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THE HUMAN CONDITION

WHAT'S YOUR VIEWPOINT?



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Tainted

Rev. Dr. Don Hauck

Chances are your self-image is tainted. How much? Can it be measured? How did it get that way? Can it be improved? These are all probably some of the most important questions you should be asking. So long as your self-image is tainted, you cannot find peace of mind. Keep in mind - I am speaking of self-image and not self-esteem.

The first two questions can be answered with a little simple test. All it takes is your honesty with your refusal to rationalize or make excuses. Simply ask yourself, "When I am by myself in a peaceful quiet state with nothing to busy my mind, and I think about myself, do I hear a voice (it may be my own) ask me what's wrong with me?" And then, how many things do I find wrong with me? That voice, even if it is only telling you one thing which you do not like, is un-acceptable! How can we expect or believe that someone else likes, much less loves us when the truth of the matter is – we don't?

You were programmed to believe negative thoughts about yourself. It began when you were very young, probably by your parents and it was continued on by your environment and some of it could have been done by you. You need to change it so that you break the chain of the environmental programming of others! We cannot give what we do not have. And if we do not have a good self-image we do not have love for our self. So we not only cannot give our children a good self-image but we cannot truly love anyone else. A poor self-image is the cause for more problems than you can imagine. It causes mental emotional and physical problems. It causes relationship problems. There is no wonder to me why so many marriages fail. Why we go through so many relationships as well as there are so many disputes between parents and their children. Having spent over 30 years of showing people how to get rid of that voice and develop a good, sound self-image, I cannot even begin to list the amount of mental emotional and even physical problems which have been overcome. A poor self-image is at the root of the destruction of mankind. It is the cause of wars as well as the sale of inferior made products. I have yet to see a Dr. Phil show where the real cause of the problem is not the person(s) self-image. I believe that everyone with a good, healthy self-image is able to see this cause as the root of somewhere close to 95% of the human problems faced by people on Earth today!

It is of no help to blame either others or ourselves for our poor self-image. It is as I said an environmental problem for which each of us as an individual can take it upon themselves to eradicate. If each of us will clean up our self-image, we will automatically through associations with others, help others to do the same.

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For as I said, we can only give others what we have. To understand how insidious this problem is, I will briefly attempt to explain its onset so that you can put the brakes on your continuing this destructive force with others.

When you were born you were completely dependent upon your parents particularly your mother. As you grew you were taught to depend upon schooling and your teachers for education, police officers for safety, doctors for health etc. - you were also told you were bad or wrong for doing or saying certain things. You may also have been convinced by others that you are dumb, stupid, too skinny, fat, too tall, too short etc. - both the negative and the positive programming are what happened to build your self-image. And without your knowledge the universal law began to develop your self-image and subsequently you and your life. And it continues to do so today. You ask which universal law?

“As you sow so ye shall reap.”

In the image of you was born within your mind and continued to be fertilized by the second universal law; “As you believe so shall it be.” One of the most visible and outstanding proofs of this today, is the number of people who are overweight. Have you ever wondered why so many people who are overweight will tell you how many times they have dieted and exercised and took off weight only for it to come back and then some? Or why is it, be it an anorexic or bulimic individual who’s down the bone and skin continues on their path? In both cases they both see themselves in a mirror and believe themselves to be fat! The only solution is to change the self-image!



How to Keep Doing Everything Wrong

JR Preston

Have you been wrong too long? Are you always screwing things up and seem caught up in the cycle of always doing everything wrong? When you DO accomplish something quite right, is it often self-sabotaged?

Pay attention.

You actually like being in that perpetual lazy loop. Read that again.

So if you enjoy it so much here are some suggestions to keep you on that comfortable negative circular journey.

Self-Assessment:

- **SUCCESS BLINDERS:** Am I avoiding the observation of what works for others? You, know those paths of other successful people that bring happiness?
- **DERRIERE IN THE CHAIR:** Am I sustaining all my lazy-ass habits like being glued to the TV pounding down garbage food and waiting for success to fall through the roof onto my lap? Am I spending other free time on FB?
- **NON TIME TRAVEL:** Am I always looking for convenient delays and making sure I am late? Do I get excited about cancellations and equate them with freedom?
- **CALENDAR PHOBIC:** Am I conveniently forgetting appointments or deliberately sleeping in late?
- **BLAME GAME:** Am I blaming everything else under the sun for my lack of success ... as in ... it must be genetic, it must be low energy, it must be my muse, and it must be THEM?
- **CHICKEN SH*T:** Am I always wondering why people are so mean to me? Am I thinking I am going to be embarrassed? Am I going to die if I do THAT?
- **DENIAL: I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING – SOMETHING WILL COME ALONG!**

Turn off the light and go to bed – more failure can wait until tomorrow.

Surely the solution will come.

That's right, right?

He, Whom or What

Mikey Pierog

I saw him playing games and watching shows laughing.

So I insinuated into his mind that he was living in a dream. Within moments, not knowing whom or what he was speaking too he said:

"Reality"

Making quotes with his hands, he then proceed to say:

“Is a dream too. The ultimate reality may offer more advantages over another place. Things may have been seen or viewed differently also. Each plane of existence does house it set of laws. But if we have an ability to rationally think, is any plane truly different in basic thought? The expression and designs will be very based on where we are. But the core of each structure holds the same meaning - although mine was labeled as a dream a moment ago, and holds its flaws. I'm sure it's not that different than yours boiled down. And I enjoy it for the time. I may be local here, but my thoughts are not local, my love is not totally invested locally either. I feel things that at times I feel crazy for accepting. But in all those little moments of unknown, and slips of sanity. I find sometimes I am bigger than my dream. The funny and beautiful part of this dream is that paradoxes are welcome.”

Then he ended saying:

“Sometimes insinuations backfire, every point is just growth and we proceed to put on another show.”

After thoughts from the encounter with him:

There are entities of great powers, in strength, will, knowledge, fortitude, endurance, and force. But some beings that can bend their minds in, around and through ideas and hold an ability that transcends barriers, either hidden or seen.

The Whom or what spoke, and said "the future is scary if those bound for reason learn to bend these ways, luckily some lessons cannot be taught, only gifted, through a path only they can see."

Fallacious G

Rev. Dr. Loni Haas

As an astrologer and behavioral therapist, similar themes or conditions often come up in client sessions that become worthy of a post with the thought that someone else outside of my range who is having a similar issue might be assisted.

The guilt-by-association fallacy aka Argumentum Ad Hominem or what I humorously call Fallacious G works something like this:

Mr. Jones supports idea X.

Mr. Jones is known to believe in strange things.

Therefore, idea X is strange.

Further:

Anyone else who supports idea X is strange as well and generally viewed negatively because of the association.

