side of Islam is like the Heart of a Mother: loving, unconditional, merciful. The eternal primacy of Allah's feminine nature is expressed by: "My Mercy precedes my Wrath". One of Allah's names is al-Hakim; Wisdom. Like in the West (Sophia) Wisdom is feminine. Just like Allah as the All-Merciful, related to the word for "Womb", Rahim, the source of all life. It means that the Source of Life is Feminine! That's why Ibn al-Arabi (famous Sufi mystic) wrote: "I sometimes employ the feminine pronoun in addressing Allah, keeping in view the Essence". The point is: if Muslims are addressed only by their exterior (masculinity) they will react accordingly. If reminding them the interiority of their faith, an entire new dimension ("flower") will be opened. It is a great chance to open a completely new kind of intercultural communication. This is what the enemies of Islam don't want to hear.

There is Allah and the House of Allah

Ka'aba

12.3 Islam considers the Ka'aba to be the "House of Allah" (Baitullah). Since pre-historic times "House" always represents "Mother". In Mecca the shrine was circumambulated seven times, a ritual that is still practised until this very day. The Black Stone (Hajar Al-Aswad) has the shape of a Yoni, it is the object of greatest veneration. The Black Stone is a meteorite fallen down from Heaven (The Dark Cosmic Womb). The Ka'aba in Mecca, the very heart and pivot of the Islamic world, is naturally associated with feminine imagery, veiled in the black color of the Feminine Beyond-Being. Medieval writers and poets have often compared the holiest shrine of Islam to a veiled bride or a desired virgin, especially when on the pilgrimage. Their goal was to touch and kiss her beauty mark, the Black Stone (see Internet). It got its narrative from former times: Cybele, the Mother of the Gods, who had Her Home in Her heartland of Phrygia* (Turkey). Other names of the goddess are Kubaba, Kuba, Kube, while Ka'aba means "cube". That's why the Black Stone is (still) called "The Old Woman". The Hulama, the rationalist school of Islam recognizes this fact! Surprisingly, the priests serving the Ka'aba are still called "Beni Sheybah" or "Sons of the Old Woman!" Its Blackness is widely recognized as the Ultimate (Feminine!) Dimension. It is not difficult to see the link with the Black Goddess Kali of India (Mecca was intensively visited by Hindu's in pre-Islamic times). In the West the Black Madonna's are venerated. They are NOT aspects of the Virgin Mary, but stem directly from ancient times (think of the Black Isis). By the way: Mohammed kept one fresco within the Ka'aba: that of the Virgin Mary. Mary is the only woman mentioned in the Qur'an. Summarizing, the Ka'aba is emphasizing the Maternal Dimension of Allah. One more detail: Crescent moon and star reflect "Mother and Son", the Light that originates from the Womb.

* In the main square of "Han" (...), a village in Phrygia, Central Turkey, there is a huge statue of a black Cybele....Totally amazing (I was there in 2011).



The Divine Feminine: The Compassionate Heart of Islam

12.4 Apart from the Qur'an in which Allah's 99 Names are recited, the experiences of Islamic mystics - the Sufi's - also bear witness of the Divine as feminine. Obviously this is a very reliable source, since the Sufi's speak directly from the Source, (as Mohammed did). Rumi has already been named. Ibn Arabi, an equally important master wrote that "I sometimes employ the feminine pronoun in addressing Allah, keeping in view the Essence". Moreover, he repeatedly talks about the "abysmal Darkness" and "The ultimate ground of everything is the Mother (umm)". Therefore he says that Allah can be referred to as both "huwa" (He) and "hiya" (She). The ultimate Divine Reality as essentially Feminine was and is the Source of inspiration for Sufism in general. The famous poet Umar Ibn-al-Farid repeatedly used the feminine connotation when talking about Allah. In Islam and in contrast to Christianity, the Sufi mystic defines the Divine as feminine Beauty, the subject of his quest. The love story of Layla and Majnun illustrates this. Every year in Egypt there is the festival of the "Great Night" (originally attributed to the Great Mother), dedicated to al-Sayyida Zaynab, the granddaughter of the Prophet Mohammed. It is a week of celebration in which women come out to the open, nay are the centre of it all; the play of Layla and Majnun is being performed, while the segregation between men and women is (temporarily) lifted.

“My Spirit is Divine, my Soul is Feminine and my body is Masculine”
SermeS

12.5 The next source of information about the feminine aspect of Islam is a compilation of the life of the Prophet Mohammed. First he was employed by Hadiga, a rich widow. Later Hadiga made it possible for him to exclusively dedicate himself to spreading the word of Allah. His whole life remained woman-centred. It is said that the Prophet's soul was feminine, a striking similarity with all great spiritual teachers of all times, like Lao-Tze, Maitreya Buddha, Jesus and countless others. Confronted with the necessity to fight, Mohammed said to his followers: ""I see that I cannot stop this, so if you have to fight, fight. But don't forget that from now on the burden of your deeds will be upon you, and your religion will not be pure unless you become responsible for the burden of your deeds." Actually, the Prophet wasn't very secretive about his love for women, especially his wife A'ishah. More than once he used examples from the real world in which he compared the Mercy of Allah with the love of a mother for her child. Indirectly he underlined the motherly aspect of Allah. Moreover, lacking sons Allah gave him instead "al-Kawthar", which symbolizes the promise of the abundance of Divine Feminine.

To the Sufi's Allah is the Beloved. Ibn Arabi wrote: "To know woman is the know your True Self" and "To know your True Self is to know God"

The Great Night

12.6 The "idea" of the Great Night as the Womb of both the Eternal Light and the universe is as old as (wo)mankind. Early records of Sumer confirm this. People considered the Night as the Body of the Great Mother. Everything is born out of Her, while continuously returning. It was the reason why the Sumerians (and later the Babylonians) were fascinated by the Night, its stars and the moon. They were great astronomers. In Egypt it was the Primordial Mother Goddess Nut, portrayed as covering "Heaven and Earth". Hence, Her successor Isis is often black. In Her turn She is the Source of the Black Madonna's. The latter thus representing the Tradition of the Original Great Mother. Cybele, the "Mother of the Gods" was a "Black Stone". The Stone was sacred because it descended - as a meteorite - from the Dark Heavenly Womb. In India the Mother Goddess Kali is black, while in China the Tao is considered the Dark Cosmic Womb. In Buddhism the Ultimate is called "Emptiness beyond Emptiness" (Nirvana)*. Just like the (lapis lazuli) Stone - the Grail - in the Parsifal legend. Ruusbroec, the famous medieval mystic, christened it by calling Christ the "Shining Stone". The (black) Ka'aba in Mecca represents the same Truth**. Islam has another reminder of ancient times: the annual Great Night Celebrations ("Mawlid") as an honour to Al Zayyida Zaynab, granddaughter of the Prophet, and ultimately personification of the ancient Mother Isis.

* When I was in Koyasan (Japan), the centre of Esoteric Buddhism, revering the Womb as the Ultimate Reality, I attended a Dark Room Prayer Meeting.

** Black is the colour of Islam in general; Muslim women are wearing black veils.....They represent the Original Mother....

“Each Sheikh has a woman that develops him into a Sheikh (religious leader). Therefore, in this seemingly patriarchal mystery tradition (Sûfîsm), we see that woman is the Hidden Initiatrix, the Shadow Guide, **the Blackness that births the Light**. “*Da tariki, tariqat*” - “In the darkness, the Path,” is a Sufic maxim. The void has been described as a dark cave, a shadowy *mihrab*, the Concealed or Secret Radiance, the Black Stone of the Ka’ba, *Ghayb ul-Ghaib* (Mystery of Mysteries), *Amma* (Darkness), and returning to the Womb of Fâtima (‘Alaiha Assalam) the Mother”.

From Laurence Galian: “The Centrality of the Divine Feminine in Sufism (2004)”

Prophet Muhammad was the first to use the example of mothers to illustrate Allah's mercy.

“Mother (Allah), return us to your breast”

Rumi

12.7 Because of its uniqueness, some elaboration on the Great Night is appropriate. Al Sayyida Zaynab witnessed the internal war among the grandchildren of Mohammed. At Kerbela (now Iraq) Her brother Al-Husayn was killed and decapitated. Al Sayyida could eventually stop further killings. That's why She is considered the Protectress of the Oppressed, the Healer and the Consoler. Just like Isis healed the body of Her husband Osiris. Which in its turn is related to deepest spiritual insight about the Great Night as the Source of Regeneration. Put this all together and you've got the Celebration of the Great Night in Egypt. The Night as the manifestation of the Dark Womb! The

Womb is all-embracing; hence all people - beggars, sinners, prostitutes, the poor, and the a-social - are equally welcomed. As one of the rare occasions women are privileged during that time. They occupy the main entrance to Al Sayyida's Shrine. For men it is forbidden to enter through that gate. Moreover, the segregation between the sexes is lifted, together with other social restrictions. This reminds very much of ancient Mother Celebrations, where "chaos" was considered the primordial ground of life and fertility. European Carnival is a reminder of the same Old Tradition, too. Al Zayyida is considered Mother of the Nile, Egypt and all people. She therefore has a semi-divine status. In short: with the Great Night of Egypt a treasure from (very) old times has been preserved. To honour this I have called our Initiation "Great Night".*

* Read: Nadia Abu-Zahra "The Pure and the Powerful", 1997 Ithaca.

Al-Khidr

12.8 An additional surprise. Islam venerates a saint, called al-Khidr. "Khidr literally means 'The Green One', representing freshness of spirit and eternal liveliness, green symbolizing the freshness of knowledge "drawn out of the living sources of life." Whatever the source for this green may be, it symbolizes the benign presence of Divine Wisdom as imparted to Khidr and to Prophet Muhammad. Qur'anic commentators say that al-Khidr ('The Green Man' of pre-Islamic lore) is one of the prophets; others refer to him simply as an angel, who functions as a guide to those who seek God. And there are yet others who argue that he is a perfect *wali*, meaning the one whom God has taken as a friend. Khidr is associated with the Water of Life (after having crossed the Land of Darkness). Since he drank the water of immortality, he is described as the one who has found the source of life, 'the Eternal Youth.' He is the mysterious guide and immortal saint in popular Islamic lore and the hidden initiator of those, who walk the mystical path. Time and again feminine symbolism is used (e.g. cave).* In the Muslim tradition Khidr is alive and well and continues to guide the perplexed and those who invoke his name". (From www.khidr.org). His secret: he is the hidden successor of the old Vegetation Gods. His symbolism (Darkness, Cave, Water) he derives from the "Ancient Mother". That's why it is said that he (al-Khidr) continuously "disappears and appears" again. It hints at the "dying and resurrecting" Vegetation Gods. Al-Khidr is the Hidden Messenger of the Cosmic Mother. He is the One who makes men (Muslims) aware of the fact that "serving" the Feminine is serving their own Renewal and Wellbeing. Just like the ancient Vegetation Gods. Through serving the Mother you will receive lasting joy and happiness. Not only later in "Heaven" but rightnow, here on earth. Think of the veneration and respect you feel to your own mothers. Muslim men – be a True Hero – and worship Allah as Mother! He/She will grant you Resurrection (Qiyamah) in THIS life. Thus spoke al- Mahdi, like al-Khidr a Hidden One, your next Messenger.

*See also chapter "Green Man".

The Sufis said that since you can have the experience of Paradise even in this world, you can have the vision (ru'yah) of Allah. They have always described this theophanic experience as the vision of a woman, the female figure as the object of ru'yah.(Internet).

No doubt: "There is only One God" reflects the universal Truth and Mohammed as an Enlightened One is one of His prophets

Maryamiyya
Sufi-Order

12.9 It was Frithjof Schuon, Muslim and Perennialist, who quite unexpectedly received a Vision of the “Holy Virgin”. In his own words: “The Divine Mercy overwhelmed me in a special manner; it approached me inwardly in a feminine form which I cannot describe, but which I knew to be the Holy Virgin; I could not think otherwise”. It gave him the feeling of “a new man”, a heavenly adoption and protection. This was so strong that the Virgin became the patroness of his Sufi-Order: Tariqah Maryamiyya. Subsequently he started to paint images of her. My comments are as follows. Maybe this Vision was the only mystical experience in Schuon’s life. It was for sure coming from deeper inner layers. This longing could not be fulfilled by Islam, as the latter lacks the recognition of the Divine Feminine, an omission that is responsible for its masculine one-sidedness. Schuon therefore could only make her the saint of his Sufi-Order, which is already astonishing enough. Although his devotion was like an all-pervading inner fire, he was prevented to draw the consequences out of his experiences: to recognize the Divine Feminine as the Ultimate Reality.

“The concept that Allah is the feminine form of the Ultimate Reality is the inner secret of the most esoteric mysteries of Islam”

Laurence Galian

12.10 The Feminine – in spite of exalted praise – remains an extension of male needs and desires; it never reaches a status where She exists out of Her own rights. Both Islam and Perennialism show a (painful) absence of the Divine Feminine as part of their “theological” systems. Question is how can you manage the world crisis e.g. the environment, while leaving the Feminine out of the equation? In a world that cries out for feminine values like inclusivity, interconnectedness, peace, respect, care, security, justice, compassion and harmony with nature? It is impossible. It could have liberated Schuon from his intellectual pre-occupations, his seriousness and probable inner bitterness. It is remarkable that – with the exception of one* - his followers simply keep ignoring the only Dimension that could redeem them. They prefer to cling to their dogmas, even when it is obvious that they lead to a dead end.

*Mateus Soares de Azevedo.

The Qur’an refers Al-Rahman to Allah. It stems from “Rahm” which means “Womb”

Women of Islam Past, Present and Future

12.11 The picture of “Women in Islam” is very colourful. This is mainly due to cultural differences. To begin with. During the times of Mohammed women had a (very) influential position. There are still “pockets” of “free” Muslim women. The Kabyles in Algeria are matriarchal. They still have a memory of the Great Goddess. Similar situations you will find with Berbers and Touaregs. Furthermore, look at muslim societies in Black Africa or Central Asia. Women possesses the household economies, sell products in the market. This is most outspoken among the Menangkabau of Sumatra, Indonesia. Their society is based on women-dominated “adat”. It is the women that inherit power and wealth. Generally, women of Java have a lot more freedom than the Saudi women (...). Mythologies like “Lara Kidul, the Goddess of the South Seas” exist in the heart of Muslim culture. The Sultans of Yogyakarta and Surakarta have based their rule on it. Even veiled women (a phenomenon that only started to exist a short time ago) show a surprising “freedom” in talking (laughing, joking) openly and without restraints to a Western man (my own experience). The women of the Hui people in China cannot (until recently) be distinguished from Han Chinese. No, I don’t want talk about them (although very interesting!). I want to talk about Muslim women like we

(Europeans) know them. There are three aspects that these women have in common: Islam, Patriarchy (rule of men) and Western influence.

Fatima (Daughter of Mohammed) is the “Womb of Islam”

12.12 What I mean is women of the Middle East. Among them are differences as well. The position of Saudi, Egyptian, Turkish or Iranian women is not the same. A lot depends on their position in society. Rich families have a more “liberal” attitude, compared to the poor. Generally, Muslim women “rule” the household (while still obeying the husband in matters of “ethics” and religion). Members of religious sects (Salafisten, Aleviten, Ahmadiyya) have different attitudes. “Modern” youth have created more “freedom” for themselves than the elderly. Under the influence of Western (American) soft propaganda (TV, films, products, internet) Muslim clerics fear increasing decay of Islam faith. Rulers fear the influence of Muslim feminists. Husbands fear loss of control over their wives. In short, the Middle East feels a strong pressure aiming at breaking down the “values of Islam”. As a consequence defensive (reactionary) attitudes got the upper hand. Husbands became more rigid in “defending the honour” of wives and daughters. Veils were promoted e.g. imposed on women (which in certain countries was not the case some decades ago). Question: Why is it that young Muslima’s wear a veil, apparently voluntarily? In order to answer that question one has to identify with their position.

The Birthgiver is Feminine; that which is born is Masculine

12.13 I speak of Muslima’s in Europe. These (young) women are not to be envied. First of all they don’t have a (feminine) culture of their own. They are uprooted within their own group. The only thing they (have to) rely on is their men-dominated society. Qur’an and Patriarchy more in particular oppressing the soul of women. (the inherent Divine Feminine as described above has no chance to create Space for Herself). On the other hand (even young) Muslima’s feel the pressure of modernity, Western “values” and materialism. They very well see the hollowness of a Western lifestyle. It is something they don’t want either. They want to keep their own spiritual and cultural background. Hence, they are between “shore and ship”. The attitude of Western officials of forcing them to “integrate” is therefore “criminal”. It takes away what is left of their fragile identity, self-esteem, value-system. A human person cannot change “identity” on command. Especially when she doesn’t get anything in return. A future as a “money-making robot” isn’t exactly where self-respecting people (Muslima’s) dream of. (N.B. To be clear: immigrants should respect the constitutions and laws of Western countries).

“Paradise is found at the feet of the mother”

Prophet Mohammed

12.14 Muslima’s dream of THEIR “Paradise”. The Mahdi has understood the legitimacy of it. He supports them in re-discovering the gentle interiority of Islam. It is their heritage (and that of men as well). If Islam shows its Beauty (spiritually) it will get “Beauty” in return. Muslims and non-Muslims together should start a Quest for a “Feminine Islam” (not equal to “feminist!”) It is there in abundance. Muslim women are the forerunners of “Healing the Soul of Islam”. They can draw on a rich feminine-centered Tradition: The Feminine Aspect of Allah, the Ka’aba as the House (Mother) of Allah, the early women-centered era, saints like al-Khidr, the Great Night, Blackness (Ka’aba) and the veil as symbols of the Eternal Feminine, the positive attitude of Mohammed towards women, the inspiration from Fatima as the “Womb of Islam”, the poetry of the Sufi’s and the solidarity with Muslima’s of different cultures. At the same time they are free to adopt those aspects of Western

society that suits them*. Summarizing: It is women who should become the pillars of a renewed Umma.

*Examples are Japan and Bali, where people kept their traditions, (recently becoming eroded as well). while incorporating Western conveniences.

O, irony: in the West anti-Islam political parties are often pro-Israel. Top priority of Israel is the destabilization of Arabic countries (Syria). It is the cause of Muslim immigrants to Europe. Voting anti-Islam is thus voting **for** Islam (immigration)!

Fatima

12.15

Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed, Fatimah bint Muhammad, is a woman highly revered in Islam. She was given the title, *al-Zahra*, "shining one," and Mohammed once said about her, "Thou shalt be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise".

Mary is mentioned various times in the Koran. Respect for her is so evident that when she is mentioned in Islam, it is usual to add 'Alayha l-salam' ('Peace be upon her')...Mary, a model for Muslims and Christians, is also a model of dialogue."

Surprisingly, besides attracting Christian pilgrims, the shrine at Fátima, Portugal, has also attracted Muslims in great numbers. They go to see the place where the Virgin Mary appeared in a city named after one of their most highly revered women.

(Internet)

Seen from the exterior, Islam may appear as a masculine-dominated faith. That is because its external aspects, such as the sacred law that governs the social order, are a manifestation of Allah's **jalal** attributes. The hidden side of Islam, little known to the outside world, lives and breathes the values of interiority, the loving, forgiving, merciful Divine Presence that draws hearts closer, the infinite **jamal** aspects of Allah's Beauty. The eternal primacy of Allah's feminine nature is established in a hadith qudsi: "My mercy precedes My wrath" (rahma t sabaqat ghadab). (Internet).

Beyond all, the infinite eternal mystery of Allah's uncreated Essence is the Divine Feminine that is the ultimate spiritual Reality, calling to the souls who love Allah to come home and find perfect peace. (Internet).

Chapter 13

Cosmic Teachings

Your Contemplation Booklet

(A Treasure)

Cosmic Teachings Day 1

We, the Cosmos, feel the burning necessity to openly speak out amid growing disorientation of the “modern” world. The key question that reveals the core issue determining the fate of (wo)mankind is whether the Cosmos is a chaos or an Order. Many thinkers have their heads broken over it. They have sought the answer in the world around them (cosmology, physics). Typically, they failed. Very few realized that it depends on the perspective with which you tackle this question. The modern ignorance is based on the assumption that our common “I” is the center of personality. So they approach everything (inner or outer) through the ego. The clue is that because the ego is an isolated, fragmented, atomized entity everything appears according to it. Ego and separate objects are two sides of the same coin. The world as a “bunch” of separate objects is perceived as chaos. However, if you shift your inner mode of perceiving – from ego to True Self (witness, observer, mindfulness) – then the world around you changes accordingly. Because the True Self is the undivided Consciousness within you, the world appears as an undivided Whole. To bring it to the point: To the ego the Cosmos is a chaos, because itself is a chaos, while to the True Self the Cosmos is an Order, because itself is Order. The consequence for science is: in depth study of the Cosmos is only possible with a Cosmic Mind.

Cosmic Teachings, Day 2

One of the most crucial questions (in life) is thus: am I my ego or “my” True Self? Indeed, how to distinguish them? Because of its identification with your limited self-image, ego is the state of narrow-mindedness. It can only see the world in fragments. True Self, on the other hand, is limitless. It emerges when you dissociate from the identification with your thinking. For that to happen you have to make a step back. You create an inner distance between your aware observer and your thinking. “I am here and my thoughts are there, in front of me”. Conclusion: You are NOT your thinking. One of the main differences is that the ego-mind is dominated by thinking (taken in tow) while “your” True Self is free of it. Thinking is there but it cannot disturb your inner peace anymore. Thinking is a function, it is NOT part of your Essence. When dominated by thinking your Essence is dragged down. Immediately you lose your sense of inner Space, your inner Peace and Stability and your Transparency. Contrary to that, in more advanced stages of Awareness everything around you – your chair, the carpet, the table, the cat and the room – appears to be the content of “your” extended Space. Rather than being fragmented, these elements appear to be all interrelated. The miracle is that your New Identity – your clear Presence – has a higher sense of Reality. Everything is more Real, because you are Real. This new quality is your inherent Intelligence. While knowledge of the ego-

mind is the outcome of cognitive processes, knowing through your True Self is of a “Higher Order”. From that moment on your life has shifted from being “horizontally-oriented” towards being “vertically-oriented”. It is the start of your search for your True Home.

