

COSMIC(META)RELIGION

Through the SermeS the Beyond (of the Beyond)
is directly speaking to us

Brothers and sisters, your effort to promote interreligious understanding is a hopeful sign. I see two stages in INTERFAITH effort. First there is the stage of COOPERATION. It is focussing on the problems of the world. Especially your commitment to promoting peace, tolerance, justice and harmony with nature is admirable. Evidently, these are tough times. I know, that even within your organizations, motivation to participate is declining. Several factors are involved. One of the most damaging is the competition by the "virtual" world. It is sucking people's minds and souls, to such an extent, that concerns for the real world are rapidly diminishing. There might be a deeper cause, as well. To your aim of establishing UNITY in DIVERSITY, the factor Unity is problematic. It may be the main reason why your efforts remain superficial. The various Religions constitute Diversity. In order to become fruitful, it should be balanced by Unity, though. As long as people consider "their God" as exclusive, clinging to the various dogmas, TRUE UNITY will remain an illusion. Unity of Religions can only be achieved by a Realm that doesn't compete with existing concepts. What we need is a NEW DIMENSION, one that cannot be claimed by anyone. "Something" that is incorruptible, "something" that doesn't have an identity of its own. For "identity" causes conflict. Emptiness contains all forms; it is therefore the only Realm that meets the requirements. Thus, Absolute Nothingness (Cosmic Womb) is the only DIMENSION that can bring UNITY in DIVERSITY. She is beyond God – META - Darkness giving birth to the Light - therefore; She is not competing with God in any way. Just like an earthly mother, loving her children unconditionally, without interfering with their play. It means that the religion of the (near) future consists of two Dimensions: 1. The All-Inclusive Mother, the Void that exists beyond the Divine 2. The various religions as they exist today. Indeed, "Light comes out of Darkness", not the other way around. By the way, every Religion has memories of the Mother; many still have a place for Her in their pantheon. Hence, our INTERFAITH work includes the promotion of the MATERNAL DIMENSION OF (BEYOND) GOD within your own tradition. I love to come to you to support, empower, enlighten, guide and enrich your effort through MOTHER'S SPIRIT, to the benefit of all and everyone.

"The solemn charge which the Parliament preaches to all true believers is a return to the primitive unity of the world....The results may be far off, but they are certain".

John Henry Barrows 1893
Parliament of the World's Religions

Overview

Judaism is more than any other religion based on a narrative (only). The oral Torah, the written Torah, the Talmud and later the Kaballah. Originally, Yahweh was the Son/Lover of the MotherGoddess Asherah. During the years of exile (Babylon) the Hebrews were heavily "infected" by the worship of the Divine Feminine. On their return to Juda the Levites (Rabbi's) – in their effort to restore patriarchal rule – "redesigned" the Torah in their favour. While having been very cosmopolitan before the new narrative was one of a unified, exclusive and selfcentered, "godfearing" people. Yahweh as the "Only God" taught them to hate all non-Hebrews. This was followed by the creation of the Talmud, not a holy book but an accumulation of comments by Rabbi's. Here the theme of Jewish superiority over all others was further emphasized. It is the core of today's "Jewish problem". Still memories of the Original Mother could still be found though. In Genesis: "before God there was Nothing", suggesting the Reality of a Original Cosmic Womb (ruah). Furthermore the hysterical attacks against Asherah (mentioned 64 times in the Bible), indicating that She had been a very powerful Deity. Still Jeremiah (44) reports of the women of Jerusalem, who refused to accept the "words of the Lord". Instead, they insist offering to the "Queen of Heaven". Moreover, Palestine was scattered by female Goddess figurines, which proves that the Mother was the "home-deity" of Hebrew women. Jewish strict monotheistic and patriarchal belief was forced upon the people. In fact it was the (political!) necessity for Joshua (7th BCE) to create "One God, One People and One King". It has led

