

The Revolutionary Love Learning Hub

“What is the role of rage in revolutionary love?”

Rage Transcript

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So many of us have inherited spiritual traditions, faith traditions that seem to say, *no, there's no role for rage in the work of loving our neighbors, loving others.*

I say we simply need to look closer. So think of the goddess Kali in the Hindu tradition. If you don't know her, she is the fiercest form of the Hindu goddess. She is clad in tiger skin. She's wearing a garland of skulls. Her mouth is agape, her tongue is rolling out as she drinks the blood of life. And yet she is revered as a divine mother because she protects us. Think of the fury in the eyes of Jesus when he overturned the tables of the money changers in the temples in Christian scripture.

If we look close enough, there are instances of what I call divine rage all throughout our stories and mythologies and our wisdom traditions. The aim of divine rage is not vengeance. The aim of divine rage is to reorder the world.