

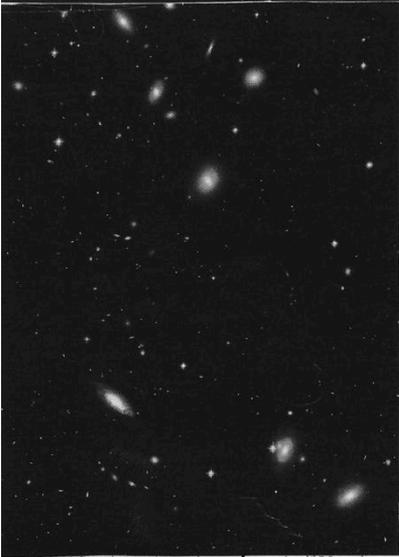
Deity Prism:
Some Gay/Trans Polytheistic Notions
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some things I know or think

1. All matter and energy in the universe (that we know of) are essentially the same substance at a very basic level.
2. There are aspects of the universe that human science and/or knowledge will likely never be able to comprehend.
3. There are likely intelligent, non-human, supernatural entities that regularly interact with humans.
4. The true nature of these entities remains ultimately unknowable.
5. If the gods exist, there are so many possibilities for their realities.





different level of granularity/notes
on possibilities for the reality of
deities

- Deities may be as traditionally known, existing and originating within the same reality as ourselves, generally concerning themselves in human affairs to some degree

- They may be entities from alternate/parallel dimensions

- They might be space aliens

- They may be entities that are made primarily from energy rather than matter*

- They may be hyper-concentrations of collective psychic energy given life and independence*

- If deities are part of the same universe/reality as us, then there is a very good chance that, just like us, they are made of

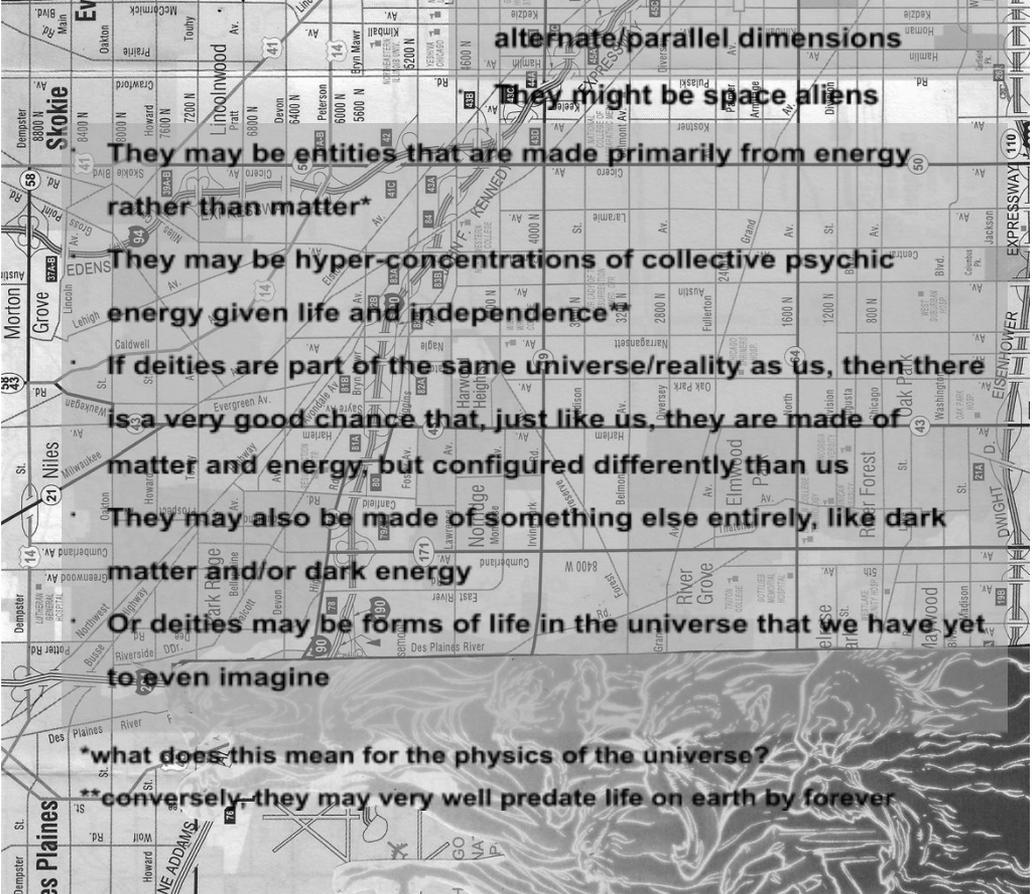
- matter and energy, but configured differently than us

- They may also be made of something else entirely, like dark matter and/or dark energy

- Or deities may be forms of life in the universe that we have yet to even imagine

*what does this mean for the physics of the universe?