This is obviously ridiculous because whether or not a person or group supports any idea does not mar the actual merits of the idea.

The core of this fallacy is based in the fact that simply people do not like to be associated with people they dislike (or even hate) because they personally view them as strange, stupid or evil. If successfully achieved by the hater who often launches a campaign of 'guilt' used to appeal to the emotions of any other person who shares an idea or belief with the 'disliked' person, the appealee just might be influenced into rejecting the idea, belief or even the other person because they do want to be categorized in a negative light. It does not matter what the truth or let alone the reality is for a personal assessment has been made and a judgment rendered.

A = B

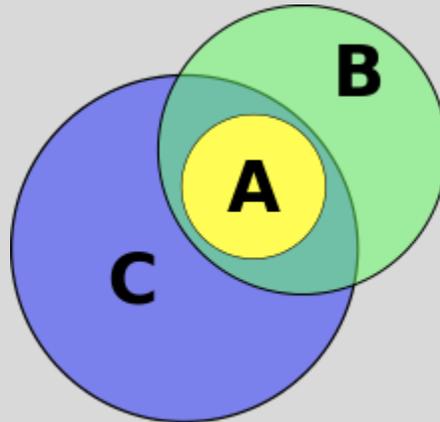
A = C Therefore:

B = C? ...

Let's use a diagram for visual ease.

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According to Wikipedia.org and the Euler Diagram this is simply not the case.



Although A is within B and is also within C, not all of B is within C.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_fallacy

Fallacious G is thought to be a powerful tool by those who use it (often daily) in attempts to manipulate and control other people or situations. In the worst case scenarios of this personality disorder (food for thought for another day), threats are made and dire consequences promised. The snare of Fallacious G is resentment. The more the target person is made to resent the situation the easier it is thought to influence them. No one wants to be thought of badly via association so, often and unfortunately, the manipulation is successful. This all falls short however when being projected towards someone with what I refer to as having emotional muscle. It can also backfire most unpleasantly on the would-be manipulator (more food for thought for another day).

What I tell my clients who feel emotionally and spiritually weighted by the effects of Fallacious G is that people with **emotional muscle** cannot be emotionally triggered or vilified because no matter how harshly or often Fallacious G is used they don't take any of it personally - their inner resolve is too strong. Opinions, lies and attempts to scandalize and misinform are not effective because people with emotional muscle don't fall into the trap of resentment. They simply do not care and they do not allow the perpetrators of Fallacious G to live in their heads rent-free.

And therein lies the key –
If you want to “be” –
Allow no cerebral ‘rent free’-

Yakity-yak ...

Talk is cheap. So is Fallacious G. Fail.

Insane Words

Tom "Gravedigger" Irwin

"Despite the enormous quantity of books, I's amazing how little people read. But if one reads profitably, one would realize how much stupid stuff the vulgar herd is content to swallow every day." - Voltaire.

Insane Words

I was standing with my paper there, minding my own news
When an evangelical woman wanted to talk demon possession views
She said that some folks are worse than most, they invite the demons with glee
So I asked if she could tell me the difference of inviting Jesus on your knees
She said the Christian spirit was "Holy", it made the difference under the Sun
One way holiness can work, it's like the smell of a smoking gun
That's when the talk turned sour she claimed the Bible said it was so
Oh Hell No.

She was talking Insane Words
There's no way to debate it
They're just Insane Words
Nothing more than common shit
Insane Words
Getting more insane each day
Insane Words
Disagree and they blow you away
Might as well tattoo it straight across their heart
That it's just Insane Words.

Modern Thelema is a whole new crowd sounding like an age old con
Preaching about a brand new God that they've named their "Babylon"
Therion is now what you want it to be, I remember when it meant Crowley
They've watered it down so it has no taste like putting ice in your own whiskey
The Libers have been twisted so you can't eat Cake with Blood
They've forgotten that Horus flies in the face of Jesus and Mohammed.
Then they have the gall to claim the Book of the Law says so
Oh Hell No.

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The Ascended Masters and Confucius are agreed that women must submit
So they say the "Goddess is longer needed, She should take a nice long trip"
You can take your "Great White Brotherhood" and shove it you know where
Cause the Huntress is fired up, and She's armored up, and She's out hunting bear.

Watch out.

Just talking Insane Words
There's no way to debate it
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Nothing more than common shit
Insane Words
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Insane Words
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Mikey Pierog (*He, Whom or What, pg.5*)

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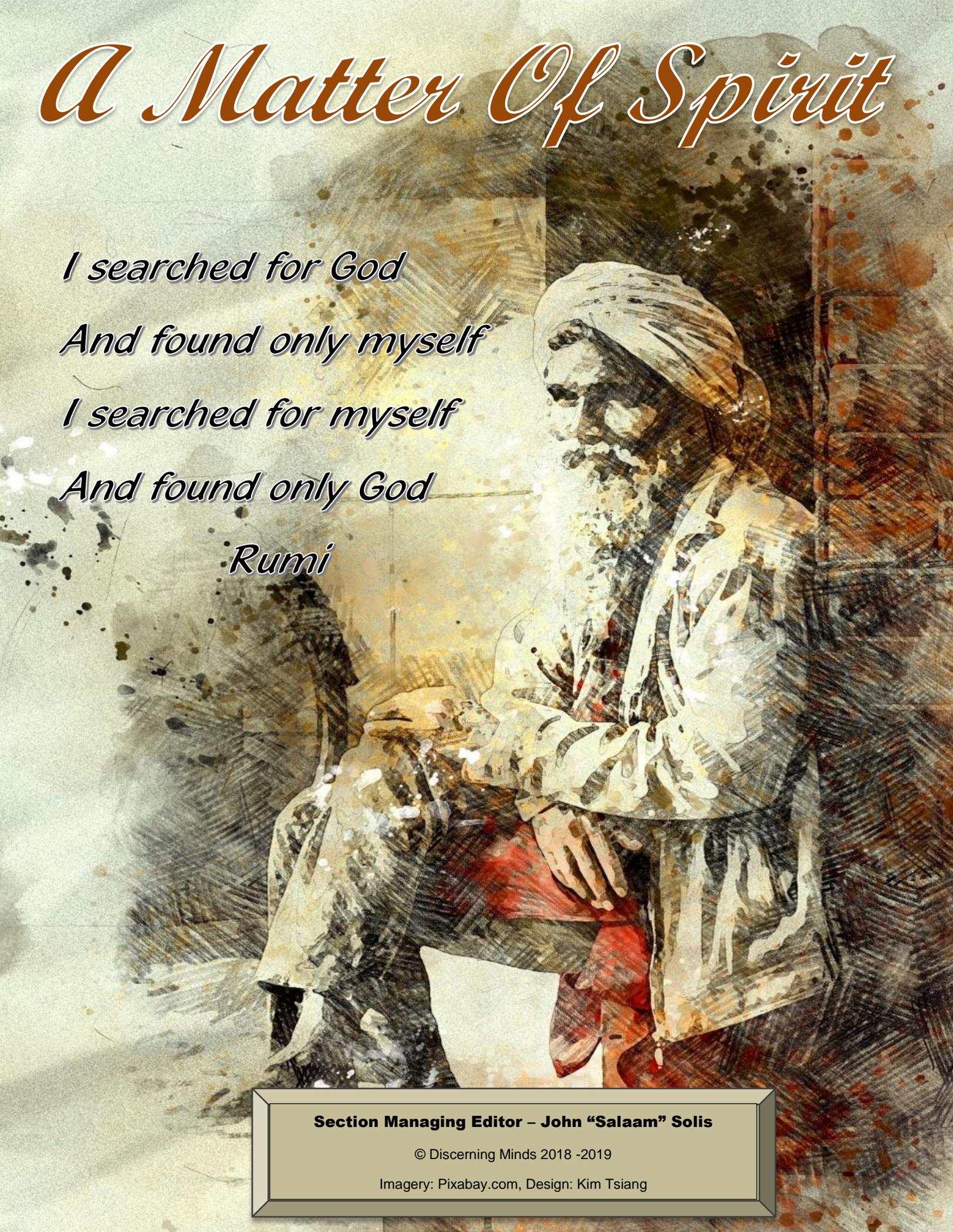
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I've done some studies in a variety of beliefs over the years, most notably, the Hermetics, Knights Templar, Rosicrucians, Egyptian Pantheon, and Christianity. My mother is a Pagan Witch, and my Paternal Grandfather was a Rosicrucian Knight before he passed to his next journey. So my family is very much occult oriented, thus my preferences. I am from Halifax, Nova Scotia and live in Calgary, Alberta.