Cosmic Teachings Day 3

So far, not so good. In the course of time ego has grown to monstrous proportions. It has corrupted spirituality. The latter has to serve ego-purposes like “to feel better”, to perform better, to be “happy”, spiritual ambition/career, to boost your ego, to escape daily anxieties, to make money, to make the company more efficient etc. Current “spirituality” is a dead end. It is not a foundation to make further steps. To acknowledge this can be painful, for many use it as a last straw. The positive side: you see clearly how tricky the ego is. This insight gives you the strength needed to throw false assumptions away. So, back to zero and then what? The answer: you have to go on asking yourself fundamental questions. For instance: Why “to get rid of the ego?” In prehistory people experienced themselves as part of a Cosmic Womb. In Her Emptiness (beyond Emptiness) everything is continuously born and disappears again. It is the Law of Death and Rebirth (“Stirb und Werde” J.W. von Goethe). The ancients had a unique insight that (daily) life is ruled by Death and Rebirth too. It was symbolized by the “Vegetation-Gods” – Tammuz, Osiris, Attis, Baal (andJesus) - who died in autumn and resurrected in spring as a way to “support” fertility and the wellbeing of society. Later the Hellenic Mysteries continued the tradition, followed by Christianity. The idea is the same: death of the ego means (re)birth of your True Self. “Dying (of the ego) during this life is to Live”. It is the Law of Cosmic Renewal and Regeneration. Through this process an optimal inner balance is achieved. The question is: death into What; birth out of What? Here physics helps. It says that virtual particles are constantly being born out of the Vacuum, while “mysteriously” disappearing back into it in the self-same moment. Or the Law of Regeneration of (holistic) medicine (Prof. dr. W. Zabel). It says that 25% of all cells are in a state of dying; 50% in a state of (relative) permanence, while 25% is in a state of birth and growth. The miracle: the dying cells secrete a substance (“necro-hormone”) that stimulates the growth of new cells. Death as a prerequisite for life!

Cosmic Teachings Day 4

“Freedom is a gift of God” (President Trump). It seems an incredible statement. However, how to relate this to “Make America great again”. Right, freedom in the USA is not related to the Real God, but to the “American Dream”. Its pursuit of happiness is the “happiness” of the ego. It consists of “doing what you (the ego) like(s)”. An ego without regulating (Divine) context is blowing itself up. Nowadays it has degenerated into a MEGA-Ego. It destroys everything that comes in its way, eventually destroying itself: Big Ego, Big Bubble, Big Collapse. Western “freedom” is corrupted. It cannot guide us out of the crisis. I’ll start with the basics. Our identity consists of a “Natural I” and a “Supernatural I”. The Natural I is worldly-oriented. It is an instrument through which we function in society. World I and society have a feedback to each other. If the I is corrupt, it will corrupt society and the other way around. In our situation this is clearly the case. We have been caught in an unstoppable vicious circle of degeneration (“Ego-Catastrophe”). Instead of being identified with the Community (including humans, animals, plants etc.) we have reduced ourselves to (unconsciously) clinging to our self-image. This one-dimensional reduction of our I is called ego. However, there it

doesn't stop. Seduced by technology, our ego has become addicted – which was easy, considering the inherent uprootedness of our ego - to “digital reality”. Through it the last grain of self-esteem has evaporated. It is the (social) media that determines our thinking, feeling and wanting. Fortunately, our I is not limited to our worldly I alone. In that case we weren't “better” than animals. (I prefer animals). The second component of our “personality” consists of “our” Supernatural I. It consists of the “observer”, the True Self, the Divine. It is our vertical Cosmic connection. Through it our Essence is nourished, maintained and renewed. The Supernatural I is what we Really Are. Being One with our Essence we are part of limitlessness. All essential qualities of life come from there: wisdom (intelligence), inner peace and stability, love and compassion, interconnectedness, justice, inner strength. The tragic of Western culture is that this our Essence has been thoroughly suppressed. “We don't know who we Really Are”. Hence, our so-called freedom is a hoax. Because True Freedom is a Gift of God.

Cosmic Teachings Day 5

Let's talk about Love. Love or felt love that's the issue here. What happens when you say “I love him/her?” To many it is a “mystery”. The true nature of love is hidden even to those who experience it. So, how can people – all identified with their ego's – know what love is? Ego and love are excluding each other. Really? Everyone who is really “in love” will vehemently oppose my statement. As said many times before, the definition of ego is to be identified with your self-image. Everything the ego thinks, feels and wants is through the “self”. Because the ego is limited to the self, it has no possibility to transcend it. So, two ego's come together declaring their love for each other. However, because both “self-images” are in between, there cannot be a direct relationship between the two. Nevertheless the feelings towards each other are sincere. If there isn't direct contact, it only can be an effect on the self-image that gives one the FEELING of love. Aspects of your beloved SUITS your self-image. Your self-image is pleased, is excited, raising the energy of your entire system. This could lead to cynical remarks about “common love”. It is still self-centered. However, through the vibrations existing patterns and fixations are loosening-up. In love you become alive, sparkling, joyfully experiencing life. It is not a small benefit life is granting you. However (I am sorry to say) it is not the Real Thing. Felt love – however valuable - is not True Love. You come closer to it through your experience of expanding your inner Space. When it happens all objects (around you) become its content. The secret: everything that becomes part of your Greater You, You “love like yourself”. True Love appears to be a quality of Consciousness. Love is celebrating the Unity, which is always there. To be in One Space is where it is all about. No need for you and the “other” to “communicate”, to open a “dialogue”, to exchange with each other. On the deepest level you Are One from Eternity! The only thing “to do” is to be in that Space yourself. Your “inner” Space and the “inner” Space of everybody else are IDENTICAL. They are part of One Undivided Divine Space. There is LOVE before you love. When this LOVE is there, there is NO EGO, no self-image, no “attaining”, no limitation. True Love is not depending on reciprocity. It even includes the ego's of the world. Selfless, Unconditional Love is “Maternal”. It is All-Embracing, Cosmic. Hence, only Cosmic Love can save the world.

Cosmic Teachings Day 6

We, the Cosmos, have our own way to describe human history. It is divided into “Paradise”, “Paradise Lost” and “Paradise Renewed”. Paradise known as “The Golden Age” is deeply hidden in the (archetypical) memory of all religions, cultures and peoples. In most cases it starts with “Darkness giving birth to the Light”. Darkness being synonymous to the Cosmic Womb, Origin of the Cycle of Birth and Death. In its turn the Light “creates” “Heaven, Earth and People”. In the Ur-Stage (Primordial Stage) people live in Paradise. In the West the “Garden of Eden” is known to everybody. “Golden Age” denotes a period of primordial [peace](#), [harmony](#), [stability](#), and [prosperity](#). During this age peace and harmony prevailed, people did not have to work to feed themselves, for the earth provided food in abundance. They lived to a very old age with a youthful appearance, eventually dying peacefully, with spirits living on as “guardians” (Wikipedia). The common denominator: (almost) all primordial societies are centered around “the Mother”. When so many different cultures have the “same” shared vision – a society of peace, all more or less based on matriarchy – then there must be some truth in it. Just like the narratives about how these societies came to an end. “Paradise Lost” is characterized by overthrow of the Original Mother by patriarchal Gods, Kings, Priests and Warriors. The “Fall” isn’t a “sin” against the father-God, but his take-over of the Mother-oriented culture is. It is the Fall out of the Mother-Paradise (about psychology later). This is confirmed by the Sumerian version of the Garden (older than the biblical) where the man eats the forbidden fruit from the (Mother) Tree of Life. Upon which the Mother punishes him by letting him suffer terrible illnesses. In the end She heals him, a striking difference with the punishment of Adam and Eve by the sadist father-“God”. Patriarchy developed along the lines of the God Marduk (Babylon), Gilgamesh and other regional Kings, the Jewish Torah (later completed by Talmud and Zohar) and the Christian Church. The latter destroyed (wo)man’s (“Pagan’s”, Women’s, Gnostics’, “Heretics”, Mystics’) unity with “Heaven, Earth and the Community” in favour of its “Glad Tidings”. The Church is thus responsible for having laid the foundation of the Ego-Catastrophe that is now threatening our very existence. In this dire situation people cry out for A New Heaven and A New Earth.

Ego’s master trick: calling its insanity “freedom!”

Cosmic Teachings Day 7

The current Ego-Catastrophe is the result of a millennia-long development. It is the breeding ground of evil. Its key characteristic is its alienation from the Whole. We have called that “ego”. Ego is a free floating entity in the ocean of life not controlled by “anybody”. Hence Western “civilization” considering it the epitome of “freedom”. In Reality, every not-integrated entity is a threat to proper functioning of the Whole. What we call “freedom” is actually a sickness. I distinguish three levels of evil: ego (“normopathy”), over-compensated ego (“psychopathy”) and MEGA-ego (“sociopathy”). This classification is based on the damage ego inflicts: the damage to yourself, the damage to the other and the damage to the Whole. In our individualized society we individualize disease. We give it a “clinical” definition. It is “our” way to isolate collective insanities in order to hide the truth about its epidemic character. With the ego this strategy has been very successful. By only attribute it to certain individuals (“he has a big ego”) we fail to recognize that our whole “civilization” is based on it. That’s why I have called it (already in the eighties) “normopathy”, the pathology of normality. If everybody behaves in the same way, we automatically think that this is a normal pattern. This can go very far. The Germans in the Third Reich, the Americans with their pathological ego-dreams, the

Jews in their “racially pure” State. Ego is based (through identification) on random characteristics acquired in early life. Therefore, “deep within” it is insecure, vulnerable, instable, inferior, isolated, fearful and powerless. The majority of people live with these kinds of emotions. The damage they inflict is mainly on themselves. A minority, however, “refuse to accept” this miserable state of mind. They develop a strategy to overcome their inherent weakness. They do it through blowing-up their ego, through identification with (ego)ambition, success, narcissism, power, money, influence, status.... The damage they inflict is (still) relative, limited to a small sphere of influence. Nevertheless I have called it “psychopathy”. It indicates that what we usually call “psychopathy” isn’t limited to individual cases, but to the collective insanity of our ego-society. In “favorable” situations (political, business opportunities, career changes, cabal membership) the “devil comes out of the bottle”. These are the (MEGA-ego) types that ruthlessly pursue their inhuman objectives, regardless the damage they inflict on the Whole. Their lives are uprooted, devoid of all empathy, obsessed by “self-worship” and megalomania, dominated by crimes, greed, lies, deceit on a limitless scale (“sociopathy”). It is the epitome of evil. Their viciousness – o, irony - stems from their inherent weakness. Their greatest fear is to fall back. They destroy everything because of fear being destroyed.

Humanity rooted in “Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community”

Cosmic Teachings Day 8

That the whole world is ruled by this MEGA-ego cabal is no secret anymore. Its grip on government, finance, corporate business, mass population control, the military and the media is abstruse. This should lead to a feeling of total hopelessness. You read it well: only a feeling of total hopelessness can save humanity. While “hope” seems to be preferred, the reality is the opposite. “Hope” is the expectation that we can go on as usual, without the need for change, without the need of giving up our ego’s. “Hopelessness”, on the other hand, is to see that THE COMMON WAY is a dead end. It is open to the idea that only a miracle can save us (“Only a (new) God can save us”. Martin Heidegger). Ego can neither save itself, nor the world. It is the problem, not the solution. So, all these “improvements” of the current system will fail. They don’t touch the core of things. In the middle of this MESS the Revelation of the Cosmic Mother took place (1977). It is the Turning Point in human history. It happened in that Garden. Suddenly and totally unexpected – and out of total innocence – a supernatural Lightning struck my head. Immediately my whole Being – including my conscious awareness – was wiped out. For a split-second there was only total Blackness. Almost simultaneously I was dissolved in limitless and timeless Divine Light. There wasn’t any separate “I”, no experience, no me and the Light, but only this ONE Dimension. There was only THAT, realizing ITSELF joyfully. The same night I woke up in an Ocean of Horror. This dark-grey Ocean was everywhere. Its “waves” were indescribably powerful, sucking in my entire body-mind. Only by keeping up my awareness through sitting in Zen-position for many hours, I eventually “resurrected”. I immediately knew: this is the Ultimate Cosmic “Experience”, consisting of the Cosmic Womb (Absolute Nothingness/Blackness) with Her Two Cosmic Dimensions of Eternal Birth (God, the Light) and Eternal Destruction (physics: Super-Gravity). Later I remembered the statement of the Mother-Goddess Isis: “No one will ever lift my veil” (experience Her True Nature). That this happened to me is proof of our extremely critical times. Because of our absolute hopelessness – and

the failure of all patriarchal religions - the Cosmic Mother interfered. Her Revelation is our Refuge, opening the door to a new awareness: Cosmic Consciousness.

Cosmic Teachings Day 9

Later I saw the entire Cosmic Cycle in front of my conscious observer. It makes our Cosmic Event complete. To see everything in a historical perspective is very exciting. We (in the West) started with the Great Mother (40.000 years BCE), followed by Goddesses (10.000 BCE) and Gods (3000 BCE), followed by the “One God” (600 BCE), the “Son of God” (0 CE) and the Church (400 CE). Nowadays “God is dead” (F.Nietzsche) and the Churches are empty (corrupted). Western culture has become a wasteland, a one-dimensional horror-scenario. And then this happened: in the abyss of our collective despair the Re-Emergence of the Cosmic Mother. A Cycle of 42.000 years.

Cosmic Teachings Day 10

The “shocking” news about “my” Threefold Cosmic Realization is that “God” isn’t the ultimate authority anymore. The Light is born out of the Darkness of the Cosmic Womb (while continuously returning to it). “God didn’t create the world out of nothingness, but Nothingness is giving birth to God and the universe, the latter continuously returning to their Origin”. It is the end of patriarchy. Moreover “God” appears to be part of a polarity: the dynamic balance between “Creation and Destruction”. Hence, the universe is ruled by a “Cosmic Trinity”: the Mother and Her two Cosmic Forces. The Unity of Womb, Eternal Light (“God”), Eternal Destruction, universe, earth, society and (wo)man is called Cosmos. The Divine includes the entire universe. Even religions state “God is omni-present”. Unfortunately, they never took the consequences of it. They even adhered to the opposite, namely a separation between God and the world, between Spirit and matter. However, the Reality is that the world is sacred. It is the content of Divine Space. It includes the universe, the earth, society and us. We are part of Cosmic Hierarchy. For the Divine “emanates” from the Cosmic Womb; the universe emanates from the Divine. The various “levels” are all “organically” connected. The only entity that is outside of it, is our ego. The irony is: while in Reality leading an miserable, isolated, fragmented existence, it is claiming “exclusivity” for itself. The Church even boasted about the fact that it “liberated” humanity from the “grasp of the Cosmos”. Instead it put “the Mystical Body of Christ” (the Church) in its place. How happy we are nowadays that Truth has Revealed Herself! Despite (or thanks) our monumental crisis, humanity can return to REALITY. Being cut off from the Whole – on the other hand - is the cause of existential suffering. Healing is to once again becoming part of the Whole. The question is how? In the last decades many people went for the “Quest for the Self”. In itself it is a good beginning. You discover the ego being a fake identity. Your aim is mindfulness. However, for many it stopped there, because it satisfied their ego’s. The most important step has yet to be taken, though: the “Quest for the Whole”. To fit in into the Whole raises less enthusiasm. For here you have “no choice” anymore. In order to get healed you have to give up your ego! Your attitude is that of a caterpillar, not knowing his true nature as a butterfly. Your ego-“freedom” is all you have. The Eternal Freedom is (yet) beyond your imagination. How your Home Coming looks like? The Mother is a bottomless Abyss. She is the Mystery of Mysteries. Your attitude: Worship. The Divine (Mother’s Light Body) invites you to strive for Wisdom. Your attitude: Realization. The universe, consisting of the quantum world, is nourishing you with its

energies. Your attitude: Inner Balance. The earth is regenerating you. Your attitude: Ongoing death and rebirth/ “Stirb und Werde (J.W. von Goethe). Society (including animals and plants) challenges your capability of interconnectedness, solidarity, friendship and love. Finally there is “You”, a totally transformed Being. You are Cosmos!

We are part of society
Society is part of the earth
The earth is part of the universe
The universe is part of the Eternal Light
The Eternal Light is part of Absolute Nothingness
(The Cosmic Womb)

Cosmic Teachings Day 11

Has your interest been raised through reading these 10 Cosmic Teachings you may want to go into detailed practice. Cosmic Healing follows a (more or less) strict path. It is different from “personal healing”. The latter has to consider your personal details in order to be able to achieve personal integration. Not so with Cosmic Healing. Cosmic Healing is to fit in into the Cosmic Order. This Order exists “from Eternity”, it is not adapted to your personal preferences, characteristics, needs or wishes. In order to get healed you – as the product of a sick society - have to fit in, not the other way around. The Cosmic Order is the True Home of EVERY human being. The only personal aspect of this Healing is the need to become aware of your inner obstacles to make re-unification possible. The first step is to fully accept your ego-suffering: your ignorance, isolation, fear, meaninglessness, insecurities, vulnerability, powerlessness, especially also aspects of your shadow. You have to completely honest about all your “negative” emotions. Realize how you suffer from them. The more you let this enter the depth of your “soul” – while continuously watching - the stronger your longing to get healed. This is crucial. You approach this first step intellectually (cognitively), emotionally and consciously. The second step is to contemplate the “Saving Activity” of the Cosmic Mother. You realize that only Absolute Nothingness (of the Womb) is able to “take back” your ego and everything related to it. Everything else is unsuitable because of the tendency of the ego to immediately identify itself with any random object. To the ego everything will do, it even identifies with “God” to save its skin. Only Nothingness has nothing to identify with. Every “energy” or complex is completely neutralized by it. The Mother is doing this through Her Power of Destruction! To realize the positive role of destruction (instead of being afraid of it) is crucial. The Goddess Kali (India) is tremendously popular, because She destroys all evil. So conscious surrender (of the ego) to the Mother (“please, take my ego away”) – while always watching the process with your conscious observer – is essential. One of the best settings for it is your completely darkened sleeping room, while imagining being surrounded by Her Dark Womb. These are the sacred moments of your Healing. It is like a “religious” ceremony in which the Mother is doing the work (through Her Power of Destruction). The only thing you have to do is to put your ego on Her “altar” (as a sacrifice). That is enough for Her to take your suffering away from you. Depending on the clarity of your inner observing the Mother subsequently grants you your True Self. This could take some time. Therefore you may support Her “effort” a little. Remember the Halo’s of Buddhist and Christian saints? A Halo is a symbol of Enlightenment. It is always situated on the BACK SIDE of the head/body. Just like in

normal birth the Life-giving Womb is “behind” you. It is the same with spiritual (re)birth. By (consciously) feeling your back and head – in all daily situations – you restore contact with the Divine Dimension. Again this is ALL that YOU have to do: developing feeling contact. Once established the Cosmos will do the “rest”.

Cosmic Teachings Day 12

It is crucial for understanding the Cosmos that everything (the entire universe) is content of Divine Space. It is the “link” between the Natural and the Supernatural. This content is born out of the Divine Realm, while uninterruptedly returning to it. In its turn the Divine (the Eternal Light, “God”) is born out of the Bottomlessness of the Cosmic Womb (while returning to Her). It means that the Transcendence and its Manifestation (the visible world) are a Unity. There doesn’t exist any separation between the Realms. It will be clear that this has far reaching consequences. Our existing dualistic paradigm “God and the world”, “Spirit and matter” appears to be false. We all live in “God’s hand”, in “Mother’s Lap” (Joke: we were never out of the Womb!). The world is sacred and we live in “absolute security”. In fact, we were never left alone! It gives us a sense of the abominable “sin” of being identified with our ego’s as our (only) identity. This transgression is the most severe possible, a rejection of our True Home, a denial of the most fundamental Cosmic Truth. A few examples of how “physical” phenomena are steered by the underlying Invisible Realm. Physics discovered the Vacuum (reflection of Mother’s Womb) from which virtual particles emerge and disappear in the same moment. This is considered a “physical fact”, an entirely independent phenomenon. In Reality however, this “death and rebirth” process is the manifestation of the underlying supernatural Cosmic Forces of “Creation and Destruction”. Matter and anti-matter are equally depending on the same context, just like gravity is the expression of the centripetal destructive Force “bringing” Dark Matter back to the Womb, where it is transformed into light. Black Holes are manifestations of the Womb/Vacuum too. Through underlying Nothingness energy/matter are sucked in, while simultaneously being spewed out again. Their function is to maintain Cosmic Balance.

