



„International Mother-Summit 2008“ From mother-less society to a symbolic order of the Mother

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When we talk about mother we mean every woman. Every woman has the potency of a mother, although she does not give birth to children for any number of reasons. She herself decides how she wants to realize her motherly energy. Every woman, be she young or old, has the potency of a mother, because she is a representative of that half of humanity being capable of passing on life.

Life continues because a mother has given life to a newborn.

The basis of all social, civil and cultural areas is the fact that all life is birthed by a mother. To be born of a living organism – a mother – mother earth – mother of all that is, is the reason and obligation to give high value to this fact. The patriarchal ideal of independence justifies life just as little as the notion of "everlasting progress" and "unlimited growth".

To be connected to our origin – born by a mother – and united with all that exists, which is called life, is the symbolic order of the mother.

We want to pay respect to these conditions of our existence and ask:

- What is the implication of the fact that all life is birthed by a mother – for me, for society, for politics?
- How do existing matriarchal societies treat this fact?
- What would it imply should we restore the symbolic order of the mother?
- Would a general awareness about the ancient order of the mother lead to a paradigmatic change?
- What would distinguish such a society?

In peoples such as the Minangkabau, the Mosuo, the Dagra, the Akan, the Khasi, the Cham and the Kabyle mothers guide the fate for the well being of all.

For them Mother means identity, home, protection, place of safety, emotional and spiritual orientation, because in the symbolic order of so called primitive races motherliness means social engagement and is the most important trait – even in men.

The "International Mother-Summit 2008" will pursue these questions and due to the results of decades in matriarchal research and contributions by both female and male representatives of matriarchal societies develop a new picture of mothers and therefore a new view of the world.