

Take Me Off The Cross

Reverend Sunspirit

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In the preface, Reverend Sunspirit, author of "Take Me Off the Cross," says that the book was not so much written by her as channeled through her, in a manner where the mind and ego of the author got out of the way and allowed words to flow onto the page. As a dictated work, "Take Me Off the Cross" is a powerful and inspiring message to reform the way we see religion and Jesus Christ.

"Jesus Christ came to me on a California beach years ago," writes Sunspirit, and that visitation culminated in her book. The concept of taking Christ off the cross is to relieve humanity of a constant reminder of its sins. "Instead, we are asked now to glorify ourselves, to take Christ off of the cross, and celebrate with him our holiness together." The entire image of Christ nailed to the cross is, the book says, one perpetrated by people in power rather than driven by any religious significance.

At this inflection point in our history, "(t)he true transformation from Christ's original teachings is only now coming to the Earth plane...People are waking up to the truth." Sunspirit asks men to get in touch with their "femaleness" in order to find balance and harmony in their inner/outer lives, and to reject "selfishly-felt aggression" and greed for money. "If the man does not claim his receptive femaleness," Sunspirit writes, "he...is lost in imbalance. He ends up being action without the idea...His actions become selfish and serve only himself."

"Take Me Off the Cross" also includes moving poems that drive the meaning of chapters home. The poem titled "Divine Devotion," for instance, reinforces the message that we need to step into a new, clean, peaceful future, where there is "equality between men and women and between groups of people." The poem goes: "Let us wash each other's feet / In a circle around the Earth, / Cleansing a past of disagreement / Making clean what walks on this Earth." Sunspirit in particular calls for a peaceful coexistence of religions, without the need to convert followers of one faith to another. Soon "(p)eople of religions will adopt an All One heart-felt theology."

Above all, "Take Me Off the Cross" exalts the universal quality of love; only this "profound love in people will mend the wounds of crucifixion." It is in keeping with Sunspirit's own efforts to bring about world peace and equality through her Sunspirit Foundation, an alliance of divine love. Her book is, in a sense, a manifesto for an ideal human world, bringing together strands of thought as diverse as Christian theology and Mayan prophecies.

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