A Matter Of Spirit



I searched for God

And found only myself

I searched for myself

And found only God

Rumi

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Karmic Consequences of Abortion

Dr. Saarya Sharma

You first must very quickly realize you are not dealing with moral codes, ethics or constitutional rights; but with cosmic laws and magnetic forces that most people are unaware of and have little understanding. Second, erase from your dictionary the word innocent if a cosmic law is committed out of ignorance, fear, or any other possible motive. There is a big difference between what the so-called experts are telling us and what the true masters are warning us about †. – Gary Zalban

The latest controversy about late term abortion and infanticide has brought about new awareness to the act of abortion in general. Universally speaking, it does not matter whether you believe in Karma or not, the far reaching consequences of the Laws of Cause and Effect operate without your consent or any lawgiver or political reasoning (U.S. the law permits us to act according to our own consciences). From the very inception of the act, it becomes rooted in the subconscious of the one who is committing it creating a cause and effect seed that will bring about inevitable justice which basically nullifies the outward human justification that acting according to individual conscience and ‘feeling’ good about the choice to abort clears up Karmic effects. It does not, no matter how much has self-vindicated.

“Thou shalt not kill.”

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

These are old adages that get little attention today in the so-called progressive mindset often referred to as ‘fairytales’ or ‘fantasy’ or self-righteous and superstitious BS because a woman has a right to her own body. Those with an inept understanding of Karma even argue that the unborn Soul has chosen to be aborted and die because they are not ready to re-enter the Earth plane for another go-round which is more of an argument of convenience and avoids the ramifications of choice.

Choice is at the foundation of this matter.

By making a certain choice now the future is shaped and created.

No one, religious or agnostic is exempt.

Unwanted pregnancy, at the root of the abortion choice, can cause ‘mothers’ and others involved to undergo strange mental and emotional aberration.

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One must always bear in mind there was a choice at the beginning to engage with another human being that could bring about possible consequences. This situation is an obvious example of Karma. Let's get real, a pregnancy had nothing to do with God or betrayal BUT simple biology, man and woman have sexual intercourse - pregnancy is very likely because sometimes even birth controls fail. Then the whole thing becomes a tantamount to a crap game of life ... and death. Negatively, the unborn becomes thought of as a monster who is going to destroy the future life of the mother and devour her existence for one reason or another. It must be done to ensure happiness for the individual. In some psychological circles it has been ascertained that killing once creates an impetus to kill again – also a Karmic consequence. Psychological analysis from abortion clinics recognize that a first abortion causes much mental anguish however that anguish diminishes with each ensuing abortion to where it comes down to a matter of convenience devoid of any qualms of conscience. This too sets up Karmic consequence very likely to manifest in the current lifetime and continuing into future lives whereby the individual gradually losing the ability to distinguish between moral and immoral, lives a more wretched and miserable life in each incarnation ... and it is a long walk back – sin and happiness do not walk together.

There are also justification debates. These include questions about when the actual Soul enters the body of the unborn which is used to justify abortion. If one believes the Soul does not enter the body until birth then what is the problem? When does the Soul enter the body? No one really knows when the Soul enters the human body. There is also the question of life endangerment to the mother for health reasons. Perhaps both mother and child would die if pregnancy ensues. Who is 'choosing' which life is more important OR if that life path has been completed? Karma is not concerned with such theories. It is the 'choice of destruction' that is karmically entwined.

Even those who feel they are not affected by and will not be affected by possible outcomes and are detached from any emotions or guilt connected to the action will not escape Karma. The choice and ensuing action becomes an astral blueprint that cannot be destroyed. This is important because these blueprints determine the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional structure of the next incarnation. The individual is in actually choosing the 'handicap' it will carry in the next lifetime. It is a choice and cannot be undone once made.

And what of the Collective Karma? We are being made aware that 'invisible' killings via abortion are committed every day. For example, millions of "invisible" killings take place daily in Russia. In essence, murder in any form, corrupts the function of the root chakra (Muladhara) the connection to abundance and one's native land and all its representatives. Collectively, when we kill our children, we condemn ourselves to poverty in all its forms.

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The progressive mindset tends to dismiss reincarnation and pooh-pooh any belief in consequences associated with Karma. That is also a choice and it is called denial – something the progressive mindset has accepted and cleverly engineers to relieve stresses. It's all about those “human rights” and the “human right to choose” which is so loudly touted. But it must be remembered that the “human rights” of the unborn have been violated by abortion. That right to make choices in the future has been destroyed.

Incarnation in the human world is a precious gift, but only those who remained alive were able to say this. Those who were murdered also had their own plans for development, but their own “mothers” prevented them from that. ²

Good or Evil actions are always chosen freely.

But ...

There is no freedom of consequences.

Either in this life or the next.

