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Original Sin

I'm not a religious person, as many of you know. I am a spiritual person, and that is enough for me. But that doesn't mean I don't know about or don't understand Religion and how it plays into the fabric of our society.

Remember the whole "Garden of Eden, Snake, Apple, eviction" thing? Nobody blames the snake. Nobody blames Adam, everyone blames Eve. Blame the woman because she became the go-to politically and socially, from that moment on.

The woman is the only one responsible. The woman who satisfies the desires of a man is denigrated as "a fallen woman", but the man is elevated as a "stud".

Women weren't allowed to work in administrative positions because they would be a distraction to men. Get that? The man can't control himself, so that's on the woman, not on the man. And the general consensus is that 'women are too emotional, don't have enough self control'... but the men never seem to be required to have self control. If they don't have self-control, it's her fault, not his.

Women were paid less (and still are) because it is presumed that a man "needs the money more" and I asked about it once, at a job where the Union made it so I would be paid the same. "What's the Big Deal?" I asked. The answer floored me:

"Because men have families to raise, so they need more money."

I kid you not. That is the logic. Given the high divorce rate, and how many women are the ones single-handedly raising their children, because many men either can't pay or skip out, that logic makes about as much sense as a talking snake.

To this day, if a woman is raped, she is interrogated so that the police can figure out what part of it was her fault. Whatever she was wearing, wherever she was walking, whatever she was doing, whatever people she was trusting, whatever she was drinking... all that or any of that is interpreted as "permission" to rape.

Even young girls, under the age of 10, are asked the kind of questions that would lead a jury to think she must've done something, had to be "something" she did, because the man cannot be entirely responsible for his own actions, his own ugly behaviors.

Rape is something so vicious, so ugly, we don't even want to know a person who is a rapist. It's evil. We can't think of our relative or our friend or co-worker as someone capable of something that horrific. It would make us, somehow stained with that evil.

The Original Sin blames women for all the wrong that befalls them, and it absolves all the men who commit it against them. Of course, on rare occasions, men get convicted of rape, child rape. But there are more who commit it that don't. There's a reason most victims never report it. Being raped by the rapist is one thing. Being raped by the system, the police who mock you, the court system that blames you, and society that looks at you like you're dirty, is a hell of a price to pay for telling the truth. Especially for children.

By the way, men and boys also get raped. They don't report for the same reason, but we're sticking with the Original Sin/blame the woman for the actions of men here to keep it from becoming a 50 page post.

Now you see how quickly & easily Society, Police, and our Government are to not blame the Man, let's take it a few steps further along.

Because the levers of power are firmly in the hands of White Men, who also control Law Enforcement, the Courts and our Government, Victims have few if any resources. Men, White Men, have most of the economic leverage because despite there being laws (Lily Ledbetter) to pay women the same, there is no enforcement. It's incumbent on the victim of unfair pay to find out how much she's being underpaid, and when she does, if the time has elapsed between her starting her employment and her finding out about the discrepancy, ahhh sorry! Your statute of limitations to file a lawsuit against the company that underpaid you for decades, has expired!

See? Put enough hurdles and hoops in the way, and women are kept down by a system that designs to keep them down because it is designed by men and they program the entire beast.

Ok, now you see how women are to blame for all that ails men, to blame for their worst behaviors, and how even laws meant to help them, still have trap doors to thwart them and keep them from gaining power.

Ok, stop right there. You're already thinking, probably talking amongst yourselves about how so many more women are in business, so many more women are in government... so, problem solved right?

Women are 52% of the makeup of Society. Women hold less than 10% of the positions that would move them to power or economic equality. Keep them down. Blame them for what befalls them.

Oh, and if there's a Hurricane or some other natural disaster, some hellfire evangelical will tell you it's because of women. Religion always comes in to reinforce the Patriarchy. How many priests are women? How many women are parishioners? See the Power Imbalance?

Power Imbalance, The Real Sin

Well, here we are, our speed read on how the power imbalance in our society, our government had its roots way back in the day when religion first stepped onto the scene, and declared that women were the cause of all suffering in this world, including their own. And how everything has formed itself around that religious precept.

The Church had the power over the “soul” of society. It ruled by fear and guilt. People gave wealth to the church so they would appear to be ‘good people’. The poor gave what little they have to the church so the church would ‘bless’ them in the midst of their poverty. So it was only natural that governments would also form themselves around a concept that had already gripped the people, most of whom were by law, uneducated.