to exclusivity and intolerance. Until this very day Jewish faith is a Rabbicracy, hiding the fact that this belief is based on just a narrative forced upon the people. Many Jewish writers (Israel Shahak) confirm this fact. The problem is: the narrative is the "core" of Jewish identity. Taking it away, you take people's identity away. In the Kabbalah God is considered "Nothingness", while the Feminine Side of God is also emphasized. Thus, eventually, Judaism may well tend to accept our deepest insight: "God didn't create the world out of nothingness, but Nothingness (the Cosmic Womb...) is giving birth to both God and the universe, the latter continuously returning to their Origin".

*R.Patai "The Hebrew Goddess"

Christianity is among the world religions, that most manipulated its God-concept and subsequent teachings. The reason was (is) political. It served the ambition of a Church that aimed/aims at world dominance. In order to achieve this goal the Church destroyed the unity with "Heaven, Earth and the Community", making the people totally dependent on the "Glad Tidings". However, the persecution was so crushing, that people fell back on the only faculty left that was spared: the ego. Hence Christianity being the main cause behind our current Ego-Catastrophe, its "secularism", individualism and materialism. "God-Experience" the core of every living religion was oppressed, with the result that modern (wo)man is totally ignorant about his/her "Divine Spark within" (Meister Eckhart). It was the Church that destroyed all authentic religion. Its God-concept was stolen from Judaism; its Mother of God idea was imitated from the ancient Mother Goddess Religion, including that of Her "dying and resurrecting" Son. There is very little originality in Christianity. It was due to its alliance with the ruling elite, that it could maintain its power position for so long. Without the former it would have collapsed already many centuries ago. "Ruling through the Sword and the Word", together with incessant indoctrination through sin, fear and guilt, these are the foundations of Christianity. Cleverly the Church introduced an "Ersatz-Goddess" (Mary). In Reality the Cosmic Mother is the Mother not only of the Son but also the Father. Even the Church's own logic confirms it. Mary the "Mother of God" (Christ). Christ is God being One with the Father. Mary as the Mother of Christ thus being the Mother of the "Father". In fact the "Father" is the (Her) Son. Christ is not God but a man who had a God-Experience (on Mount Tabor). In the 14th century the Mother was still portrayed as such ("Vierge Ouvrante": Mother of the Trinity), truly the closest image of the Truth available in Western culture (not surprisingly, shortly after her statues were forbidden). The true Trinity is that of the Cosmic Mother, with God as Her first emanation (Her Light Body), and the universe as Her Material Body (second emanation).

Although **Gnosis** emphasizes experience rather than dogmas, eventually its insights didn't go deep enough. In Gnostic treatises this exclusivity to be the "only God" is already doubted upon. There Yahweh boasts that there is "no other than him", whereupon the "Mother!" exclaims "that's a lie, Yahweh". It postulated Sophia as "consort of God", very similar to Shakti in Hinduism (from which it probably copied the concept). The Reality, however, is that Sophia didn't "emanate" from God, but the other way round: God emanated from Sophia. Until this very day this isn't understood even by feminist writers. Maybe some (rare) Russian Orthodox saints, those who really "understand" could have come to the same conclusion. It was a man H.Eberz, who got it right. He wrote a book "Sophia and Her Logos". Beautiful, isn't it? It is one of the rare examples of Truth. When reading it joy comes up, truly a sign of recognition! By the way, the Gnostic concept of the world "emanating" from the Godhead comes very close to the Reality of the Mother giving birth to both God and the universe.

