species typifies the religious leader, sage, and avatar not only within the Judeo/Christian tradition but within other religious traditions as well. The Buddha reflected love for all of the creation. Buddhist rites reflect concern for other forms of life. They include memorial services as well as ordination services and services of remembrance for anima/ls. There are stories within Buddhism of Buddhists giving up their lives for anima/ls, reflecting the sharing, liberating, and Kingdom/Queen/ship aspects of the Eucharist rite.

In Hinduism, Krishna is often portrayed with a cow. In matriarchal religious traditions, women are frequently regarded as the protectresses of anima/ls. A sculpture of Artemis from the second century A.D. portrays her as an abundant sustainer and nurturer of life. She is portrayed as having infinite breasts and is adorned with breast-sized sculptured portrayals of cows and other anima/ls.

Each year the International Society for Religion and anima/1 Rights will attempt to hold a service in a traditional place of worship for all mourned and suffering anima/ls. We do this within a traditional religious sanctuary to expand the notion of "sacred space" to other forms of life, inviting people to bring their anima/1 friends. We aim for justice in sacraments, making them inclusive to reflect the Creator's concern for all life forms. The heretofore invisible (nonhuman life) becomes visible through affirmation and celebration. By standing up for anima/1 rites, we stand up for anima/1 rights.

Notes

1. The slash here added to "animal" serves to indicate that this word derives from "anima," a word for soul.


3. Monday Morning is published by the Communications Unit of the Support Agency, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 475 Riverside Drive, New York City, NY 10115.


8. Ibid. 38.


10. Ibid. 95.

11. Balasuriya, 150.


13. See Buddhism and Respect for Ani­mals, in volume XI, numbers 7 and 8, of The Journal of Shasta Abbey (Shasta Abbey Press, Mt. Shasta, California).

14. Artemis Ephesia 125-175 A.D.

MESSAGE

From a genetically-engineered beefelephant
I am well mixed up with this gene or that,
Making me grow big and lean — never fat;
No cholesterol! For this a bow. a mighty cheer.
My master, my mentor, mother-father,
But on one little item you made a huge snafu
You gave me a heart that keeps saying "I love you,"
Please, a small heart (like yours) next time 'round ....

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