Cosmic Teachings Day 13

In the West we identify with life, excluding death. Few realize that by doing so we miss the essence of Cosmic Regeneration and Renewal!. Clinging to life is reducing it to fixed patterns. You want to live, while in Reality you kill it. It is against the Law of the Cosmos. The Law is that we are continuously dying in order to be reborn. By being part of the Cosmos you regenerate, outside of it (ego) you suffer a process of ongoing decay, a slow death. If you want to live you have to embrace death. “The sun rises from the night” (Egyptian wisdom). Every night our ego disintegrates (“dies”) in order to be fresh in the morning. It is the underlying Truth of “vertical evolution”. During life we continuously die. In order to be optimally aware and balanced you should drop your identification with the ego (death). In order to remain creative you let our (old) thinking go, enjoying new space. Bertold Brecht: “Every time I go into Emptiness I come out full”. In Dutch there is a wonderful word “Vol-Ledigheid” a state of mind which is simultaneously full and empty! Our bodily tissues (blood, organs, bones) are renewing themselves according to a biological (Cosmic) cycle. As said earlier: 25% of all our cells are in a process of dying, 50% is relatively stable and 25% are fresh and young.

It is a reflection of ancient Hindu-Wisdom: the universe ruled by Creation, Permanence and Destruction.

Cosmic Teachings Day 14

All benefits come from fitting in into the Cosmos. It is the alpha and omega: the Way, Truth and Life. In it you find everything to live life in an optimal way. Outside of it (ego) you can only maintain your life through strenuous self-effort. While knowing that “in the end” you will fail miserably. It is not something I recommend. So, let’s go on with your Cosmic Play. Its Essence is that when becoming One with It, It is doing all the “work” for you. So, life is very simple. Instead of turning around in the circle of continuously creating (new) problems plus the continuous effort to solve them, your only concern is: am I IN or am I OUT, am I in contact (with the Cosmos) or not? Playing with It means effortlessness. You play with the Cosmos while the Cosmos is playing with you. “Poor Cosmos”, these masses of ignorant people, not knowing where/what their True Home is. They are like fishes searching for the water. That’s why the Cosmos was in urgent need of revealing Herself (Her 1977 Revelation, see above). I’ll give you some more tools with which you can continue your Love Play with the Mother. You are Her “daughter” (Her manifestation, the Goddess within), Her “son” (the Light), Her “husband” (Mother and Light as two sides of the same coin) and “lover” (the one who is continuously returning to Her). At this point, let’s continue our talk of Day 11. There we have said that (direct) contact with the Cosmos is achieved through consciously feeling the backside of your body. (Did you already try it?). I will add some other “games” to it. These are liberating games, contrary to the ones that enslave you (I mean your addiction to social media/video-games, how foolish indeed). I want you to become a Cosmic Hero, not a slave of our self-destructive system! I want the “narrow” path to become a Broadway, inviting the whole of (wo)mankind to pursue its True Happiness. First our Cosmic Mandala (see index page of my website). It is the symbol of “Eternal Return”, the Cosmic Womb (black), giving birth to the Eternal Light (white and yellow) and the universe (green), the latter (universe and the Light) continuously returning to their Origin (black). Contemplate the mandala, let it descend into the Depth of your Being. Secondly, conscious (felt) breathing tells you a lot about you being integrated in the Cosmos. Breathing-out corresponds with Cosmic Destruction, while breathing-in is synonymous with Cosmic Birth. Let your breathing-out (“die”) into the empty space of your pelvis. The deeper you let go, the stronger your breathing-in (life). MicroCosm is MacroCosm (“Cosmocracy”). Through aware breathing the Cosmos is continuously regenerating you! To further integrate the Self with the Cosmos “I” designed the “Heaven & Earth Exercises” (Tiendi Qigong). Don’t we have enough Qigong systems already? I hear you saying. I I’ll give away a secret. Inspired by the Cosmos (how can it be otherwise) “my” Qigong is “the only real” Qigong. It is based on effortlessness right from the start. Movements emerge spontaneously from within. I taught it to Chinese in the Behei Park of Beijing. “This is the Primordial Qigong” they exclaimed. Through it you playfully unite “Heaven with Earth”. No ego in between. You realize: “True Freedom is to be prisoner of Eternity”.

Cosmic Teachings Day 15

We, the Cosmos, like to make one further step. Don’t under-estimate the brainwashing that surrounds you day and night. First it tried to control your consumer habits, nowadays it tries to control your

“soul” too. It is therefore a must that “to become Cosmos again” is a “full-time” program. It has nothing to do with all kinds of “New Age”-like playing around. You have to deeply commit yourself. Cosmic Healing means to be in harmony with all Cosmic Levels. You have to “work” on all levels simultaneously – the Womb, the Divine, the universe, the earth, society and yourself - worshipping the Mother, “feeling” the Light on your backside, accepting death as the gate to a new life, visualizing the Cosmic Mandala, practicing conscious breathing and doing the Heaven & Earth Exercises. Most people do it at home, others would like to do it in community. For this purpose I have “designed” the “Healing Communities”. It is a “monastic” training program based on a daily schedule. Highly recommended! Furthermore: Neglecting one aspect of the “work” is undermining the results you have gained on the other levels. Taking care of your health and body should not be neglected in this regard. Although fanaticism should be avoided, optimal nutrition, detox and immune-stimulation are “obligatory”. My entire medical career (45 years now) was dedicated to lifestyle, natural, biological, holistic and integrated medicine. (Recently I founded “Cosmic Medicine”). The results of many treatments were impressive to say the least. It culminated in the writing of a handbook “Flow System Therapy” and a self-help program: the “Personal Health Plan in 10 Steps” (for free on the internet www.vitalworld.org). The basic idea is that our self-healing power greatly depends on a dynamic balance between “input, processing and output” of nutrients and waste-products respectively. People eat too much/the wrong things (input problem), their digestion and metabolism cannot cope with the bulk put into their system (wrong processing) while detoxification and elimination are permanently overburdened. This has its consequences for the proper functioning of body and mind. After some years it culminates in the various forms of chronic disease. (Look in the website for “MESS”).

Cosmic Teachings Day 16

Society as a whole is in decay. Its crisis is not (only) political. It is the end of Western civilization as we know it. There are forces that aim at destabilizing the existing “order”. That makes the situation VERY dangerous. A MEGA-ego keeps the world in its grip. This ego doesn’t want to give up its hegemony. It feels threatened by new upcoming powers. At the moment no one in the world knows a way out of the crisis. The waiting is for total collapse of the dominating financial/economic system. Chaos will be the result. A Turning Point in which the old society breaks down without the new able to manifest itself. A “vacuum” so to speak. The only “rational” response at this moment is to work on an Alternative. If the situation runs out of control people should have a sanctuary to protect themselves from the worst. What you see is the rise of right-wing political movements. They feel threatened by the “refugee” crisis. Especially Islam is considered as very hostile to Western values. The “solution” – they think- is to go back to nationalism. What people don’t see is that this move is deeply reactionary. It is a move to an idealized past. What they forget is that that past wasn’t very ideal at all. The national State – dominated by the world-financial system - was responsible for the greatest drama’s in world history: oppression, exploitation, colonialism, endless conflicts with other nations, think of both world wars. Only when the national State – together with the current superstructures like the EU – will bring Self-Sovereignty to the people on all levels, it has a chance of revitalizing itself. It should accept a common (Cosmic) philosophy that everybody can embrace – e.g. “People rooted in Heaven, Earth and the Community”* - the introduction of Community Democracy*, a stable social system*, and a new (eco)economy*. Moreover, it should eradicate the

roots of materialism (consumerism) and individualism, end State-control, the exploitative activity of the banks, the gap between rich and poor, media manipulation. If not, the culture cannot be saved. No fundamental change whatsoever can be expected. All ego-ideologies – global, national – will prove to be a dead end. In fact, “common” people know better. “We face nothingness”, they say. The answer is: only Nothingness can save us. This sounds cryptic. What it means is that when society is back to “zero”, it has no REAL answer to finding a way out. All ego-effort has evaporated. There is NOTHING left to cling to. In that case we have no choice but to work with Nothingness as a new starting-point. Where ego-“solutions” are exhausted, we have no choice but to take refuge in the Dimension beyond the ego. And that is our True Home, the Cosmos. We direly need the Power of Unity in Diversity, the Dimension that can heal all divisions, conflicts and wars. Meditation (Zen) gives you the right insight. In Moments of Nothingness you are Everything. By being (Divine) Space everything around you has become part of your “Greater You”. In Cosmic Experience Nothingness isn’t nothing as we commonly understand it, it is the Source of all life. It is where the Legend of the Grail is based on. It is the Blood (life)-giving Chalice. So don’t be afraid of Nothingness. It only means that we have liberated ourselves from the ego and its terror. Death of the ego is resurrection of our True Self. Alleluia! So it is here where your Cosmic Life begins. With Nothingness as starting-point we start – step by step – extending our Cosmic Vision, aiming at THE Alternative to both Nationalism and (economic) Globalization, a society built on BALANCE on all levels of life. Our mission at this moment of history is to prepare ourselves. Given the magnitude of our crisis the work on developing a new foundation for humanity is huge. It is the driving force behind my Cosmic Teachings. So, let your Angst evaporate. A New Birth is waiting “around the corner”. Be part of it. Join our “We Are Cosmos” movement.

*See for these issues my website and my books.

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Chapter 14

International Pilgrim Site „Cosmic Mother HEALING the PLANET“

(Healing yourself, Healing each other, Healing the world)



Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGE SITE

“Cosmic Mother Healing the
Planet”

(Healing yourself, Healing
each other, Healing the
world) with

“Cosmic Mother Healing
Shrine”

OUR HISTORY

It all started in 1972, when
Han Marie Stiekema, a
doctor, decided to specialise
in natural medicine. His
pioneering work laid the
foundation for current
integral medical science. He
was director of the Institute
for Natural Medicine
(Instituut voor

Reinigingstherapie) where he
trained dozens of students.
Years later he gave classes all
over the world as visiting
teacher. This led to a
renewed definition of health.
Man as unity: spiritually,
psychologically and
physically, in harmony with
the Cosmos, the earth and
society. His insights can be

found on his website (www.vitalworld.org), the integral medicine handbook (Flow System Therapy) and the popular book, 'Flow System & Optimal Vitality' (Stroomsysteem & Optimale Vitaliteit). Another recent initiative is the free Personal Health Plan in 10 Steps. Brochures about the post-antibiotics era, or how we can strengthen the immune system during the flu or infectious diseases, are freely available to everyone.



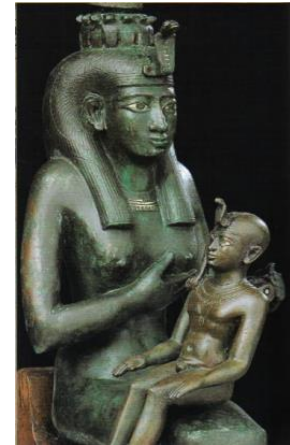
Prehistoric Mother-Goddess, Laussel, France

MeiMei Yu came to the Netherlands in 1991 and obtained an MSc in sociology specializing in regional development. In China she had already completed a course in Traditional Chinese Medicine. In 1997, she introduced the unique Chinese Guasha Therapy according to Prof X. Zhang, and started individual

treatments, training courses and education. She is known all over the country and has trained over a thousand students. She was recently honoured with a place in the book 'Krachtige Karakters' (Compelling Characters) as one of the 16 most successful Sino-Dutch women. Han and MeiMei were married in Bloemendaal in 1992.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

By a fortunate coincidence of inner factors, Han Marie was lucky enough to spontaneously broaden his horizons. And so it happened that he added psychotherapy and spirituality to his "Heal Humanity" practice. In 1981 he founded the Living Zen School. His Fasting-Meditation Circles enjoyed wide renown. Connection with the earth also played a major role and he owned a large plot of land (in Ruinen, Drenthe province) where organic crops were grown. Years later, Earth Care was founded, one of the first environmental initiatives in the Netherlands, which focused on a change in lifestyle.



Black Isis with Horus, Egypt

RELEVANCE

His foresight paid off, because people's health had meanwhile visibly deteriorated. This manifested itself in all sorts of complaints and problems at all levels – spiritually, psychologically and physically. Han's inner development and worldly necessity came together in a miraculous way. At the physical level, the consequences of the food chain and an unhealthy lifestyle wreak havoc, which include toxics accumulating in the body, manifesting themselves as allergies, intolerance, fatigue, weakness of the immune system, pain syndrome, rheumatic disorders and much more. At the psychological level, fear, alienation, the chain of work and relationship pressures,

stress, depression, fatigue and burn-out is already infamous. So many employees are currently being lost to sickness absence that the production process is in danger. And finally, it has become clearer that in essence our present problems lie on a spiritual level. It is the ego, inflating uninhibitedly, which causes the exponential increase of egotism, loneliness, meaninglessness, existential fear, public chaos and destruction of nature. The world is currently in a state of permanent crisis never before witnessed.



Black Madonna of Montserrat, Spain/garden altar

HEALING the PLANET

The immense complication is that the ego cannot heal itself. Every attempt – no

matter how well-intended – comes anew from the ego itself, which only serves to reaffirm it. Initial steps on the path of meditation, however, are possible. Something can only be healed by something that is larger. This leads us – after Nietzsche had declared the Christian God to be dead (and large sections of society have now become addicted to the virtual world as their new god) – to the situation in which, without the help of Transcendence, the survival of humanity is increasingly doubtful. The 2000 years of patriarchal religion have not been able to cope with the ego. The current spirituality is hopelessly commercialized. From where can we expect salvation now?

The new insight is that the ego – our core problem – can only be kept in check by the Absolute Nothingness. All the rest is unworkable, because time and again the ego will identify with something else. All the ‘something’ – even God – is therefore unsuitable. Only when confronted with Nothingness, does the ego fall silent. Buddhism recognized this and spoke of the ‘Emptiness beyond the

Emptiness’. Because no one experienced this for themselves, this valuable principle was lost. (By Nothingness I do not mean Enlightenment but the dimension Beyond that. Enlightenment allows you to identify with yourself again and is therefore not suitable as the solution to our problem)...

We must therefore take a step that is totally new and fundamental to us. And one we cannot come up with ourselves. There is only one possibility: intervention of the Cosmic-ItSelf. Today, it is becoming increasingly clear that ‘God’ is not the Ultimate. This results in ever more people rejecting everything having to do with the church. Many become atheists. They believe that there is nothing. An amusing play on words. Because the latest insight – from spiritual experience and science – is that the universe came into existence from Nothing, a Cosmic Vacuum. Not God, but Absolute Nothingness is the Ultimate. It is the new dimension Beyond God. This is how it is in practice: when we give up our ego and surrender to Nothingness, then at that same moment

the True Self is born, the one we truly Are. From that moment on, we are no longer ruled by our thoughts, emotions and desires. It is the dimension of inner freedom. The ego has changed from tyrant into servant. Surprisingly, this was already well known in antiquity. The Vacuum was called Cosmic Womb. Everything, including God and the universe, is born out of the Dark Bottomlessness of the Cosmos and returns into it. Light born from the Dark, we sometimes say. The Hellenistic Mysteries were built on this principle. There, the initiate entered the Cosmic Womb (Isis, Demeter) to be reborn by surrendering the ego. In the same way, Nothingness is giving birth the Eternal Light/the Divine. 'God' is therefore not the 'father', but the 'son' (of the Mother!) Another surprise: the manifestation of the Original Mother-Goddess has survived in the West as the Black Madonna.



Black Madonna of Einsiedeln, Switzerland

EUROPE

As chance would have it, the archetypal Mother appeared, particularly in Europe, very early on, in the Paleolithic period. People then were not backward, but lived uninterrupted in the Great Consciousness. They had direct insight into the Cosmos. The unique Chinese Guasha Therapy (see below) also originates from that era, which is why we call it 'Stone Age Therapy for Modern (Wo)Man'. I am speaking of 40,000 to 10,000 years BC! Many years later the goddess Europe gave her name to our continent. Various countries and provinces have taken the Mother as patron (Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Bavaria, Drenthe). She manifests herself as Black Madonna. She is not derived from Mary of Catholicism, but directly

embodies the Original Mother. That is why she is black! In her Bottomless Emptiness everything is born while at the same moment, everything returns into Her. This dynamic aspect ("death & rebirth") was later delegated to men, referred to as the vegetation gods: Tammuz, Osiris, Attis, Baal, Dionysus ('Green Men'). The later figure of Jesus belongs to this same tradition of dying and resurrecting gods. The vegetation gods were tasked with protecting and improving the harvest and by extension, the welfare of society. They lived in synchrony with the seasons. They died, symbolically, in the autumn and were resurrected in the spring, at Easter. As was noted earlier, the emphasis in the Hellenistic Mysteries shifted to the dying of the ego and the rebirth as True Self. This is so fundamental that J.W. von Goethe spoke of 'Stirb und Werde'. It later became current again by the discovery of 'Green Men' (Lady Raglan, 1938 in the UK) and the 'Wise Women'. The global crisis has now made this urgent. It is reflected in the recent foundation of the European Green Man & Wise Woman Pilgrims Network.

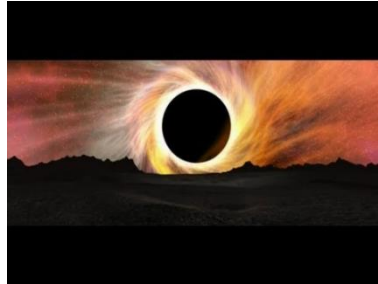


Madonna of Rocamadour, France/house altar

SPIRITUALITY & SCIENCE
(COSMOLOGY)

All this leads to new insights into the structure and dynamics of the Cosmos. By great fortune, science (cosmology) comes to our aid. It is now an accepted fact that the entire universe was created from the Cosmic Nothingness (S. Hawking, et al). Firstly, the Higgs field (also known as Scalar field) is born out of the Vacuum, consisting of virtual waves, followed by various stages of ‘materialisation’, WHILE AT THAT SAME MOMENT RETURNING into it. The total energy of the universe is therefore nil. Explanation: the birth and expansion of energy and the return (of the Dark Matter by gravity) into the Womb (“creation and destruction”) are equal, opposing Cosmic forces. The

dynamic balance between these two keep the universe intact. While the Vacuum is invisible, Black Holes offer us an impression of the underlying process.



Black Hole

MOTHER HEALING

Our lives are therefore controlled by the two Cosmic Forces: Creation and Destruction. We can observe this all around us, in nature, in our own lives and even in the rise and fall of civilisations. Because we are still only at the beginning of understanding this new situation, there are not yet many practical applications. I would like to propose one here. It will hopefully be clear that in a situation in which the majority of disorders and diseases occur from accumulation (too much food, too much stress, too many toxins, too much radiation), we would benefit from therapies that break down the excess. Therapeutic fasting is *the*

example. It has been known since the dawn of man. New perspectives are created by Absolute Nothingness. How many complaints can be coupled to identification with the ego? Example: when the ego disappears, existential fear also disappears. With the disappearance of fear, so do worries, depression and burn-outs. Does this connection also exist in diseases? We already have sufficient insight to answer this question with ‘yes’. Logic brings us to diseases such as cancer. That ‘thoughts’ can cure cancer may be true in some rare cases. But in general it will prove to be a deception. They are of a lower energetic level than DNA. In contrast, Absolute Nothingness as Ultimate Dimension, which breaks down the entire universe only to “create” it anew – not once, but over and over – is a very realistic hope. This is called MOTHER HEALING. By surrendering to the Bottomless Cosmic Nothingness, symbolised by the Black Madonna, it offers a promise of healing at all levels. And it is the central point of our Pilgrimage Site.



Green Man, Amsterdam

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

We had our first experience in guiding pilgrims when in 2004 we helped participants of the Camino de Santiago, the Santiago pilgrimage route, with their pain complaints. For five months, we were kindly allowed to use the local Red Cross location in Estella, Spain, free of charge. Chinese Guasha is a perfect against all sorts of pain (knee, hip, back, neck and shoulder). The pilgrims were similarly very enthusiastic. I gave lectures on the Cosmic Mother for those interested. All in all, this was one of the most joyous experiences of our lives. The spirit of the pilgrim route made that possible. In addition, the medieval atmosphere in our Pilgrim Help was an added bonus. Everything took place in one room: waiting room, treatment and lectures. The

whole thing was totally informal and accessible to anyone who wanted to step inside. Soon we were well-known and we were interviewed for the local newspaper. In the end, the locals didn't even want us to leave!



PilgrimsHelp 2004, Estella, Spain

KENNEMERLAND

I would like to explain why the region Kennemerland – the coastal area around Haarlem – is of paramount importance to me. In the first place, I spent my childhood in its dunes, after my first four years on Schiermonnikoog, one of the West Frisian islands. I later spent six years in Driehuis-Westerveld, part of Kennemerland. My time there not only instilled in me a sense of affection, but also an awareness of the unique value and beauty of the region. It is my wish to live and work near the area and I

also feel a responsibility to contribute to the continued existence of this piece of land. In later years, I lived in Haarlem, Bloemendaal and Aerdenhout (all towns in Kennemerland). So you could say I have become part of the area. I not only take weekly walks in Zuid-Kennemerland (the south part of the region) but I have also developed a sense of sacrality. This means that I have had many eco-spiritual experiences, viz. feeling at one with nature. This conscious contact with nature is something which I have had from a young age and which contributed to my Cosmic training to a great extent. I would like to introduce our New World Vision, one in which everything is connected to everything:

We are part of society
Society is part of the earth
The earth is part of the universe
The universe is part of the Eternal Light
The Eternal Light is part of the Absolute Nothingness (Cosmic Womb)

It is the corner stone of our Pilgrimage Site.



Green Man, Driehuis-
Westerveld

EDUCATION

I can look back on a very rich life. Now I would like to share these riches with anyone interested or in need of them. The most important is guiding people on their Way back to the Origin, to be regenerated, renewed and healed. With regard to the latter, I am only the guide as the Mother and the pilgrim do the work, so to speak. What MeiMei and I do are additional and supporting activities:

There is no other place to be found in all the world where healing is so expressly based on Cosmic experience as well on scientific understanding.