Few people know that the religion considered being most patriarchal - **Islam** - actually has a very deep rooted feminine core. It is one of the best hidden secrets. The reasons are manifold. Obviously, ruling clerics have no interest to undermine their position by revealing the feminine character of their religion. Nevertheless some brave hearts are trying to do just that*. It all starts with the description of the Essence of Allah. As you know, the core Name of Allah is al-Rahman, al-Rahim. It is the most important Name among the other 99 Names attributed to Allah. The common translation is "Allah the Merciful e.g. the Mercy-Giver". Literally, however, "rahman" means "womb". This puts everything in the right perspective. Allah proves to be both the Source of Mercy as well as Mercy itself. The former is equal to the (Her) unmanifest formless Essence, while the latter symbolizes His (Her!) Being, His active, outgoing, creative outpouring. It is easily to understand, that the Essence corresponds with the

Eternal Feminine Aspect of Allah, while His (Her!) creative "part" can be called Masculine. It is emphasized by the word for Divine Essence: al-Dhat, which is also feminine. The similarity with our own position is striking: the Essence as the Womb from which the Divine is evolving. This can be further illustrated by the following. A muslim friend confirmed to me "there is only One God". I agreed. His definition of the Ka'aba: the "House of God". So I said with a smile: there is thus One God plus the House of God. If God dwells in a House, then this "House" is bigger than God. It corresponds with the ancient notion of a "Mother of God". My muslim friend protested by saying "House of God" is just a word. It is not real, no religious meaning. My reply: how come the priests of the Ka'aba until this very day are called "Beni Sheybah": sons of the Old Woman? What is the "Black Stone" symbol of the Old Goddess, doing in the Ka'aba? Why Mohammed allowed only one picture inside the Ka'aba: that of the Virgin Mary and Her Son? Why does he state that mothers are closest to God? Why Al-Khidr, the Green Man of Islam, the successor of the old Vegetation-Gods is still worshiped as having exclusive contact with God? Closer even than Mohammed has. We ended our very interesting dispute by agreeing that in Islam Allah is both "he" and "she". In Sufism God is the Beloved, confirming his feminine side.

*For more, see "**Mother and Sons**", chapter 14

To **Hinduism** the Trimurti - Brahma ("Creation"), Vishnu ("Preservation") and Shiva ("Destruction") - is the Ultimate. In Reality, however, these Gods are symbolizing the Three Cosmic Forces of the Original Mother, "creation, preservation and rebirth" being part of One Undivided Power. Patriarchal reversal made Her a consort of the Gods ("Shakti") while in Reality the Gods are Her Sons. This pattern can be observed with all patriarchal religions. Two "popular" strategies can be distinguished. One is demonizing the Mother. Often She has to play the role of Guardian to the Gods and their temples. In India this has led to the image of the Kirtimukha, on Java it is Kala who decorates many candis (temples). In Tibetan Buddhism the Mahakala's are very likely to be reversions of the Destructive Aspect of the Cosmic Mother. The other strategy is to make them attractive to common people, like Kuan Yin in Buddhism and the Virgin Mary in Catholicism. Their duty is to function as a sop, deprived of their Original Power e.g. Ultimate Reality. It is striking how even in the lives of Sri Ramakrishna and Bede Griffith (Christian/Hindu monk), both ardent devotees of the Mother, Her True Reality is not (completely) recognized. However, the diversity of Hinduism allows local variations. There are sects/individuals (Sri Ramakrishna!) who worship Kali as the Universal Great Mother. While Kali is "officially" called the "consort of Shiva", the Reality is exactly opposite: Shiva is the Son/Lover of Kali.*

*See also in the website: "**Viva Java!**", "**Mahakala**" and others.

It is widely assumed that **Taoism** (like the Bön of Tibet) has its roots in prehistory. It makes its link to the ancient Great Mother likely. It seems thus more than logic that it "adopted" Xi Wang Mu ("Queen Mother of the West") as the primal Deity in its pantheon. The latter's connection to the Great Mothers of the Near East (e.g. Cybele) has a great chance to become widely recognized. Further study of similarities would be a good idea. Gates to common practices could be e.g. the occurrence of many Goddesses, the use of similar instruments, like drums, cymbals, flutes and the phenomenon of eunuchs. The latter played an important role at the Chinese imperial court just like their "predecessors" in Anatolia (Cybele) and Mesopotamia (Ishtar).

