

**Daily Meditation 05/09/2022**

**A Fourth Mother to Honor on Mother's Day Season 2022**

Good morning.

Yesterday was Mother's Day. And in our meditation, we spoke to two models of motherhood:

- Julian of Norwich, and her developing of the important understanding of God as Mother, which helps us to move beyond patriarchy, which loves to adore a punitive father very often.
- And a second model was Sister Dorothy Stang, the martyr, who stood up for Mother Earth, for the rain forest, and the peasants in the rain forest area eking out healthy and honest living. And who was gunned down, who was martyred, literally--at the age of 73, I believe--by hired assassins who were hired by the corporations who are trying to commit final extraction on the rainforest in Brazil, for the sake of Big Bucks. Whether it's tearing down the trees for cattle, dairy farmers, or polluting the rivers, to mining, and so forth.

So, we honor Sister Dorothy Stang and her representing all those thousands who had been murdered trying to defend Pachamama, trying to defend Mother Earth and the rainforest.

And then, thirdly, I spoke in my video yesterday about the mothers of Ukraine and Poland and other places who are taking in, very generously, the refugees from the Ukrainian war carried on by Mr. Putin.

But in today's meditation, I introduce you to my mother. So this is the fourth model, if you will, in the season of Mother's Day.

And I had a very special mother. I realize, the older I get, how special she was. And I'd like to just share with you just one more story about her, and this was when she was dying.

Her death was very special. And she shared with us, I think, a great deal of wisdom just by dying in a very wise way.

This is in my creativity book.

Well, I and my brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews and grandchildren were called to her bedside. We were told that she did not have long to live. So we all gathered from many parts of the country.

But she did not die right away. And she was quite alive and blessing one of my sister's daughters' upcoming marriage, and so forth. And after three days hanging around, I had to return to California. She was in Florida.

And so I knew it was time to say goodbye and I went up to her. And she knew. She was then sitting in a chair at the time, and she knew this was going to be our final goodbye.

"She said, 'You know, Tim, I'm not afraid to die. I have lived a wonderful life. I will miss your kids but I'm ready to go.'

And I said to her, 'Mom, I bet I know why.'

And she said, 'Why?' She was always curious, right up to the end.

And I said, 'First, you are curious! And second, you're looking forward to an adventure.'

She replied, 'Exactly.'

And that was her last word to me: 'Exactly.'

We embraced and kissed and I left to catch my plane. And she died about twelve years later."

But I think just the way she approached her death was a special gift to all of us--that she was not afraid to die, and that she was looking forward to both an adventure and to satisfying her curiosity.

And I think that's a special and blessed death.

So, thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.