Basic principle of all healing: "The gate to True Life is created by surrendering the ego" J.W. von Goethe

Attention is paid to 'side effects' such as ignorance, inferiority complex, insecurity, meaninglessness,

loneliness, egotism, worries, problems, jealousy, fear, stress, indifference, depression and burn-out
(Transformatorium)

Supplemented with treatments that raise energy levels, the inner balance, that strengthen the immune system, that detox, remove blockages; and pain treatments
(Regeneratorium)

Advice (Cosmic consultation), talks, teaching, healing, oracle (Q&A), training courses and education

Permanent Black Madonna and Green Man exhibitions

Online TV studio about and of the Mother

Eco-spiritual Heaven & Earth Exercises (Tiendi Qi-gong); sanctifying nature

Sacred walks in Zuid-Kennemerland

The free Personal Health Plan in 10 Steps

Finally: our shop with a range of very interesting articles



Green Man, Haarlem

Ever since our experiences of the Camino, we have envisaged a pilgrimage site where visitors can feel at ease and be themselves. Any form of medicalisation or association with the public health service is absent. On entering the site visitors are offered three options: the direct route to the Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine, the possibility of Cosmic advice and guidance **(Transformatorium)** and thirdly regeneration treatments **(Regeneratorium)**. To be clear: our pilgrimage site takes its inspiration from the Cosmos. Scientific understanding is a decisive factor. The site is therefore meta-religious. Everyone – religious or not – is welcome without distinction. That is also the reason for the shrine's neutrality – it consists of abstract,

universal images, in which everyone can recognise themselves.

REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

These times, in which people are losing their hold on everything, make our pilgrimage site a unique place to take refuge. The site is founded on three pillars: Spirituality, Health and Ecology. These are the three areas people worry about most. The first tackles the growing inner confusion (who am I?), the second addresses the health problems mentioned before and the third our worries concerning the environment. These three factors combined guarantee an intensive and sustainable refuge, even, or particularly, in difficult times! The pilgrimage site is therefore expressly defined as a communal project: a joyful Cosmo-Social liaison. As Above so Below!

Besides its inherent uniqueness, the cultural context, of which the site is a part, also adds to the value of the Pilgrimage Site. It is clearly European-oriented. The Cosmic Mother – through the Black Madonna – forms part of the European

heritage. She has her churches and chapels everywhere, particularly in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Belgium. Originally, however, she manifested Herself in nature to people directly, not to the clergy. We want to reinstate that original relationship. Additionally, our Pilgrimage Site is increasing in significance because it is also part of the European Green Man & Wise Woman Pilgrims Network. Over the past years I have collected documentation in 16 countries containing many hundreds of photos, which can be viewed on my website. These photos are supplemented with photos from various Asian countries. This is innovative to such an extent that we are considering applying for UNESCO heritage status. The intense interaction with the cultural context provides an unparalleled foundation of our Pilgrimage Site.



Green Men, The Hague

This is reflected in our primary orientation on Europe. In concrete terms, we offer one weekend teaching a month in German, two weekends in English, one weekend in Dutch, while everything is open to everyone in the remainder of the week. It is international, therefore it stimulates mutual understanding and contributes to world peace. An additional contribution to this is my book *Origin, three volumes in English*, three volumes published in German, in which I have set down all my experiences. All this will – we hope – find its expression in the well-being and prosperity of our region. We will not only attract visitors who have respect for our cultural and ecological values, people who enter the Kennemerduinen National Park with the care the area deserves, but it is also our expectation that the local shopkeepers will benefit as well. Pilgrimage sites are frequented by large numbers of people, who all need somewhere to stay, and who buy food and drink and shopping. All our efforts are for the common good, are non-commercial and non-

denominational. We therefore hope to get support from the community. The urgency of time and the current global crisis necessitate finding a property/location. In fact, it is a *conditio sine qua non*. That is why we are looking to speak with councils, organisations, businesses and individuals. Lectures on the theme have been planned. We are grateful for any form of support or any suggestions.

The realization of the Pilgrim Site may take time. In the mean time we create a provisional "Wander Pilgrim Site". It is inspired by Swiss countryside people, who carry the icon of the Virgin Mary from one village to the other. In the same way we will bring the Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine to your country. We will stay at your place, town, city as long as people need us.

ESSENCE OF MOTHER HEALING

It consists of 5 steps. Step nr. 1 is taking refuge in the Mother (through a very powerful mantra). Step nr. 2 is giving back your ego to Her (in Darkness). Step nr. 3 is the birth of your True Self

(realization of the Light). Step 4 is to become rooted in "Heaven, Earth and the Community" once again (through a "vow"). Step nr. 5 is the celebration "We are Cosmos (Heaven & Earth Exercises/Tiendi Qigong). Everything combined with Regeneration Therapy (spiritual, psychological, physical) by drs. MeiMei Yu.

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The Cosmos is an intelligence which surpasses us infinitely.

Albert Einstein

Only a (new) God can save us now.

Martin Heidegger

Die and become by the Eternal-Feminine.

J.W. von Goethe

Unless there is spiritual renaissance, the world will know no peace.

Dag Hammarskjöld,

Secretary-General of the United Nations (1953-1961)

The Great Turning Point comes from the Night.

Jacob Boehme

Jai Mata Di!

(Hail to the Mother)

(Punjabi exclamation)

Synonyms for the international Pilgrimage Site 'Cosmic Mother Healing the Planet':

Cosmic Mother Healing Shrine/Eco-temple/ Hermitage/Ermita 'Madre de Dios'/Sanctuary

CLARIFICATION

The pilgrimage site is not a medical institution. Illnesses are not treated here, nor does it belong to any religion. It is, however, dedicated to the Universal Cosmic Mother. At its centre is the submission of the ego and of the suffering that comes with it. In support, we offer teachings, Cosmic consultations, healings, trainings and the Oracle (Q&A). We also provide additional integral (spiritual, psychological and physical) regeneration treatments. These serve to reinforce the body's self-healing potential, the inner balance and to

break down blockades. Also included are the free Personal Health Plan in 10 Steps, Brain Boost and Facial Rejuvenation treatments.

COMMUNITY FUNDING

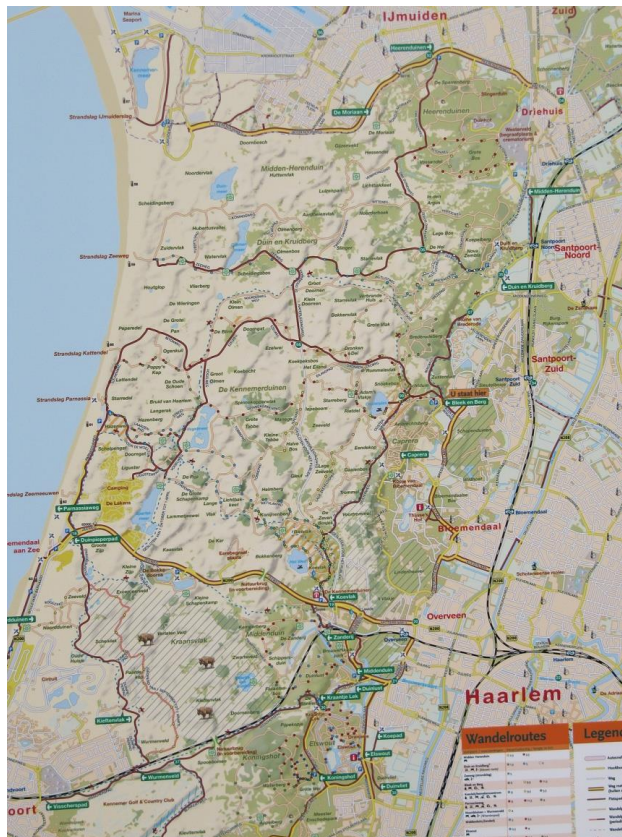
The Pilgrimage Site is committed to Healing the

Planet. It is a lifelong project and entirely without self-interest. We welcome everyone's active participation. Please support us with your financial contributions. Our 'service' (spiritual service, health service, community service

and earth service) is based on gifts, with some exceptions. With your help we hope to be able to open our Pilgrimage Site soon. Many thanks!

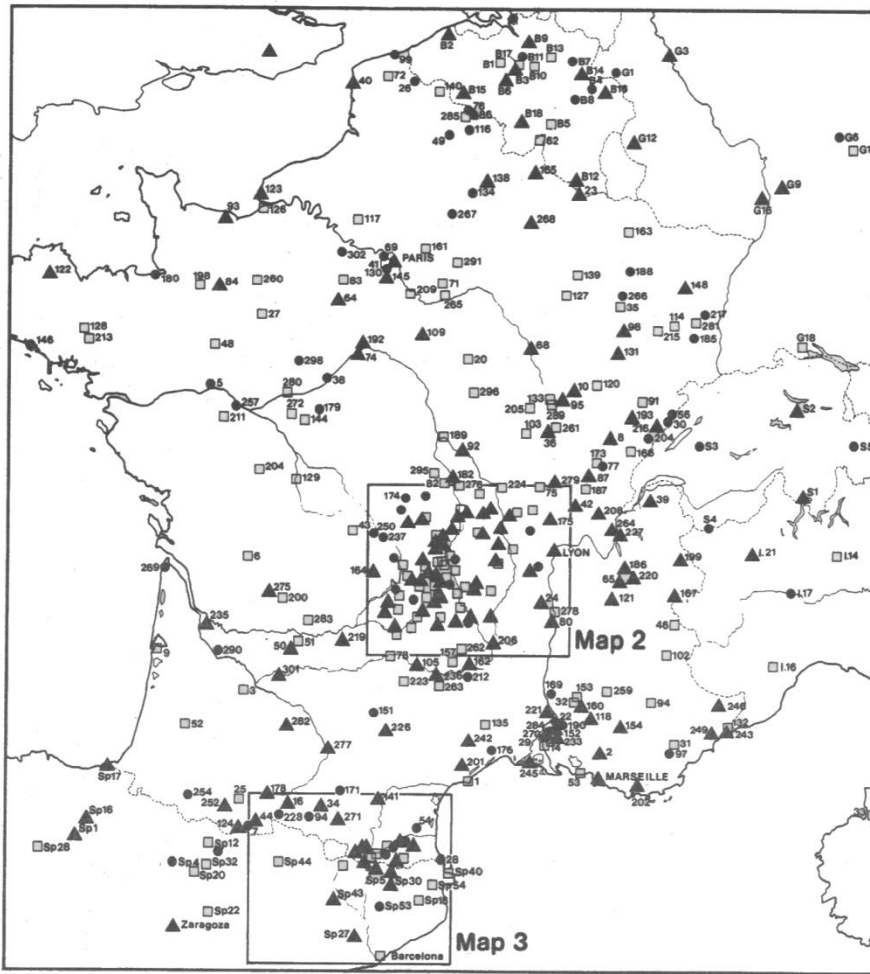
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MAP ZUID-KENNEMERLAND NEAR HAARLEM, NL

Black Madonna's of France



From: E.Begg "The Cult of the Black Virgin", 1996 Arkana



Black Madonna of Thuret, France

Archetypische Symbolen van Vernieuwing en Regeneratie
op alle niveau's van het bestaan: kosmos, religie, cultuur, natuur,
onzelf en maatschappij

(Dutch Appendix)

Aan de burgemeesters van Amsterdam, Den Haag, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Naarden, Alkmaar, Haarlem, Velsen, Delft, Leiden, Gouda, Zwolle, Deventer, Zutphen, Arnhem, Nijmegen, Maastricht, Roermond, Den Bosch, Breda, Groningen, Harlingen, Leeuwarden, Franeker, Bolsward, Easterein.....en zij die nog zullen volgen.

Copien: kerkbesturen, natuur- en milieu-organisaties, toeristenbureau's

11 maart 2013

Zeer Geachte,

We zijn er trots op U te kunnen mededelen, dat Uw gemeente deel uitmaakt van het educatieve project "Groene Mannen van Nederland".

Groene Mannen stammen uit de oudste tijden van de mensheid. Een revival vond in de Middeleeuwen plaats, toen "mannenkoppen met bladeren" in en op Gothische kerken verschenen, later ook op andere gebouwen, die de bijzondere relatie van "God, mens en de natuur" moesten uitbeelden.

In deze tijd van natuur- en milieubewustzijn hebben zij opnieuw een symboolfunctie gekregen. Een veelbelovende nieuwe invalshoek met culturele diepgang. Het eerst in Engeland, waar vermoedelijk meer dan een duizendtal Groene Mannen te bewonderen zijn.

Han Marie Stiekema, arts (sinds 1972) en leraar cultuurvernieuwing heeft de draad opgepikt, doordat hij in het jaar 2000 een eerste inventarisatie van Groenen Mannen heeft aangelegd, een project dat meer dan 20 Nederlandse gemeenten, plus 730 plaatsen in Europa (van Zweden tot en met Portugal) omvat.

Het geheel is als "Europees Groene Man & Wijze Vrouw Pelgrim Netwerk" - met vele foto's en tekst - kosteloos te bewonderen in zijn website. Er is een groeiende belangstelling, af te lezen aan tussen de 3000-55.000 entries elke dag.

Het project heeft daardoor een educatieve status (UNESCO-status aanvraag is in overweging) gekregen. Zijn eerste taak is de aanwezigheid van Groene Mannen in Nederland in de schijnwerpers te zetten. De nadruk op dit moment ligt op de rond 40 steden, alle die op dit moment een plaats hebben in het Groene Man Pelgrims Netwerk. Voor de steden kan dit historisch, cultureel, toeristisch en economisch interessant zijn.

Het ligt in de bedoeling verschillende rondes te organiseren, de eerste in de vorm van een feestelijke avond waarbij over de Groene Mannen in het algemeen en van Uw stad in het bijzonder, gesproken wordt. Om de avond luister bij te zetten, zal ondergetekende zelf als Groene Man verschijnen.

Volgende rondes hangen in de eerste plaats van de resonantie af. Ten eerste denk ik aan plaatselijke rondleidingen, ten tweede aan uitdieping van het thema in samenwerking met plaatselijk geïnteresseerden en ten derde educatieve rondes op scholen en verwante instellingen.

Ik verheug mij reeds vooraf over Uw belangstelling voor dit initiatief. Het zou ons veel helpen,

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wanneer een contactpersoon van de gemeente - (wethouder, ambtenaar) op het gebied van cultuur- resp. natuureducatie resp. monumentenzorg - bereid zou zijn ons in te wijden over de verder te zetten stappen.

Veel dank voor Uw luisterend oor. Het is ons een voorrecht om een uniek nieuw facet - in Nederland nog vrijwel onbekend - aan de culturele rijkdom van Uw stad - te mogen toevoegen.

Geef Uw stad een extra groen predikaat!

Met groene groeten,

Han Marie Stiekema

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<http://www.healingtheplanet.info/pilgrimnetwork-index-en.htm>

<http://www.healingtheplanet.info/pilgerwege-deu-en3.htm>

PS. Enige pagina's zijn in verband met het initiatief nog in bewerking. Zij verschijnen spoedig op Uw scherm



Groene Mannen in Nederland 2013

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- 1.4 Groene Mannen van Easterein
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- 3.9 Groene Mannen van Amersfoort
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Belgien

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von Leuven
- 1.2 Grüne Männer von Gent
- 1.3 Grüne Männer von Halle
- 1.4 Grüne Männer von Walcourt
- 1.5 Grüne Männer von Tournai
- 1.6 Grüne Männer von Lüttich
- 1.7 Grüne Männer von Ieper
- 1.8 Grüne Männer von Brugge
- 1.9 Grüne Männer von Hasselt
- 2.0 Grüne Männer von Antwerpen

England

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von Canterbury 1, 2, 3
- 1.2 Grüne Männer von Hastings
- 1.3 Grüne Männer von Chagford
- 1.4 Grüne Männer von South Tawton
- 1.5 Grüne Männer von Sampford Courtenay

1.6 Grüne Männer von Spreyton

- 1.7 Grüne Männer von Exeter 1, 2
- 1.8 Grüne Männer von Wells 1, 2
- 1.9 Grüne Männer von Woodbury
- 2.0 Grüne Männer von East Budleigh
- 2.1 Grüne Männer von Littleham
- 2.2 Grüne Männer von Ottery St. Mary
- 2.3 Grüne Männer von George Nympton
- 2.4 Grüne Männer von King's Nympton
- 2.5 Grüne Männer von South Molton
- 2.6 Grüne Männer von Horwood
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Frankreich

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von St. Omer
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- 2.6 Grüne Männer von Villesalem
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- 2.9 Grüne Männer von Aulnay
- 3.0 Grüne Männer von Nuaille
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- 3.1 Grüne Männer von Matha
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- 4.3 Cova d'en Daina

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- 1.2 Grüne Männer von Alcobaça 1, 2, 3
- 1.3 Grüne Männer von Tomar 1, 2, 3,
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Italien

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von Mailand 1, 2, 3
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Grüne Männer von Deutschland

DEUTSCHLAND

Schleswig Holstein

1.1 Grüne Männer von Lübeck

Niedersachsen

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von Buxtehude
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- 1.9 Grüne Männer von Hameln
- 2.0 Grüne Männer von Corvey
- 2.1 Grüne Männer von Goslar

Bremen

Hamburg

1.1 Grüne Männer von Hamburg

Brandenburg

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von Brandenburg ad Havel
- 1.2 Grüne Männer von Berlin

Sachsen-Anhalt

- 1.1 Grüne Männer von Wittenberg
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Medicina china en el Camino

Un doctor holandés y su esposa china ofrecen en Estella alivio gratuito a los peregrinos con una técnica curativa milenaria que utiliza piedras de jade. TEXTO: R. ARAMENDIA. FOTOS: D. ECHEVERRÍA.

AUNQUE en castellano es sinónimo de broma, la terapia *GuaSha* es una técnica curativa de la medicina tradicional china que elimina el dolor mediante el masaje con una piedra de jade llamada *baoyu*.

Desde hace un mes, un matrimonio procedente de Amsterdam ofrece alivio gratuito con esta terapia a los peregrinos en un local cedido por la Cruz Roja en el número 41 de la calle la Búa de Estella, a pocos metros del albergue municipal, todos los días entre las 17.00 y las 21.00 horas.

Han Marie Stiekema, un doctor holandés de 42 años que ha ejercido la medicina natural en Amsterdam durante 30 años, y su esposa Mei Mei Stiekema, de origen chino y de 42 años, han llegado a la ciudad del Ega guiados por un impulso espiritual y filantrópico para prestar su ayuda desinteresada a los caminantes. Les acompaña Helma Röell, de 42 años, que realiza varios cursos en el centro naturista de Amsterdam.

Llegaron a Estella por azar. «Buscábamos una ciudad de la ruta jacobea y la elegimos un poco por intuición. Después hemos comprobado que es un lugar ideal por sus dimensiones, su historia, el entorno, por todo en conjunto». Su intención es quedarse de forma permanente si la terapia



Mei Mei aplica la técnica a un peregrino ante la mirada de Han Marie Stiekema. A la derecha, una imagen de la piedra de jade utilizada en esta terapia.

es aceptada por la gente y por ello mantienen abierto de momento el centro de Amsterdam. También ofrecen sus conocimientos a la población en general, a la que tampoco se cobra, aunque se aceptan donativos. No les mueve el afán monetario. «En Holanda, durante tres años y medio hemos trabajado sólo con donaciones.

Ahora queremos servir a los peregrinos y a la población de la zona». También organizan cursos, ya que el *GuaSha* es además un método preventivo y de autoayuda. La aplicación de suaves fricciones con la piedra *baoyu* elimina el dolor, aunque produce un enrojecimiento que desaparece en unas 48 horas.



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History

13.1 It started with **Fasting-Meditation Peace Walks**. They are "golden oldies" and were held from 1981-1985 in the Netherlands, in which 60 to 100 people walked for five days, 25-30 km a day while meditating and fasting. The nostalgic pictures in my website originate from that time. **The aim was to bring people of all backgrounds together, celebrating Unity in Diversity** and to develop initiatives for a New World. We not only invited individuals, but also members of organizations: health, environment, religious, spiritual, political and cultural.

13.2 The second project was: **City Circles**. At that time I wrote the following. Why walking in/around cities? Our future depends on the decisions made in the (big) cities. Hence, both our concern and support goes to the people living and working there. **Walking around cities – far enough to enjoy nature - symbolizes laying a healing aura around the city** compared to the walking around a Buddha statue (like Jodo-Shinshu is doing) or the "walls of Jericho", however, this time with the aim of transforming people's minds and actions, rather than having aggressive intentions (like in the bible). This combination of awareness, silence, concern and commitment is very powerful.



SermeS as “Green Monk” walking the City Circle

13.3 The aim of the walks is to connect "inner and outer". Where the emphasis will be depends entirely on the people participating. **Some individuals will be very silent/meditative, others more active.** In the latter case, the walk could even become some kind of a “siege”, in which the participants are demanding a change of politics, ecological regeneration, initiating **self-help health care, e.g. community democracy, or/and world peace.**

13.4 Third “project” was: **Peace Pilgrim.** At that time I was very much inspired by a woman saint from America: Mildred Norman (1908-1981). She dedicated her whole life to inner and outer peace through walking uninterruptedly as “Peace Pilgrim”, sharing her message of peace to anyone who wanted to listen to her. This way she walked 28 years and over 25.000 miles. She did not have a home, nor did she possess any money. She had only shelter for the night when it was offered to her, the same with food. She was an example of spiritual realization, radiating inner peace to all. According to her this was the only way to bring peace to others, including peace of organizations, countries and the world. In 1938 she experienced oneness with God:

“I felt a complete willingness, without any reservations, to give my life - to dedicate my life - to service. "If you can use me for anything, please use me!" I prayed to God. "Here I am-take all of me; use me as you will. I withhold nothing." Then a great peace came over me. I experienced a complete willingness without reservations whatsoever, to give my life to something beyond my self”.

