

THE WITCH AND THE MAGIC MIRROR

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The witch stopped in front of the mirror and asked, “Who is the most beautiful in the world?”

The mirror replied, “The most beautiful in the world is hidden in the darkness of the night, at the top of a tower, and you must find her. She is a beautiful princess who is waiting for the prince whom she is destined to marry.”

After hearing such an answer, the witch could not control her anger, and from her eyes came out rays that destroyed the mirror. From that moment on she lost her ability to see beyond the magic of love.

For a long time, the witch suffered from disease and calamities, and with her soul in such pain only the rats walked with her. Tired of wandering and crying, the wicked woman proposed to not let herself be overcome by adversity. She bought a new mirror in order to rise to the top of the tower and find the princess.

When the witch was in front of the beautiful princess, she enchanted her, keeping her in a long sleep so that the prince could not love her. He lived in a distant kingdom and could not imagine that on the other side of mother earth was a princess who would bewitch him and that it was her he would love.

While the princess was sleeping, the old witch passed as her and held a red apple like the one used by Eve to fall in love with Adam. She offered the fruit to the prince in order to captivate him. The duality was the most powerful weapon which the witch possessed, and when she realized that, the prince loved her, and the enchantment that kept the princess in a sad and eternal dream was dissolved.

When the fight between the witch and the princess ended, love joined them together because both were of the same essence, just as the witch recognized her twin soul in the reflection of the new mirror she had bought.

Some people say the princess woke up when the prince kissed her and that the witch of the world disappeared. However, not everything is true in the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. In dreams and during the full moon, Snow White became a witch that enchanted the prince. She could not see her own beauty because when she got angry a cloud in her eyes blinded her and impeded her from seeing the princess that was sleeping at the top of the tower.

The mirror in which the witch looked was the full moon that shone in the firmament during the night, and the prince was the sun reflected in the moon.

The lunar phases are the personification of the feminine wisdom and of the intuitive knowledge and the wild instincts. When the prejudice patriarchal societies launched the world of the shadows to the lunar, passive and feminine aspects of the personality of the witches were born and sacrificed.

Sun and moon reflect universal archetypal patterns that are in the collective unconscious mind and are repeated by generations of parents to children. The union of the sun and the moon is the dance of male and female energies, unconditional love, and it is what we must cultivate to create a world where there is no war, hunger, misery, or inequality. “Only love can dissolve the ambiguities of the world.”