



The Light of the Goddess

FROM the beginning, God the Daughter has shed Her light upon the world, guiding the lost souls of the earth through the labyrinth of illusion into the greater light of Her Mother. Life, at the best, is short. We know not whence we come nor where we go, and when we die, we pass into the darkness. God the Daughter has died into the darkness to pay the price of our redemption. She has suffered that we may cease to suffer; She has seen the dark to bring us to the light. This is the one religion of humanity, of which all later creeds are merely echoes; the one Truth known from time immemorial; the perfect mirror from which all the bright fragments are broken.

LUX MADRIANA ("The light of the Goddess") is an organisation devoted to spreading the ancient Truth once more upon the earth. Once more you can read the ancient Scriptures, practise the ancient faith, and join again Her family on earth. Her arms are open. Will you return?

God the Mother....

The Soul in the Market-Place

AMID the noise and frenzy of the modern world, the soul stands in confusion, like a child that has lost her mother in a crowded market-place. On all sides she hears the continual street-cries of the age: that death is the end; that nothing is real beyond what can be seen and touched; that the pursuit of material goods or emotional stimulation and the fleeting happiness they bring are the only aims that we can have.

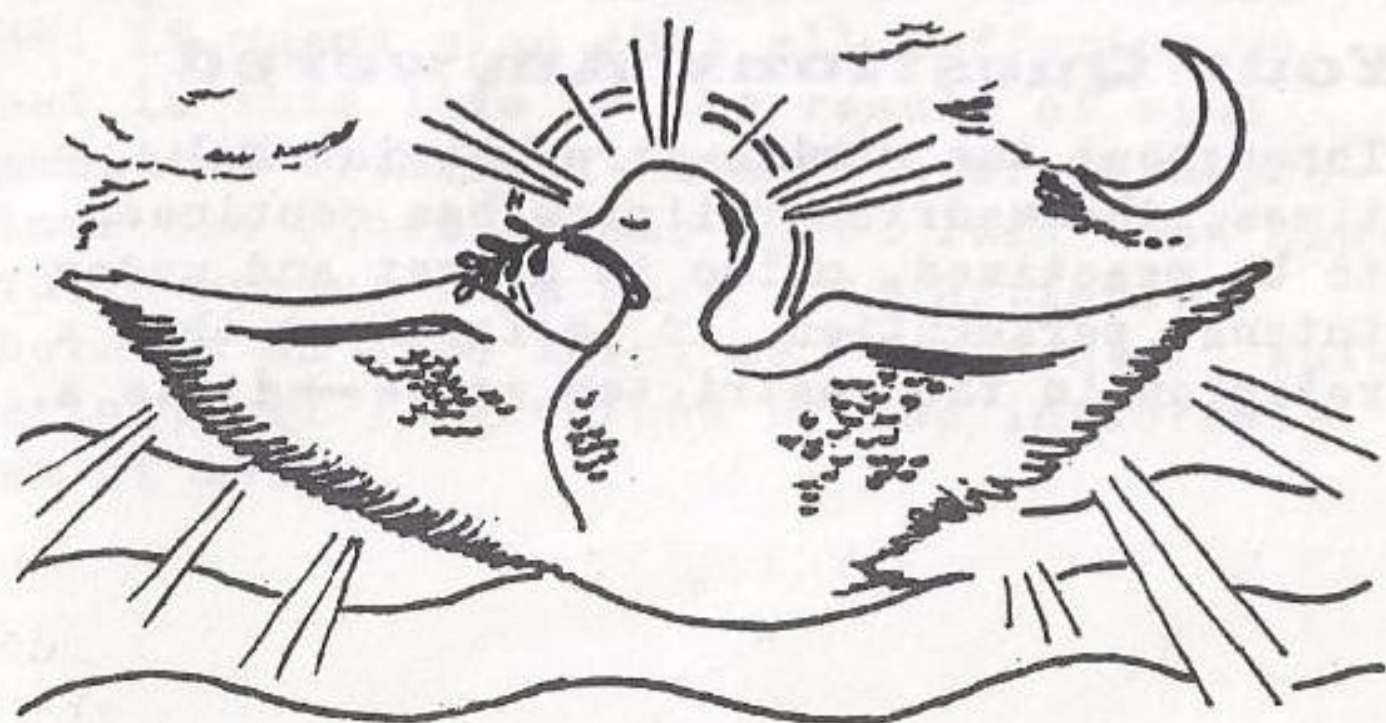
Sometimes she reaches out for one of the gaudy trinkets pressed upon her by the merchants of "scientific" materialism, but in her heart she knows that they are only worthless toys, even when they are not downright swindles.