**conversely—they may very well predate life on earth by forever



The idea/concept that deities don't change has always confused me. If there is one constant in the universe that we know of, it's that everything changes in one way or another. If gods/deities exist in the same universe that we do, how is it that they wouldn't also change?

Perhaps they change in attitude or taste or interest or whatever. I've seen/heard people say that we need to worship deities in the manner (or as close to the manner) that people did 2000+ years ago. I find this premise a bit nonsensical. If the world changes and the universe changes in that time, why would we assume that deities don't? Why would we assume that they remain static in their interactions with people and/or how they prefer to be approached or recognized or communicated with?

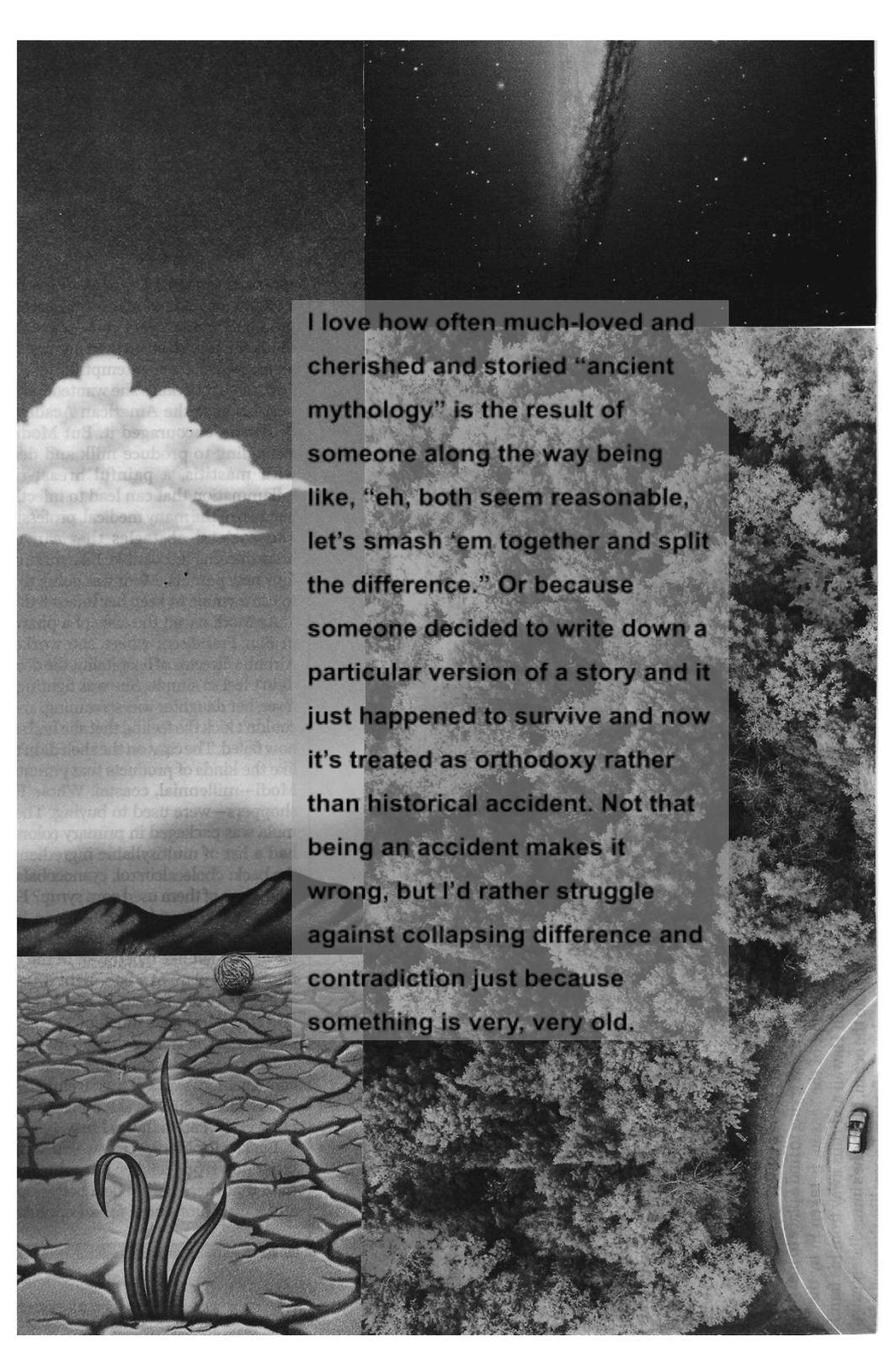




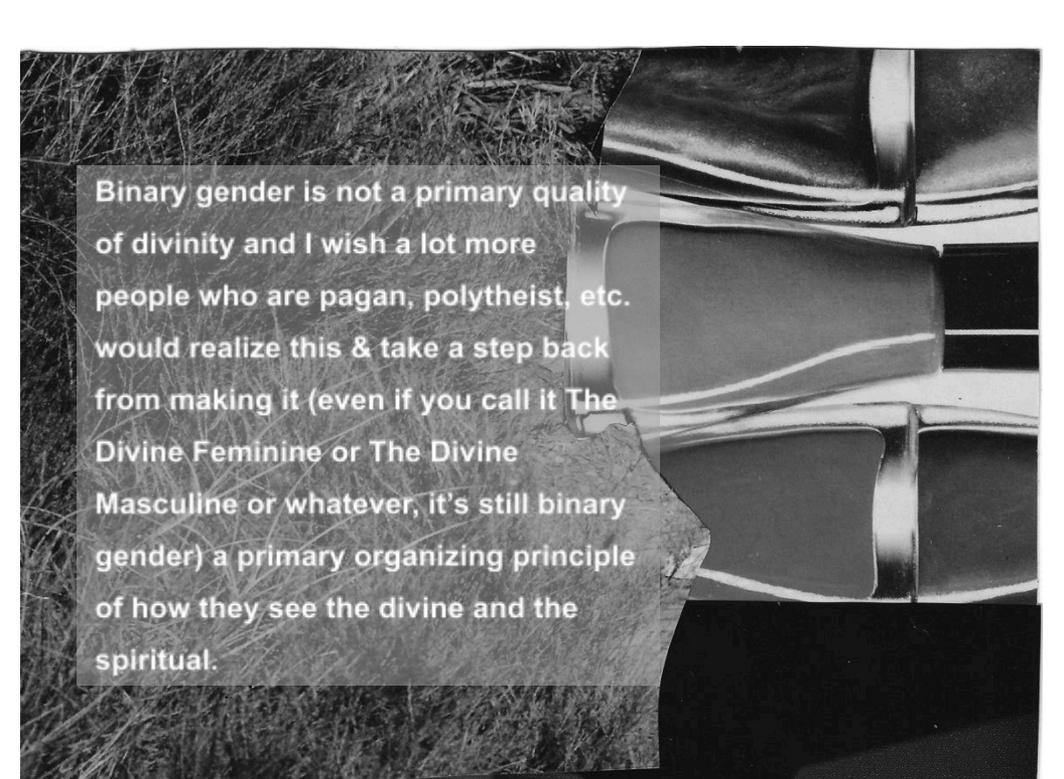
• A theology or a spiritual/divine structure that is not merely inclusive of gay and trans people, nor one that simply centers gay and trans people. a theology or a spiritual/divine structure that is rooted in gay and trans thought, feeling, knowledge, existence, that assumes gay and/or trans as the default rather than the exception, as the well from which wisdom and illumination are drawn.

A polytheistic worldview/theology is comforting in that deities/gods are neither omniscient nor omnipotent; there are gaps in their power and influence, holes in their knowledge, secrets even they do not know. there is not a claim to wholeness/totally, but a fractured knowing and experience that is richer for all the bright, sharp edges.