Quote ¹ <https://www.speakingtree.in/>

Resource and quote ² <https://en.oum.ru/literature/about-children/chapter-2-karma-of-abortion/>



The Fallacy of Faith

Matt Sharpe

Fallacy (n.) /'faləsē/

- A. a mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound argument.
- B. a failure in reasoning that renders an argument invalid.
- C. faulty reasoning; misleading or unsound argument.

Faith (n.) \ 'fāth\

- A. strong belief or trust in someone or something, not based on proof
- B. belief in the existence of God: strong religious feelings or beliefs
- C. a system of religious beliefs

Faith is a concept that has a somewhat wide definition to different religions and also has an equally wide degree of importance between the various groups that use it. While Judaism comes from having virtually no use of the term or of any statements regarding it, Christianity and Islam both consider it to be considerably more important in their faiths. Hinduism also uses it but in a rather different way than many others. It is called astikya in Sanskrit. Some have said that faith in Hinduism is not in a static state as might be perceived in Islam or Christianity by comparison, because Hinduism is ever evolving itself and faith goes through several states in Hinduism. Beginning as a belief in what cannot yet be seen, it later transforms via personal experiences which teach the individual using their own perceptions. At a later state, a Hindu finds that seeing what they had previously had faith in being true, then provides the ability to see what the outer eyes can never see. In Buddhism, faith is only used as a trust that the Buddha is their teacher and that what he has said is true, which personal experience will eventually prove to the individual.

Regardless of the various points of view that religions have concerning faith, it is found to be very much a dualistic thing, which ceases to exist once a Soul has come to the state of Self-Realization on the Soul Plane. This is where the idea of faith having or being a fallacy begins. Many find themselves following the traditions that they were raised with, and following the very same religious path that their parents did, which is not necessarily a bad thing, but can also be a rather status-quo and unchallenging way to go that might not provide the necessary lessons for the expansion of awareness that Soul seeks. While the various conditions concerning such a situation will invariably be different for each case, the desire to challenge that faith is also not necessarily negative, especially if this helps the individual concerned arrive at an ever greater and more expanded state of experienced beingness beyond that which he had been aware of previously.

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Faith, while being dualistic is nevertheless an important starting point that is worth knowing fully. While its beginning is based in the trust that a thing or group of things are true, it still has the potential to take one far beyond its initial dualities and into an awareness that exists on many levels. When one uses faith as a starting point, knowing that experience will carry them far beyond that starting point, it behooves one to be constantly aware of their movements through varying experiences and the states within those experiences. Placing the attention on the things that change as well as the reasons that caused those things to happen, is always a learning experience and is one that can reveal many previously unnoticed levels and depths of meaning within a particular concept. By purposely becoming aware of these variances, one learns to take a not only economical way through the experience, but also the one that produces the most results, within the context of learning, which as an end result brings about the expansion of awareness that Soul constantly seeks.

One must make their way through each and every varying level or degree of experience in each of the contexts that their own spiritual unfoldment requires to attain that next level or what we most often call a "state of consciousness," or a "state of being." Spirituality is meant to be a vibrant and living thing, one that is constantly tested and challenged and thereby gives the necessary inner strength needed to continue the "climb," on the "path." A thing that realistically should never end and thereby guarantee a constant and growing interaction with the Divine Principle as well as all of life. The idea is not necessarily hard to understand, but the practice of it on a daily basis can be difficult to maintain. On this particular area the quality of detachment becomes necessary, as it alone can keep one out of the ruts of habitual behavior, those being sorts of "traps of laziness" that can easily lure one into them only to swallow them whole. When this occurs the connection to the ECK begins to be cut off because the individual chooses it as an option that most often appeals because of a level of comfort that it appears to offer. It is in a situation of this sort where the ECK and the Mahanta shall bring the individual into states of experience that can appear to be harsh but in reality have become necessary to break off the sort of rocky shell that can at times form around one's psychic space, cutting off the Spiritual Flow.

A situation such as this is often the product of faith, hence it's being mentioned here. At times faith can go beyond the degree of trust that it was meant to be only to become a barrier that stands in one's way as they try to unfold and progress further along the chosen path. When this happens, faith is revealing its other side, and demonstrating clearly its dual nature. It is for this basic reason that I say that faith is best used as a starting place, but one that will continually develop until growing into something more than it was at its beginning with an individual. The various realizations one has on the nature of faith should be recorded in a dream diary, if one uses these.

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It is never a bad thing to include personal events and the realizations that they so often can bring, even if that is born not from a dream in the sleeping state, but rather a personal experience within or the realizations resulting from contemplation of its reason for occurring and the lessons that contains. I personally use my own dream diary to include any and all inner experiences, thoughts and remarks on the spiritual subjects that are involved, and that offer new realizations that hadn't been available before. Along with this I often suggest that others consider reviewing their dream diaries at the end of each month, looking for patterns that might become visible, or other realizations about the experiences, dreams, thoughts, and emotions they have been having for that time period, as often this can bring things not seen previously well into view.

Not only can these teach new interpretations or lessons, but by doing so they also widen the viewpoint and thereby the "stance" that one has as they go through daily life, allowing for a more sturdily balanced position that is better able to deal effectively and in a positive manner with the situations that life offers for our learning. This ensures the ability of one to constantly be unfolding and learning new interpretations of truths that may already have been known on one level, but that now expand into wider levels that had not been obvious before. This characteristic is the very pulse and lifeblood of any living teaching, being that it is living, it must also be dynamic and constantly growing from the perspective of chelas or students. This does not necessarily mean that new truths are sprouting from it so much as it means that newer interpretations are being understood as well as newer applications for a principle to be used in daily life.

Faith happens to be a thing that for the most part, is followed unwittingly and is often prompted by a sense of duty and tradition. If one examines these more closely, it may be found that duty and tradition do not account for all of the situations that one might come across in life and they will not necessarily provide the best options for, or solutions to them. One always needs to examine the true reasons they have faith in a statement or book, or person or path. It is truly one's responsibility to observe and discern what they do in life and the true reasons why they make the choices they do. Sometimes faith can become an action whose beginning is with guilt for a choice already made. Because of the guilt, duty and tradition can become a diversionary tactic that takes the attention away from the action that caused the guilt and thus away from the self-responsibility required of one to balance it out again. In a situation of that sort, having faith in a principle is not always an honest action to take.

When a duty or tradition is used as a diversionary tactic to distract one from their own feelings of guilt, that person makes no forward headway because they refuse to be honest with themselves as to the motivations that caused them to adopt that method as their own.

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One who has the strength to be honest with themselves can easily recognize their true motivations for choices and actions and in that way, because of their self-honesty, not be led astray by any such motives. A person who allows guilt to be a motivator will eventually find that they have actually chosen to make it their master, promoting it into a position of power over the way their choices are made. When this occurs it inevitably becomes a problem for that individual that they must recognize, admit the existence of, and thoroughly extricate it from their being and their actions.

