

Daily Meditation 03/04/2023

The Cosmic Christ - Us - on "The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Good morning.

Today we continue our meditations on Truth. And we to the tradition of the Cosmic Christ. And this is from the Gospels. The quotation we're using today is from John's gospel, "I'm the Way, the Truth, and the Life." And I'd like to share with you the reflection by the artist who created the "I am" saying.

This "I am" saying, which is in our book on Stations of the Cosmos Christ. The artist being MC Richards. And we'll be reproducing this sculpture for you. But I wrote down what she says about it, what she underwent in creating this particular clay tablet.

MC Richards says, "The Way, the Truth, and the Life" is the most difficult of all my "I am" tablets to reach," she says. "At least I think so," she says.

"It is heart-shaped. A heart-shaped head with just a faint physiognomy, faint eyes and mouth and a rough slab background. The vase is marred by the accidents of the fire. It was too close to the shelf above. When I first saw it, I said, 'Oh, it won't do.' Then I thought again, and it seemed appropriate that it should show signs of wear and tear.

I think in a way that this piece is most obscure because the image isn't all that clear. Also, the power of the image---heart-shaped head. And at the top of the head, a fontanelle, an opening. What is it that can stream in it? It is not close to the shelf above, stone, but something that is open to the influences from the spiritual world. I see that as a seventh chakra.

I learned later that that image, the heart-shaped head, is an ancient image on the planet. It has been used in petroglyphs across the Pacific toward Asia as far back as 40,000 years ago."

So it's a wonderful story-- how she almost threw it out because it seemed defective. And it turned out it was an ancient archetype, an ancient image calling to her from 40,000 years ago. It's amazing. And again, not only is the head heart-shaped, but the frame--there is a frame for it that is heart-shaped-- and, I might add, very Trinitarian-shaped.

This way, this truth, and the life.

And for me, it looks very weathered. It looks 40,000 years old. I mean it is naming the ancestral struggle and lineage that have brought truth our way, that have brought life our way, that have brought us into this theater and drama that we call 'Life itself on the planet.'

So I really do invite you to meditate on this sculpture. It has a special story behind it, as MC Richard says. But it is a response, a profound cosmic spiritual response, is the statement that "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

And we all are. We are all ways, we are all truths, and we are all life. Invited to be truth to one another.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.