

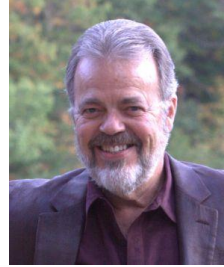
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Bio:

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Father Sky and Mother Earth: The Masculine and Feminine at the Great Disruption

Initial presentation *20 minutes*

Second part of presentation: 25 minute panel discussion with myself, Daniel, and one other SA man to round it out, having an audience discussion about how men – the masculine – can best serve the feminine during the time of the Great Disruption, moving toward the Great Turning

Summary

Being truly prepared for the great Disruption consists of a lot more than having a garden, some guns and ammo, and a year's worth of food put away. While individuals who do physically prepare are way ahead of the game, every bit as important are the mental, spiritual, and emotional aspects of preparation. We'll talk about one part of those aspects: doing our internal work around healing the deep wounds and archetypal shadows of the masculine and the feminine. Existing in the exterior and interior realms of men and women, individually and collectively, healing these aspects of ourselves is essential to our transformation.

In-depth Presentation

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This conflict between men and women – or gender wounding - reveals that men and women carry a lot of baggage about the other gender, and this baggage tends to be triggered in interactions between them in relationship and in community living/working situations. As The Great Disruption intensifies, it's possible that many of our communities will become much more violent. Violence against all people is likely to escalate in ways we cannot even imagine. We believe that women in particular feel vulnerable, and while they may not openly acknowledge this, it is likely that many of them, on some level, do not trust the men who claim to be their allies to stand beside them in violent or volatile situations. Likewise, for many men who are aware of collapse, trust in their female allies is tenuous.

One of the things that the great Disruption - or collapse - offers us is an opportunity to recreate ourselves and the world we live in. As the old systems continue to break down and become obsolete, we can create a new story of who we are in the new world, and that includes the relationship between the masculine and the feminine. The best time to do this work is now. If collapse moves us into 19th century life conditions, there won't be time to do that work.

Our shadow aspects are the parts of ourselves that are hiding, and these aspects hold the truth of all the authentic parts of being human –our vulnerabilities, our discontentment, our jealousies, or an experience from the past we have not digested or come to terms with. How do we know what's in shadow? One way is to look at what triggers us. A more conscious way is by being aware of - and using - our Shamanic Astrology Archetypes for the masculine and the feminine, where we can bring the shadow aspects out of the dark and place them into a “witness” or “third-person” perspective - the archetype - thus allowing us to see our shadow without them threatening us so we can more easily work with them.

Last, using the tools of Shamanic Astrology and other modalities, the presentation ends on a positive note and offers a way for us to create a new story, a new way of being, a way to “Collapse into Consciousness,” and birth a new human for a new earth.