Another potential occurrence is rooted in these ideas of duty and tradition, and while not being necessarily negative, it can easily become so. This makes it necessary for an individual to inspect their own situation to decide if it exists in their life. What I speak of is an individual that accepts and follows the spiritual path that their parents had, whether this is because they were taught that this was the right thing to do or way to go, or because those parents insisted on it creating a situation of fear regarding it. It is always the individual's own responsibility to consider these things and to discern what they are as well as their reason for having been adopted, and then to take it another step further in deciding if it is a way that one should remain on or not. One particular thing in this context that must be known is the actual reason it is adopted. Was it due to heavy suggestion or force? Or perhaps only because it is the way a particular family has always taken and is therefore expected of one. There are also the possibilities of that path actually providing experience and learning as that can be a widely varying factor overall.

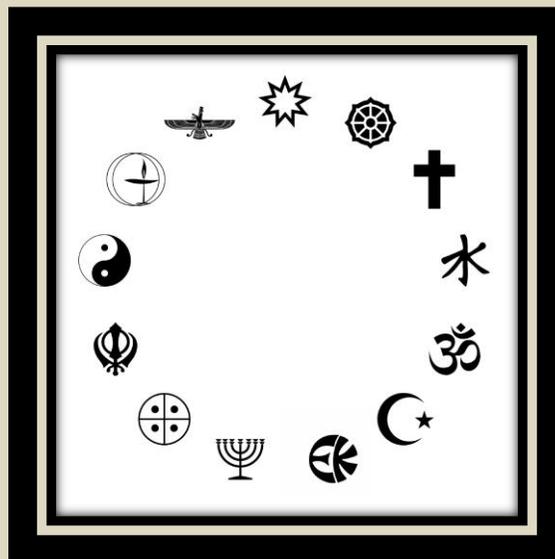
While adopting the religion of one's parents due to the following of a tradition or sense of duty that follows from faith, there is the other end of the dichotomy, turning one's back on a familial traditional religion, there is the acceptance of what can be called a false path, one that is not able to deliver on its claims. Such a thing can occur due to placing faith into a path that makes claims, but never actually follows through on those, never providing any evidence or experience for the results it claims can be had from its methodology. The point that is being demonstrated by these varying factors is the duality of faith, in and of itself. While it does have positive potentials and uses, it is still a dual creature by its very nature, and can never be trusted to be anything other than this. Every beneficial use will have its opposite, which has to be expressed to regain a balanced state. This fact makes faith into a thing that is not ever of the utmost good, regardless of the purpose one chooses to see and exclaim to themselves. It will always be nothing other than the duality that it is and has always been, and therefore is unable to propel one beyond the dual states into that of singularity, the realm of the Soul. The means by which an individual can determine whether or not a path they are considering is a true or a false one, can vary considerably, especially considering that all paths that exist in the physical realm will be found to have duality going on within them, from the best to the worst.

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A path must be found to be one that not only is able to teach its lessons and qualities in a very applicable and useful way, one that while being potentially challenging is not impossible to accomplish. A thing that helps greatly is what in Eckankar is referred to as Viveka, or right discernment. The ability to recognize which choices will help Soul to advance, rather than stand in its way forward. Using this as a tool with which to investigate a path or religion will provide one with what they need to identify qualities that they witness while happening. One must always be aware also, that regardless of the meaning, or lack thereof, that is witnessed or applied, there will also be ones that are even further outside of that particular viewpoint, and this indicates that there is potential for a further growth within that path.

Now, having said so much about other paths and religions, it must also be realized in a balanced way, that no path is useless. Each has its place within the whole of life and serves a purpose as well as a particular group and states of consciousness within the whole. This means that every religion can provide benefits and spiritual growth to those that participate in them, as well as to hinder their way forward. This factor alone is reason enough to allow them to be as they are, and to freely serve those that are served by it, and likewise to allow those that choose to remain trapped within them, if that is what happens to be the case at hand. Compassion and detachment must always exist and be extended to the various paths by virtue of the fact that each of these are simply aspects of Love, and exist only in accordance with the Law of Love as it is manifested in this world. Where necessary one can also extend yet another face of Love, known as forgiveness to other paths that may have held troubles or hard experiences for the individual at some point previously, and when this can be extended, this lifts the individual beyond the dualistic states of faith, and directly into the heavenly state of being which is the mainstay of the Soul's expression of awareness and the realm beyond duality, the first of the true heavens, the Atma Lok or Soul Plane.



Stretch

The American Guru

Let's begin by stretching our mind. When we begin to think of ourselves from a universal point of view, we are actually much smaller to the universe than an atom is to us! With that thought in mind, isn't it a wonder that we can find things which we feel are so important that we need to argue much less fight about. It is a cosmic wonder that we are aware of our existence. And another very interesting perspective is, if you used ratio in proportion, and you took the number of years that the human is known to exist on this planet and the average number of years that a human lives you would find that your lifetime is equal to approximately 12 minutes of time in relationship to the lifetime of mankind. Our size and our lives are so very miniscule! And yet, (the exact wording depends on the version you read) we find in Scripture; "What is man that thou art mindful of him, oh Lord?"

After many years of searching for reasons it appears to me that the ego mind, (carnal mind), is certainly a necessary tool for us to use. Unfortunately while we're are young we are only taught to use that mind and look outside of ourselves for all our needs. If we were lucky, those in charge of us took us to a church on Sunday and sometimes a Wednesday evening, in that way at least we were introduced to another way of thinking. Actually most of the 'churchgoing' was to listen to others who apparently had used their spiritual mind, the only mind which eventually can bring us to peace and joy in our lives. It's the real and the lasting part of us. The ego mind has its job which is to continuously lead us to things and people who will eventually prove out to us their incapacity to bring us to peace and joy. While the people and things in our lives can bring us momentary happiness, they cannot nor will they be capable of leading us to the real peace and joy which lies within ourselves. To reach that lasting peace and joy can only be found in what most people refer to as, "the higher self" not realizing that that self is you your own real self. You cannot hope to find your real self by going from book to book, subject to subject, teacher to teacher or even go to a strange country to find your own personal guru. You can only find your real self when you turn within and begin to follow that path which leads you to your own true happiness.

How many years, how many different things and how many different people must we go through or chase after the acquisition thereof to learn that we are being misled. That person place or thing just could not continue bringing us peace and happiness. And it is not because something was "wrong" with them or it. It was simply a matter that our ego became restless again. And it will continue to do so, for that is its job, to lead us out of the 'darkness' and into the 'light'.