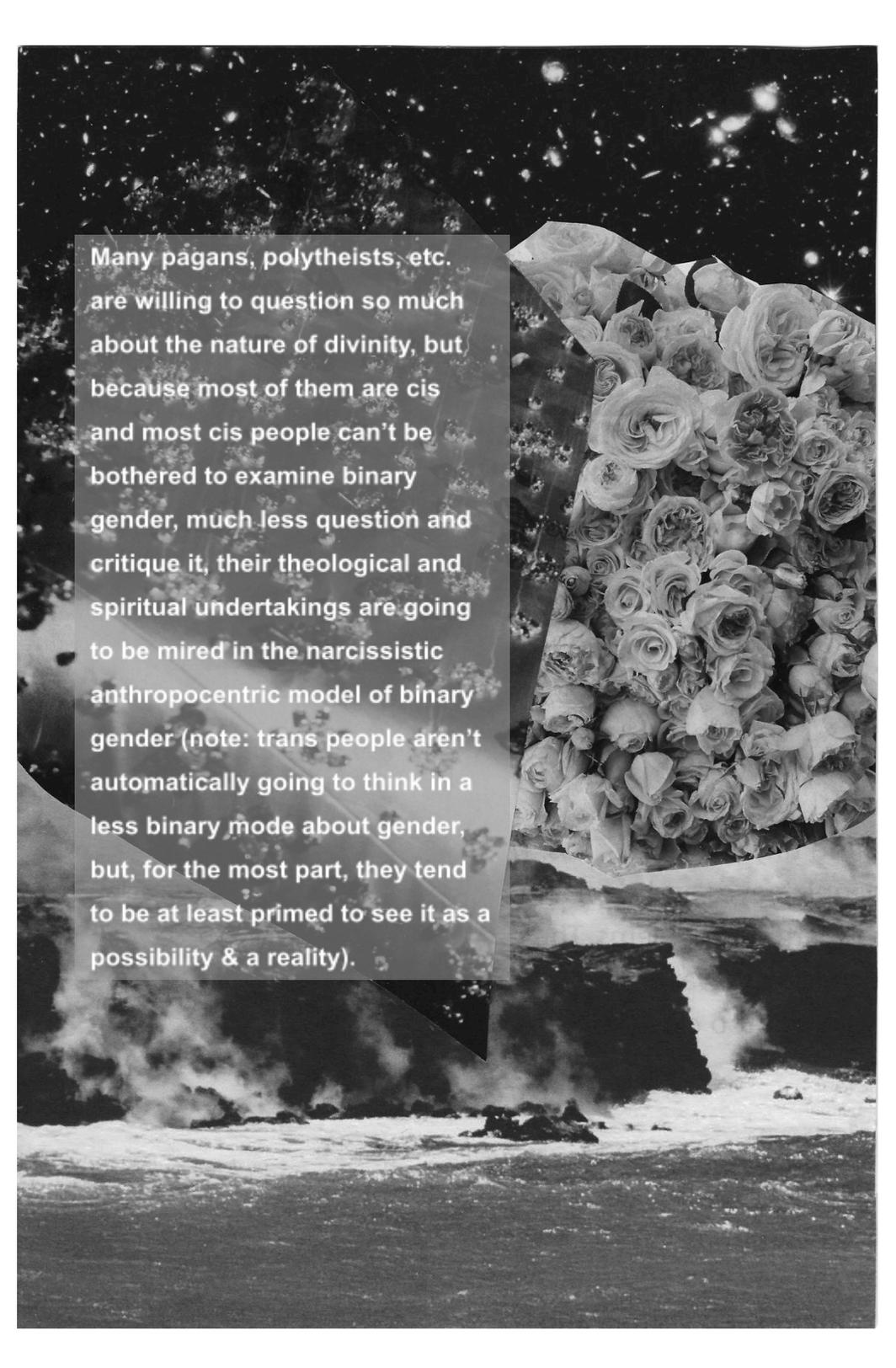
I love how often much-loved and cherished and storied “ancient mythology” is the result of someone along the way being like, “eh, both seem reasonable, let’s smash ‘em together and split the difference.” Or because someone decided to write down a particular version of a story and it just happened to survive and now it’s treated as orthodoxy rather than historical accident. Not that being an accident makes it wrong, but I’d rather struggle against collapsing difference and contradiction just because something is very, very old.