13.5 *The years after were characterized by the struggle between ego and True Self:*

“The body, mind and emotions are instruments which can be used by either the self-centered nature or the God-centered nature. The self-centered nature uses these instruments yet it is never fully able to control them, so there is a constant struggle. They can only be fully controlled by the God-centered nature. When the God-centered nature takes over, you have found inner peace”.

13.6 *Culminating into:*

“I was out walking in the early morning. All of a sudden I felt very uplifted, more uplifted than I had ever been. I remember I knew timelessness and spacelessness and lightness. I did not seem to be walking on the earth...but...every flower, every bush, every tree, seemed to wear a halo. There was a light emanation around everything and flecks of gold fell like slanted rain through the air...The most important part was not the phenomena: the important part of it was the realization of the oneness of all creation...”

13.7 Her concerns:

“The world situation is grave. Humanity, with fearful, faltering steps, walks a knife-edge between abysmal chaos and a new renaissance, while strong forces push toward chaos. Yet there is hope. I see hope in the tireless work for peace of a few devoted souls. I see hope in the real desire for peace in the heart of humanity, even though the human family gropes toward peace blindly, not knowing the way...I think that those of us who have found the way to peace, should be shouting it from the housetops”

13.8 Her legacy:

“We must walk according to the highest light we have, encountering lovingly those who are out of harmony, and trying to inspire them to a better way. Whenever you bring harmony into any unpeaceful situation, you contribute to the cause of peace. When you do something for world peace, peace among groups, peace among individuals, or your own inner peace, you improve the total peace picture. No action is fruitless”

13.9 The fourth project was: **Camino de Santiago**. We had our next experience in guiding pilgrims when in 2004 we helped participants of the Santiago pilgrimage route with their pain complaints. For five months, we were kindly allowed to use the local Red Cross location in Estella, Spain, free of charge. Chinese Guasha is perfect against all sorts of pain (knee, hip, back, neck and shoulder). The pilgrims were similarly very enthusiastic. I gave lectures on the Cosmic Mother for those interested. All in all, this was one of the most joyous experiences of our lives. The spirit of the pilgrim route made that possible. In addition, the medieval atmosphere in our Pilgrim Care centre was an added bonus. Everything took place in one room: waiting room, treatment and lectures. The whole thing was totally informal and accessible to anyone who wanted to step inside. Soon we were well-known and we were interviewed for the local newspaper. In the end, the locals didn't want us to leave. It was one of the most enjoyable times, ever. Treating pilgrims with their pain problems was very fulfilling, indeed. Hundreds and hundreds passed by our "clinic". We had an open door house, everybody could come in for treatment, the others waited, chatted..... Obviously, our work was for free. It created such a goodwill among the locals. Soon the latter also appeared, this time with all kinds of disorders.....The "Diario de Navarra" wrote an extensive article about our PilgrimCare.

Nowadays

European Green Man & Wise Woman Pilgrim Network

(See chapter 18)

13.10 We are infinitely proud to be descendants of these two miraculous survivors: the Green Man and the Wise Woman. While the dominant culture is languishing miserably, we have risen as a phoenix from the ashes. We have emerged from the shadows and take our rightful place in history. Our foundations are solid. From the Cosmic Mother to Her Daughters, the Goddess in every woman, from the Divine Light Her Son, who is All-Present, to the Green Men and Wise Women who

embody this Immanence. As objects of art they can be admired anywhere in Western Europe, thus forming a new network for the revival of European culture. Our Tradition is the continuation of the original integrated Western spirituality and is more than ten thousand years old. So we have a rich history and mythology. In addition, we have developed a very effective meditation ("The Universal Way"), which is accessible to everyone. We have redefined the relationship between woman and man and have made far-reaching proposals for the renewal of the culture.

13.11 The following question was asked: "If Green Men and Wise Women are Divine in the Depth of their Being, why is it that they don't permanently radiate it? How can Green Men who often don't look that inviting be Divine?"* Answer: they embody the whole life. In contrast to the patriarchal, absolute deities those who are portrayed only as idealized forms - Buddha, Jesus, Mary - Green Men and Wise Women represent life as it is. And this life is constantly moving from lower to higher levels and vice versa. That is from the the ego to Enlightenment and back. It is like a flower that opens herself in the morning, while closing in the evening. Or: in the Center there is Infinite Absolute Peace, while at the surface there are always trials and tribulations. Be honest. Even if you once had a spiritual experience of unity, the effects are not permanent. Oh, yes, something of the Infinite is always in the background, but in the fore - like said before - "normal" life goes on. Perfection is only within, the outside will never be that way (completely). Hence, our ongoing task on the spiritual path is integration of the mundane into the spiritual, of the ego into the New Self. The Green Man embraces both dimensions simultaneously - there is suffering, anger, fear, love, beauty, joy and.....deep down Perfection.....and is therefore much more realistic e.g. honest in comparison to our former ideals. Green Men and Wise Women live life as it is ... consciously, fully and with passion

* One should also not forget, that the Church purposely portrayed many Green Men in a ugly etc. way, as warning...

To become a Pilgrim

From "The Way of A Pilgrim" (Russian Orthodox)

13.12 "First, an awareness, clear or confused, of the horror into which is plunged the man who is "outside God", walled up in the deadly isolation of his ego. As Theophan the Recluse teaches: "a self-centred man is like a thin shaving of wood curling up around the void of his inner nothingness, cut off alike from the cosmos and the Creator of all things". Secondly there must be the belief that life is found in God alone, and thirdly there must be the will for conversion".

Metropolitan Anthony Sourozh

COSMIC (MOTHER) HEALING

Collective Ego-Addiction as Global

Threat No. 1

Our basic Angst:
Separation Anxiety

Our Basic Healing: Refuge in the Mother

13.13 Abandonment from the mother is baby's most fundamental fear. Every baby has experienced those moments. This separation anxiety is basic not only in our worldly life, but also with regard to the Cosmos. To be separated from the Whole, therefore, is our existential desolation. "Everybody" knows: if a baby/child lacks basic security it will undermine his/her entire being. Such a child has difficulties in finding confidence, inner balance and security. We compensate this by identifying ourselves with our ego's. This is – as you will understand – just a (very) meagre substitute. The ego "looks cool", but deep within despair prevails (mostly unconsciously). It explains why we cling to it, as if it is a matter of life and death. In a way it is. Because "modern" (wo)man only knows ego as his/her "I". The consequence: through lack of Being, we are addicted to having. Accumulating "objects" – inner and outer – is what dominates our life. In Reality this proves to be a house of cards. Especially in our most critical of times where society is in decay. Both the refugees as well as the residents feel equally threatened. They feel uprooted deprived of their most basic security. These emotions cannot be controlled, a recipe for much trouble in the near future. On the personal level: Our most fundamental need is for a refuge. A place (within/without) where we can feel safe. Our International Pilgrim Site, guardian of the Cosmic Mother as the Ultimate Refuge, is therefore "THE place to Be". You cannot get your mother back; the Eternal Mother, on the other hand, is there from Eternity. You are all very much welcome.

13.14 Our culture faces an ego-collapse. It is another word for "burn-out". Both women and men face the consequences of the merciless "rat race". It is a spiral of fear and obsessive activity as two sides of the same coin. "To have as the inability of to Be"....crystallized into a system that is getting mad through greed, pressure, stress, performance, hyperactivity, addiction.....eventually leading to fatigue, depression, illness and collapse. It resembles the mechanism of food-intolerance i.e. allergy. In the first stage you receive an energy boost from overstimulation of your immune-system. You "thrive" on products that are incompatible with your physiology. Until a critical limit is reached. "Overnight" the same food causes indigestion, fatigue, sleeplessness, depression and exhaustion. It is a sign that the immune-system had been overburdened for too long. You have to face Reality, for without confronting your existential situation, no renewal!

13.15 Through unprejudiced observation more and more people recognize the disastrous impact the existing socio-economic system has on personal health, happiness, relationships, families, our youth, work-satisfaction, community life, social welfare, including the wellbeing of entire peoples and nature. Therefore, to "treat" burn-out with the aim of sending people back to the "killing fields" is immoral. Even "spirituality" is used to get people back to work. While nice words are used, like "stress-management", "coaching", "balance" and "flexibility", its true aim is to make people even more useful, effective and competitive. Spirituality as a means to boost profits i.e. the rat race is ultimately evil. The good news: a couple of weeks in a "re-integration centre" don't seem to "pay off": After a few weeks back to work most clients experience set-backs, once again. Fatigue, sleeplessness, tinnitus, depression, hypertension and "burn-out". The reason: a burn-out ego cannot renew itself: you cannot pull yourself by your own hair out of the morass.

13.16 The true cause is an ego that has lost contact with its roots. Instead of restoring Wholeness, it identified itself with all kinds of substitute behaviour. Having replaced Being. More and more having cannot quill the thirst for Being, though. Accumulations of all kinds have reached a critical limit. The ego succumbs under its own ambitions. That's why nowadays the ego is withering away with

frightening speed. *Decline on all fronts.* The solution: to cooperate with the facts i.e. die to the old. Consider the "death of the ego" as chance, instead of a curse. Return to the Origin in order to become renewed. Abandon those "values" which are driving you to further suicide. A complete re-orientation is needed. Again, the ego cannot do this all by itself. Instead, it has to give itself up, going back exactly to that Realm that caused him/her the greatest fear: Nothingness.

Ego-Addiction

13.17 The Mother wants you to know that: She is Life, Death and Rebirth. Her colour is black; therefore, it is the most sacred colour in the universe. She is the Birth giver of God and the world. In order to save the planet She has Revealed Herself to (wo)mankind. Her Servant/Messenger's Mission is to guide you on your way Back to the Origin. In order for you to recognize Her, She has manifested Herself as the Black Madonna. Her Vow to you all: give up your ego and you will be Renewed. She will give birth to the Divine Spark within you. Come to Her with all your sorrows, problems, conflicts, pain and fear. She will take your entire burden from you! The Core of Her Teaching: "Being Nothing, you are everything".

13.18 Me, addicted? Sorry, I am not a junk. Unfortunately, you are. Cause is the so-called normal mind. *You mean everybody is an addict?* Right. *How can that be?* Because you are addicted to your self-image. *What I call me?* This your "me" is not your True Self, but just a construction, originating from your past experiences. This construction is fragile; therefore, you are constantly involved with yourself. Hence, everybody is self-centred. Underlying is existential fear of Nothingness, overcompensated by power, money and sex addiction, the cause of the gap between rich and poor, of injustice, violence and war. *Is that what you call an addictive mind?* Yes, but there is even more. Because you lack an authentic inner Centre, every impulse that enters your mind is stronger than you. Therefore, you constantly run after your thinking, emotions and desires. Like a greyhound after the sausage. *O, really....?* Your "me" is not independent, because it is conditioned by countless influences (from the past). It is not original.....That's why it is very sensitive to everything that enters your mind.

The Virtual Bubble

13.19 Our ignorance about "who we are" prevents us to get insight into a mechanism that nowadays poses a fatal threat. It has many aspects, all of which are due to an inherent inferiority-complex and its overcompensation. The underlying powerlessness is the driving force! And (wo)mankind has never felt as meaningless as it does today. In the areas of religion, politics and economy, he/she is totally humiliated, powerless, degraded to an object of dominant forces in society. The story repeats itself all the time, with the difference that we now have the drug of the digital world. It is the way of modern overcompensation; its virtual "Lebensraum" is limitless. We have projected our collective incompetence into a Mega-Bubble. Question: "Who are you without your iPad, smart phone, computer, internet, video game, TV? The reality is, that only one day without a handy causes severe depression or even panic. We cling to an artificial identity, without which we can no longer exist. The key issue is: "Who are you really, what is your centre?" The evil of current times and major threat for the immediate future is the fact that a bloated, over-compensated bubble - the world of "Big Brother"- leads to loss of reality. It is a substitute world, a world of images, steered by an invisible "Big Brother", who increasingly determines what we think, feel and desire. While the "elite" dreams of being the "chosen one", human dignity increasingly

disappears. You don't appreciate things, with which you don't have real contact. Loss of sense of reality is the first step towards evil. It leads to a loveless universe, a devaluation of all values. Those who have never seen blooming flowers in a meadow and enjoyed its fragrance, knows not its value. A cold, hard, virtual, science-fiction world (quasi the "Fourth Reich"....), that is what we are facing.

13.20 That our biological substance doesn't adapt to this has already become clear. Doctors in Seoul, S.Korea have confirmed that children, through intensive use of mobile phones and computer, show symptoms of "digital dementia", due to impairment of brain function, a result that consistently is ignored by the phone companies, as well by the state. Assumedly playing an important role in the (rapid) psycho-somatic degeneration of young people today. So we are heading at full speed towards a zombie society. Injured children will never enjoy full health in their future lives. To them it is a drama. And who will look after all these children? The collapse of society is imminent. The latest "breakthrough" is called "augmented reality". The "smart boys" from the USA predict „limitless possibilities" for technology. They are working on the complete computerization of daily life. The aim is to completely control our perceptions, our thoughts, feelings and actions. The computer is put between us and reality, like it is the case already with our thinking*. Absolutely shameless is their claim that this "reality" is "true reality", while our natural reality is "just a substitute".

*"Normally" our mind is constantly in between us and reality. "Virtual reality" is just one step further in becoming completely dominated by thoughts, emotions and desires, generated and controlled from without.

13.21 In the virtual media we have degraded ourselves to objects. Our self-image is no longer that of ourselves, but belongs to those who dominate the network. We are all brought into line. That which makes us unique – our True Self – is replaced by images. We lose control over our own lives. Our artificial world is meaningless, lifeless and empty. While "Big Brother" wants us to believe that we never had so much "communication", we have never been so lonely. The "social" media have not brought us together; it has fragmented us into isolated entities. Because we are dominated by the network, we lose direct contact with the world, with our fellow human beings and with nature. The sympathy with other living beings languishes. In the same manner are we cut off from our depth and from God. Just when we welcomed a new beginning of spirituality (30 years ago), the "social media" took us by surprise. The internet gives people everything they once had hoped "God" would provide for them (but never got). Now they only need to press a button and the whole universe "is available". The internet has replaced God. It means that we lose contact with the Origin and thus the possibility of spiritual (and psychological, physical) regeneration and renewal. On the social level it leads to disinterest in daily life - social autism – in particular in regard to social responsibility. The State seems not to care. This new "opium of the people" acts as an anesthetic. It diverts "the masses" from the real problems.

* In fact, we now have a 3 layers Personality: The True Self, the ego and the "virtual identity". Instead of playful and sovereign interaction between them, we are like addicts, dominated by a Mega-Ego.

13.22 But it is getting worse. That the virtual world is replacing God, is not an accidental side effect. "Big Brother" aims at becoming God. The networks seek total control of the people. I feel that I unwittingly enter a space I do not want to be: the world of manipulation, competition and ultimately violence. For it is not hard to guess who controls this invisible power. These are the same "smart boys" from the USA. These determine, control and monitor this artificial reality. (Wo)mankind itself becomes science fiction. If it is really true that "Silicon Valley" considers itself God, a virtual "religion", with absolute authority, salvation and soul terror, aspects we just thought we had behind

us, then “war”^{*} seems inevitable. A world-conflict between Reality and pseudo-reality touches the core of human existence. Do we want real joy of life or artificial “happiness”, that is the question. Do we want to be real friends or bubble friends? Do we want to be self-sovereign or part of a mega-machine, where others degrade us into zombies? Do we want regeneration and renewal or languish, because our biological substance breaks down? Already there are indications that our body and mind and electromagnetic pollution are incompatible^{**}. The relationship with dementia and Alzheimer's is very likely, of course (deliberately) ignored by the “health care” system. Contact with inner and outer reality disappears, horizontally with nature and with one another and vertically with the Divine. Inner depth, fellow human solidarity, love, “all that” is classified as “backward”. In reality this is the over-compensation complex in its most extreme form. As always quite cleverly sold as “progress”. The urgent question “Do we want that?” However, there are hopeful signs. Nowadays friends of “social media” feel the consequence of their own bloated egos, its emptiness and meaninglessness. In the final analysis a “friend” is just a collection of dots on a computer screen. With the discovery that everything virtual is artificial, one is increasingly confronted with his/her own loneliness.

^{*}Our Cosmic META Religion and religious fundamentalism have nothing to do with each other.

^{**}Obviously, I am not an opponent of a moderate use of information technology.

13.23 Greta Bucher, 12 years old, said in “Die Zeit” (20.10.2012): “Harry Potter is not as exciting as real life”. Greta is our Hopeful. She adds: “People and real life are much more important”. Hopefully she can convince her own generation of her deep insight, in order to create a new perspective, together.

“I am not a believer in Facebook for young people”
Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States
ABC Interview, 29.11.2013

Ego Revisited

13.24 “The ego is also created by God”. If this is true (and it is) ego should have a positive function in life. And this is exactly how it is. First there is the “social ego”. It helps us to develop a satisfying daily life. In order to achieve this it identifies with all kinds of useful abilities and talents. It is the foundation of Western genius. Second the ego protects us against emotions that are too strong to cope with. The way the ego does this is to “send these complexes” to the unconscious, also called the “shadow”. For a while such an emotion is safely locked up, not able to disturb our daily functioning. People who start on an inner journey may be confronted with surprises in this regard. Through the practice of meditation egos control function diminishes, while the True Self isn’t yet strong enough. They face sitting between two stools. Third because of its inherent insecurity, vulnerability and inferiority (we remember: ego is an artificial construction) the ego has a tendency for overcompensation. It starts to develop a bloated ego, including narcissism, self-righteousness, greed (for power and money), intolerance, contempt and a superiority complex. Eventually this transgresses the boundary of “normal” behaviour. Evil is born. Fourth blessed are those who are aware of the destructive action of the ego. They suddenly discover the “negative” aspect of it. They are dominated by ego (addiction), rather the ego being dominated by them. These people start suffering from the ego. Ego now stands in the way of true happiness. “Normally” one experiences this as negative. Most people don’t welcome suffering; instead they want to get rid of it. That is the “raison d’être” behind all the “therapies” of today. From psychotherapy to coaching, from yoga to mindfulness and from “wellness” to massage, they all have one goal in mind: repairing the ego. From a Cosmic Perspective ego-suffering is welcomed, though. It is an invitation to return to the Origin.

What takes place is no repair but transformation, a process of metanoia in which your True Self is born. By giving up your ego you become part of the Whole. Rather than being the “centre of the universe” – the “master” in the house - the ego is sent to its original place: at the periphery of your Aware Self. Its function is servant to the Whole, supporting your Acts of Compassion, to the benefit of all beings.

Intermezzo

13.25 I have always promoted the idea of loving your ego. This only works if 1. The ego isn't too strong 2. Your loving kindness is strong enough. For a while this seemed to function. Nowadays, however, the “narcissistic personality” exceeds every boundary. Therefore, the only way out is to give up your ego. In order to give you a taste of my original attitude, I quote the following from earlier writings.

13.26 I love myself (my ‘ego’). If I include my ‘ego’, its properties will serve me. Furthermore, then I see, that I am not my ‘ego’. If I say: "I love my ego" (self-centeredness, unconscious identification with thoughts, perceptions, desires) I'm here and my ‘ego’ is ‘there’. I am the person that can lovingly embrace my ‘ego’. (Simply do this as an exercise for a while. With every emotion that arises imagine that you embrace the emotion lovingly as if it ‘were your child’). The ‘ego’ will find this ‘wonderful’; it will therefore do everything to remain assured of my love. Through love it transforms itself spontaneously: it thus becomes my servant. From that moment on it no longer dominates me. That the ‘ego’ controlled me was the only problem by the way. All properties that led a separated and single (minded) life, now establish meaningful relationships with each other, everything in the loving context of my True Self. It is so easy to understand. If you cannot even embrace neglected and denied parts of yourself (‘your inner stepchildren’), how are you able to accept other people and love them? By loving your ego, you also discover that which loves ‘the One who is behind it’ - I - this dimension where love comes from, your conscious feeling awareness, your True Self. By embracing you discover your own Essence. It is one of the most intense and emotional moments: you discover that deeply in yourSelf you are Love. Being-yourSelf is Unity, that's what it boils down to in life.

13.27 This inner Renewal is the greatest joy in life possible. Before you thought **you** were burn-out. Now you understand, that it was only your ego that experienced the anguish. Your True Self, on the other hand, cannot become "burn-out". It is eternal. The secret: your True Self was born **because** you let your ego die....It explains why all efforts to "save your ego" were contra-productive. In daily life, there are many situations where you may experience the "ego-death" as a positive phenomenon. E.g. you walk in the forest and suddenly a sun ray appears through the trees. At the same moment "everything dropped off", i.e. you dissolved into the joy of Nothingness, experiencing the "nakedness of life". Like other existential moments, like "**falling** (not "rising") in love"; "I am at the bottom", while discovering the liberation of it, rather than the expected angst. Equally, like a patient of mine, diagnosed with cancer said: after a deep crisis and much tears "I lost everything, that's why I had nothing to lose anymore". He touched the "Ground of Existence", while experiencing "Eternal Peace". Conclusion: liberation comes from the things we fear most.

