

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVINE MOTHER

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I dedicate this message to my friend, Linda Heacock, who died in September, and whose life work was an inspiration to me and to us all.

We start with the body prayer from Julian of Norwich.

Await **(hands at waist, cupped up to receive)**
Allow **(reach up, hands open)**
Accept **(hands at heart, cupped towards body))**
Attend **(hands outstretched, giving back)**

Who is the Divine Mother? And why do we need Her now?

We are all aware that God is much, much more than either male or female. God encompasses all that is, and then some. We are quite familiar with the male aspects of God, and most of us have a pretty clear image in our heads of God the Father, from our cultures and the patriarchal religions that have been dominant the last several thousand years.

But what about God the Mother? Who is She? And why is it so hard to get an image of Her in our minds?

The feminine aspects of God have been given little attention in the last few thousand years. But before the dawn of western civilization, before the Greeks and the Hebrews and the Romans and the Christians, cultures all over the world honored the Divine Mother as the giver and sustainer of all life. These cultures existed for thousands of years in peace, with no weapons and no war. Men and women were equally valued, and the role of women was honored as those who brought forth new life. The Earth and all of Nature was considered sacred, and the Divine Mother was honored through all the seasons and activities of life.

This "HERSTORY" has been totally suppressed, and most of us know nothing today about these peaceful civilizations or the Divine Mother. All remnants of Her temples and sacred groves were systematically destroyed and history was literally rewritten. In Europe and even in America, for over 200 years, women were burned at the stake for demonstrating any power whatsoever. This means that 400 generations of children saw their mothers killed for being powerful. No wonder women are afraid of their power! This tragedy is still in our collective unconscious, and even though women have relatively more freedom now in our country, thanks to the efforts of the suffragettes and the feminists, just look at how women are being treated around the world.

The way humanity treats women is similar to the ways in which humanity has treated Mother Earth. As long as the rape of women continues to be acceptable, the rape of the Earth continues.

So who is the Divine Mother?

The Divine Mother is She who conceived us and all the creatures and everything in the Universe in Her passionate desire to create.

The Divine Mother is She who labored and gave birth to us and all of creation with determination and hope, bringing us into the Light of Her love.

The Divine Mother is She who feeds us from her breasts, her milk the fruits of the earth that nourish us and keeps us alive and growing.

The Divine Mother is She who watches over us tenderly and holds our hands as we take our first steps into selfhood and consciousness, and it is She who picks us up gently when we fall down.

The Divine Mother is She who forgives us whenever we stray from the Light and turn away from her love, constantly sending us grace and love.

The Divine Mother is She who sends us little messages and angels to remind us that we are loved and worthy of being loved and cared for.

And the Divine Mother is She who welcomes us back into the eternal now when we pass on from this dimension.

It is the Divine Mother who sends us this message right now. She speaks to us through one another, and as our Big Sister. She waits patiently for us to listen to Her and give Her our response.

This message from the Divine Mother has been communicated to me as I experienced feelings of doubt and despair. It came to me through the words and actions of women in my life, and especially through the ministry of Margaret Fell, Mother of Quakerism, who often said, when she was terrified to do what she felt God was calling her to do, "All God has is me."

Here is the message from the Divine Mother:

All I have is you to act in the world....to be My arms, My hands, My voice, My heart, My strength, My wisdom, My will, My hope.

I am here to support you in whatever you do in My name. Whatever you feel called to do in My name, I will give you the strength and grace to do.

Some of you may be called to reach out beyond your own families and communities, as Linda Heacock did in Africa.

But most of you are called to be My presence right where you are, with the people you love, and the people who need you.

Don't judge any of your efforts on My behalf as not worthy or less important than someone else's actions. Everything you do on My behalf is important to Me.

All you need to do is listen to the still small voice, and I will guide you to tell you now you can best be My representative right where you are.

Sometimes I will nudge you to stretch yourself and give of yourself in ways that may not be comfortable for you. When you hear that call from deep within, ask for My help and guidance, and I will give you the grace and the resources to move forward.

When you are feeling stuck, and not sure of what to do next, just listen, and I will guide you.

As women, we must support one another and affirm each other's gifts, encouraging each of us to be faithful to our calls. Know that our words are powerful. They can and do make a difference in other's perceptions of themselves, their sense of self-worth and power. We especially must support the young women in our lives, and encourage them to listen deeply for the call of the Divine Mother, and to know their own worth and power to act on Her behalf.

We also need to support the men in our lives - our husbands, lovers, sons, brothers, co-workers- to listen to the call of the Divine Mother. Men also are called to recognize, honor, and act on the feminine values of love, compassion, community, healing, and forgiveness that they feel in their hearts. But it is a heavy burden being male in our society, where everything feminine is suspect and disdained, and men who allow their femininity to express itself are rejected by the greater society. Our men need our support and encouragement to express their true feelings so they can be loving fathers and husbands to us, and so they can build bonds of trust and hope into the future.

We all, men and women, must work together to build the future. This is a critical time in the history of our world, a time of extreme pain, and also of intense hopefulness. Many of us feel overwhelmed and helpless to address the huge problems we face.

But if we listen faithfully and act on the promptings of the Divine Mother, we will know what is ours to do.

Spirit we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You

AMEN.

SUGGESTED READING

A God Who Looks Like Me, by Patricia Lynn Reilly

Crossing to Avalon: A Woman's Mid life Ques

The Chalice and the Blade, by Riane Eisler

When God Was a Woman, by Merlin Stone