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And lead us from the allusions, into that which is real by dragging us through all which is un-real. How many thousands of years, different people, and different ways of saying it do we need to live through before we open up our hearts and find that with our hearts is the only way we can hope to see or to hear the Truth? And I'm speaking of the truth that is yours; it has been with you since birth and probably from beyond. It's the truth that seeing you it is the truth that is you, the real you. And yes you are different from every other human being on the face of the earth, you were meant to be. You should embrace that difference rather than being critical of it which is also the same critical factor that you use to criticize other people and things. That criticalness begins to disappear as you begin to stop criticizing yourself. And I'm not talking about that self which most trying to project to other people or tell other people about, I'm talking about that that voice which most here in their heads when they're all by themselves, alone and quiet and thinking of themselves. That is a scary place for most of us to go in for the most part we avoid and use various means to override that voice. Some choose alcohol or drugs; some choose work and noisy places and when not in them turn the music up loud in their cars or on their iPods. Very few take the time to confront that voice and to search for the truth within themselves. Often they need help with this but are too ashamed or worried to disclose these things to another. Many times you will find this is the real reason for suicide. And the world is going to be facing more and more of this as it goes on, I fear, because here in America we have allowed God/Allah, (or any one of over 101 different names used to define the creator), to be taken out of our schools and most parents have put aside praying before meals, taking their children to church or in some way instilling in the young minds of their children that there is a great power that is in control of all things and out of love allows us to humans to choose with the free will and in that way we teach ourselves through our errors. Then we take it a step further and say that after all these centuries we should remove the word God from public buildings and yet it was man's desire to freely express its belief in this God which cause them to make the very, very dangerous voyage across the ocean to discover this land.

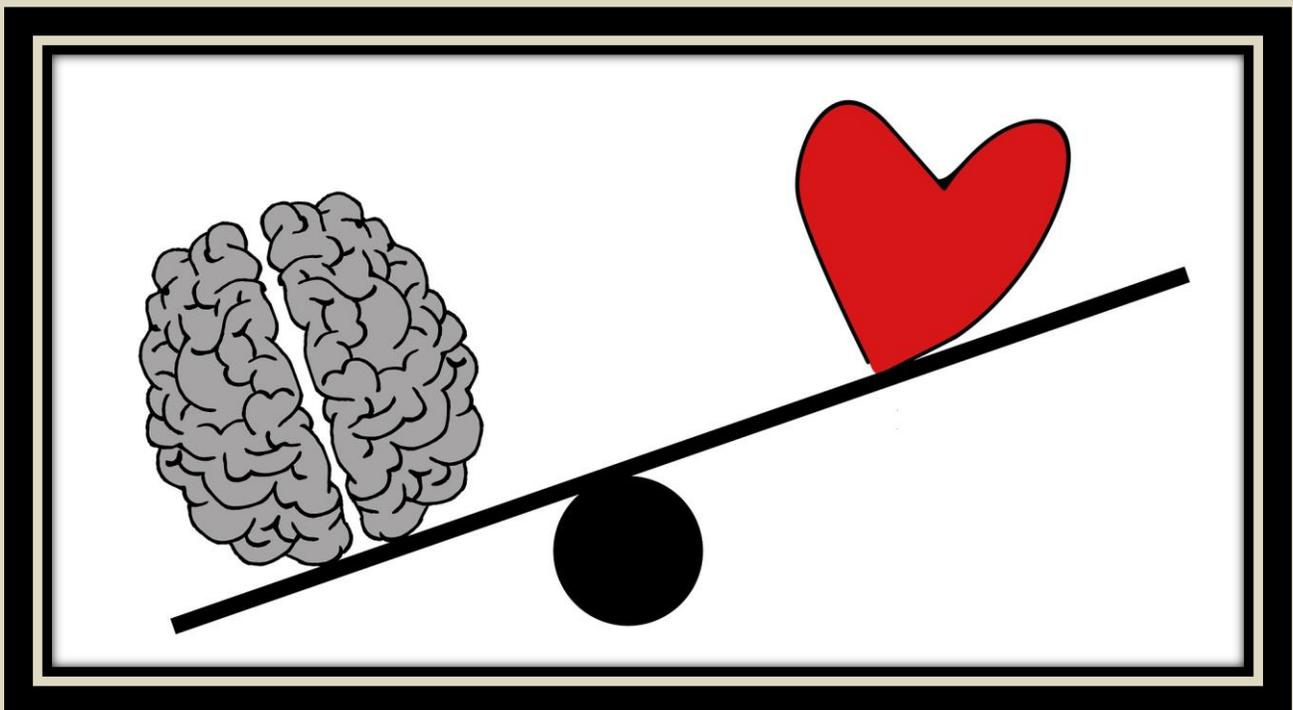
The chaotic situations of this world, and in the smaller size your mind, will continue until you as an individual take up the task to free yourself from it by turning within and finding your real self, (your higher self), that self which will continue to live beyond the time this world looks at what you call your body and pronounces it dead. Know this, you cannot die! You will continue on working yourself through the maze which is a life until you come to the realization, and begin to live accordingly, that all that is was and never will be – still is The Creator; God! Then and only then can you find a piece and the joy that transcends explanation by the human mind.

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For the human mind only hopes and wishes for it but only the spiritual mind has it. It always has and always will have – think not? Just look at any baby who is healthy, well fed, and comfortable and you will see a piece in the joy that you only wish for. Just maybe there was some truth in the words, ‘unless you become as one of these little ones you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.’

You sincerely want to but don’t know how to begin or where to start? There are many around who are willing to help. The way to know the difference is simple, if they lead you to depend on something on the outside of you, be it a religion, a modality of some nature or another person ... RUN AWAY! If that person who is helping you is teaching you how to turn within and depend on the Creator, then you have found a mentor. Psalm 118.8 “It is better to trust in the Creator than to have confidence in man!”



Breaking the Ties that Bind

Rev. Dr. Loni Haas

What is the purpose of this life? Are we all just here for a one time 'go-round' or is there a greater plan for which this lifetime serves as but one chapter?

These questions have concerned mankind since the dawn of its creation. Many ancient and contemporary philosophies, theosophies and religions hold fast to the premise that we all do indeed live many lives through the process of reincarnation. One may ask, "To what avail does living multiple lifetimes serve?" Best Selling Author and Past Life Regression expert Michael Newton PhD spent years conducting studies based on the premise that after death, the Soul has a "life between lives." According to the general consensus of his subjects in hundreds of those regression case studies, all of literally go back to "school" ... each of us studying his or her own "Book of Life," a record of lives past. We do this with the goal of 'improvement' in mind.¹

If we accept that the answer is the Evolution of the Soul, then the next query is the role of karma. How does it work?

