

Daily Meditation 09/16/2021
Julian of Norwich Celebrating Divine Wisdom and the Feminine

Good morning.

Today we're celebrating the divine wisdom in the divine feminine with the help of Julian of Norwich, a wonderful spokesperson on behalf of the divine feminine, of wisdom, and of the motherhood of God.

And I think it's telling that today is Yom Kippur, a very important Jewish holiday of atonement. I wonder if it's not appropriate that the three Abrahamic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, pay special attention at this time to making atonement for overdoing the masculine, for contributing too much to patriarchy over the centuries.

I think that is an accurate criticism, and I think we need, Mother Earth needs, indigenous people need, all the creatures of the earth need, humanity -- including our religions -- to stand up for the divine feminine and the divine wisdom like never before.

And one way to atone for too much patriarchy in the name of biblical religions is to take more seriously the wisdom tradition that we find in Israel. Here is a passage from Proverbs, where wisdom is talking:

"Yahweh created me when his purpose first unfolded. Before the oldest of his works, from everlasting, I was firmly set.

"From the beginning, before earth came into being, the deep was not when I was born; there were no springs to gush with water; before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth.

"Before God made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust, when God fixed the heavens firm, I was there."

Marvelous poetry about the antiquity, the ancientness of wisdom, and wisdom is feminine in the Bible and around the world, like Kwan Yin over my right shoulder.

And as I celebrate in the essay today, wisdom calls aloud in the streets. So she shows up not just in the cosmos, and from before the beginning of time, but also in our daily routines. She's in the streets, she's in public squares, she's in the street corners, she's at the city gates, she's not hard to find.

But we do have to be looking, and we have to approach her with our hearts open. We're told from the same book, the book of Proverbs,

"Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared."

And so, like mothers everywhere, she invites us to a feast, to bread and to wine. And of course, the Christians appropriate this around Jesus' last supper, offering bread and wine. And Jesus himself is referred to as a wisdom teacher, but also even as wisdom among us.

So let our religions focus more on the divine feminine and on wisdom, and hopefully our society too. That we make schools not just where knowledge is attained, but where wisdom is attained, wisdom schools.

This too will contribute to the salvation of our planet, to the healing of our planet, and of all our religions: that we come back with a balance of the sacred masculine on the one hand and the divine feminine on the other, so well represented by wisdom.

Thank you, we'll see you tomorrow.