Back in the Day, education was for the elite, the wealthy and those of Royal Blood.)(Royal Blood, btw, was determined by the Church who ordained the Kings and Queens. So, there you have it: The Church was not a government, but it controlled government by guilt & fear, and for a price, those who ruled were blessed, therefore their crimes against their own subjects or attacks on other kingdoms, were deemed “God’s Will”

Nifty, eh? You get the masses to believe they are born into sin, that their poverty, sickness & suffering is brought on by themselves, and the levers of power & the authority of religion, form an alliance that keeps them from learning differently or thinking differently.

Control their Thinking, their Minds and you Control everything. We’re back in Today, in case you are wondering, and these mechanisms, instilled in our ancestors are practically part of our DNA, and we are easily led by Anger, Fear, Guilt and lookin’ around for a scapegoat to blame for the failures of our society to protect us.

Education became more accessible to the masses, so we needed to get more scapegoats. Besides, the women are fighting back and the Patriarchy is losing ground. Now comes Racism. We need Racism to keep that Imbalance of Power in effect.

Racism is easy. It feeds on Ignorance, creates Fear, and uses Scapegoats to justify the worst abuses of Humans upon Humans. It’s like a religion of its. We’ve been programmed for generations to accept Fear & Guilt, to blame others for our plight in life. Blame the Woman for she is evil, (*Translation: Men are weak. So weak they can’t handle the Guilt, so Women were the first scapegoat*). Blame the Black Man. Blame the Red Man. Blame anyone but the White Man.

Racism works because our society has been indoctrinated from the beginning, to not hold those who are in power, who commit abominable acts, accountable.

So, when you see Racism and Bigotry on the rise, it is a signal that those in power are doing abominable things and they want you, me, all of us, to not look at them, but to blame each other.

They want to pit us against each other because if we ever unite, we become stronger. We become stronger, they start to lose absolute power, and run the risk of being held accountable.

The levers are straining to keep us all in our place: Education comes with so much debt that if you get higher education, you can't pay off the debt until you are ready to collect social security. The banks are allowed to rip off anyone seeking a Student Loan. This current administration is working day and night to undo the protections that were put in place during the Obama administration.

I say "Obama" and how many of you started to boil? How many of you blame him for all your troubles? You can leave now. If you stay, you might learn how badly you've been conditioned by the power structure that worked to prevent him from taking office *(Because he's Black and if you have a Black President, how are you going to keep that Racist meme of Blacks being inferior alive? You'll need another Scapegoat! Run!)*

I know what you're going to come at me with: "Obama wasn't perfect y'know," (*spit).

Yah, I know. I never said he was. For the record, there are no, none, nada, zip, nunca, never ever been a perfect Human Being, and no President is expected to be perfect. But he did save our economy, which was in free fall from decades of deregulation, and worked to make the economy better, and to pass the ACA *(By the way, your Republicans are working Day and Night to take away your healthcare, and Social Security and Medicaid, so you might want to get on that. Nah, don't bother, you'll find a scapegoat. Those in power will point their boney white fingers at someone who is different from you in some way, and the press, most of which are owned by Corporations, most of which are owned and run by White Men, will steer you directly into that cage match and then marvel at the violence appearing, almost out of nowhere...It's a pattern. Can you see it now?)*

Sand Castles

... I digress. It happens a lot. Anyhow, you have a president now that disregards every law, embraces every enemy and alienates every ally. That's what all that Social Conditioning we've experienced for hundreds of generations has done for us.

There is so much that has happened that needs accountability, that we can't keep track. It's local, it's in our neighborhoods, our schools, our governments, and at the very top of the heap, the Federal Government.

They are so invested in keeping themselves from being held accountable, and so many that are complicit by bribe or blackmail, that they have to keep us hating and not trusting the intentions of people who don't look like us, don't worship like us, and we have to keep blaming them for all that ails us, because if we don't, if we don't... all that evil that has been building for centuries, will begin to crumble like sand castles in the rushing tide.

The one thing that would make us all stronger is JUSTICE.

The very core of every misery is a sense of injustice, of where we were wronged. It is an imperfect world and we learn to live with disappointment and even betrayal by friends. But what we cannot live with is the betrayal of Justice.

When the police can just walk in and take someone out of your life by putting a bullet in their head, for no reason. That's injustice. When they are cleared of wrong-doing despite the fact that they have a history of not following procedures or protocols, and of violating rights, and in a case where there is video of the murder, or witnesses to the murder, and they are cleared because... of Power Imbalance. An imbalance sustained by Injustice.

When we look at the victim and say: "They were less than me because ...they weren't perfect, they had problems, they'd done bad things in the past (*who hasn't?*)" ... WE become part of that imbalance. We let it go.

When the Victim is a Person of Color (POC for short), we don't identify with them. We assume, like the raped woman syndrome, he or she. "Did something to bring this on themselves.", WE become complicit in the Power Imbalance. It's easier to be complicit than it is to stand up for a stranger because we have forgotten how to recognize ourselves in others.

