

## **Humanity's Collective Dark Night**

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*-Beverly Lanzetta*

We pass through a dark night of our collective humanity, as we search for the foundation of our divinity. We are purging ancient sins or other kinds of failings, seeking within ourselves a greater truth. We know something else exists, some exuberant life which explodes within our beings. And we—as a human community—are grappling with what it is and how to get there. In life we have glimpses of a wholeness that defies categorization and we call for it, even though it seems to have no name. Nuclear disarmament, self-help movements, war protesters, women's rights, human rights, environmental concerns, and other issues cry out for recognition and for consideration of our destiny as one whole and inseparable Earth community.

This collective intonation cannot be other than our plea for creativity, and for our place in the sacred realm. It is the Divine Feminine who speaks in darkness, crying out for recognition. It is our spiritual union with life, which cannot withstand the separation of our collective selves. It is this feminine voice that pushes aside considerations, religious separatism, nationalism, karma, sin, and other human sufferings, and sacrifices itself for the redemption of us all. Unfortunately, it is a voice that has been denied for too many centuries and relegated to an unacknowledged part of our beings. But it speaks, nonetheless, calling us to action.

We are to learn the language of profundity, and to embody the wisdom of universality, for only in this way can we leave behind ignorance and millennia of separation and pain. For we, as holy beings, are called to embrace wisdom, Holy Wisdom, and to celebrate the sanctity of all creation. Amen

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