## The Feminine Heroic

This also informs the study of the *feminine Heroic.* By discussing the distressing paucity of true Heroic female characters in Classical mythologies, we draw the circle closed by referring back to the feminine energy of the Primal Goddess. Witness Durga and her extreme expression, Kali, slaughtering demon hordes with wild abandon. To say that the feminine is incapable of violence is just as demeaning as all other restrictions that have been placed upon women by male-dominated culture for the past two hundred centuries (or more).

Studying the (admittedly rare) examples of feminine Heroics in mythology has the effect of emphasizing the loss of the balancing power of the feminine in modern, techno-industrial society. The need to recognize the effects of this loss can be seen in an exploration of the relationship of *mythological* awareness to *ecological* awareness, focusing on how the ancient Earth-connectedness of mythology is (or is not) present in modern ecologically minded (green) philosophies and movements.