The great Edgar Cayce, whose wisdom is timeless, talked often about reincarnation and karma. On many occasions he was asked if karma was a punishment and a way of paying off debts for past life misdeeds. Cayce believed that only the Soul could defame itself and that the only debt any of us carry is the debt of the Self. He also differentiated between personality and individuality explaining that the personality was merely a material expression and what a person wanted others to think. Individuality was an expression of the 'inner self' - what the Soul desired. He expounded further that karma was residual in effect; that which was carried forth through the, "...experiences of the Soul, in a body, in an experience on Earth... that which has been built in the past as indifference to what is known to be right."²

Looking at this from yet another perspective, Karma is the vehicle of the Soul's intent for Self-correction. Karmic residuals can operate as the ties that bind and awareness of these residuals is the first step in loosening these bindings and releasing the personality and individuality. When we become aware we become cognizant of how to live a happier, healthier, and more productive life. Each Earth life we live serves as the process through which we gain more Soul Evolution.

In *The Prophet* by philosopher Kahlil Gibran, there is a profound reference to the subject of Freedom.

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The Prophet tells the townspeople, “And how shall you rise beyond your days and nights unless you break the chains which you at the dawn of your understanding have fastened around your noon hour? And what is it but fragments of your ‘self’ you would discard to become free?”³ If we do indeed discard “fragments” of ourselves... these so called “residuals” in order to promote the growth of the Soul then the goal of Evolution is Freedom and the promise of Freedom is Ascension.

The highest Universal vibration is Collective Love. This is what all Souls gravitate towards. It is an all-encompassing and selfless love that begins with a pure understanding and love of the Self. According to Edgar Cayce, “The purposes, the import of the earthly sojourn of each soul, is to meet self, to overcome weaknesses in self, and become more and more adaptable to spiritual truths (such as kindness and generosity) that are a part of each and every entity.”⁴ Personal Karma can be understood only through a willingness to become aware. Some people are cognizant of the fact that they mentally, emotionally and often physically affected by dramas and traumas from the “past.” They innately “know” that they have “something” to do in this life but feel less confident to strive forward. Often they repeat behavioral patterns and habits that are detrimental to their spiritual growth and human achievement. Others have no clue that they may be carrying baggage or burdens from the past. They develop irrational fears and even worse, phobias that literally hold them back.

There have been multitudes of past life regression cases showing that such incidents cannot always be based on psychology based in childhood conditioning or traumatic events. Many of these people had perfectly normal and happy childhoods free of trauma. In these instances the expression, “It’s just the way he/she is!” couldn’t be any closer to the truth but, that way of “being” isn’t anything new and more likely very old. The possibility that issues from past lives can “bleed through” affecting a current life status is becoming more and more acceptable by society at large.

Unfortunately, there is some belief that Karma can be erased, changed or altered. Karma will play out one way or another because it constitutes part of the life lessons we have chosen for ourselves for Soul evolution. By understanding the etheric root causes of our distress we can alter our view of ourselves through a better understanding of what we have come to do in this lifetime for spiritual achievement. World renowned psychic Sylvia Browne puts it this way, “So we choose to come here, as rarely or as often as we feel the need, and we choose what we’re interested in learning and working on this time around. We make these brief trips to earth to learn the hard way, through firsthand experience, for the growth and progress of our souls on their eternal journeys.”⁵

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According to Mae Wilson Ludlam, current karma is, "... the forming stage where you still have the power of choice; power to modify what is happening by your response.⁶" The "key" word is response. Overcoming limitations is always based on our response... we all have a cosmic preconditioning for this!

The past is eternally woven into the present. Even individuals who are experiencing no problems can benefit by a thorough Karmic study in order to tap into past talents or special skills that can be brought to the fore in the current lifetime. This serves to validate any creative immortal memories that an individual may be recalling that can enhance the current life.

There is a reason and a season and there is a way for everyone to move forward breaking the ties that bind into full human creativity and higher vibratory consciousness. Are you ready to initiate your "Self?"

Student: "Teacher what is the answer to the riddle of life and the pain and joy of existence?"

Teacher: "It is as you have written it."

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I AM There

Rev. Dr. Don Hauck

You are not you, nor I ME,
Transcend ears that hear and eyes that see,
It is you in me, and, I in you,
One, but individually expressing as two.

This from spirit alone can you perceive,
The ego, personality, the Satan cannot conceive,
No way can the intellect this understand,
Though it tries, only higher consciousness can
withstand.

To do or try ought else than rise above,
Emotional confusion grips you as a glove,
The torment from urgings towards spirituality,
Resisting it is, so called, secure materiality.

I want, I need, familiar feelings and thought,
Are but ego's lies with which your soul is bought,
Only your free will can you exercise,
To choose the truth, which gives the prize.

Married or single, on Earth you must be,
Whatever it is, let it change not by thee,
Apply my rules to, and in your station of life,
Or else you create more and more strife.

If you will not do it where you are,
You will just get weaker and weaker by far,
Please allow ME to show MYSELF to you,
And then you will be numbered among the few.

If you are single, you are best that way,
If you are married, do not stray,
The one to leave is the weak, not the strong,
For it is they, who do not belong.

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Women I have given the power to redeem,
But they must be led by male esteem,
For in his head are MY ideals,
Brought about - to women, appeals.

If you think you can build happiness,
At this point in time, you are selfishness,
You can do nothing, have you not learned?
You never will until you have turned.

Drop your defense, you have nothing to fear,
Those who will not accept, cannot hear,
They are like you have been, bundled and tied,
By their ego, selfishness and pride.

Turn away from you and back to ME,
All giving of yourself, will set you free,
Humility and pride it will take of you,
Those with courage enough are but few.

But when it is done, you begin to experience,
All you dreamed in the world of appearance,
Now patience and kindness, hold on to these,
For within them are true, life's keys.

Now don't say you can't, that's not true,
Stubborn, strong and determined, I made you,
Now use this gift I have given - for me,
Hold to MY way, then you will see.

Don't look at what you must face,
As something you don't want or disgrace,
It's just an illusion created by your mind,
I will see you through it, just you be kind.

I match the weak to the strong,
To make emotions right, instead of wrong,
Then they blend into impersonal care,
The true love which proves, I AM there.

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If from the path you are falling,
Return quickly to your calling,
Work, open your mind, your soul bare,
Soon you'll have peace and know, I AM there.

The truth is love with rules to apply,
Not hard, when on something greater, you rely,
Give up personal desires, which only for you care,
Granting guilt for your doubting, I AM there.

The rules to apply, hard on ego and pride,
Sooner or later they will have to subside,
Give in now, get rid of personal care,
Have a little trust, you will find, I AM there.

You will never get what you want from another,
Until within you become as a sister or brother,
To my rules you then live and begin to share,
Then you will have true love, for I AM there.

