

Wise Women

“As you have undoubtedly noticed, the feminine is rising at last, overflowing the banks of every landscape, from politics to religion, from the world of entertainment to the fields of peace and justice. She is unconditionally loving, and she is deliciously irreverent. She is shifting the global paradigm from one of dominance and individualized salvation to one of collective awakening and service to all beings.

Her wisdom has been hidden in the heart of each of the great spiritual traditions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and all Indigenous wisdom ways. ...offering medicine for the broken heart of humanity and the materials needed to mend the torn fabric of the earth.

...It is the Christian women mystics who have become my most cherished spiritual sisters and role models. ...Through each of these wise women, I have come to recognize the holiness of incarnation. There is nothing in this gorgeous, messy world, not a thing in my own imperfect perfection, no place in the scope of the human predicament or the majesty of the natural world that is not, by its very nature, blessed: the chosen dwelling place of the One we love. [1]

Our experiences of embodiment may not always correspond with idealized images of holiness, but these preconceptions derive from masculine standards of perfection. Such paradigms have caused great harm, and they are no longer valid. I invite you to abandon your efforts to fix yourself and instead reclaim your innate beauty and worth as a luminous cell in the body of Mother Earth.” [2]

- [1] Mirabai Starr, “Indwelling and Outflowing,” *the Mendicant*, vol. 9, no. 2 (CAC: 2019), 3.
[2] Mirabai Starr, *Wild Mercy: Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics* (Sounds True: 2019), 154.

Blessing + Quote

“My God is an incarnate feminine power, who smells like vanilla and is full of sass and truth, delivered with kindness.”

Rev. Dr. Jacqueline J. Lewis

Reflection

Who are / have been the wise women in my life?
What is God revealing to me through them?