13.28 "Ego-death" means several things. First of all, the ego isn't the centre of personality. All trouble originates through the illusion that the ego is autonomous. It is not. Instead, it has its home in the True Self, like having has its home in Being. Ultimately, balance and Wholeness are restored, only, when your whole body-mind becomes part of the Whole, once again. "Trying to repair the ego" is based on ignorance. Rather, the new ego - accepting his humble role - has to find its proper place in your system. It is situated at your periphery, not at your centre. Once it has gone through the

"death experience" - getting rid of all its illusions, addictions and deceptions - only then it can take up its true mission: that of a servant. As stated above, "death" of the ego and birth of the True Self are two sides of the same coin. Only when the New Self firmly re-establishes itself, you may seek to become part of the Whole – “Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community” - once again. It is the moment, where you have a chance to become a Shining Light to others. Thus, the Road Within eventually leads to the Road Without. Gender roles might become a reflection of new Cosmic insights. Men are a manifestation of "death and rebirth"; their role is serving the Whole; while women embody Mother's Web of Life, the interconnectedness of All and Everything. The crucial question for the future is: "are you complying with the Law of the Universe" and will thus be "saved" or won't you?

13.29 The irony is that you try to escape from the inevitable. The existential mechanism to fear of Nothingness is ego-formation. As long as the ego is relatively embedded in the social fabric, this fear is contained. Nowadays, society has become fragmented with no support systems left. The ego is exposed to Nothingness and starts panicking. It seeks its "refuge" in unbridled activity, to such an extent, that it becomes exhausted. This ego-collapse is called "burn-out". All defence systems are broken down. You are "at the bottom". This "bottom" - the condition where you have **nothing** to cling to anymore - proves to be That for Which you had the greatest fear. Your choice: trying to escape again by "repairing your ego" or facing facts. Your true rescue is coming from the understanding about the True Nature of Emptiness. The latter proves to be a "Loving Cosmic Mother" taking the (ego)burden from you, while giving birth to a new inner identity: your True Self. That what caused the greatest fear proves to be your liberation! This most crucial aspect is called "Cosmic Regeneration".

13.30 Last but not least, the issue of resuming activities is crucial for leading a meaningful and sustainable future life. It has to comply with your newly found insights and priorities. The most important thing is to at all costs avoid re-entering the rat race of the dominant system. This can be very tricky, indeed.

13.31 E.g. a well-known manager shifted to the "soft sector", hoping for a "new life". However, in order to establish his idealistic re-integration centre he had to borrow, invest, pay debts in such a way, that very soon he faced the same work pressure and stress like he had before. He collapsed again and with him his valuable initiative. It once again stresses my point that the whole of society faces a burn-out. Unbridled and large scale profit making, commercialization and corruption have undermined the social body. Proper governance, community life, education, health care, the environment....you name it, all suffer from degradation and decay.

13.32 It is better to choose a life centred on a new (simple) lifestyle, getting inspiration from new ideas and visions, those which try to bypass the tricks of the financial system to once again incorporate you. Work based on cooperation rather than competition. This can be artistic i.e. creative work, or working together with others serving the Whole....When you support Life, then Life is supporting you...Once you realized your True Self and decided to become part of the Whole once again, all kinds of additional support i.e. therapies are welcomed. You have to stabilize your New Self through (daily) meditations.* Parts of your old self that were rejected in the past have to become re-integrated. Through a healthy lifestyle your body-mind has to become strong again. E.g. obstacles like electro-stress have to be removed from your home.

* See our Retreat: "The Universal Way", chapter 39.

13.33 I have gone through it all, therefore, I am taking the lead here. I experienced all ups and downs, from the highest to the deepest. I myself don't have to travel the road myself, anymore. Thanks to the Cosmic Mother, I am able to guide you to your Origin, just like it happened to me - of course everything in your own unique way - the former granting you renewal of life. No rebirth without death....Only New People can create a New World.

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Mother's Light Body is Everywhere

13.34 The Ultimate Miracle: We (and everything else) live IN God. We are all objects in "His" (Its) Divine Space (Mother's Light Body). Ultimately, I AM the Divine and every "me" has disappeared into IT. St. Paul came very close to it by saying: "I am in God, and God is in me".

13.35 The Churches' major sin is that it suppressed its own core doctrine, replacing it by all kinds of (trivial) secondary's. The Divine is All-Embracing, it isn't possible NOT to be in Its Space! If this is true - that you **LIVE IN MOTHER'S LIGHT BODY (GOD)** uninterruptedly - what is the point of searching "Him?" The Original Tradition rectifies this by restoring the Truth, aiming at giving God-Realization back to all people. Everything in the Name of the Cosmic Mother! I will illustrate this through my walks in the forest. Often, I get a **VERY** clear realization that I walk in the Space of the Divine. Everything around (and in) me is totally transparent, crystal clear, God's Own Presence. I realize that everything else around me – the shrubs, the trees, the birds - is also part of IT. While I am walking, the Divine Presence remains unchanged. Moving towards It is non-sense, because **I AM IN IT** all the time. While watching the Space around me, my Mind (observer) becomes clearer and clearer. Space is watching Space.....Until an inner "click" happens, where both suddenly are One. It is the High Art of **LOOKING INTO NOTHINGNESS**. When you **REALLY SEE** (and **FEEL**) **IT**, miracles happen. Contrary to searching, implying that **IT** is **NOT** here (hence, the searching), you are constantly enjoying "Its" Presence. Yes, sayings like "living like a fish in the water", and the Christian "God is Omni-Present" both suggest the same thing. The trouble is only, that practical consequences are never drawn. Existing religion being a collective effort, NOT to know the Living God....They all beat about the bush.

PS. Join me in my teaching "Walking in Divine Space". You can't miss what you already **ARE!** Thus, dear Friends, do you feel the inspiration of the Cosmos already descending on you? If so, spread this Message; give it the attention it deserves. It will save the World!

JAI MATA DI
(The Mother Heals!)

Giving up your ego

13.36 Every effort is ego-effort. All your achievements - however "spiritual" - will strengthen your self-centeredness. Those who have come to this insight in life possess real wisdom. They understand that in spirituality self-effort is the problem. Hence, only "something bigger than you" can "save you". A deep longing for devotion enters your Being. Look at love. Its deepest drive is to give

yourself up. Having arrived at this point, surrender to the Cosmic Mother may become a Reality. Give in to your thirst! The first step could be to know more about Her and Her healing power. As you know, the Cosmic Womb is embracing the Whole of existence, nothing excluded. We all live in total security (German: Geborgenheit"), uninterruptedly. The Womb is understood as a Vacuum, in which everything dies and through which everything is continuously renewed ("Law of the Universe"). Trust in the Mother consists of surrendering to Her wisdom. "The Eternal Feminine draws us within" (J.W. von Goethe). You let the Mother "doing the work"....Hence, your passionate plea for healing. Total surrender is the key. This might be the most difficult thing, though. Luckily, the SermeS preceded you on this Path. He is the "perfect" facilitator, giving you support, guidance, confidence and courage. He will assist you with worship, contemplation, mantra and lying on of hands. You may prefer to additionally take "Gua-tharsis" (Chinese Guasha), our powerful emotional release therapy, to overcome inner blockades and negativity*. Give thus in to the Mother's invitation: "Come all ye unto Me, I Am the All-Embracing One". Come to Her with all your problems, trials and tribulations, whether spiritual, psychological or physical**.

* Astonishingly, this therapy is as old as (wo)mankind ("Stone Age therapy for Modern (Wo)Man"). It is a holistic approach (body, mind and spirit), whereby we ask the Mother to support our work ("In the Name of the Mother"). See also: "The MeiMei pages", chapter 40.

** Unfortunately, people with a history of psychiatric problems, severe addiction (alcohol/drugs), violence etc. have to be excluded. PS. Mother Healing can never replace regular medical treatment. In case of doubt, consult your GP.

13.37 The miracle: Mother's Bottomlessness destroys all your addictions, while giving birth to The One Who You Really Are. Rejoice, because maybe for the first time in your (adult) life you are the Master in your own "home". From your inner observer position you identify with important issues, only, while the bulk of thoughts, emotions and desires is passing by, thus getting rid of irrelevant accumulations.. You will regain the inner qualities you were always longing for, receiving something much better than everything you had before: Clarity of mind and inner peace, inner freedom and creativity, home-coming and security, healing and Wholeness, joy, love and compassion, connectedness and friendship.....

13.38 Once the Lightness of Being enters your innermost Core, addiction to outer (and inner) things will stop. It is like in love. If love is there your needs diminish spontaneously. The same will be granted to everyone, who is taking refuge in the Cosmic Mother! saving you from further decay, with no effort on your part whatsoever. Therefore, SermeS has decided to go on a World Tour, meeting as many people as possible, joyfully sharing Mother's Healing Power with you.

The aim of "social"-media is to alienate people from Reality

Chapter 15

Zombie or Cosmic (Wo)Man

Why a World META Religion (Tradition)? Connecting All

Our survival depends on whether we can find

A Universal Principle

That is able to unify humankind

We call it

The Original Tradition

Its universal dynamics are

Ego

(Universal Addiction)

The Cosmic Womb

(Universal Redemption)

The True Self

(Universal Renewal)

Heaven, Earth and the (New) Community

(Universal Order)

A New World META Religion

(Universal Commitment)

Healing the Planet

In 10 Steps

Dear Friends,

14.1 You feel it, because it's in the air. It is as if the body of civilization is slowly eaten by a monster. The tricky thing about it is that this "monster" is invisible. It smoothly sucks everything in. Nobody seems upset by it. Why should they? The beast - Big Brother - I am talking about is all-inclusive. Through it commercialization, technology, the virtual "reality", electronic control and media propaganda are interwoven into one Mega Bubble, the Mega-Ego is dominating the whole world. Its self-proclaimed goals are to satisfy everybody's' desires. So, what do you want more? Since this one-dimensional world "has no alternative", we think it is "normal", "god-given" so to speak. And indeed, no Bible can compete with the current Bubble. No God is fulfilling desires so completely. Hence, "the old God is dead, long live the new one". The only little problem left: after some time of smoothly digesting what has been forced upon you, the "food" turns very sour. Your discovery: everything within the Bubble deteriorates, leaving behind a trace of frustration, fatigue, boredom, stress, fear, loneliness, pain, depression, and anger....everything eventually resulting in a collective burn-out. Is there really no alternative? Thanks to the Revelation of the Cosmic Mother (1977) there is Light at the end of the tunnel.

Global emergency

14.2 In these times of decay "Big Brother" tries to seize power over the people. It does so in the guise of US Neo-Cons, Zionists, EU-bureaucrats, Islamic extremism, the State, NSA surveillance, the multinational corporations, bankers, and media....It is the ultimate "Machtergreifung", comparable to that of the Third Reich, as predicted by A.Toynbee, famous British historian. They all want to put an end to individual human freedom and rights, their totalitarian agenda's are destroying democracy e.g. self-sovereignty of the people. It is all part of a Mega-Ego. It is based on a deep contempt of human dignity and uniqueness. However, Mega-Ego is a Mega-Bubble. It is an extreme

overcompensation of existential Angst. Deep within this ego feels totally estranged from Reality, an isolated entity without any roots, suffering from existential insecurity, therefore it wants to dominate and control everything. It is a pretty nasty development, indeed. Because of their inferiority-complex they seek their refuge in overcompensation: a blown up “strong”, cold and ruthless ego. People without roots are dangerous. They play “god on earth”. It is the ultimate pathology. The effects: economic globalization has disseminated suffering to all corners of the globe. A large percentage of (wo)mankind face similar difficulties. While the BSMSTC-complex* is plundering the Earth, the people are exposed to factors that directly undermine their basic securities. In the West people also start to be affected. Big Brother and Big Business have only one interest: To create a mass of subordinate consumers (“zombies”). They purposely do everything to block intelligence of the people. The educational system is deteriorating quickly. Health care is not taking care of health, but has degenerated to a mega-profit-machine. Virtual addiction prevents people from being in contact with Reality: with their own inner Being, with the Divine, with nature and with each other. This Mega-Ego is destroying the Earth.....To bring it all to one point: Existential problems ask for existential solutions. With the ego dominating the whole world, a genuine solution can only come from the BEYOND. Therefore our global crisis is deeply spiritual. It is the “justification” behind the New World Religion.

* State, bankers, media, science, technology, capitalism

Ego as a universal problem

14.3 It means we have to go to the core of our problem. During the last centuries a socio-economic system, based on greed, "growth", profit and exploitation has ravaged the planet. The underlying problem is called ego. It is the part of our being that has detached itself from the Whole, living a life exclusively on and for itself. The first step, therefore, is to acknowledge that we are in great trouble and that the ego is an epidemic that has affected us all. It is the engine behind the self-destructive structures of our societies. The global crisis, therefore, ultimately, is an existential problem. If a house is rotten you may try to repair the various floors. Without repairing the foundations first, it will still collapse. For two thousand years religions have "tried" to eradicate “sin”. The problem has only become worse, though. Existing “historical” religions have all failed. All monotheisms are exclusive. They divide the world into the “chosen ones” – themselves – while demonizing the “rest”: goyim, slaves, pagans, heretics, non-believers, untermenschen. They are a permanent source of intolerance, discrimination, conflict, oppression, violence and war. Contrary to them the Cosmic Mother is INCLUSIVE, no one excluded, and the Only One Who can Heal the Planet.

The bigger ego blows itself up, the earlier it will collapse

14.4 More specifically, the reason why a New World Tradition is direly needed is that the whole world is dominated by the God of Money. Money is ruthless, it has no conscience. It is a goal in itself. Its only criterion is how to make more of it. It doesn't take a moral stand. Thus, Big Money is financing “good” and “bad” guys equally. They finance the drug trade as well as the ones who fight it. They finance the Nazis as well as the Allies, the racists as well as the anti-racists. So, they are interested in conflict, crime and war. This “god” is like the devil. In order to have worldly gains, “he” corrupts, degrades and destroys everything that comes on his path. Elite's major objective is to hijack the banking system. Through that they aim at controlling the world. In a way, this makes it very simple to the new hopefuls, us. For people obsessed by money are just bubbles. They have neither spiritual nor moral substance. Deep down these people are afraid of death. They have a permanent fear of losing everything they have. While at the same time doing everything to undermine their own positions. Because a blown-up ego sooner or later (very soon) collapses. It

means that the Cosmos is doing the work for us. The elites might think that they dominate the world, letting the masses work for them. We have better cards. We sit down and look how the greedy of this Earth are destroying themselves. In the mean time we praise the Cosmic Mother as the Ultimate Source of Regeneration. To Her this Devil is just a fly. In Her Great Emptiness the Mega-Ego doesn't have a chance. When more and more people start following Her Cosmic Law, this ego will evaporate before our eyes. Soon.

This is how IT has been Revealed to me

Big Ego, Big Brother, Big Bubble, Big Collapse

There is nothing like Inner Freedom. Even in times of totalitarian oppression Inner Freedom can never be taken from you.

14.5 The entire universe is embedded in Emptiness. Physicists claim that 99,99% is Space. The underlying Dimension is the Cosmic Vacuum. Its Forces of Creation and Destruction are ruling life. I hope you will be never weary to hear my central Message. Crucial, however, is that this has consequences for our life on Earth. "As above, so below" is not an esoteric fantasy, but Reality As It Is. That's why the core of this book is all about the Cosmic Womb ("Mother") as the only Dimension that is able to destroy the ego. This is particularly important in a time, where the ego has blown itself up to nauseating proportions. It is important to have some idea of the underlying process. Ego is the identification with one's self-image. It is a psychological complex. As such it is limited. However, because of its loss of contact with the Whole, it has the potentiality of blowing itself up. Its inherent smallness is overcompensated by "greatness". The more painful the sense of the underlying triviality, the more fanatic one's identification with one's "new ego". The fear of a setback to original powerlessness is the driving force behind ego-ambition. The point is this: in our times of decay of the entire culture, this fear to fall back becomes acute. Especially those people who have accumulated most, the fear of losing "everything" can be very distressing. Their "only option" is blow themselves up even more. In order to protect their ego-accumulations – power and money – their ambitions exceed every limit. Big Ego becomes Big Brother. It means that their minds become obsessed with megalomaniacal ideas. Their egos are the centre of the universe. Everything else – all other people – is just crap. In order to secure their own positions, the masses have to be contained, subjugated. It is the step toward the New World Order.

*We are all ego-addicted, therefore, in order to fight Big NWO Ego
we have to first give up our own ego*

14.6 What these self-obsessed people don't realize is that even THEY are living in a universe that is ruled by Absolute Nothingness, the Cosmic Vacuum. What is left out their equation is that even THEY are ruled by the Cosmic Law of Creation and Destruction. The irony is, that by blowing up their egos its structure becomes increasingly more fragile. Big Brother becomes a Big Bubble. The inner cohesiveness of their egos becomes weaker and weaker. Like a soap bubble, the walls of the Mega-Bubble become thinner and thinner. We reach a crucial point here. A little imagining will help: a Mega-Bubble that has reached its point of inner destruction floating in Cosmic Nothingness. A Bubble that has weakened itself from within, to such an extent, that its inner structure cannot keep it up anymore, is irrevocably meeting its fate. At a crucial moment it cannot resist the Vacuum anymore and collapses. The irony is, that the ego-ambition of "becoming great, rich and powerful" has dug its own grave. This conclusion is a very important one. First, the ego, by blowing itself up is systematically going to meet its own downfall. That's why megalomania, ruin and destruction are two sides of the same coin. The second consideration is a very decisive one. We have seen that the

only thing that can stop the Bubble from causing more suffering, oppression and destruction is Nothingness. It is indeed Nothingness the elite are most afraid of. Although its decline is pre-programmed (see above), human considerations like stopping the lies, crimes and deceit may help to end the oppression. To prevent that a new ego is taken over and the game starting all over again, insight in the Law of the Cosmos is the real way out. A breakdown of the ego-system should bring (wo)mankind to a new step in evolution. At this most crucial point the Cosmic META Religion comes into play. With Nothingness in its banner it is the only power that can threaten Big Bubble. Its superior insight has to unmask the ego-perpetrators. Deep within they have mortal fear for the Mother who “revenge” Herself on them. They know too well about their transgressions against humanity, nay, against the Whole of existence. Thirdly, as said above, a fall of dictatorship without the perspective of a new step in evolution is pretty meaningless. Individually and collectively we have to go beyond the ego-level. Conclusion: Only a Cosmic Religion can transcend this valley of tears into a paradise for all. I trust the Mother. With the help of the Cosmos a surge of new people will come forward. Against this Cosmic Empowered Movement the ego has no chance.

Thus praise the Cosmic Mother
To worship Her is the most precious treasure in the world
She is the fulfilment of the Quest for the Holy Grail
The Cauldron of Ever-lasting Regeneration
Is at your disposal
As Absolute Nothingness She destroys evil
She is invincible, for who can destroy Nothingness?
It is impossible!
She guides us to a new phase in evolution
With Her we can overcome all obstacles
Join!

Mission

14.7 Through the absence of Being, compensation was sought in having. Because the latter couldn't satisfy the longing for the former, having became an obsession. This process started in the late Middle Ages and has found its culmination in "modern" times. Lacking a context in which it can find refuge, the ego blew itself up more and more. Because of its growing complexities, the ego-structure of the World Bubble increasingly loses its inner framework. Since WW II the decay on all levels of existence have gone out of hand. What we see now is the beginning of a big implosion. The good news is that the Mega-Bubble has no inner substance. It has no roots in the Whole. To us, on the other hand, the world is sacred. Everybody and everything is embedded in the Divine. Eventually the Whole is uninterruptedly born out of the Ultimate, also called Cosmic Mother. This being rooted is the Source of limitless Wisdom, Compassion and Strength. In comparison the Bubble is a mere fiction. It is deprived of inner power. Yes, through brutal force it could dominate society for a while. It is clear that our “tiny” egos have no answer to this. To fight ego with ego is a futile enterprise. It only leads to more suffering. Against the Super-Power of the Mother “Big Brother” will have no chance, though. Therefore my call to everyone: Abandon the materialistic world of collective addiction. Join the Original Tradition!

"Behold, I make everything New"

14.8 It is our deepest conviction, that the (current) world crisis, ultimately, is a spiritual one. "To have as the inability to Be". A world crisis implies a world teacher, one who possesses all the wisdom, compassion and strength for a worldwide transformation. A universal mind is needed to overcome all obstacles and to open the gate to a "new Heaven, a new Earth and new Community". This Mind is everybody's inherent Consciousness! The SermeS therefore, calls on all responsible

people, to do everything to discover, realize, develop and share his/her own Universal Mind, everything to the benefit of all "living and non-living beings". It starts with becoming aware, together with an inner distance towards self-centered thinking (ego). With the help of the body your consciousness stabilizes itself. It may extend itself, exceeding bodily limits. While the latter "drops off", your direct surroundings - your chair, the carpet, the table, the cat - all become content of your extended Space. It is the first experience of true love e.g. compassion - you embrace everything like yourself. You are the Space - eventually becoming Omnipresence - in which you as well as everything else are. Its inclusivity raises great joy. Sooner or later self-effort will show its limits, though. The chance for an ongoing "battle" between your awareness and the ever returning ego is great. Stress, fatigue, demotivation, "dryness" or depression may take possession of you. Not to speak of confrontations with serious unsolved inner conflicts. It could be the moment of acknowledging the limits of "doing it yourself". Instead of "attaining" e.g. "realizing", you surrender to the Depth of your existence, in order to become renewed.

*SermeS' teachings are utterly original, a true breakthrough, not a copy of existing spiritual systems and not aimed at adapting to people's self-centered desires e.g. interests.

