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Receptivity is one of the universal teachings associated with the archetypal feminine force of Great Mother. She teaches us to **receive**. First, we receive ourselves **exactly as we are**. This allows us to experience another one of her divine attributes, **unconditional love**. Receptivity is the reward that she gives us for learning self-acceptance. Once you have learned to receive yourself, you can receive all else that you need in order to live and flourish. Your deepest needs shall be fulfilled, but not necessarily in the way you expect, nor from whom you expect, nor at the time you expect.

One of the most challenging dimensions of this **betrayal-to-trust initiation** is coming to **trust and accept the divine timing** that determines when our needs get fulfilled. Some of our essential needs did not get fulfilled in childhood. This creates a wound, a temporary impediment to our growth. We adapt and grow as best we can, in spite of the discomfort. At some point in time, frequently in adulthood, the adaptation we made becomes dysfunctional, maybe even maladaptive. The pain of maintaining a dysfunctional pattern becomes unbearable. A call from deep within the psyche invites us to embark upon a healing journey to remember, integrate, and heal the wounds.

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Betrayal of the father is essential. **In that moment of being forsaken on the cross, Jesus was forced to discover and master resurrection for himself. He became the Master, Creator of Life. Resurrection, the personal creation of life from that which is dead, is the message of Jesus.** It is also the mystery teaching of the **betrayal-to-trust initiation**. Like Jesus on the cross, we, too, experience betrayal to discover and master resurrection for ourselves. **We must become potent enough to inseminate ourselves with new life.**

There is a Creator of Life, a supremely dynamic, inspirational Source of energy, within the human soul. This inner authority guides the soul toward its right fulfillment. This is part of the secret teaching of the patriarchy and betrayal of the father. Patriarchal tradition says that authority is external to one's self and that this external authority will betray you. Paradox is the gateway to higher consciousness. **Our fathers must betray us so that we break from the patriarchal tradition of looking to external authority to tell us what is right.**