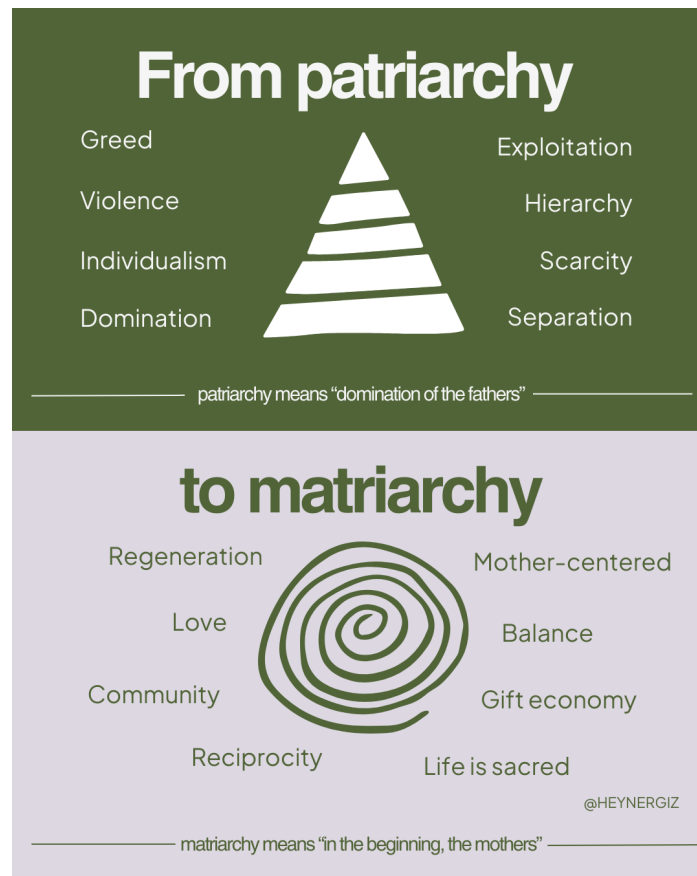


What is Matriarchy?



In a **matriarchal system**, power is often understood as a **circle** rather than a **hierarchy** like patriarchy. Unlike hierarchies, which place individuals in ranked positions (with someone always “above” and others “below”), a circle represents equality, interconnection, and shared responsibility.

In this model, leadership is not about domination but about **nurturing, guiding, and balancing the needs of the whole community**. Each person has a voice, and decisions are often made through **consensus** rather than top-down orders. The circle also symbolizes the cycles of life—birth, growth, death, and renewal—acknowledging that all members contribute to the community’s strength.

Matriarchy, then, is less about one group ruling over another and more about **collaboration, reciprocity, and respect for interconnected roles**. Everyone’s contribution matters equally, and leadership flows in ways that sustain harmony rather than competition.