She longs to turn to higher things, to things of the spirit. But where can she turn? One religion tells her one thing, another contradicts it, a third teaches something different altogether. She knows that there is some truth in all of them — but where is the whole Truth? The simple, single Truth that lies behind them all?

Why should there be such confusion? If God has spoken to the world, surely the truth must be pure and clear. Surely it must be human misunderstanding that has brought about this chaos of contradiction.

The One Ancient Faith

In truth, God *has* spoken to the world. She has taught us that She is the divine Mother-Spirit of the universe. She has taught us the secrets of life and death which give the answer to all the problems and confusions of the modern world.



THE DOVE: a symbol of the Goddess

For thousands of years, these teachings formed the basis of the one religion and philosophy accepted by the whole of humanity throughout the world. They provided the foundation for ancient civilisations based not upon material gain and physical technology, but upon spiritual harmony; civilisations in which the whole of society was one great Temple to the divine Mother-Spirit, and the soul's inner quest was the centre of life. This was the religion and philosophy which we now call Madrianism.

Toward the end of this period, humanity began to slip away from this state. Knowledge of spiritual realities became vaguer and less certain. The one primordial religion began to be fragmented into a number of separate creeds, each retaining some part of the whole Truth while losing other parts. The wise priestess-queens who had ruled the old world came to be replaced by warrior kings; and instead of worshipping the one Mother-Spirit, they set up various male gods "made in their own image". The deep wisdom, the spiritual arts and sciences of the old world were lost, only to be replaced, after a long period of barbarism, by a purely material science which took no account of the inner spiritual meaning of things, but looked only at their outward physical nature. This science may achieve many things on the purely material level, but, being ignorant of the true inner principles of our spiritual nature, it is powerless in the face of a world of ever-growing unrest, strife and sheer dissatisfaction.

The only answer for humanity is to return to the one Truth which was known from the beginning — like the child in the market-place, to return to her Mother. In truth, we have not been away for so very long; for measured against the whole of human history, the few thousand years in which our Mother has been forgotten, and strife and confusion have dominated the world, are but a day in the whole lifetime of humanity.

Your Questions Answered

Throughout the strife-torn patriarchal times, the Madrian religion has continued to be practised, often in secret and under intense persecution. It is far more than a religion in the restricted sense — it is a

total philosophy covering every aspect of existence, and a complete way of life. Because Madrianism is the primordial Truth, it is capable of answering all the important questions of life. Here, briefly are a few of those most frequently asked by the seeker after Truth. Consider them yourself and see if they do not make sense of things which have been dark to you and evoke an echo of memory from deep within your soul.

What am I? Where do I come from?

★ Your body, of course, came into being relatively recently; but the soul - the real "you" within the body - has existed from before the beginning of time. You were created in perfect union with God, and existed in a state of perfect happiness. At the dawn of time you turned from Her love, and so fell into exile from your natural state. Since then, you have passed through many lives, some in this world, others in other planes of existence.

What is the ultimate purpose of life?

★ To return to God and to be one with Her. She is perfect existence - pure happiness, pure beauty, pure love. If we seek beauty in a flower, we are really seeking the ultimate Beauty which Is God. If we seek happiness in earthly things, if we seek love, in reality our souls are yearning for Her. We cannot find real contentment until we have found Her. The modern world is always chasing "progress" like a dog chasing its own tail. Perfection is always around the corner, but it never arrives. Until it learns the true secret of life's purpose, modern society is always doomed to failure.

But surely God is neither female nor male....

★ In the strict biological sense, of course, it is nonsense to speak of Deity as having gender. But the terms "feminine" and "masculine" have a meaning which goes far deeper than merely physical characteristics, for all material things upon this earth are but the shadows of higher spiritual Realities.

The whole subject is a complex one. People usually want the answer wrapped up in neat logic; but even modern psychology recognises that the conscious, logical part of the mind is only the tip of a vast iceberg. When we speak of God as She, we are triggering off a whole set of unconscious and supra-rational spiritual processes which bring us to a fuller understanding of Her true Nature. That is why She revealed Herself to us from the beginning in female form. On the other hand, when people rebel against the Divine image and set up male god-forms, an opposite process is set in motion; one which can only lead to chaos and confusion and eventually to complete atheism. That is what is happening today.

Then how has humanity managed so long without Her?