Everybody accepts Lao-Tze as the founder of philosophical Taoism. Few realize that he was a representative of the old Mother Religion. His "Tao Te Ching" is a yearning for the "old times" in which everything was "still in harmony". Time and again the Tao is compared with the Emptiness of the Womb. It isn't sure what Lao-Tze *exactly* meant by the "Tao" as Ultimate Reality. He certainly was devoted to Xi Wang Mu as Mother Goddess. Either the Tao is equal to the Cosmic Womb or the former is born out of the latter. Creation and Destruction may correspond to Yin and Yang.

See website: "**Mother China 4**".

In **Buddhism** Enlightenment (Buddhahood) is the highest achievement. It is comparable to the "Divine" of mystical traditions in other religions. However, there is confusion about its own

underlying principles. To a religion that is based entirely on the Light as THE exclusive aim, it is crucial to have clarity about the Ultimate Reality. More so, because in Buddhism all religious and spiritual authority is based on it. The Buddha as the "Fully Enlightened One" has always the last word. Despite the fact, that Buddhism already very early has split in countless schools and sects, no-one is doubting the supremacy of Enlightenment e.g. Buddhahood. What is "forgotten" is that not "Emptiness" but "Emptiness beyond Emptiness" is the Ultimate Reality. E.g. nowhere in Buddhism I have come across the insight that Enlightenment (Emptiness) is born out of Nirvana (Emptiness beyond Emptiness). So when it comes to the core of things even Buddhism is missing the point. Add to it the commercialization of "Enlightenment" (something to HAVE!) the deplorable state Buddhism is in can be easily recognized. Even "Womb" or "Garbha" (Prajnaparamita Sutra) means just "Enlightenment". The gate toward a feminine interpretation of the Cosmos is thus hermetically locked. The veneration for Tara hardly changes this. The positive aspect is that she is equal to the Buddha's which, compared to the patriarchal background, is considerable progress, indeed. However, She is a Goddess, and like so many other Goddesses she has been deprived of Her Original All-Embracing Primordial Womb Power. The consequence has been - although Goddesses being "very helpful" to (male!) Enlightenment - that the Feminine in (official) Buddhism is still very much suppressed. Only non-orthodox scriptures ("Pao-Chüan") have preserved the Eternal Truth. Here Maitreya Buddha is sent to earth by the Eternal Mother ("Wu Sheng Lao Mu") in order to bring Her children back Home. One thing is certain: the next Buddha will be (is) a Servant to the Mother. It is the only hope for Buddhism to regenerate!

See in the website: "**Great Mother Buddhism**". Furthermore read "The Women of Tibet" by Tsültrim Allione, Snow Lion Publications.

Mani (**Manicheism**) was a religious genius. He "discovered" the two Cosmic Forces of Light and Darkness. His experience/observations come close to the Truth. Because, the main Cosmic Forces are indeed "Creation" and "Destruction". However, instead of seeing them as complementary opposites, together maintaining Cosmic Balance, he postulated a "perpetual battle" between the two. This disastrous dualism – Light vs. Darkness - was picked up by Christianity, portraying existence as the battle between "good" and "evil", "God" and the "world", "man" and "woman". What was missing in his concept was the Origin of "Creation" and "Destruction". In Reality, they both originate from One Undivided Source: the Cosmic Womb. Actually you may call existence non-dualistic dualism. It is in this sense that I feel connected to Mani*. He almost "got it". Despite its negative consequences, Mani to me is dear. His religion stretched from Northern Africa to China. After his death in prison! his religion died out with him. That was tragic too.

*Last year I visited one of the two remaining Manichaean temples in the world (China).

