

from the γ -Phædrana:

∇2 So many of the patristic lords say that society's ills would be cured if everyone would just "turn to Jee-zuss". But today's social problems do not stem from not *accepting* Jove/Jehovah. These ailments exist because the social system imposed by Hebræo-christianism does not work. Any system which destroys psychological independence, initiative and growth and which uses negative commands, curses and damnations to achieve control carries within that negative-imperialism the cause of its own failure and destruction: sanctified sexism, slavery, genocide. To expect a system built on violence to bring forth peace is high folly—for *they have planted putrid flesh in their desert, yet wait for peaches and flowers to appear*. A tree with rotten heartwood is a rotten tree. The root of Hebræo-christianism is the tyranny of hell-fire terrorism.

Patriarchists are fond of killing, as they think it makes them lords of life and death. In reality, it only makes them murderers.

A deity cannot bear the images of compassion and hatred at the same time. He cannot be both napermer *and* nurse, for being the former belies being the latter. The murderer in benevolent mask is murderer still. The psychology of patriarchy, primitive, dictatorial, demands that the "will" of the Father be enforced, no matter what the cost in human life: for the ability to kill non-believers has become biblical "proof" of the "power and goodness of God" and the "power of the will of God".

Our world is tottering on the brink of destruction, destabilized by macho male patriarchists wasting the wealth of the nations, building more and more bombs, driven by the need to protect their power-base. We must deflate these swaggering fools and begin the reorientation of world society to engender the peace of the global village.

We need leaders who have learned and fostered balanced values. We need leaders who are not driven by hyperaneric neuroses, but who have learned the lesson of the Prime Imperative: who have achieved wholeness of view and compassion of heart. We need leaders who have tapped their own wells of mother-values. The lion will fight to grab a meal, to protect his domination of the pride, will kill the cubs of a former ruler of the pride. The lioness hunts to provide food for her cubs, her sisters and herself.

The fostering of mother-values is not limited to genetic females, nor is its banishment exclusively male. Anyone can develop these qualities if he or she wishes to be able to love deeply, protectively yet unclingingly.

The Danaan name for this treasure is *tecnoteria*: *guardianship of that which has been born*. Male or female can be *tecnóterous*—the bearer of a deep and abiding love for the humans and other creatures who cohabit this Earth.

It is *tecnoteria* when we learn to love so much that we are able to overcome selfishness and jealousy, to love others so fully that for them to live, and to live free and true to their inner selves is our greatest desire: to love without prejudice or possessiveness, on a personal, societal and species basis.

It is the person who has attained *tecnoteria* who is the greatest asset to the continuation of the human species, to the continuation of life itself: for it is that person who loves others enough to **let them be free**. Respect for the fragility and importance of the individual life as part of the Universal Life is the first step toward *tecnoteria*, the first step toward immortality.

Tecnoteria, mother-value, is dedication to life and liberty, to the growth of knowledge and wisdom in the children, along with commitment to protect that life, liberty and the bright future of those infants. It is the value-set of the springbok when she charges the hyenas to keep them from her fawn. It is the values of the mockingbird, dive-bombing the family cat to

keep it away from her nest. Yet the mockingbird does not cringe from teaching her young to fly: to establish their individual identities; to exercise their freedom of the skies.

The springbok and the mockingbird take from other creatures the substances to prolong their lives and the lives of their offspring, as established in the free marketplace of survival. They do not kill wantonly, murder others of their species or other species merely to satisfy greed or to “prove” a point of some vapid theology.

The grass of the field does not despise the lumbering ox; the zebra does not hate the hunting lioness; nor does the hare revile the soaring eagle. The life that is prey gives life to the predator. The predator in turn is prey for other predators, bestowing life to life; death is but a passage, a marker of change—an end and beginning in the same instant.

In struggling for the preservation of all life, we need not fear individual death. We may dread its associated pain and discomfort. We might worry that we have not accomplished all we would like to have done before our passing through. We may be concerned for the welfare of those we will leave behind.

But in Unity with the Goddess, all fears and worries melt away. All things share the sacred One-ness of the All-Mother, Source of Love and Liberty, Athena, Greatest and Best.

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