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The Madrian Faith and Patriarchal Religion

The order of the human world is patriarchal and has been so, throughout all lands, for the past few hundred years. Patriarchy means that not only is authority vested in male/men's hands, but masculist values prevail. A more detailed analysis of what these values are appears elsewhere,, but for the time being we shall focus on patriarchal religions in a very broad and general sense, rather as a religion in a masculist form. It is important to realise that this is not only ~~not~~ the sole ordering of society that is possible, but also it has not existed for all time. Matriarchy has also existed and it existed for a greater proportion of human history, though this knowledge is not widely recognised because of the fact that patriarchy has attempted to suppress it.

Once again, we stress that there is no need for any animosity to arise and we certainly are not speaking from such feelings. It is not the case of feeling resentful or antagonistic to men, because men are Madrians, and masculist values are adopted by women. Things are always complex in life. Nor is it a case of some women wanting to have the power that men have, in the form that they exert it now, merely to turn the tables round, and for domination to continue. Domination and tyranny are evils against which Madrians must be vigilant and unequivocal. However, true authority is not domination.

There are certain traits of masculist religions which are not compatible with the Truth and which it is important to clarify if one is to have a clear understanding of the Madrian Faith. For example, the nature of the Deity, when it is assumed to be male, adopts human passional imperfections and failings such as anger, wrath, ire, jealousy, a desire for avenging and punishment and so on. This is defamatory against the Divine since Her nature is Perfect Love, Tenderness and gentleness of an ineffable quality. She is, indeed, majestically powerful, almighty in Her justice and rigorous in the exaction of Her laws, but Her love in the form of mercy is ever present. This is perhaps something hard to imagine for some people, yet as Madrians we remember this at all times, specially in striving to control temper and disciplining children. We aim never to allow anger to arise.

There is another barrier to a true understanding of Reality, of the Divine and the orthodox doctrine. It stems from the ego, which is ever the enemy of truth and spirituality. It is extremely difficult to overcome the ego, once we have realised this is the task of the devotee, and indeed, in order to finally triumph over it, we have to call on the intervention of the Goddess, for it is not in our power to do so alone. The ego can become entangled in our spiritual strivings so that however noble they are, they are bound to the contingent and secular world. To put it simply, people identify with what a particular religion means

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in a "chauvinistic" way, something like being nationalistic. It is good to have an identity of oneself as part of a culture or ethnic group (and it is a great shame that the modern way of life has all but destroyed this, or at least adulterated it). However, once these feelings turn to pride, to fervour, to fanaticism, they turn sour and harm the bearer and others. So it is with religion. Religion, when it becomes a means of feeling superior to others, of feeling self-righteous, when the ego uses it to puff itself out and support itself, - religion then becomes an obstacle to spiritual progress, contradictory as this is.

We Madrians, in Her Name, ask anyone of a religious denomination seriously to consider this point, to examine whether what we say is true. For the patriarchal religions of the West have lost the transcendent element and a religion without transcendence is doomed to failure - it is like trying to have water without wetness or fluidity, truly. This is not the place to go further into the crisis of Christianity, but only to offer the solution to those who have the courage and the faith to look deeply into the matter. You have nothing to lose if you put yourself into the hands of your ever-loving Mother, with a renewal of understanding who the Deity truly is and always has been. If you do so, you will regain the True and that which was false will fall away as it eventually has to do. All this may be done with peace in our hearts; we are not here to spread contention or antagonism in any way.

This is the crux of what we assert, put very concisely: the true female image of the Divine was lost in the recent (comparatively) past and She is now making Herself known once more, for matters have gone from bad to worse, from worse to dire. Indeed, we do have material and technological benefits but we have an abysmal spiritual lack which is more of a danger than is generally acknowledged. This aspect of things is described in more detail in further literature. But the fact is that the idea of a male God, or of the Deity being male, of being lord and father of all, arose recently in history when previously it had been universally accepted that She is the Mother and Creatrix of All Things. The only "proof" or justification for the male Deity rests with the patriarchal propounders themselves and it is they who have discounted the matriarchal pre-existing truths, or appropriated them in the masculist religions, in some cases taking the very form of that religion and making it their own, yet distorting it. We fully realise this is a most serious accusation; indeed, the most serious that has ever been made against patriarchal religion, but we do it in the sincerity and calmness (i.e. anger-lessness) of knowing what we say is true. We are at a crucial time in the world's history and the Truth has to re-emerge at this point, offering each person the chance to make up her or his mind.

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This is the sum of our invitation: please listen, think about it and give it consideration, weigh it all up and by all means pray for guidance. If you have never questioned the established religion(s), then understandably there would be a reluctance to do so. One might feel it is not our place to do so, but we are not saying that each individual should interpret the truth for herself or himself; not at all. All we are saying is that the Divine does not expect us to follow others blindly nor to accept the truth blindly; in faith, yes, but not without using the mind and the intellect.

One might feel also that the particular form of a religion is what one has grown up with and is part of one's life and the thought of changing it is impossible to tolerate. Then be in peace with the Divine and your own sincerity and faith will be sufficient for you. If, however, you are still seeking and have the "divine discontent" which does not allow us to rest till we have found the Truth, then do not be afraid to question and seek for relief from doubt. Please also accept that along such a path there is always pain in the letting go of that which has been surpassed and this pain is also relinquished, eventually.

The Truth of the Goddess exhorts us to make spiritual progress: not to remain caught up behind a logjam or to wallow in a backwater, but to walk along a path that draws us closer and ever closer to our Home, which could be called Paradise, and which is to return to the primordial state of blissful union with our Maker. This is the state beyond this world of matter, of flux, beyond any further world of time and space, ultimately the state of utter Perfection which is quite unimaginable to us at present. But everything that is good, pure, true and beautiful reminds us of this Home, and in so far as we are participating in these qualities, we are making progress towards the Goddess. In so far as we are caught up in the illusions of this world and its evils, we are going in the opposite direction. All the pains and sufferings of this world have a spiritual cause, and the solutions are also spiritual. This world on earth cannot be made into Paradise; it can and should be improved as far as possible by spreading the Good, and in the Golden Age it shall be once again more wonderful than it is now, war and strife-torn as it is. But this is not our Home, not our final dwelling place nor resting place; to think this is to be deluded by its illusions.

If one understands this knowledge more perfectly, one is driven to strive for the virtues in a much keener way. Nor may we rest from striving with all our strength to perfect ourselves, to wipe out all faults and failings by leaning on a salvation that obviates this necessity. The true doctrine of salvation is open to all genuine seekers by oral transmission, for it is a sacred thing, and the inner teachings of the Madrian Faith are only given in this way to protect the received from a too superficial and irreverent assimilation. Thus you will find in these leaflets only the outer parts and if you wish to learn of the inner core, some preparation is necessary. This is not psychological brainwashing, for your free will should be used to accept the Truth. We only seek to clear away the worldly clutter and errors, the illusions and deceits of the forces that oppose the Light, leaving you free to choose, out to choose in a more enlightened state.