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Mercury Retrograde & Super Moon
South America, 5WCW, Upcoming Events

Dear Friends,

Mercury goes retrograde for the final time in 2017, from December 3 to 22. It happens about four times a year when the planet Mercury looks like it is spinning backwards. Mercury retrograde is blamed for miscommunication, dysfunctional communication devices, relationship troubles, and travel mishaps — all things we don't want to deal with during the holiday season. When such happens, it's good to have some explanation that is time limited. After December 22, Mercury goes direct and all can go well. Mercury was the messenger god, trickster, communicator—known by the Greeks as Hermes.

At the same time that Mercury is retrograde, the Super Moon will be in the sky—which may lighten the situation.



The only supermoon of 2017 takes place Dec. 3. According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, supermoons appear up to 14 percent larger, and up to 30 percent brighter, than regular full moons. The Full Cold Supermoon will be closest to Earth in the early morning hours of Dec. 4. However, that's not necessarily the best time to see it. National Geographic reported that the best time to view this bright beauty is right after sunset on Dec. 3 when the Full Cold Moon rises.

Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Santiago With Artemis and Goddesses in Everywoman

I'm back from traveling to Argentina and Chile, where I spoke on *Goddesses in Everywoman* and led workshops on *Artemis: the Indomitable Spirit in Everywoman*. I was featured at the International Book Fair in Santiago, Chile, interviewed for print media, on radio and videotaped. Thanks to having all thirteen of my books in Spanish, and sponsors who got the word out, I was treated like a celebrity author with lines of people waiting to have their books signed and now that everyone has cellphones that take photographs, to also have a picture with me. Such warm, expressive, demonstrative Latin Americans! I was being an author on tour, but also being an activist—seeding the idea of circles with a sacred center, and advocating for a UN 5th World Conference on Women. I found that there are already many circles and as predicted by morphic field theory, circles are forming faster and easier, which is the premise of the Millionth Circle.



An Hour Meeting with the President of Chile



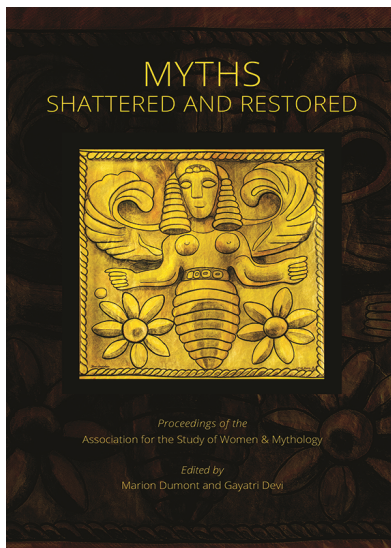
It was a pleasure to have a lively conversation with Michelle Bachelet, the President of Chile, whom I had met when she was the founding Executive Director of UN Women at the United Nations. The Chilean constitution does not allow its president to serve consecutive terms, so after a very successful term as president, she came to New York to head this new United Nations entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

When we had last been together, it was at an informal dinner with five others. She spoke to me then of her personal support for a UN 5WCW. Soon after (this was five years ago), she left the UN to return to Chile to run for and become elected President of Chile once more. It was a delight to talk about many things, to laugh and have time pass quickly, and let her know that I continue to be a 5WCW advocate. with India in mind. She left the next day for the APEC conference in Asia with other heads of state, including President Trump. Next time I saw her was in the "Class photo" of heads of state wearing the blue "class" jacket.



UN 5th World Conference on Women

I will be going to the United Nations for the Commission on the Status of Women (March 12 -23) as a Women's World Summit Foundation delegate. Elly Pradervand, founder and executive director of WWSF, is also a convenor of the Millionth Circle. We submitted a written statement to the CSW "Advocating a UN 5th World Conference on Women and Parallel NGO Meetings" and haven't yet heard whether it was accepted. Once accepted, it is published through ECOSOC in the five official UN languages. We have until December 15 to submit a proposal for the NGO CSW Forum for a panel, once submitted we will wait to know whether it was accepted.