Summary

CosmicMETAReligion*Religion*Cosmic Science* Materialistic Science

After having read the above it will become clear that Reality can be divided into three Dimensions ("layers"). Absolute Emptiness as the Dimension beyond God; the Dimension of the Eternal Light ("God") and the Dimension of the universe (material world). Everything is born out of the Origin (Mother) and returns to Her. Hence it is totally justified to make a new "classification" of religions. The difference with current religions is that "God" is NOT the Ultimate. Instead "He" is born out of the Cosmic Womb. The other way around: "our" CosmicMETA Religion is NOT a part of common religion. The Womb is not part of existing religions but transcends them. We have to get used to it: religion is NOT the ultimate answer to our existential questions. The Dimension beyond religion is. Hence the concept of META. What is striking is that most of the current main religions are founded on the concept of "God" as Ultimate Reality (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). The way they define "God" originates from mystics of all times and is authentic. God is indeed limitless, indefinable, all-

knowing etc. It is equal to modern awareness of the Great Consciousness or Cosmic Intelligence. The key concept of Buddhism, Jainism and Taoism comes very close to it, for e.g. Buddhahood has the same transcendental qualities. Although "theoretically" assuming "Emptiness beyond Emptiness" (Nirvana) as Ultimate Reality, in practice this has only caused confusion. Most texts just mix up Enlightenment with Nirvana and vice versa. All religions mentioned above claim exclusivity for (their) God and God in general. Apart from God there is nothing (they say). However, God (Buddhahood) is NOT the Ultimate. On the contrary, "he" (It) is part of a polarity. Both "Creation" (Eternal Light) and "Destruction" originate from One Bottomless Source: the Cosmic Womb or Vacuum. It changes our common God-concept, our religions and world-view with profound consequences for all levels of existence...

The tragic of Western religion is the totalitarian Church. Everybody who did not obey its dogma's were persecuted: Simon Magus, Gnostics, Montanists, Donatists, followers of Pelagius, Eriugena, Marguerite Porete (Begines), "Pagans", "Pantheists", Mystics, Women ("Witches"), Cathars, Bogomils, Humiliates, Waldenser, Spirituals, Templars, Troubadours, all "heretics". Innumerable of them were burnt at the stake. It means that the finest of the culture were wiped out. It is the "Grund" cause not only of sheep mentality, secularism, ego-centrism, individualism and materialism, but also of totalitarian regimes. The SS found its inspiration in the Inquisition. The reformation didn't really change that. It considered the Bible to be the only and absolute source of the faith. Direct (God) Experience was (is) taboo. In the Renaissance and after, it were the very religious ones who rejected the Church - Dante, Ficino, Marcellus of Padua, Michelangelo, Giordano Bruno, Leonardo da Vinci - and countless others. Followed by heroes like Spinoza, Goethe, Nietzsche and Wagner. They all had a Cosmic View of life. In modern times scientists like A.Einstein, M.Planck, E.Schrödinger, W.Heisenberg and N.Bohr followed. After WWII the power of the Church rapidly declined. Hippies and the New Age are an expression of the inner chaos of Western society caused by millennia of religious oppression. Not to mention the addiction to the "digital" world and the global drug-scene as symptoms of inner despair. Very understandably thus that atheism is on the rise. People reject everything religious. They "believe" there is nothing metaphysical in this world. They might be closer to the Truth than they think. For everything emerges from Absolute Nothingness, the Ultimate is a Bottomless, Dark Abyss. However, this doesn't lead to nihilism, quite the contrary. For this Cosmic Abyss (manifested by the Black Holes!) is the "Vessel" of overflowing abundance. Both "God" and the universe are born out of it. "Being Nothing, you are everything" (The Space is empty, simultaneously containing all objects).

The Womb is the Source of all life. She is universal. Hence CosmicMETAREligion as the new foundation of spiritual life, of Cosmic Consciousness. It is the NEW/VERY ANCIENT Symbol of Unity, "giving birth" to Diversity.