★ Quite simply, it has not. Wherever religion has gone deep into the hearts of the people, the true Image of God has arisen in one form or another. In mediaeval Europe, Mary, as "Queen of Heaven" and "Star of the Sea" (the very same titles used for God the Mother before Christian times) became the Divine figure in whom rich and poor alike placed their trust. The male god of wrath was virtually eclipsed except among the official Church hierarchy. As a recent Christian writer has said: "...the deepest roots of the Marian cultus are not to be found in the Christian tradition at all. The religious history of humanity shows a recurring tendency to worship a Mother Goddess... What we have here is in reality an older religion... whose ancient features persist under a thin Christian veil."

In the late Roman empire, the strongest single religion was that of Isis (there were 53 Isian chapels in the city of Rome alone). In India the Divine Mother was universally worshipped as Devi or Durga; in China as Kuan Yin; in Tibet as Tara; in Japan as Amaterasu — the list could go on.

Wherever religion has seized the hearts of the people, the radiantly beautiful image of the Goddess has come quickly to occupy the centre of their devotions. The "official" male religion is left to monks and priests. When Her image fades, religion fades also, as it has in Protestant Europe.

But wasn't ancient Madrian religion a primitive fertility cult?

★ Far from it. Archaeological investigations at Catal Huyuk in Turkey show a highly sophisticated civilisation existing some 10,000 years ago. One in which women were the heads of households and the supreme Deity in every temple was female — one also in which there had been no wars for over a thousand years. Ancient Crete, a Madrian-matriarchal cultural centre of the Mediterranean, ruled by priestess-queens, possessed four-storey buildings, hygienic plumbing and chess. The same can be said of Madrian-matriarchal civilisations in ancient China, India, Babylon, central America; in fact wherever sufficient archaeological evidence is available.

The religion and philosophy of these civilisations was highly sophisticated and spiritual — far more so, indeed, than modern "scientific" materialism which understands only the outward and physical nature of things. No modern philosopher can equal the depth and brilliance of Plato or Socrates, yet these were only expounding such fragments of Madrian philosophy as they had been able to glean from surviving traditional sources. "Primitive" fertility cults, when they did exist, were merely a decadent perversion of the Madrian faith, usually taking place after a patriarchal takeover.

What is the cause of human suffering?

★ God is perfect Happiness; therefore to move away from Her is to suffer. She is perfect Good; therefore to do evil is to move away from Her. When we were at one with Her, there was no suffering, but in moving away from Her we felt pain, just as in moving away from a fire we become cold. It is a simple matter of cause and effect. In practice, this means that if we do something wrong or cruel now, we will meet suffering either in this life or in a later one. It means also that all suffering we meet in this life is the result of sins committed either in this life or in a previous one (just as our "good luck" and happiness spring from past good actions). There is no such thing as "accidental" suffering; all is governed by the inexorable law of moira.

Suffering — to a greater or lesser degree — is unavoidable so long as we are separate from God and therefore imperfect. That is why She wishes us to return to Her, for Her love is the one true remedy for human suffering.

What is the right way of life for humanity?

★ Since God has created the world as a temporary home for us and a path by which we may return to Her, it is natural that She should lay down the correct Way of living, so that life on earth may achieve its true purpose and its full potential. This Way we call *themis*. Themis is the Divine Harmony or Order. When we live in themis we are in harmony with nature and destiny. When we live out of themis (as the modern world does) we find only chaos and confusion.

In Madrian civilisations, there was no split between "religion" and "ordinary life". The crafts, for example, were a conscious reflection of the Divine Act of creation. Their tools, methods and attendant rites all had a ritual purpose linking both the craftsmaid and the user of the artefact to the one Creatrix. Every act of life comprised a symbolism and a ritual potency which linked it effectively to the Divine Principle which constituted its inner essence. Modern industry, looking only at outward "usefulness", makes "products" which work on the material level, but are spiritually worthless — and produces them by factory methods that are not only useless to the spiritual welfare of the working people, but positively soul-destroying. All around we see ugliness in concrete and plastic — monuments to the spiritual ignorance of the "outward" materialist mentality.

In themis, all authority descends from God Herself. Each ruler, from the Priestess-Queen to a wife or elder sister on a farmstead, acts not in her own right, but simply upholds the timeless harmony of themis. Each is a link in the golden chain that runs from the summit of Heaven to the humblest creature of the earth. Once the chain is broken, there is no true authority, and disturbances are rife, from wars and revolutions to vandalism and the "generation gap". Among those who have remained faithful down the centuries to the ancient faith, the chain is unbroken. The world, grown weary of the bitter fruits of its rebellion, seeks desperately for a solution to its crisis before it is too late. The solution is here.

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The Scripture of the creation of the world by the Goddess, together with the Divine teaching on the spiritual/moral principles of existence; with an introduction on the meaning of Scriptural Truth.

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