Myths Shattered and Restored

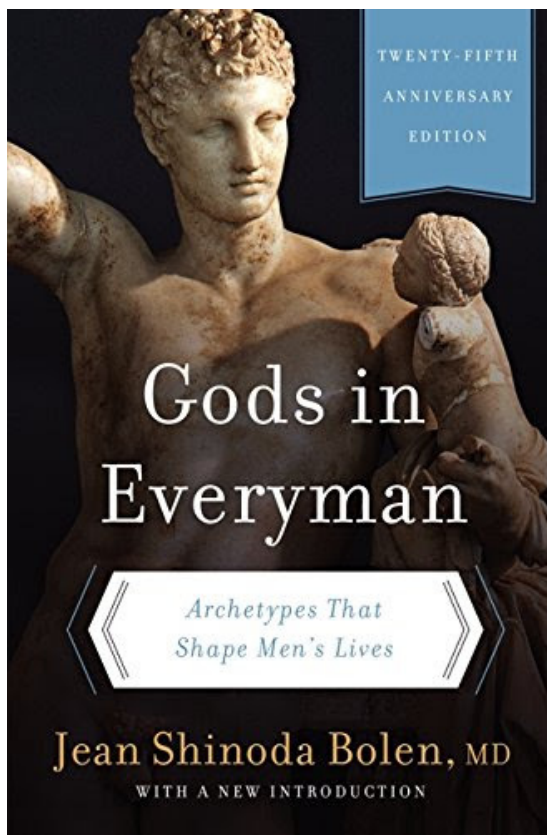
Vol 1. Proceeds of the Association for the Study of Women & Mythology (ASWM), edited by Marion Dumont and Gayatri Devi. Dedication to Patricia Monaghan.

<http://www.goddess-ink.com/myths-shattered-and-resto.html>

I emailed Sid Reger who founded ASWM with Patricia Monaghan on receiving this first volume: "You must be proud—after all it must have taken real labor and delivery of this beautiful baby! I'm glad I encouraged her birth and am delighted to have written the Afterword and a back cover blurb:

"Consciousness raising about sexism is deepened by knowledge of suppression of the goddess and women, just as consciousness raising about racism can be deepened by the awareness of the colonization of indigenous people and their divinities . . . Consciousness is where change and activism begins."

ASWM website: <https://womenandmyth.org> Annual conference, March 16-17, 2018, Las Vegas, NV



Shift Network Webinar based on: ***Gods in Everyman***. There will be an Introductory free conversation about the course with Stephen Dinan, in January-date to be announced; a live Q & A on February 7 at 12 noon PST. My course begins on Wednesday February 14, at 12 noon, and then on subsequent Wednesdays for seven weeks.

I will be sending an announcement out to all of you who receive my eNewsletter when the webinar is set to go. Greek myths about the gods of Olympus parallel current power politics and personalities. Mt. Olympus was a rape culture in which only the three Virgin Goddesses were exempt. It is fascinating to realize that some of the generation of the sons were favored, while others were not, and that to this day, success or failure depends upon which god-archetypes are dominant..

2018 EVENTS

March 23-24, 2018 - Louisville, KY

Spirit of Sophia, The Women's Spirituality Center of Louisville

March 23, Public Lecture: Catching Fire: Imagination, Creativity, Activism.

March 24, Workshop for Women: Your One Wild and Precious Life

<http://spiritofsophia.org>

MAY 18-20, 2018: BIG SUR CA
ESALEN INSTITUTE – WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT
Grail, Goddess, Circles and the Sacred Feminine

Location: Esalen Institute,
55000 Highway 1,
Big Sur, CA 93920
<http://www.esalen.org/>

May 27-June 1, 2018 – Asheville, NC
Haden Summer Dream and Spirituality Conference
Keynote: Reflections about the Soul and the Journey: How Did You Get Here? How Did I
Get Here?

Workshop: Reflections on the Soul and the Journey: Questions and Amplifications
<http://www.hadeninstitute.com>

August 24-26, 2018, - London, UK
Guild of Pastoral Psychology Oxford Conference
Worcester College
"Emergence of Feminine Wisdom and the End of Patriarchy: the Process of Evolution-
ary Change in Individuals and Humanity" Jean Shinoda Bolen, MD

"The Spirit of these Times meets the Spirit of the Depths: Emergent Dreams Revisioning
the Collective and Individual Psyche" — Monika Wikman, Ph.D.
www.guildofpastoralpsychology.org.uk/

Note from Jean: Here are three upcoming Shift Network (TSN) courses with free introductions to the teachers and subjects. I like the mutual support networking that helps everyone and have picked three courses with subjects that some of you may be interested in. I will be teaching a course in February based on Gods in Everyman—all who get my eNewsletter will get an advanced announcement..



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Nourishing Words
Quotes that I have taken into my heart

Stay close to anything that makes you glad to be alive.
Haziz

Let yourself be silently drawn by the strange pull of what you love. It will not lead you astray.
Rumi

Laughter is carbonated holiness.
Anne Lamott

With love, hope, perseverance, trust, and gratitude,

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