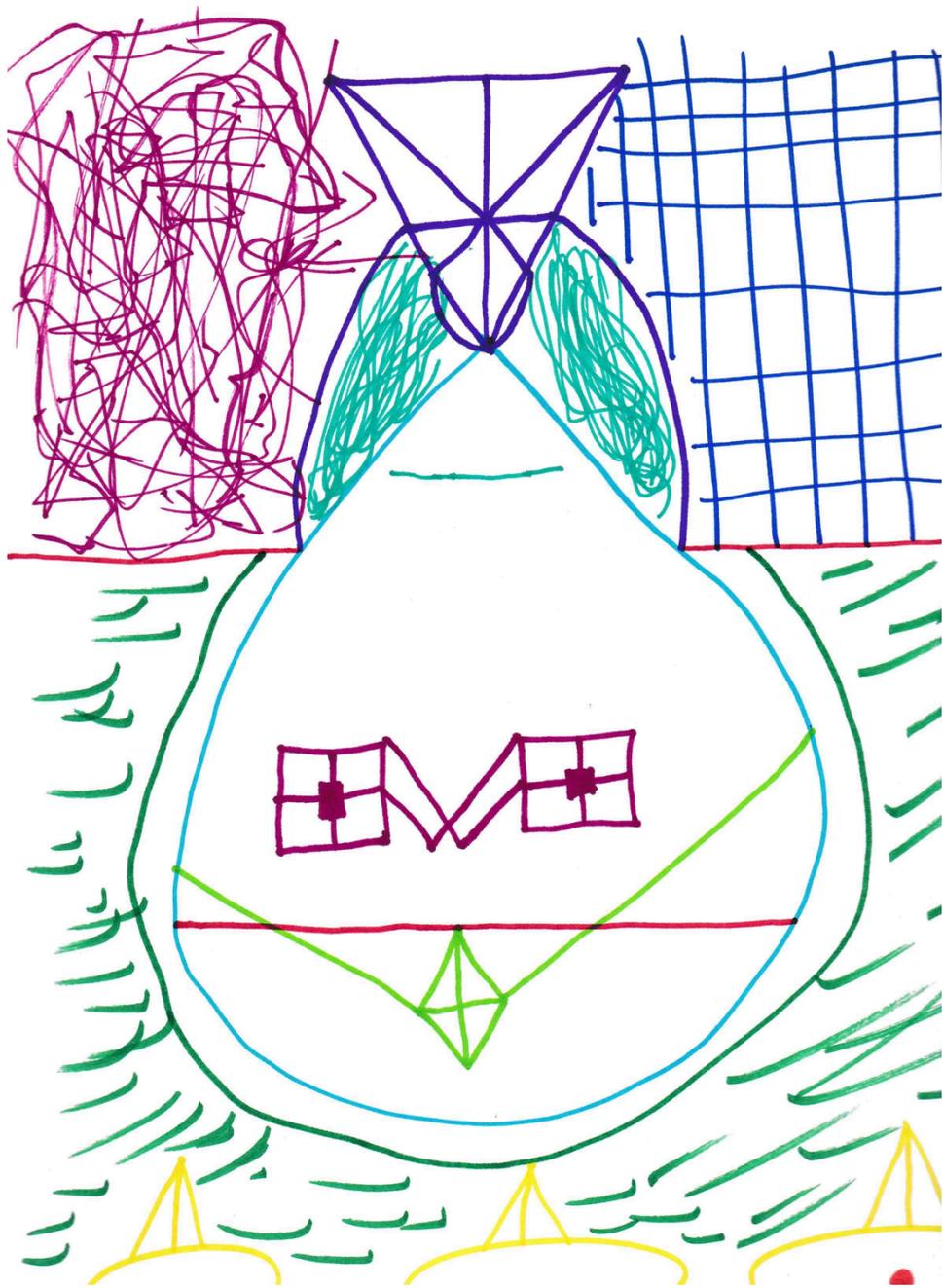
Binary gender is not a primary quality of divinity and I wish a lot more people who are pagan, polytheist, etc. would realize this & take a step back from making it (even if you call it The Divine Feminine or The Divine Masculine or whatever, it's still binary gender) a primary organizing principle of how they see the divine and the spiritual.



Since gender, especially binary gender, is socially formulated (and especially gendered behavior & expression that gets labeled "masculine" or "feminine"), then it behooves people to, at the very minimum, think more expansively of how our concepts of gender interact with the divine.



Many pagans, polytheists, etc. are willing to question so much about the nature of divinity, but because most of them are cis and most cis people can't be bothered to examine binary gender, much less question and critique it, their theological and spiritual undertakings are going to be mired in the narcissistic anthropocentric model of binary gender (note: trans people aren't automatically going to think in a less binary mode about gender, but, for the most part, they tend to be at least primed to see it as a possibility & a reality).





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