Hinduism assumes that there are three main Gods (and ten thousands of other forms of the Gods). Manicheism goes a step "further" by stating that there are two equal but opposing Cosmic Forces: that of Light and Darkness. This is called dualism. Gnosis is most daring by saying that the Creator God is not the Real God. Some texts even speak about a "Mother" who has given birth to Her Son/God. The speculative part of its statements is quite considerable. Just like some Hindu's assume a Mother as birth giver of the Trimurti (the three Gods), the Tao of Taoism originally had a strong tradition which paid reverence to the Great Mother (Xi Wang Mu). Nowadays some authors assume the Tao of Lao-Tze to be the Cosmic Womb. They may very well be right. Later Taoism became very patriarchal, hardly to distinguish from Confucianism and Buddhism as the two main religious forces in China. The conclusion of this all: in 2500 years of male-dominated religion no-one was able to present a true, authentic and full picture of the Ultimate Reality. At best partial truths were put forward each claiming to represent the total Truth. It is one of the explanations for their downfall, for nowadays people have access to a multitude of sources through which the exclusivity of one particular tradition cannot be maintained anymore.

The longing of (wo)mankind is towards the Truth. It is NOT so that we are weary of spirituality and religion. Everyday practice shows a different picture. People are searching, but cannot find the "Real Thing". "Something" that gives convincing answers to their questions. They are searching for

God as a Living Reality that corresponds with the wisdom every human has in his or her deepest core. It starts with realizing that every concept, image or idea is not IT. Many people have had experiences where "suddenly" everything dropped off. What was left is something beyond words and definitions. At the same time you know from within that this is Real. The more indefinable.... the more it corresponds with deep knowing. Deep within all definitions evaporate. The definition of "God" as given by major religions doesn't satisfy. It doesn't give answer to very urgent questions. But one very important question remains: if God-Experience is real, where do suffering, illness, misfortune and death come from? Materialistic science doesn't have an answer to these questions. The cause is the ego being cut off from the Whole. How can you know the Whole when you have "no contact" with it? The ego is an isolated entity that separates the Whole into pieces. A piece can only know other pieces. By "knowing" a piece one has the illusion of having insight into the Whole. The reality is different. If the drop wants to know the ocean it has to become one with it. It implies that you have to give up your ego. Until now humanity hasn't got this liberating insight. Einstein already said that humanity only uses 10% (1%) of its potential intelligence. The cause? It uses only materialistic, reductionist, one-dimensional science. What is waiting to become "discovered" is Cosmic(META)Religion, Religion (Mysticism/ God-Experience) and Cosmic Science.

So, how (wo)mankind will be able to reach a higher plane of wisdom and compassion? It is certainly not through politics. Politics is an ego-game whereby people only seek their self-interest ("divide and rule"). Ever heard of a political system that helped people to become a better person? (People's revolts are also political). Is there any lasting political text/book that inspires people to strive for a moral upgrading? Any empire that doesn't oppress and exploit? There isn't. The only events that had a lasting impact (for the better or for the worse) on the culture as a whole were through religious inspired people. Think of Laotze, Confucius, the Buddha, Jesus and Mohammed. It corresponds with the insight of scientists like A. Toynbee (British historian) that in a declining civilization small groups return to the Origin in order to be spiritually renewed. It is these groups who then start spreading a "new message". Now the point is that nowadays religions just like politics are also degenerated. It ranges from the Vatican with its ongoing scandals to Tibetan lama's who in Beijing (...) are making fortunes through "selling" "Enlightenment" and from extremely politicized Judaism to Islamic brother wars. Among the existing religions there isn't one that can jump over its own shadow, raising the consciousness of the people to a new level. The efforts by current leaders "to listen to each other more" are (in this regard) hilarious. So from where the redeeming impulse will come when both politics and religions are powerless? The Grail Legend says: in the depth of utter despair the liberating action will come through an outsider. From a corner nobody had expected.

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