

**Daily Meditation 10/13/2021**  
**The Sacred Masculine Hunting-Gathering for Wisdom**

Good morning.

I alluded in today's meditation to the fact that Nicolas of Cusa actually wrote a book about hunting for wisdom. So I'm introducing that Sacred Masculine archetype of the hunter-gatherer that we all have within us -- women as well as men -- and in my book on the Sacred Masculine, Chapter Four is on the hunter-gatherer.

And I draw from the study by Jared Diamond called "Guns, Germs, and Steel," and he, interestingly enough, lived for 33 years in New Guinea with people who were hunter-gatherers. And this is what he said about that experience:

"My own impression from having divided my life between United States cities and New Guinea villages is that the so-called blessings of civilization are mixed. For example, compared with hunter-gatherers, citizens of modern industrialized states enjoy better medical care, lower risk of death by homicide, and a longer life span, but receive much less social support from friendships and extended families."

So it might well be that we have forgotten many things that hunter-gatherers know, and knew, and in fact lurks within us, because we all carry this hunter-gatherer DNA in us, since our species for 90-95 percent of its existence was hunter-gatherer.

He says this, too, about his experience with the hunter-gatherers:

"They impressed me as being on the average more intelligent, more alert, more expressive, and more interested in things and people around them than the average European or American is."

That's what Diamond says.

And of course to say that they're more alert and so forth is to say that they're smarter, they're more in touch with their creativity.

He said that they have very good memories, because they're not writing things down. They have more storytelling; they have to listen much keener and hone an ability to speak from the heart. So they're not getting all their information from books, and certainly not from television and social media. They have to be more observant in order just to live and to survive, so that means they're keener, they're more at the edge. That's that warrior energy, really: about being at the edge and being alert. He says:

"In mental ability, New Guineans are probably genetically superior to westerners. They surely are superior in escaping the devastating developmental disadvantages under which most children in industrial societies now grow up. They spend their days actively problem solving, interacting with each other and the natural world, and children are thoroughly stimulated and engaged in this communal effort."

And of course the the high point of human ritual occurred during the time of the hunter-gatherer peoples: they developed these amazing rituals that connect the human psyche to the sky - Father Sky and Mother Earth. And this is a high point of human ritual.

So there's much to learn from tapping into our own hunter-gathering DNA. And when Cusa says that he's hunting-gathering for wisdom, surely that is something we can all be busy about today. Because to hunt-gather for wisdom is to hunt and gather for the Divine Feminine, and to bring that back with strength is to create a society and a soul that's much more balanced and energetic, and that combines compassion and wisdom with getting things done, and with knowledge.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow