

*To whose temple the Arch is starlit,
In whose temple the Sun is the image of gold,
To whose temple the Moon goes every month
And brings the message out every full-moon,
And whose message the Moon sings as a word of sixteen letters,
His religion I belong to, His temple I visit,
His name I utter, His glory I live in.
To Him I offer the lotus of my day,
To Him I offer the lotus of my night.*

These seed thoughts from the Spiritual Psychology meditations of Dr. Ekkirala Krishnamacharya give the note for the Lunar Messenger of the Circle of Good Will. The moon is the reflective principle and symbol of the mind. When pure and calm, it reflects impressions from higher circles. Especially the time of the full moon is conducive for higher alignment, if we are poised enough. The alignment of the sun, moon and earth in the sky helps experiencing the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.

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WOMAN AND MAN

A Higher Understanding

All coming out of the background of creation is called female in the wisdom teachings, whereas the source is seen as male. Thus passive space is "He" and in its dynamic state "She". "He" transforms into "She" and runs through everything. It says that the Lord, the giver of Life, Light and Form, is the only man, all others are women. In creation there is only "She", in whom "He" is hidden. Master CVV says: "He is in She, man is in woman, Adam is in Madam" - in this play on words there is a deep wisdom.

The pure existence is neither He nor She, but both. Therefore you also speak about a male-female God. The first emanation of the Absolute is called the World Mother. With her the Universal Soul or the Cosmic Christ appears. Therefore it is also said: Christ is female, or as the Gnostics called it: Christos-Sophia. In his eastern equivalent, the Maitreya Buddha, he is also identified with Kuan Yin, the Merciful Mother, the Logos in female shape: Through outer symbols man is reminded of his inner nature.

In relation to the Absolute God the Universal Soul is female, but for the rest of the universe it is male. All of us are in essence male and female, androgynous. We are the soul, in relation to spirit we are female and in relation to personality we are male. When the mind directs the body, then the mind is male. The receiving energy is female, the directing and guiding energy is always male. When the wife rules and the husband obeys, then the wife is male and the husband female. When both want to rule, there is repulsion or conflict.

Whenever we say 'man', we mean the physical appearance of a man, and whenever we say 'woman', the physical appearance of a woman. That is a very small understanding. The higher understanding is: The one that distributes from within is the man, and the one who receives is the woman. When we are depending on an individual or a situation, our relation is female. But when we are giving support, we become "male" or HE. We cannot always be in the state of reception or distribution. The law of alternation makes giving and taking change. It is not natural only to receive without giving and the other way round. Also in a relationship there is a need for giving and taking, so that companionship and a flow of energies can come about. However, the free flow is often inhibited and the equilibrium disturbed.

Disregard of the Female

The disregard of the female aspect in creation causes serious disorders. The exploitation of nature has caused a great disequilibrium on earth. The neglect or oppression of woman has led to a terrible imbalance in society. In some systems women are degraded in such a manner that they are looked upon as the source of sin and of desire. Others debase them to venal sex objects. This had a very harmful effect on humanity. Women's movement is a reaction to the dominant male energy: "Women's movements have a special significance for the immediate future. These movements should be understood not as an assertion of supremacy, but as the establishment of justice." (Supermundane 1, 38) The rightful place of woman in society has to be restored.

Man's progress in this time cycle depends upon his attitude and approach to woman.

One Composite Whole

Man and woman are two counterparts of one composite whole. None is superior to the other. Both are equally important and each has his/her functions well defined, together they form a good team, when each respects the other. Living together in harmony would enable adjustments at psychological and physical levels, and the biological needs are satiated on either side. Man and woman who are living together may have set their own objects for a living, but Nature has other designs for them. Marriage and founding of families is in the Plan the Masters serve, so that the souls keep receiving bodies according to their qualities, but also to bring out the female from the man and the male from the woman. The lady represents the Venusian energy and the man the Martian energy. Through their interaction the Venusian influence makes Mars softer and Mars makes Venus powerful. That is how woman gradually gains power and man becomes softer when both live together. The principle for spirituality is: One man for one woman and one woman for one man, for a lifetime.

However, we often see broken marriages. Sometimes families disintegrate without their intention. Through the currents of time two individuals can be brought together and be separated again after a while. Only the soul relations last long, but not the personality relations. You cannot tie together two souls by force. They should be together, because they agree with each other. In most cases the relation was based more on outer attraction and not on a compatibility of values of and behaviour. If the attraction is too quick, it will lead after some time to repulsion, unless we find the golden mean by moderating our likes and dislikes. Our problems arise on account of our expectations. The other has also expectations, for which we don't care. The question is: Do you have enough heart in order to accept the other person as he is?

Even if we don't meet the mutual expectations, we should be friendly with each other. A partner with whom we don't agree shows us a dimension in life that we do not have. It is a message saying that we better learn this dimension. For this we should work out what is common between us, and if we meet there, discord ceases.

Family is a good training ground. Often an over-active and an under-active partner come together, and thus the under-active one learns to become faster and the over-active one to slow down his activities. Always complementary energies should marry, so that one can complete the other.

Re-Establishing the Family

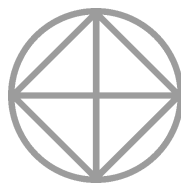
Building up a healthy family system contributes to the reconstruction of society. Therefore we have to strengthen again the tradition of the family, introduce good traditions into the family and see that there is peace between couples. As followers of the teachings of Spiritual Hierarchy we have the responsibility to be an ideal family, to be a living example of the values in profession and to demonstrate the quality of service in all aspects of life.

The role of the mother and housewife is held in high esteem in spiritual life. However, the dignity women naturally have at home, is not recognized in our over-active society. They try to gain the dignity and recognition they deserve by taking up a work. Thus duties at home are neglected and attention is paid to the duties outside. When there is a need to work in the outer, then this should be understood as a service to society after having served the family. The man works outside, the woman in the house, but both are responsible for serving the family. It is important that the work of woman at home is again acknowledged and appreciated. She establishes the good basis for the harmonious life at home, keeps things in order and gives her attention to the youth growing up. It is a very important and grand activity. Being in inner balance the over-active urge towards activity in the outer decreases.

The presence of women can lift up men to more subtle planes of consciousness. In woman the subjective part is living a little more than in man, where it is nearly dead today. That's why there are much more female than male members in most spiritual groups. By nature they have a certain subjective consciousness, because awareness is more in the female. Many men have a certain scepticism towards the subjective realm. Women have their doubts in other areas. They can enter more easily into an occult practice and understand things in the subconscious. They are convinced by what they know from the teachings, even if they cannot put it into intellectual sentences. In this Hierarchy sees a hope for the future.

In a sublime community the husband lives in the heart of his wife and the wife in the heart of her husband, they never feel separated. Even if one of them leaves the body, he continues living in the heart as energy.

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