

THE EXILE  
WAITING THE RETURN

FALL OF THE MATRIARCHY

It is advanced that the matrilineal organization may have been the initial human social alignment. This belief is supported by the studies conducted by Marija Gimbutus and Riane Eisler. Erich Neumann in his classic work, "The Origins and History of Consciousness," sketches the evolution of social development. In his view, human consciousness arose out of the concept of Great Round, Uroboros or Great Mother. It follows then that the initial human society would be somewhat matriarchal. In such an arrangement nature and fertility would hold prominent significance.

A matriarchal ordering would not necessarily imply masculine subordination. There may have been gender equality, but with the feminine called upon to decree. The overwhelming presence of nature, in a mythic sense, held the male captive to fertility. This pressure may well have been experienced in what Neumann called the Goddess' son-lovers who sought to escape fertility's demands. To do so, son-lovers sought escape by concealment in a tree or by castrating themselves.

In this early period of consciousness, the matriarchal paramount (Queen) had a male consort who was subject to sacrifice in order to fertilize the land. As consciousness grew, the consort claimed the right to challenge another male and if the consort won the combat, the defeated combatant would be sacrificed. This combat gave way to where the consort could name a replacement to be sacrificed in order to fertilize the land or have an animal sacrificed. Finally, the consort gained the power to rule as King over the Queen and with this development the patriarchy came into social dominance. No longer would feminine fertility dominate. Rather masculine domineering would now play the critical role in birthing while the feminine was relegated to vessel. It followed that the patriarchy would curtail feminine power and wisdom. By the time that the Religions of the Book came into being, the feminine no longer was found in the heavens; creation was thought to have been the result of masculine prowess solidified in the "WORD."

What follows is a prose narrative regarding the exile of the feminine from the heavens and the Fall of matrilineal order.

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In the beginning was the Womb;  
The Word came later.  
Nothing was seen.  
It was time for birth.  
Sight took in light.  
A sound echoed 'maa-aa.'  
Mother Of All took face  
And boughs rich with life  
Circled her flowering throne.  
All were sons and daughters  
Of the Womb.  
The Goddess flourished  
Her alters decked  
With budding bloom;  
Peaceful her reign.

Life endlessly flowed  
Until thought arrived  
To usher in reflection.  
Head contested Womb.  
Word took root  
And subjugated nature.  
Son-lovers sought out  
From fertility's tightened grip.  
Great Mother's consorts no longer keen  
To feed the ravenous earth  
And become next season's seed.  
Rebellion took place,  
Great Mother's crown pilfered.  
Phallus now a pointed blade  
Became the primal source,  
And womb nothing but a vessel.

Out of the plains they came  
Bronze swords in hand  
To lord over the land

While the Mother into exile went.  
The sacred earth,  
Without the Mother's loving hand,  
Began to sink in the muck  
That fouls all fields and air.  
To the Netherland she went  
Where in the light  
Of the darken moon  
Her fertile pulse Took on the sheen  
Of personal love.

The exile long  
The return uncertain.  
The promise bright  
To rescue the children  
Of rebellious kings  
From their growing perils  
Of darken mushroom clouds  
That hint of dreary doom.  
Without the Mother's intercession  
The evil pouring out  
Has no restrain.  
Nothing more than to seek  
Out the Soul and await  
The Goddess' long sought return  
From the bowels of the aching Earth.