

Dominator Problems & Partnership Solutions

A Four Part Lecture Series / Jen Taylor

I. **Patriarchy, Bonobos & the Sociology of Partnership Societies** - What is the true opposite of patriarchy and how do we get there? An introduction to the partnership lens, essentially a primer on Eisler's Chalice & the Blade and an in-depth look at Bonobos as a living example of partnership and our genetic possibilities for cultural transformation. We discuss dualism and the relationship of opposites in both dominator & partnership paradigms. We look at the Cosmic/ Human Timeline from the birth of the Milky Way to the present, in a quest to see how much has been forgotten in order to understand how we got here.

II. **Gender Roles & Sexual Stereotypes: The Iconography of Partnership vs. Dominator Cultures** - A visual presentation of the iconography of dominator & partnership systems, celebrating the power to take life (classical times to the present) vs. celebrating the power to give life (Paleolithic & Neolithic art). We address the "male gaze," a product of dominator culture, and discuss Laura Mulvey's work Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema. What then is the female gaze? Archetypes that activate: why are we afraid of Medusa and why is she so angry anyway? Did Patty Jenkins' Wonder Woman escape the male gaze and why do we care?

III. **Whose Lives Matter? Citizenship in the Polis Since Aristotle** - Asking the question, whose lives matter in a dominator ideology? Whose lives matter in a partnership paradigm? We delve into Aristotle's Politics / Book I, The Dred Scott Case of 1857, the Abolitionist, Suffragette & Civil Rights movements with a look at the criminalization and/or assassinations of our brightest Civil Rights leaders (read: Partnership Resistance Movement leaders). We address the current Prison-Industrial Complex and the Black Lives Matter movement, which like Standing Rock, uses a non-localized or distributive leadership model - a partnership solution to the targeting of individual leaders.

IV. **The Standing Rock Water Protectors & Indigenous Justice** - Deepening the discussion on whose lives matter. Citizens' United vs. Water is Life - a divided Supreme Court granted personhood to corporations in the U.S. in 2010. Why not water? The Nonhuman Rights Project asks, why not animals? A look at dominator language: Environmental Terrorists or Water Protectors? Black Identity Extremists or Civil Rights Activists? A history of Standing Rock and the Fort Laramie Treaty. A look at the partnership culture of First Nation Peoples.