

Men's Culture in Archarchy – A Three Step Checklist

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Every now and then a phrase comes along that strikes sleeping brain cells you didn't know you had. Startled, the neurons wake up and perceive the electrifying impact with uncanny alertness. How soon your brain cells go back to sleep again depends on how ready you are to jump fully-committed into that new-found alertness and ride it like a bucking bronco.

If you ignore the bronco it soon gallops off into the sunset without you, perhaps never to return. But if you *do* grab the opportunity this new meme may take you along an awareness-path into entirely new territory, unexplored, and probably dangerous to your heretofore unquestioned assumptions.

It is these unquestioned assumptions that rule your life. Questioning them almost always leads to personal and cultural evolution. A particular phrase shocks you exactly because it directly challenges your sacred assumptions.

The particular phrase we're speaking of is "men's culture in archarchy."

It is possible to avoid the transformational process of wrestling with this phrase by clinging to familiar but gravely outdated thoughtware, thereby evading initiation. If that is your wish, please stop reading here.

The phrase "men's culture" transports so much new information that investigating it in this brief article could cause you the disservice of thinking you actually understand what it means. I take this risk because I have so often experienced the value of having even a glimpse beyond my own horizon. So if you will take the time to read this article, then I will take the time to write it.

Truly understanding what "men's culture in archarchy" means could only happen through you personally shifting cultures, leaving behind the capitalist patriarchal empire of your birth and entering *next culture*, the culture that comes *after* matriarchy and patriarchy, the culture I have come to call *archarchy*. Archarchy is the sustainability-conscious culture of archetypally initiated adult women creatively collaborating with archetypally initiated adult men. Archarchy is unstoppably emerging around the world through simultaneous personal experimentation of several millions of people beneath the radar of mainstream consciousness. You are probably one of the experimenters. I thank you from my heart for your courageous efforts.

Let's back off a bit and take it one step at a time.

The term "men's culture" obviously implies a related term "women's culture," but their non-equivalence is obscured because our inquiry here is taking place within the patriarchal context.

In patriarchy, the conditions for men and the conditions for women are diametrically different but equally dishonorable. Whereas women are born as slaves and sex

objects, men do not have to grow up. Since the patriarchy does not educate its members that they live in a patriarchy, you have to figure this out yourself by getting to patriarchy's thought limits and looking over the edge. The edge is where growing-up happens.

To "grow up" means to become more and more responsible. (*Responsibility is consciousness in action.* – *Possibility Manager Handbook*) Modern patriarchal empire teaches us that taking responsibility is just plain stupid.

For example, if a child makes a mess, who cleans it up? The answer is, the parents clean it up. (In a patriarchy *Mom* cleans it up.) Modern culture is making huge messes with no intention at all of ever cleaning them up – ocean acidification, children on brain drugs, fossil-fuel dependent infrastructure, corporate lobbying, burning tropical rain forests, etc. Modern patriarchal empire is centered on child-level responsibility.

In modern culture, being responsible means getting caught, being blamed, punished, found guilty, bearing the burden, and having to pay. Modern culture has developed "corporate personhood" to protect individuals from having to take responsibility for their actions. Modern economy teaches by example that instead of being responsible you should be "smart." Being "smart" means to lie, cheat, sneak, deceive, and avoid detection while taking as much as you can. "Smart" people make profits by externalizing costs:

- to the general public (through government subsidies),
- to less "modernized" cultures (through "trade agreements" and sweat shops), and
- to future generations (through raping the planet's precious resources, while bribing corrupt officials to permit dumping toxic and radioactive wastes in other people's back yards to poison them for 50,000 years).

Our images for "men's culture" in the capitalist patriarchal empire may include:

- Very rich older males sitting around in private mansions smoking cigars and drinking brandy from snifters.
- Less rich males sitting around in bars drinking beers and smoking cigarettes while watching sports, car racing, or rodeo on TV.
- Males in exotic bars bragging about their cool cars, cool computers, cool girlfriends, and amazing money deals.
- Males in mafia, drug gangs, the army, or secret three-letter societies feeling cool with their weaponry and proprietary knowledge.
- Multiple generations of males going hunting, fishing, or shooting together with 4 wheel drive vehicles.
- Males working in construction or mining jobs taking lunch breaks together.

What are your impressions of what patriarchal "men's culture" is?

Our reference points for "men's culture" in the "new age" (for lack of a better term) may look like:

- Not so old males doing hiking, marathon, kayaking, or ball sports together.
- Not so old males having parties, getting drunk, stoned, or high on cocaine, having porno nights together.

- Not so old males looking for their next homosexual partner at men's gatherings.
- Not so old males in weekly "Men's Groups" discussing identity problems, relationship problems, family problems, health problems, and financial problems together.

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Here we PAUSE, for a moment, to consider a relevant question... What if *all* of our reference points for what "men's culture" is no longer apply in the culture that comes after patriarchy?

What if acting as if we understand men's culture is part of the problem?