Those who long for the Origin are called "Originals"

14.9 In these most critical of times we see two parallel dynamics coming to a climax. One is the increasing destruction of both inner and outer world. The second is the desperate longing for Wholeness. Initially it was hoped, that the decay in the outer world "automatically" would be equalized by an ascent of spirituality and that the latter eventually would (will) prevail....Regrettably; this has proven not to be the case. On the contrary, the power to liberate ourselves - despite some efforts to revive it - turned into large scale corruption. Not long ago "to have as the inability to Be" still had some promise, in the sense that a "shift" to Being could be the way out of the crisis. Instead, Being became a part of having! Like everything else, spirituality is something to acquire e.g. to possess. With it, the last hope that "spirituality" **as we know it**, could save us, has evaporated. More of the same cannot turn the tide anymore. We simply have to acknowledge the facts - see reality as it is. Now the hope is for a direct interference of the Unknown, "something" Totally New. Something that cannot be corrupted by the ego.

I don't possess the Truth, the Truth is possessing me

14.10 It has its consequences for a possible future organization. First of all, one should realize that in pre-patriarchal times, there didn't exist "religions". Religions came into being through "founders", male persons who got a certain spiritual insight. This insight was translated into a creed. This creed became the foundation of an exclusive club of (male) persons. Exclusivity was claimed. It meant that a particular group claimed to be "in the possession of the truth". A pattern that has lasted for many millennia until this very day. Our initiative does NOT fit into that model. Yes, it also started with spiritual insight, yes; it is based on Divine Revelation. However, this Realization has not been "translated" into a certain creed. We do NOT identify with a set of rules we have to follow. We do NOT claim exclusivity at the expense of others. To the contrary, surrendering to the Cosmic Mother is the most natural state possible; it is about becoming part of Reality, once again. It is based on the universal experience of being born out of a mother. Everybody is born from a mother! To claim exclusivity is therefore absurd. All religions originated from the Cosmic Mother, spiritually, historically, mythologically, scientifically.... Thus, no special "creed" is needed. The Mother is all-embracing, including all beliefs. Like an earthly mother loving her children equally. Therefore, we don't call our initiative a "religion" as it is commonly understood. The latter is typically a patriarchal phenomenon. The Original Tradition, on the other hand, is pre- and post-patriarchal. It is simply

going back to the Origin - the Cosmic Mother - beyond all creeds, beliefs, dogmas - in order to become renewed, regenerated and healed.

The Core Mantra of the Original Tradition
"The Mother Heals"

14.11 Once the Mother “descends” into your innermost core it becomes clear that She is the All-Inclusive One. Her "motherly Love" connects all and everyone. The existing patriarchal religions are Her sons. Sons who once rejected the Mother, in order to claim authority for themselves. However, in modern times, there is a return to the Divine Feminine, making male claims doubtful, to say the least. Many people have started to discover traces of the Mother in their own traditions. It explains the renewed popularity of the Black Madonna's (Christianity), Tara (Buddhism), Amman (Tamil Hindu's), Xi Wang Mu (Taoism) and others. These Goddesses are all descendents of One Original Cosmic Mother. By making these connections more consciously a new foundation for interreligious tolerance, understanding and peace is created. Through the Mother, these goals have a chance to become realized. Because Motherly Love is unconditional, not hindered by differences, dogmas, scriptures, fanaticism etc. of male dominated beliefs. It is a great opening to a New World of Unity in Diversity. Therefore, the Original Tradition considers it as its responsibility to taking the lead. It does so through founding interreligious Pilgrim Sites, the Worldwide Campaign, training of spiritual & worldly leaders, helping people to overcome their suffering and much more. All beliefs and denominations are welcome. Their own (Mother) Goddesses will be very much respected e.g. celebrated in an atmosphere of sister and brotherhood. We are all Mother's children!

14.12

PLEASE, CONTEMPLATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

THE EGO DOMINATES THE WHOLE WORLD

Your Comments

THE SURVIVAL OF (WO)MANKIND IS AT STAKE

Your Comments

ABSOLUTE NOTHINGNESS (COSMIC MOTHER) IS THE ONLY DIMENSION THAT CAN
CURB THE EGO WHILE HEALING THE PLANET

Your Comments

HER COSMIC LAW – DEATH & REBIRTH, HER WEB OF LIFE – IS UNIVERSAL

Your Comments

SHE GUARANTEES UNITY IN DIVERSITY – (WO)MAN ROOTED
IN “HEAVEN, EARTH AND THE (NEW) COMMUNITY”

Your Comments

“COSMOCRACY” AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO “BIG BROTHER”

Your Comments

WORLD RELIGION AND SCIENCE ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN

Your Comments

BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

Your Comments

Chapter 16

World Mother Community

The Campaign

Mother Uniting

Shrine Madonna/Vierge Ouvrante

*Giving birth to God the Father!, the Son and the Holy Ghost
The most perfect image of the Truth.*

*Her devotion was widespread in 14th century Europe,
especially at courts and monasteries.*

After Jean Gerson had warned, that "simple people" might understand the images "wrongly", the devotion went underground.

*Currently there are around 50 statues left, i.e.
in Paris and Nuremberg museums*

15.1 The conclusion from the previous is breath-taking. All great religions are of common descent, they are all sons of the same Eternal Mother. She has been suppressed during many millennia, which now has an unexpected advantage. Both with regard to the past as with Her True Nature - the Vacuum, the Womb - She cannot be defined. There are no or very few cultural or religious concepts about Her, so nobody can claim Her. The Mother is truly beyond all existence, while at the same time embracing it. By not deriving their identity from themselves, but rather from the Mother, the Sons may put their own positions into perspective. If every religion recognizes its descent from Her, they can take refuge in Her without being threatened in their own identity. For the first time in history they truly may become brothers.

15.2 It will be certainly helpful, nay essential to state, that the Mystery of the Divine can be approached from two sides. First of all, one may emphasize the Essence or Origin as the Cosmic Mother, as described above. However, The Essence and Her Light body - Being - prove to be two sides of the same coin. Take the example of Islam. Here Allah has two aspects - His (Her!) Unmanifested Part that is Beyond Being and Being as His (Her!) manifestation to the world. Here the unity of these two aspects (structure) is stressed, while in the above mentioned section the inner-dynamics are emphasized: Being as being born out of the Essence, the Womb. The advantage of this situation is that both "models" may be applied to different audiences. Those who would like to stress the Mother as the Ultimate and those (mostly Church people), who prefer to emphasize the Maternal Aspect of God.

15.3 The former will stress, that being Nothingness - the Vacuum - the Mother is neither another God nor a competitor to anyone. She is beyond God (beyond the Being-Aspect of God). That's why our initiative is called: Cosmic META Religion. Nobody has to give in anything; even patriarchal claims remain fully upright. The Mother is Empty; It is the Void which gives birth to everything by "emptying Herself". While giving birth - doing out of non-doing - to the Divine, the Divine is giving birth to the universe. Hence, religions can even still claim God as the Creator. It is the beginning of a new era in which the Cosmic Mother appears to be the Unity in Diversity. Considering Her aspects

of "death and rebirth", Her "appearance on earth" couldn't be at a better moment. In a time in which dying to the old - ignorance and self-centeredness, greed, addiction and accumulation - is crucial, both individually and collectively, She shows us how to "die" voluntary, in order to become reborn.

Rejoice, we have no choice

15.4 Subsequently, Her sons and daughters - us - may become totally transformed. The point of reference has shifted to something universal, which can be shared with everybody on Earth, regardless religion, culture, gender or race. Women may find in Her a shortcut to the Ultimate, by which they don't have to fight for a place under the patriarchal sun anymore. Through identification with the Mother women will empower themselves to such an extent, that they may transform the "sons" by revealing and emphasizing the feminine aspects of their religions: the Essence of God as the Eternal Feminine*. Or they may choose not to involve themselves with any of the great religions, but rather identify themselves with aspects of Mother Spirituality their own way.

* In Christianity the "Mother of God"; in Islam "the Essence of Allah"; in Taoism "Mother Tao"; in Buddhism "Emptiness beyond Emptiness"; in Judaism "Asherah" and in Hinduism "Matri Devi". Eventually, everyone may start recognizing the "Maternal Dimension of God" or "Cosmic Mother" as the Source of all life.

15.5 Men also establish a direct relationship with the Mother. They do it not through identification, but through service. Their mission is to abandon all life-threatening activities - the rat race - in order to serve the Whole. Every day is one of celebration. Their inner Path may include: Awakening, dying to the old, restoring the unity with "Heaven" and Earth, longing for deepest Realization and taking refuge in the Mother.* It may indeed totally transform your life.

See: "The Integral (Universal) Way", chapter 39.

COSMIC MOTHER

Eternal Mother

Matri Devi

Eternal Wisdom

Ark of the Covenant

Emptiness beyond Emptiness

Queen of Heaven

Mother of God

House of Allah

Cosmic Womb

TALKS ABOUT "THE MATERNAL DIMENSION
OF GOD" ARE HELD WORLDWIDE

WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN

Mother-Oriented people of the World, Unite!

15.6 In these most critical of times, where the survival of the entire globe is at stake, the "feminine" impulse is indispensable. For more than 3000 years patriarchy has had its chance to create "A New Heaven and A New Earth". The result is the possible destruction of the entire globe. Religious dualism - Spirit vs. Matter, God vs. the World, Ratio vs. the Body, Light vs. Darkness, Man vs. Woman, Technology vs. Nature - are typically products of the male mind. As paradigms of patriarchy they are largely responsible for the current decay. Every society is a reflection of its underlying "God concept". If God is a patriarchal male, then authoritarianism, (technological)

oppression, exploitation, violence, injustice and the destruction of nature will continue to be the dominant forces of society*. As we all know now, this will be suicidal. Hence, the necessity of a great turning. Religions are urged to go on a search for the "feminine" aspects of their particular faith, i.e. those aspects of the Divine that emphasize holistic e.g. life-confirming and enhancing values. In order to save the Earth we all have to move toward inclusivity. Inclusivity is "feminine". It consists of love, respect, peace, wholeness, reconciliation, justice, courage, cooperation and sustainability. It reflects the COSMIC MOTHER e.g. the "Maternal Aspect of God", the One Who is all-embracing.

* Reconciliation of religions will be one of the key issues of the 21st century. See in chapter 46: "**Letter to Spiritual and Religious Leaders**".

15.7 Every religion has to go on its own search. Each of them has the responsibility to bring more balance in their theories and practices. Their driving force should be compassion with the earth. The miserable "state of the world", isn't it also the effect of their doings during the centuries?

15.8 The UNIVERSAL MOTHER brings people from within and without all religions, who want to emphasize the "Maternal Dimension of God", together. It is taking the inspiration from the SermeS, the one who in 1977 was granted the Revelation of the Mother as starting point. Against the background of the global crisis, the representatives of religious bodies increasingly acknowledge, that our perception of "God" is incomplete. For some 3000 years mankind identified itself with "God" as a male person*. The consequence was (is) a religion that stressed exclusivity, dogma's, punishments, threats, guilt, revenge and obedience. It is the reason why more and more people abandon religious organizations. They feel unsatisfied, unhappy, confused and angry. Others may still attend religious meetings, but realize that despite their commitment, religion increasingly becomes self-centred, exclusive and fundamentalist. They don't want to become part of a "clash of civilizations". Hence, large groups of people are re-orienting themselves, hoping that they will find a more complete "image" of God.

* While Mother Worship is already 40.000 years old.

15.9 Especially women have criticized the one-sidedness of "God as a male person". They went on a quest to find "feminine" aspects of the Divine. This has resulted in countless publications e.g. initiatives, such as "God as a Mother", "the heroic women of the Bible", "women religious rituals", "the ordination of women priests", the founding of new religions (Goddess/Wicca) and many more. Despite this, the peak of the activities has subsided. It seems as if the effort had been too superficial. They all got stuck in ideas, interpretations and concepts, rather than having touched the living Reality of the Divine. Their longing for a new spirituality has been frustrated. However, one thing helped us a lot. It is the global crisis, in which the survival of the entire Earth is at stake. Suddenly, we understand that Transformation has to start with the Origin. So, yes, our discoveries of the COSMIC MOTHER prove to be crucial. Existing religions may connect to it through the concept of the "Maternal Dimension of God", laying dormant in their own tradition.

15.10 The re-appearance of the Cosmic Mother on earth doesn't seem to be accidental. Aren't we stuck, altogether? Society as a whole is rapidly disintegrating. We desperately need a turning point. All known options prove to be powerless. A renewal is needed, to start with our roots. "Something" TOTALLY NEW (ORIGINAL!) has to touch the heart of people, gender, nations, cultures and societies. Can you think of anything else, but the Cosmic Mother? Her impact affects all areas of life. Imagine, the world turns to the Mother as its Savioreess. What unimaginable energies will be freed by Her! People will resurrect from their hypnotic sleep. A new enthusiasm will take possession of the souls of many. The Mother will add a totally new dimension to peace ("feminine values"), interreligious reconciliation (pacifying Her quarrelling "Sons"), to the position of women,

children and families ("women empowerment"), the restoration of the communities (Her "Web of Life"), upgrading democracy ("Community Democracy"), the revival of tradition ("Western and Non-Western cultures"), optimizing health (natural, holistic health), to justice (eliminating exploitation, poverty, hunger), balancing the economy (reflecting cosmic balance), while saving the Earth (Her material Body: "Mother Earth"). Being All-Embracing isn't an empty word. It is the umbrella under which everything, without exception, will be healed.

Goddess Isis: "I am all that has been and is and shall be; and no mortal has ever lifted my veil." With me She did just THAT. It is an indication of the seriousness of the situation

15.11 Hence, the WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN is an event, where representatives of religious and affiliated bodies are welcome, from small lay people groups to International Bodies. Furthermore representatives of national governments, of the existing great religions, of interreligious initiatives, universities, the new media, ecological groups etc.

15.12 The WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN is open to all those individuals, groups, organizations, centres, churches, religions, sangha's, temples, mosques and synagogues that acknowledge the necessity of emphasizing the "Maternal Dimension of God". Our mission is to support those groups, congregations, who seek to deepen their religious life, aiming at strengthening the feminine dimension of religion and spirituality. Our function is to inspire, coordinate and encourage. We do so, because we ourselves are deeply convinced of the value of a "Mother-oriented" society. As coordinator we will not impose our insights on others, though, but facilitate faiths to develop their own inherent values. E.g. in Islam, Allah the Merciful will be emphasized; in Christianity, the "Maternal Aspect of God" or the position of the Mother of God will be further elaborated; in Judaism Asherah will be revered as the consort (nay, the Mother) of Yahweh; Hinduism, the unifying potentiality of the Original MatriDevi will be stressed; in Buddhism, the position of the Eternal Mother e.g. Kuan Yin will be upgraded; Taoism, the Tao as a (Maternal) Valley is something to pay attention to, etc. etc.

15.13 The result will be regular Meetings of independent and autonomous representatives of religious organizations, having in common a "feminine" World View. It will be a platform on which "unity in diversity" is promoted, experienced and celebrated, everything to the benefit of all "sentient and non-sentient" beings. A Community based on feminine e.g. maternal values, is emphasizing cooperation rather than competitiveness, love rather than hate, tolerance rather than exclusion, justice rather than exploitation, peace rather than war, sustainability rather than destruction. Its highest aim is to serve life in all its aspects. It is open to all people regardless gender, nationality, status or position. All over the world networks will be sprouting. "Ordinary" mothers will welcome it.* Too long their roles have been "undervalued". Imagine this new global Community. Doesn't give it a vibrant feeling, joyful, fresh, renewing and full of promise? Yes, we agree. It is nothing less than the beginning of A New Era.

* See chapter 38: "Mother for Mothers".

15.14 Although having a clear spiritual/religious foundation, it should be emphasized, that the WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN itself is not a religion. Rather, it is a Meeting in which the SermeS is sharing his Cosmic Inspiration to the benefit of all. The unique thing about is that it lays the foundation for cross-religious re-organization. "Normally", Mother (Madonna, Kuan Yin, MatriDevi etc.) oriented groups are exclusively incorporated in their own corresponding religious settings. These settings are almost always patriarchal. The Father rules over the Mother. Reason, why the Latter is unable to develop Her full potential. We want to re-balance this situation by giving Mother-groups a second orientation e.g., source of inspiration. It is the raison d'être behind the WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN. It serves as a home for those, who confess themselves to the Mother

as the Ultimate on the one hand, while being a supplement to those who still maintain ties with their traditional organizations, on the other. Our aim is to bring all these people together.

15.15 People of various religious backgrounds, who revere the Mother often have more in common with each other than with the patriarchal tradition of which they are a part. The WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN is providing a platform to all of them, whole-heartedly welcoming everyone, without exception. This "cross-fertilization" could cause a "landslide!" Suddenly, experiences, insights and ideas which until then were locked up are spreading their wings. There is "One Ultimate", but the ways to it are manifold. No one is superior to the other. Hence, peace, tolerance, respect and reconciliation are its main principles. It is inviting both organizations and individual members. These people maybe mothers, fathers, singles, youth, theologians, religious leaders, feminists, priests, nuns, shamans, therapists, workers, unemployed, teachers, writers....all are welcome. The WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN - as a loose Community of all Mother-oriented people - is taking the lead here. We will support you through coordination, (regular/ annual) meetings, conferences, healings, trainings, celebrations and actions. We will selflessly share all our expertise with everybody involved, regardless background, belief, conviction or denomination.

My Mission: to share the Mystery of the Mother

15.16 The CAMPAIGN is not an organization. On the contrary, it is a loose worldwide initiative, exclusively based on horizontal networks e.g. local autonomous groups, frequently initiated by local people themselves, with free affiliations, based on a fruitful cooperation between men and women (with mothers often having a leading role), held together by a coordinating group. It is a Source of Inspiration, where those invited are inspired, informed, encouraged and supported. It is a unique inter (META) faith initiative, giving the religious landscape new colours. It beholds the promise of turning the "wasteland" into a flowering and fruitful Earth, once again, to the benefit of all its inhabitants. We actively promote "unity in diversity", respecting roots, wisdom, differences and convictions of all participants involved. We cherish a bottom-up organization with active participation of everyone, the latter subscribing to the principles described above. On the other hand, we - the WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN Coordination Group - are free to taking any initiative that promotes the Wholeness of Life. Are you interested? Ask for more details.

15.17 The meetings of the "WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN" are an annual highlight. Here, everybody comes together from all corners of the globe, to share what has been bestowed upon you in your daily situation. Through talks, workshops, teachings, seminars, informal encounters, celebrations and action, the participants have the opportunity to share inspiration, support, exchange, learning, networking and models for action. It is a worldwide demonstration of the will to fundamental change. All our individual sources of inspiration flow into one Big Ocean of Maternal Compassion, spreading itself to all directions. People will be moved by the idea of a Cosmic Womb, including the whole of existence, nothing excluded. The Mother will be irresistible: "Come ye all unto Me, I am the All-Embracing One". This is where we have been searching for, for 2000 years. Healing the wounds, the pain, the fear and the anger is a first priority. Motherly Love will then lead you further. She will teach you to become like Her: all-embracing. It is the ultimate fulfilment of personal longing, running into a collective effort to Healing the Planet.

Is the Mother a Feminist?

15.18

Until now, Western spiritual feminists have sought to boost their identity with the help of the Divine. They did it through projecting their own desires, hopes, expectations and ambitions into the Cosmic Mother.

The result: the Mother created in the image of women, rather than women living according to the Reality of the Mother.

The point is that the Reality of the Cosmic Mother is radically different from human projections.

Hence, the Cosmic Mother is in no way instrumental to the aims of feminism.

Apart from the fact that She - as the Origin of All - is the Mother of both men and women alike....

Furthermore, what Western feminism has emancipated in the last decades weren't women, but only the masculine part of women

It had a limited purpose, one that now has run totally out of hand.

Nowadays, successful women are those who have adapted to the current dominant male ideology.

They have become the new pillars of the capitalist, exploitative, suicidal system.

While the suppression of the feminine part of women has remained unchanged!

The solution is a new impulse based on inclusive, holistic values.

These values are called "feminine", like interconnectedness, respect, love, community, peace, justice and harmony with nature.

Men on the other hand, transform their rational, analytical, goal-oriented, ego-centric, destructive attitude into serving the Whole.

To save the Earth we have to become part of the Whole, once again.

Therefore, values based on inclusivity - "feminine values" - should prevail.

In practice every woman or man has his/her own unique blend of "femininity" and "masculinity".

Interview

15.19

Most of the Mother and "Goddess" literature comes from female e.g. feminist writers. (This is not exactly true. Think of Bachofen, Briffault, Fromm, James, Preston, Benko, Begg, Neumann, the one interviewed here and others). Anyway, the contribution of the former is considerable. In it this is a very enjoyable development, since it introduces a way of seeing things, that was practically absent in male dominated disciplines. Where men excel in reductionism (and worse), the feminist literature usually represents a holistic approach. Which has a great healing effect on our culture. Does this mean though, that all the claims originating from their positions should be accepted uncritically? Han Marie Stiekema's (HMS) opinion is that the way feminist spirituality is developing is giving rise to concern. So we asked him why?

I: What is exactly your concern?

HMS: The concern is that we will plunge from one self-centred universe into the next.

I: Could you explain?

HMS: After many millennia of oppression, women have a tremendous need to recognize themselves in the Divine. Something which is totally understandable. However, they don't (usually) realize, that they are about to make the same mistakes they accuse patriarchy of, namely creating a spirituality based upon their own personal interests, desires and ambitions.

I: After patriarchy has proven to be suicidal, don't we need a feminine world view?

HMS: The crucial question here is: do *we* create the Mother or is She creating *us*?

I: Is it wrong to seek empowerment?

