

SPARK 74

Distinction: You live in a patriarchy. You have the power to make the patriarchy irrelevant.

Notes: Previous to 6000 years ago, cultures of the world were matriarchal. Matriarchy is the original successful design of human cultures for at least 100,000 years. After the last ice age, severe climactic changes forced existing matriarchal cultures into desperate survival. Out of the chaos grew patriarchal survival strategies based on scarcity, competition, and the “I win, you lose” unconscious-warrior paradigm. Patriarchal raiders soon subjugated any remaining matriarchies. The patriarchy became all-pervasive and subjugates anything that comes into its path still today. If you have not thought about this before it is because the patriarchy does not teach you that it is a patriarchy.

This SPARK is about discovering that you are one of the people leaving the matriarchy / patriarchy polarity behind by stepping across a cultural-evolution bridge to *archearchy*, the next evolution of consciousness on Earth. Matriarchy is baby culture, people walking around in a giant salad bar open 24/7/365, mom taking care of everything. Patriarchy is adolescent culture, uninitiated teenagers competing against each other for being “cool” while making messes with no intention at all of ever cleaning them up. Archearchy emerges after matriarchy and patriarchy by placing authentic ongoing adulthood and archetypal initiatory processes at its center. Archearchy is archetypally initiated adult women creatively collaborating with archetypally initiated adult men.

One of your greatest obstacles to being a source person of archearchy is your early exposure and training in the rigid mental sterility inherent in the structure of patriarchy. Not to worry. You can liberate your mind from patriarchal shackles by doing a couple of experiments.

Experiment One: Notice the patriarchy. Do not be surprised if this experiment stirs up significant rage, grief, fear, confusion or despair. Profound feelings have been silently waiting within you until such time as you were ready to surf on them to another possibility. That time may be now.

Noticing the patriarchy is not easy. This is because you were born into the patriarchy and have known nothing different. Lacking alternative perspectives you are hypnotized into thinking this is all there is. Your experiment is to wake yourself up.

Observing the patriarchy is like one fish analyzing how contaminated the water is while the others ask no questions: not easy, but very educational. Observing the patriarchy gives you the power to make the patriarchy irrelevant by gaining a choice that you did not have before: patriarchy or authenticity? Which do you choose? When you fiercely discriminate between the patriarchy and untainted reality you create the option of choosing something other than patriarchy. Having options with a broader scope than that held by the patriarchy is crucial for a Possibility Manager.

By noticing the patriarchy you will start seeing that:

- You live in a world that is dominated and controlled by men.
- Modern culture is designed to serve the purposes of men.
- Men make and enforce the laws. Men make the decisions.
- Men design the cities, streets, buildings, transportation systems, communication systems, entertainment, and clothing; even kitchen appliances are designed and marketed by men.
- Men define women's beauty ideals. Men make advertisements.
- Women were recently given the right to vote, but this is an illusion of empowerment because voting itself is a masculine form of decision-making. Women do not make decisions by 51% vote. Women naturally make decisions through consensus. Men do not use consensus.
- If women want power in the patriarchy they must first subvert their femininity and become a better man than the men.
- The patriarchy continues through the education of our children by all forms of media and the schools. Women enslaved in the patriarchy teach their daughters how to live as slaves in the patriarchy.
- Sexual abuse of women and children is typical and often unobstructed or accepted as normal in the patriarchy.
- The patriarchy creates wars against the planet because the patriarchy is not round: love is missing. Women know how to prevent war, but do not do it. Watching the men suffer in patriarchy is revenge and demonstrates the little power that women do have.
- And so on...

Let the shock of these observations impact you at a deep level. The scar from this experience can serve you as a reference point for distinguishing yourself from the patriarchy. You can then say, "Ah, yes. That. That is a manifestation of the patriarchy. That is not me."

Experiment Two: Bring archarchy to life. You bring archarchy to life through personal shifts towards embracing the interrelationship of all beings. This can become the basis of your feeling, thinking, doing and being. What does that mean? How do you do this? Here are some ways:

- ☺ Take a few minutes each morning, afternoon, and evening to stop wherever you are, relax, slow your mind, breathe through the soles of your feet, and enter coherence with the millions of other people around the world who are also shifting to archarchy.
- ☺ Stop seeing things as you have been trained to see them, as solitary isolated objects. Notice how objects harmonize, dance together, and relate to each other. Notice how each object and creature is using and being used by everything around it. For example, a wooden chair is made from a living tree that grew from the Earth. Wood is sunlight and Earth transformed by intelligence. The chair is used by a person for sitting, and also by a spider as part of its trap to catch and eat flies. Chairs are nurturing for humans and dangerous for flies.

- ☹ Patriarchy teaches that the person who just walked by you is separated from you by the physical space between you. Because of the separation you think that you do not have to care about them. In your experiment shift your perception to experience that the space between is what connects you together. Both of you are breathing the same air. Your bioenergetic fields caress each other. Agreeing to ignore each other is the patriarchal dance. Do the archearchal dance, agreeing to help each other learn.

Each moment you live archearchy is one less moment of life for patriarchy. This SPARK is not a call to revolution but to evolution. Your evolution. Subverting the patriarchy is totally irrelevant. What is relevant is you waking up to who you are, inextricably connected to everyone and everything else, always and everywhere, with the inescapable power to choose with each action which cultural context you endorse.

Through your personal experimentation you can learn more about archearchy. When you learn to bring archearchy to life, a small piece of humanity learns. The global ethnosphere changes. When your day-to-day creations establish archearchy, then archearchy lives. Through your experiments, egalitarianism, mutuality, and love of life regain a foothold all over the world as viable alternatives to globalization.

In particular, this is a call for women to wake up. It is easier for women to get out of the patriarchy than men. Women are smarter, faster, and in many instances stronger than men. Women live longer and have better orgasms. Women have known this about themselves all along but have been using the discrepancies to complain and manipulate. It is now time for you to own your strengths and put them to use responsibly. Stop trying to beat the patriarchy at its own game. You can, of course. But what do you get if you play the men's games better than the men? You get more fear, hatred, and aggression from men.

The invitation is for you to play a different game. Play archearchy. You can play archearchy even if everyone around you plays patriarchy. Then if a man wants to be with you he will have the motivation to drop the teenage games and do whatever it takes to grow up and meet you in archearchy.

Best wishes,
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