What if men's culture in archarchy is so different from what we know that the best we can do as men is come together and begin each meeting by grieving the crimes and horrors of 6000 years of patriarchal men's culture? Crimes and horrors done to women, children, animals, and the Earth, that to a large and damaging degree still continue today?

What if we start by acknowledging that we are the sons of patriarchs, with only patriarchs as role models? What if we admit that we are so trapped in our thinking and perceiving that any time we come together we cannot help but unconsciously invoke capitalist patriarchal empire culture?

It is a wakeup call to recognize that each of us remains imprisoned in the patriarchy until we have undergone a personal and formidable process for getting out of it.

This could be considered **Item # 1** on your checklist for establishing archarchal men's culture: set the times and establish an effective training program to help each other thoroughly and completely escape from the capitalist patriarchal empire. (HINT: Your procedure will need to involve each man consciously experiencing and expressing feelings of fear, anger, sadness *and* joy at the 100% maximum archetypal intensity level, otherwise you are merely thinking. And you can't think your way out of the patriarchy. You need to *get* out.)

Escaping from the patriarchy is rough. First comes the fear of betraying all the males you will leave behind. Second comes the fear of stepping off the edge of the world and falling into the abyss. Third comes our patriarchal habits of being single-fighters, lone-wolves, free-lancers, easy riders, entrepreneurs – heroes in our own mind. We have learned to trust no one.

Perhaps we were taught to be single fighters *exactly because* we cannot escape the patriarchy on our own. Then we are trapped because the single fighter strategy fails. Getting out of the patriarchy depends on the bonding, creative-collaboration, and coaching of other men.

If you do accomplish Item #1 and escape from the patriarchy, you will be starting at ground zero, like being born again but into a radically different culture than that lived by your parents. You will at first not know who you are. You will be learning all over

again how to become a human being. Developing your personality and gaining new reference frames won't take as long as the first time, but the process will be equally ruthless on you. You need to figure out how to thrive in a new gameworld, very different from capitalistic patriarchal empire. You can do it.

To extract yourself from the patriarchy it helps to know how you got in it. A male born in modern culture must quickly make a life-shaping choice. Either you join the patriarchy and "live," or you reject the patriarchy and die. (Doctors call it "sudden infant death syndrome".) Joining is the obvious choice, with all the benefits of any gang: identity, camaraderie, security, power in numbers, defined enemies, and a mission. But when you join the patriarchy you make the ultimate sacrifice. You can never be yourself. Your uniqueness is counterproductive in the patriarchy and must be suppressed, lest you betray the patriarchy, including your father, his brothers, your father's father and his brothers, and all the generations of men before you, sacrificing themselves for the benefit of the patriarchy. To extinguish your uniqueness you cut out a piece of your soul.

Fortunately the rejected part of your energetic body *does not go anywhere*. It floats in your general vicinity, wherever you are, waiting for this very conversation. Learning that the cut-part of your soul *did not die* may be one of the most painfully joyful insights of your life. It did not go away. It did not abandon you. All this time it has been by your side waiting for the moment you realize it can be reclaimed.

This could be considered **Item # 2** on your checklist for entering archearchal men's culture: reclaim banished parts of your soul and integrate them back into your energetic body so you can start off whole again.

By extracting yourself from the patriarchy, and helping other men do the same, Item #1, and by locating and re-integrating the missing parts of your energetic body, Item #2, you have already begun your path of ongoing adulthood initiations into archeararchy. There is a short film made by Ian Mackenzie about Stephen Jenkinson, a next-culture elder, sometimes called *Griefwalker* (www.ianmack.com/videos/making-humans-stephen-jenkinson), in which Stephen says, "*Human beings are not born. Human beings are made. Human beings are made by other human beings. And if you ask, 'How do you make humans?' the answer is, 'Well, you've got to kill off their childhood.' 'Because why?' 'Because the childhood doesn't give way, that's why.' And then you need a culture that proceeds as if the greatest gift you can give kids at a certain age is the chance to be human.*"

I am glad I did not have to be quoted as saying that. Yet I know it is true. I've experienced it in myself, killing off my childhood, putting it where it belongs, in my past, when I was in the chrysalis. My childhood was useful, and important, but it no longer sits in the driver's seat of my life.

Over the past 39 years I have helped many grateful others recognize and tread the narrow paths towards adulthood. But I cannot help observe the uninitiated, the vast majority still worshipping irresponsibility, giving their precious authority away, thinking they are not accountable for the consequences of their inactions. This is particularly

disgusting to see in men, because the patriarchy enthrones us for indulging in our immaturity. And we acquiesce without resistance to this manipulated deception.

Next culture does not enthrone your immaturity – it builds no thrones. People organize in circles instead of pyramids. If you are uninitiated (or are incapable of initiation due to being psychopathic – as exemplified by being able to do *whatever it takes* to climb the hierarchy) you aren't given a position of power in next culture: not teacher, not police-officer, not manager, not administrator, not mayor, not soldier, not doctor, not priest, and not politician... think how much suffering that would avoid.