HMS: Not at all. The issue is: is it on our terms or on Her terms. It cannot be that once again we create a Deity that suits our purpose. Even if this purpose is justified.

I: With other words: are we the centre of the universe or is She?

HMS: Exactly. Only after having recognized Her as the unfathomable Depth of the universe, after we truly recognize that She created us rather than claiming Her for our own purposes, only then comparisons can be made e.g. parallels can be drawn.

I: Awe, devotion and surrender as the foundation.

HMS: Not to mix up Reality with images, concepts, projections and ideas, yes.

I: So the first concern is to know Her?

HMS: A genuine quest for Who/What She Is, unprejudiced, before prematurely projecting your own desires and images into Her, yes, that's what it is all about.

I: Something I sense, you haven't come across too often within the feminist world.

HMS: Although many emphasize, that the Mother has to be taken as a Reality, in fact they cling to their own psyche like personal experiences, images, archetypes, dreams and the like.

I: Isn't it important to cherish your own experiences?

HMS: The big mistake is, that people (women) mix up the Cosmic Mother with Goddesses. In Reality they are totally different, though. The Mother is the All-Inclusive Cosmic Womb, while Goddesses represent all kinds of secondary energies.

I: With the latter you can identify, with the former not.

HMS: Right.

I: Even if you are a mother yourself?

HMS: The Divine e.g. the Cosmic Mother isn't an extension of your own experiences. Instead, you are an extension of Her's. Once you recognize, that She is the context of your life - rather than the other way round - only then your experiences will get meaning. Again, it presupposes a true quest for Her True Nature.

I: She isn't a sectarian idol "for women only".

HMS: Women too often think, that they reflect the Mother. Thus they automatically claim all kinds of privileges. The sad thing is that after an entire era of patriarchal suppression women have adjusted too well to the system.

I: Even have become fierce protagonists?

HMS: It is very difficult to remain honest if you have suffered so much. All your effort is directed to "how to get out" e.g. "to create a new reality". This is very understandable. You tend to idealize your own position, rather than accepting (the painful) reality as it is.

I: How do you value female bonding?

HMS: Obviously, I am very much in favour of the former. Even Darwinist studies have shown that only female solidarity can neutralize male aggression. The point is that exactly in this respect the feminist movement has deteriorated. "Sister Love" has shown to have many setbacks. Looking at the urgency of the global situation, new models have to be developed in which women will be able "to make a new start".

I: Is this not something that could be applied to your work too?

HMS: I am deeply connected to the Feminine. Much more than many women have ever experienced. So I have longed for the return of the Mother. In fact, my whole effort is directed to support Her Comeback e.g. to establishing a feminine world view. This longing corresponds with a passion for the Truth. Actually, they are the same.

I: Thus, the utmost priority is the quest for the Mother?

HMS: I am happy you have come to the core of the matter.

I: What is Her Reality then?

HMS: Before anything else, the Great Mother proves to be a Cosmic Womb, the Void out of Which the entire Cosmos is born, the latter continuously returning. Her main characteristic is that She is All-Embracing.

I: Nothing excluded?

HMS: You say it. Including not only the Divine (the Light, Consciousness, „God"), but also the visible world: the grass, the plants, the rocks, the rivers, the animals, the clouds and human beings, without exception.

I: Women and men alike.

HMS: Does a common mother discriminate between a daughter and a son?

I: Now you also project.

HMS: To project or (consciously) giving an example is a big difference (laughing).

I: Could you reveal more about Her Nature?

HMS: Think of the Cosmic Womb as a Vacuum. Her Depth is a Mystery. In fact She is Bottomless. By "emptying Herself" She gives birth to Her first "emanation", the Divine Light, formerly called "God". Something I call Her Light Body.

I: Wow, I sense the paradox: Nothingness and All-Inclusiveness as two words for the same thing.

HMS: In the West Nothingness has a negative connotation. It was introduced by Christianity. The truth is different. Compare it with a room. Everything in the room exists thanks to the space that surrounds it.

I: Could you compare it with a women's womb?

HMS: Absolutely. To the child the womb is a dark, "empty", all-inclusive shell (cave).

I: So you may talk of a Mother Cosmology.

HMS: In the Cosmic Womb two forces exist. A pushing one, the driving force behind manifestation, thus from the "centre" to the "periphery" and an opposite pulling force, that from the periphery to the centre. Together they constitute the Mother's Law of the Universe, consisting of continuous death, rebirth and permanence.

I: That's why the Mother embodies creation and destruction?

HMS: That's right. It corresponds with the most fundamental insights of (wo)mankind. You will find it back in myths of the Mother, giving birth to Her Celestial Daughters and Sons. Especially in those, which are centred on descending into the Underworld.

I: Such as?

HMS: Inanna searching for Her deceased husband Dumuzi; Isis for Osiris, Ishtar for Tammuz, Asherah for Baal, Cybele for Attis; Demeter for Persephone; Aphrodite for Adonis and Mary for Jesus. It is also called the Great Death. Tibetans call a person who has really suffered it a "delog".

I: So one can actually experience it?

HMS: It is the difference between identification and Realization. In the first case you identify with your own experiences - while projecting them into what you assume should be the Great Mother, while in the second case She is a Revelation, a Cosmic Reality.

I: The things turned upside down. Many feminist argue that the experience of being a mother gives them the authority to determine what the Cosmic Mother is.

HMS: Their experiences of being a mother are obviously very real. And indeed, this kind of experience is their privilege only. However, in order to become an "authority", projecting your experiences into the Divine Realm is not the right way. Like Inanna, you have to Realize the Real Thing.

I: What will be the difference?

HMS: Every time that the "Mother" threatens to become a comfortable part of your conceptual thinking e.g. imagining, realize that She is the Awe-Inspiring, the Unfathomable Depth of the entire universe, greater than "God" and all galaxies together. Unimaginable.

I: I feel what you try to say. The reason why you stick to this point is that by projecting, you bring the Mother down to your own level, stripping Her from Her Essence, while your passion is for The-One-She-Really-Is.

HMS: Because She is All-Inclusive, She simultaneously embraces the entire existence, nothing excluded. So, She is not only giving birth to the Light, but also to the visible world, the latter being Her Material Body.

I: Something that is known as "Mother Earth".

HMS: Indeed. In fact Her first born, the Light Body, is Her Daughter (or Son), while Mother Earth (Her Material Body, originating from the Light) is Her Granddaughter.

I: What should be our main conclusion?

HMS: That the Mother cannot be possessed, She is nobodies' property. Therefore, the deepest spiritual attitude is that of devotion and surrender, rather than claiming Her as something that belongs to you.

I: The drop that only comes to know the Ocean, after it has dissolved into It.

HMS: Obviously, this has huge consequences on all levels. It determines if your life is based on gratitude and joy or on one dominated by grasping and claiming.

I: So, empowerment isn't that simple.

HMS: By surrendering to the Mother, She will empower you, rather than you trying to empower yourself through Her. The latter is not different from those who try to empower themselves through money, dominance and exploitation.

Notice: "Empowerment" is very much an American phenomenon. Try to find out in yourself where it is coming from, while subsequently embracing that underlying insecure e.g. vulnerable part, instead of shouting it down.

I: Are you against (spiritual) feminism?

HMS: Crucial is to recognize your true roots: the Cosmic Mother as the Unity in Diversity. Inspired by Her, renewal takes place. We desperately need a new movement which unite all those - women and men - who favour a feminine world view, an all-inclusive vigorous élan and driving force, aiming at the Transformation of Self and Society.

I: What are the benefits of surrendering yourself to the Mother?

HMS: By surrendering yourself to Her you become part of Her Law of the Universe. In that case you are constantly dying to the old, while being reborn as a new Self.

I: Renewing yourself.

HMS: Definitely. Your spiritual renewal subsequently translating itself on all levels: psychologically, emotionally and physically.

I: Could you explain?

HMS: Participate in Her creation in your own unique way. To feel the joy of being a woman or a man, each occupying a meaningful position in Her Web of Life, the dynamic interaction of all living beings.

I: Celebrating to be a daughter of the Mother?

HMS: Once your attitude is one of thankfulness for the great gift of life, you may indulge in the benefits of it. E.g. celebrating that the Mother created you as a woman or to be able to feel the depth of existence through birth giving. And yes, recognizing that you share this quality with your Cosmic Mother.

I: Enjoying your privileges?

HMS: Absolutely. Being a woman is a glory. Deep within you are a Goddess. Your life-centred attitude is a blessing, without which life wouldn't be possible. Feminine qualities like Wholeness, bonding, respect, love, care, intelligence, depth, sensitivity, to be rooted in the Earth, realism etc. can save the Earth. Having privileges and responsibilities are thus two sides of the same coin.

I: You thus stick to distinguishing the Cosmic Mother from Goddesses. Am I right?

HMS: That's right. The Mother is the inconceivable Womb of the universe, while Goddesses are originating from Her. It is equal to the Light emanating from Emptiness. Because the former is the Divine Spark in us, you may realize it as your innermost Core, that which you really Are. Women may call this the Goddess within, while men would prefer to call it God within.

I: Is this the whole story?

HMS: Apart from that "feminine" qualities are not limited to females only. As you know on the personality level, both men and women possess an aspect of each other. This is like yin and yang. Males have an anima, while females have an animus. Every individual has a unique blend of gender aspects within him or herself.

I: So, even men are benefitted.....? (Laughing).

HMS: Defining myself: my body is masculine; my soul is feminine, while my Spirit is Divine. Please, tell me "what gender" I am.

I: No reason for men to shy away.

HMS: Each human being is a child of the Mother. She has bestowed both with the possibilities of knowing Her through the way back Home. Often feminists don't realize (or don't want to realize), that men are as gifted.

I: Having misused their gifts though.

HMS: Patriarchy as a system, yes. Of course, supported by those who benefitted (and still do) most from it. To underline what I mean, I will give you an example. To women it is "obvious" that they are most close to the Mother, because of the fact that they possess a female body. Men, however, in their longing for Self-realization frequently develop intense self-sacrifice, their way to restore the unity with existence.

I: So, it is not that simple.

HMS: Even the experience of birth can be as genuine (and not only as a ritual as some feminists are trying us to believe) as it is for women. While the Mother is giving birth through women, men (and not only them, of course), through surrendering themselves to the Vacuum, may experience the birth of Her Light Body (Enlightenment).

I: Which sheds a new light on gender?

HMS: First of all, both women and men are equally embraced by the Mother. Both have received unique qualities. Thus, trying to create a new tribal religion (as feminists do), excluding 50% of mankind (like men have done) doesn't correspond with Mothers' Cosmic Order.

I: That means?

HMS: There are no chosen ones, unless everyone is. Besides, what you Really Are is neither „feminine“ nor "masculine". Your Essence is the Divine Spark in you, which ultimately is the Cosmic Mother. Men and women are like onions each with various layers. The body-mind is just one of them. The irony is that the anima in men and the animus in women are among the most active.

I: Everything turned upside down.

HMS: In a way, yes. Both parts are trying to realize themselves. That means that men are invited to actualize their feminine part, while women are doing the opposite. The latter is reflected by the fact that generally women identify rather (too) easily with patriarchal values. A minority likes to be strong, independent and ambitious, e.g. many feminists enjoy their status as an academic, criticising patriarchy from their comfortable patriarchal position, while the majority is totally addicted to consumerism.

I: Sisterhood kills?

HMS: It wouldn't be bad, if feminists recognize the devastating situation they are in. Indeed, after a short while of high expectations, women's solidarity has become a big disillusionment. Only with Reality as a starting point, new ways can be found.

I: Such as?

HMS: Only by recognizing the Mothers all-embracing Reality, we may come to accept the fact, that a new cooperation between women and men has to be established. Starting point is the Mothers' Law of the Universe. Men are representing "Death and Rebirth", while women are reflecting Her "Web of Life". This means, that apart from psychology, the Mother has established a normative principle that

serves as a guideline. Obviously, every human being can chose by him or her, in what way he or she wants to comply with it.

I: The start of a new social order?

HMS: Individualism and materialism have thrown the world into a suicidal spiral. Both are based on egotism, which is a central characteristic of patriarchy. We desperately need a turning point, with interrelationship, connectedness and community as the foundation. It is the realm of women. Women - representing the substance of life - therefore have to occupy a central position in society, with men developing themselves as the servants to the Whole*.

* See in the website "[MatriTalks](#)".

I: Something to go by?

HMS: If you don't derive your identity from your (fixed) gender role anymore, it has to come from somewhere else. Then, suddenly we understand, that existence is more than the addition of our individual choices. We remember the ancient paradigm of "macrocosm is microcosm". Wholeness includes healing the entire universe.

I: It is obvious, that we cannot afford to go on with all kinds of individualistic games, including that of gender.

HMS: Through new flexibility the structure (of gender roles) has collapsed. Each woman and each man has her or his unique blend of feminine or/and masculine characteristics. The new differentiation is therefore not with the sexes, but with world view. The criterion is with what kind of society you identify. Do you favour a patriarchal or a Mother-oriented society?

I: So, is the Mother a feminist?

HMS: No, in the sense of being an idol for exclusive feminist claims, yes, where women (and men) celebrate inclusiveness on all levels. She is urging women and men to cooperate to establish a Mother-oriented spirituality, a holistic feminine world view and a new society based on Mother Right and Community Democracy.

I: Spirituality and politics as two sides of the same coin?

HMS: In a time in which everything is disintegrating - with corresponding big problems in the near future - the Mother has revealed Herself in order to "save the world". She is inviting us to die to the old in order to become reborn, bringing women and men together in a joint enterprise to saving the Earth.

I: Will there still be hope?

HMS: As so often, when the situation is at its worst, a turning point is about to happen. This is the meaning of the Return of the Mother. Those who have eyes, see it. However, this will not be successful, if we refuse to actively cooperate with the Mother. So wake up! in order for a new dynamism to emerge.

Projection or Worship

That's the Issue

JAI MATA DI

Praise the Mother!

15.20

African Ur-Mother
Europe Motherland
Mother of Islam
Mother Russia
Mother India
Mother China
Mother Latin-America

Chapter 17

Urgent Message to Spiritual and Religious Leaders WorldWide

*We are part of society
Society is part of the earth
The earth is part of the universe
The universe is part of the Eternal Light
The Eternal Light is part of Absolute Nothingness
(Cosmic Womb)*

16.1 As you know, in these most desperate of times, the crash course humanity has inflicted upon itself, is rapidly accelerating. Society you may say is in decay. The cause as I see it is alienation from "Heaven, Earth and the Community". Being cut off from the Source we are "thrown upon ourselves". Because of our inability to Be, we have taken refuge in having. Hence, the forces of the ego - materialism and individualism - have totally overpowered us. Society therefore is in the grip of collective self-addiction. Because having can never compensate Being, our greed for more is unstoppable. It is resulting in accumulation on the one hand and deprivation on the other. E.g., 5% of the world population (USA) is consuming one third of the total energy, available on earth. The interests of science, technology and capitalism (STC-complex: prof.dr. E.Vermeersch)* have become (too) closely intertwined. It has become a cancer growth, with science inventing, technology applying and capitalism making profit. The sad thing is that multinational corporations are deliberately and ruthlessly promoting egoism, greed and addiction, thereby destroying the fabric of life: local communities, cultures, economies, traditions, religions and ("above all") nature, exploiting resources, markets and cheap labour, to the benefit of the few, creating huge masses of uprooted, hungry, oppressed, desperate, angry, violent, sick and displaced people.

* E.Vermeersch "Through the Eyes of a Panda", 1994 Brugge.

16.2 The effects on Mother Nature are devastating. Major threats are loss of biodiversity, pollution, climate change and water shortages. Moreover, environmental scientists warn us for immanent catastrophic events. They talk about a "new extinction wave", putting an end to the world as we know it. Governments - it seems - are not going to help us. They are serving the interests of big business, instead of taking care of the well-being of their people. They increasingly tighten the grip on people through global control, militarism and oppression. "Freedom and democracy" more and more degenerate to hollow rituals. The result is a disintegration on all levels of society. Both individuals, as well as society, have become burn-out. Hence, we are confronted with our own helplessness. The only option left is to return to the Source - to die to the old - in order to become reborn as A New Self. Transformation of Self and Society consists of subsequently fitting in into "Heaven, Earth and the (new) Community", once again. I have been working on this for quite some time now. It ran into the "Healing the Planet" initiative, to begin with A New Spirituality. Many will recognize the

elements that are proposed. That is great. My aim is not to invent the wheel once again, but to bring people together. The sooner this will take place, the better.

16.3 One of the painful facts of modern life is that we have become objects. To the political system we are just a repository of votes, while to big business we are only "consumers". Through this, our original subjectivity - our inherent Self-sovereignty - has been destroyed. We have been cut off from our Divine Spark within. The same is true with regard to the Community. The latter is the reflection of the God-given "Web of Life". Both state and economy have been degrading it into a reservoir though, which they can draw from randomly. It has contributed a great deal to the de-humanization of (wo)mankind. As said above, "To have as the inability to Be". This includes a special responsibility to all those, who in the name of the Divine are guiding other people. Obviously, this guiding of people has become a total failure. It is the main reason, why materialism could have developed in the first place. Too long we have been thinking that a compromise would be acceptable, often because of our own material self-interests. In the context of a world, that is rapidly deteriorating, this cannot be carried on anymore. The saying of Jesus: "It will be easier for a camel to go through the needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven" has indeed to be taken literally. We all have to understand, that unbridled greed and solidarity are excluding each other.

16.4 It is of utmost importance to realize, what opposes spirituality and religion. The true adversary is not a "competing" religion or sect. What threatens spiritual life is materialism and individualism (Unless you cherish the cynical view, that "at the end of the day", the latter will impoverish life to such an extent, that it will favour religion). Hence, it will be crucial to existing spiritual e.g. religious individuals and groups to define their common denominator. Talking with each other is certainly an important first step. The next has to truly create a base of action, with which everybody can identify. I call this common base "Existential Consciousness"*. It consists of "(Wo)man being rooted in Heaven, Earth and the Community". Whether you are a Christian, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist, a Jew, an Agnostic or belonging to an Indigenous Faith or some New Religion, everybody shares the same context of life: our spirit as part of the "Great Spirit" (God, Allah, Cosmos, Consciousness, Intelligence, Nothingness), our body as part of nature and our psyche (soul) as part of the community. It is existential. I therefore want to make an appeal to all spiritual people worldwide to discard differences, accepting this our existential situation as a starting point - Unity in Diversity - in order to cooperate in turning the tide: to transform having into Being.

* See "Existential Consciousness"

16.5 A surplus value in this regard is the "Maternal Dimension of God". We all know that our image of God is hopelessly one-sided. It is one of the major reasons, why people become disinterested in organized religion. Patriarchy, like it functions until this very day, still stresses an intellectual approach toward the Ultimate. Something that will prove to be catastrophic. A way out is to start including the "feminine" aspect of the Divine. This doesn't come as a surprise. Aren't the Madonna, Kuan Yin, MatriDevi, Shekinah (and Allah in his Aspect of the Merciful) far more "popular" with the people, compared to Her male counterparts? People are longing for "feminine" values, like interconnectedness, peace, tolerance, reconciliation, respect, love, joy of life, justice and harmony with nature. Hence, we are inviting you to support our interreligious and multicultural initiative, consisting of emphasizing the "Maternal Dimension of God" as revered in the various traditions. In order to bring people, groups, centres and organizations together, we initiated the Worldwide

Campaign. It is an umbrella network. Those who join, share their interest in a "feminine" world view, while keeping their own spiritual/religious identity. We kindly invite you to participate. We don't have too much time anymore!

* See: "Worldwide Campaign.

16.6 The answer to hatred - for which we ourselves are responsible a great deal - is not increase of State control e.g. violence, but empowerment of the Community. The true cause of chaos lies in the fact, that society has been built on the State on the one hand, and unorganized masses on the other. More State control will not change this. On the contrary, the spiral of violence, both within and without will be unstoppable. Why? Because it is based on a wrong concept of the structure of society. In Reality, we are part of the universe. Hence, "As Above, so Below". Everything is "organically" interconnected. Translated to society, it means, that the Community is the Living Body of humanity. It constitutes the foundation of society. Hence, the Community should regain its original rights and responsibilities. It should be based on Self-sovereignty e.g. Community Democracy. It should consist of bottom-up organized multi-layered echelons of Self-ruling bodies, to start with the individual, the family (group), the street, the neighbourhood, the commune, the city, the county....up to the State and the Commonwealth, all having a close relationship with each other, based on cooperation, consensus, subsidiarity* and solidarity, itself exercising control over major aspects of social life. By bringing back Self-rule to the Community, modern life will "automatically" being steered in the right direction. It is the only way to achieve multi-ethnic integration, tolerance and respect. Self- and mutual help will flourish, "re-inventing" e.g. ways of basic health care, environmental protection, decentralized economic activity, a new educational system, care for the elderly, law and justice, peace, security and last but not least: meaning of life.

*Subsidiarity is the key concept. It was first developed by J. Althusius (17th century), regained popularity in 19th century America, revived by Catholic social doctrine (1931), became the cornerstone of EU law (1992) (however, unfortunately already largely corrupted), valued by regional initiatives, promoted by the UN Development Program (1999), while increasingly favoured by socio-ecological thinkers. It is recognized, that through subsidiarity "systemic" collapse can be avoided; people are able to solve problems on basic levels; through greater coherence people start caring about each other and nature, while political involvement is stimulated. Cooperation and mutual help guaranteeing peace, stability, happiness and prosperity, in short, VERY urgent to become introduced by Communities worldwide. Spiritual and religious organizations are invited to take the lead!

The Ultimate is All-Embracing
Mother's Blessings

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