We see the outrage of police who target minorities, and we don't get involved. Remember that conditioning? "DON'T GET INVOLVED".

I'm here to tell you this much: Unless we do get involved, and get proactive, and start seeing ourselves in the faces of strangers who are suffering Injustice, we will fail as citizens, and as Human Beings.

Unless we pursue through the unity of alliances, the cause of JUSTICE, especially for those who have suffered injustices at the hands of Law Enforcement or the System, we are surely doomed to lose everything, and quickly.

We can only gain through Unity. We can only lose through disunity. Racism, Bigotry and Misogyny are designed to divide us into smaller and smaller (think "Bitesize") pieces.

Talk To Me

This blog was started because of Injustice. That injustice continues to grow. We can defeat it, but it takes us letting go of racism, bigotry, and the fear of people who don't look like us or worship like us.

Contact was the design of European men who wanted to expand their power and their realms. We were not founded because of religion (that's part of the false mythology put forward by the Church to keep people submissive and paying), it was founded because of trade. It was the traders that came to our shores, and saw opportunities for wealth.

It was the Church that came here and justified the taking of lands as "empty" based on the most ridiculous predicate that "If there are no Churches, the lands are free for the taking".

The Church justified the taking of lands, the slaughter of innocents (*they blessed their weapons and absolved their killers in advance... a practice still held in the wars of today*)

Injustice is Sanctified by the Church. Ask yourself if your Jesus would feel welcome walking into a Televangelist's gilded buildings. Ask if Jesus would ride in their limousines or fly in their private jets... Injustice is protected by government agencies run by people who rub shoulders with predators. They flaunt it now.

[EIGHT Republican Congressmen](#) flew to Russia on the Fourth of July. Eight. Do you think they care about this country? Or are worried we'll find out how much Russian Money has been filling their pockets and for how long? They don't fear us. They have us so divided they don't even have to hide it anymore. They rub our noses in it.

The same cops that go out and beat up little kids because they aren't White, or kill them because they can get away with it, and then keep their badges, or even get promoted, don't fear accountability because they know we are too divided to seek Justice. They strut around our towns, rub our noses in it.

You see a pattern?

You stay quiet on this and everything because you're scared. I don't blame you. We have to find a way to make alliances for accountability and for Justice.

I say we start in Indian Country. Where every Treaty has been broken by the White Man, but none by The Native Americans. Every day, that Injustice robs them and robs us. Everyday that creates a climate of injustice that makes criminals wealthy and decent people fearing retaliation.

I will do my part, as I did before, to shine a light on these issues, to create a greater understanding of who we are as a Society, and who we can be if we really want something better.

Eddie's spirit never left the Rez. He's been seeking Justice ever since he was murdered. Those who murdered him are part of something much bigger. Something that reaches all the way into those marble halls of government and touches every lever of power.

Until we can do something to unite in the cause of Justice for Native Americans, for People of Color, for people who just want to live their lives in Peace, we will never know how truly great we can be.

We are on the verge of losing everything before we realize it. The Republican Party has become nakedly corrupt, and drunk with power.

But their power is based on fear, racism, bigotry, greed, misogyny... those aren't strengths, they are weaknesses.

Women are not to blame for the abuses they endure. Abusers are.

People of Color are not to blame for the Injustices they endure. Those who commit those injustices upon them, are.

Native Americans are not to blame for the violations of their Rights and Dignity. Those who violated the Treaties and stole the lands & resources are.

Immigrants are not to blame for low wages. Greedy corporations whose top level management & CEO's have seen their salaries & wealth increase from 40 x the rate of pay for their workers to 5,000 x the rate of their workers' pay, are.

Our crumbling infrastructure, failing schools, and other ails are not caused by an Angry God, but by the very wealthiest not paying their fair share of taxes, while the little guy pays more and more, and the safety net crumbles around the most vulnerable.

We can build better, safer and we can take care of our sick, wounded, disabled and poor and help them to get on their feet. We can have compassion for those less fortunate. We can build a thriving society. But it requires Justice, Accountability and Unity.

We can become a Great Nation again. We can rise above mindless hate and racism. Or we will drown ourselves in it by our silence.

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Restless Spirit

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Speak where you can, out loud or in whispers. Stand where you can, for those standing up to all that is wrong and unjust. Bullies lose their power when we gain our voices. Start small. Start with yourself. Start with your family and your friends.

Find in ourselves, each of us, that which is good. That which is good is strong. And know one thing for certain true: You matter. Even if you are at your lowest point of despair, you matter. And I am not the only one that thinks so.

You know where to find me.

~Cat