This is why **Item # 3** on your checklist for establishing archearchal men's culture is to upgrade your thoughtware so you are able to distinguish between a person and their *Box* by learning *Box Technology* (pages 55-59 in *Conscious Feelings*), and also to distinguish your own *Shadow Principles* and calling each person's *Gremlin* by name (pages 68-86 *Conscious Feelings*).

For extra credit, your men's culture could include the *Theory of Parasitic Entities*. This theory states that everything is food for everything else, and when people are not attentive they become food for parasitic entities. Perhaps you have noticed this: ordinary intelligent people becoming suddenly absent and entering a depressed or confused mood for seemingly no reason. Then after a few hours or days – when the entity has finished gorging itself – the mood ends, also seemingly without cause. Your men's culture can train each other to become *trigger hunters*, identifying the inner trigger sentences that call in the entity to feed, thereby gaining the option of choosing not to feed it. For more information about parasitic entities please write to Sonia Willaredt (sonia@nextculture.org) and ask her to email you SPARK 135.

(S.P.A.R.K. by the way, stands for *Specific Practical Applications of Radical Knowledge*. SPARKs are high-quality energetic food for your men's culture. You can subscribe to them for free at this link: www.nextculture.org/sparks/en. Then every 3 weeks you'll receive by email a powerful distinction, accompanied by notes that unfold its practical application in daily life, as well as nonlinear experiments to try. Doing such experiments builds more matrix into your energetic body. Building more matrix means automatically catching more consciousness. Then your men's culture evolves.)

In rapidly evolving circumstances, the ways of the past cannot be the ways of the present. That is why in archarchy there is no knowing around which men's culture can gather. Instead men gather around the void, the nothingness, the not knowing, and keep practicing how to hold and navigate that space of emptiness, and how to make use of it to create relationships and nonlinear possibilities.

Meetings in a circle are not leaderless. This is a misconception. In circular organizing individuals rotate holding one of the various roles, for example Spaceholder, Time keeper, Chaos Generator, Bullshit Detector, Heart Connection Detector, and the teams of people trained to navigate rapid shift processes when personal liquid states arise during the meeting in response to whatever issue is being discussed. This new meeting technology is the *Phoenix Process*, where three valuables are simultaneously delivered:

1. Covering agenda points and making decisions,
2. Personal development processes when conflicts or breakdowns occur, and
3. High level fun entertainment.

If men's culture can come together then women's culture automatically comes together because the space is held. If the men's and women's cultures can get themselves together, then the children's culture thrives. What you then have is a village with an ever-evolving new future.

In archarchy, a proper functioning men's culture builds personal and community capabilities through putting ongoing adulthood initiatory processes at the center of village culture. Then your young people step into a dynamic framework for their lives by finding the path of evolution early on. This is where archarchy shines.

It is often recognized (although not in modern public schools...) that each individual person has gifts, unique capabilities that are needed by the village. But just as a sail is useless until it is hoisted, these unique gifts can't be applied until they are unfurled to catch the prevailing winds of consciousness and can provide their directed energy. (Each child dying of starvation anywhere in the world right now also has gifts that are lost.)

Archearchal Men's culture is a powerful catalyst for unfurling and applying beneficial gifts. Each man's feedback and coaching provides intelligence and energy that assists each of the other men to distinguish, connect with, and serve their *archetypal lineage*. (This is where in archarchy the men's and women's culture have the same objective – calling through the being of each person, and working collaboratively as representatives of their individual archetypal lineages.) Quite some preparations are required to be capable of serving your archetypal lineage, just as preparations are needed to deliver surgeries, to perform in a philharmonic orchestra, or to grow a productive vegetable garden.

Your archetypal lineage will appear in your life as a project to do, as jobs on your bench, requiring your every resource to accomplish. Delivering full value as your archetypal lineage in action feels like ongoing ecstasy of life-purpose fulfillment. Getting into that flow depends on exchanging mutual help with your archearchal culture of fellow men on the evolutionary path. For more about archetypal lineage, please write to Sonia Willaredt sonia@nextculture.org and ask her to send you SPARK 141.

If in this article you sense a caustic mood bitter enough that wisps of grey smoke curl up between the lines, you sensed it right. I feel angry about how pathetic the efforts of men trapped in the patriarchy are towards getting out. How hopelessly, stupidly, and easily men have been lured into self-congratulatory apathy, like children kidnapped with lollipops. It is a disgraceful response, in my opinion, to the honor and opportunity of having been given a life with Gaia. Each person has so much individual potential and so much of it is lost, ridiculed and wasted in the patriarchy. I may be cynical, but at the same time I am begging you to prove me wrong.

Extracting yourself from the patriarchy, reintegrating banished parts of your energetic body, and upgrading your thoughtware to archearchal adulthood standards are three activities that lead to men's culture in archearchy. Without accomplishing them in reality – not just in our minds – we are fooling ourselves. Authentic pathways towards manhood are long and difficult – not for children. Even after reading this article I don't think you will do anything about it. If you have the balls, please prove me wrong... and have a glorious time doing it.



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