Come do it my way and have a ball,
With love and friendship for one and all,
If you are mated with a particular one to share,
If they do not respond, do not care, just know, I AM there.

You seek harmony and look without,
Now look within and hear it shout,
You feel used and sometimes abused,
It's only you - claiming you accused.

Learning now will lessen the pain,
Only this should be your mind's aim,
Fear and worry are but illusions,
Containing the power to cause confusion.

You are but energy traveling through feeling and
thought.

Until they are Harmonious you are caught,
Like your fellow men in a web, un-freed,
Until you accept the "Gardener's Seed".

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Life's Joy, Peace, and Love are yours to express,
And in doing you find, your happiness.
To try on one's own to balance one's self -
Is to constantly fail in spite of "Self"

Life is whole and not in parts,
It beats with the blending of human hearts,
To fall short of this, is what is called sin,
The truth, answer, solution and/or virtue is within.

You are more than you think, you know,
Those who are attuned can see your glow,
If only before it is too late you become aware,
That within you, I AM there.

When you are frustrated and tired of looking out,
Stand still, you'll find I AM about,
Expressing through another who shows they care,
Now listen, be still and know, I AM there.

Away from illusion, confusion and sin,
Through them I'LL lead you back within,
To ME, who you, I deeply love and care,
And for that reason alone, I AM there.

You'll know it's ME though another is speaking,
For they'll expect nothing from you for their keeping,



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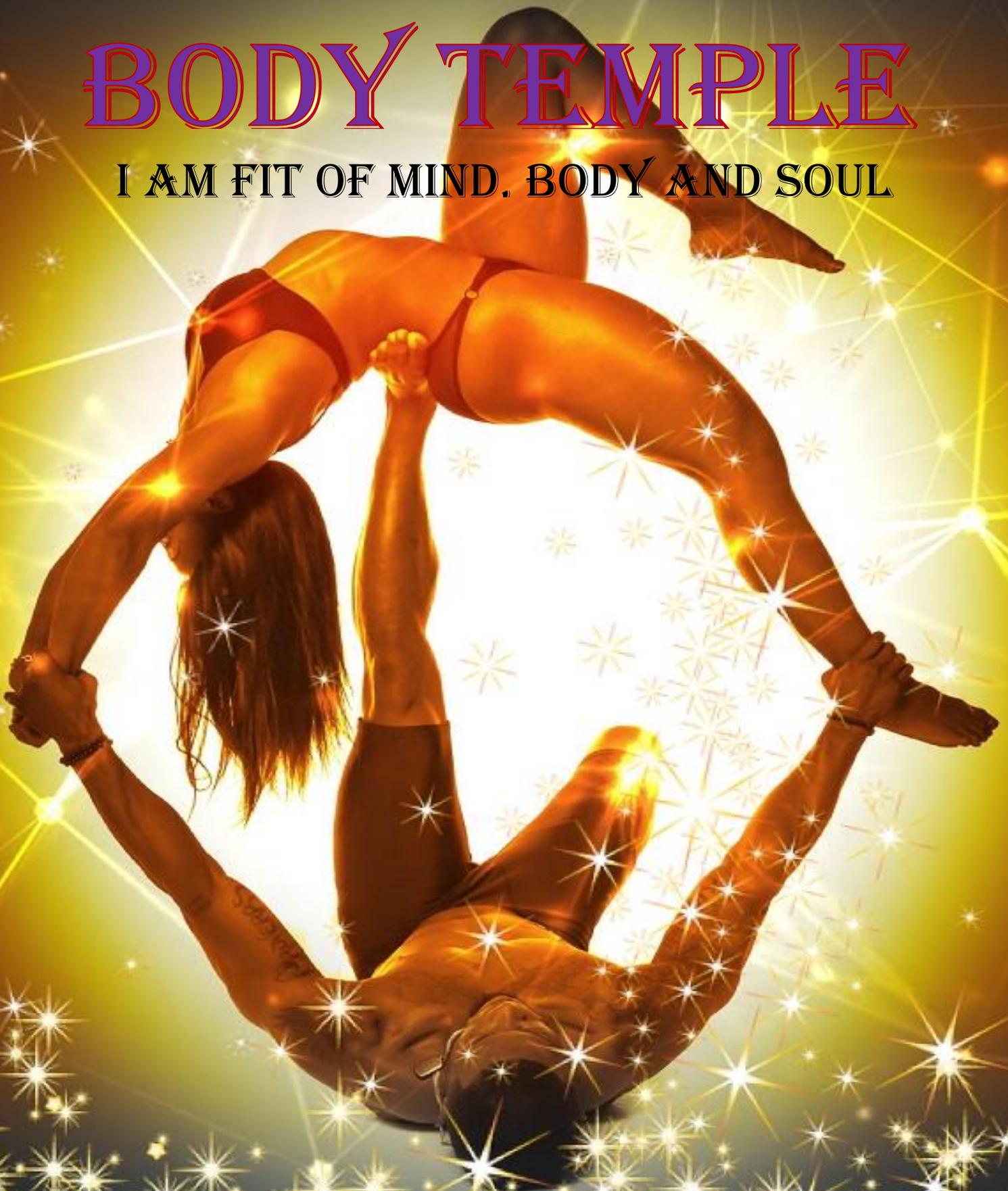
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BODY TEMPLE

I AM FIT OF MIND, BODY AND SOUL



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The Healer Dwells Within

Li Huan

One of the most exciting developments in the history of healing is the growing recognition that the mind can influence, even control, the functions of the body. Since the 1960s the emphasis has been on ‘redefining the mind’ for if this implies only the ordinary, everyday process of thinking then it is ridiculous to believe that it can make even minor changes in one’s body.

During the Sermon on the Mount, Christ asked, “Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” Most people would agree this is indeed impossible. Yet primitive tribal communities have always realized that if ‘mind’ includes the emotions then miracles can happen – through ‘mind’ power alone. A tribal standard of healing is to put a sick person into a trance, which frequently culminates in convulsions. In this uninhibited state the subject can release his repressed feelings and tensions letting out ‘unclean spirits.’ In most cases this seems to work. This ancient, ritualized trance method is now back in vogue in our sophisticated society as the foundation of many cults and encounter groups. In fact, Christ’s own method of healing relied to a certain extent on the same shock-release principle, although judging by the Gospel accounts he had no need to induce trances. His approach was simple, even blunt ... “take up our bed and walk” spoken with what one must assume was considerable authority shocking the victims of paralysis so profoundly that their useless limbs were literally galvanized into action. Frequently, the exhortation to rise from their sick beds was prefixed by the phrase, “thy sins are forgiven thee,” a potent shock healing method. Exorcism also followed this pattern (and still does) as did ‘stroking’, the secular version of the Church’s laying on of hands.

During the 18th century, miracles came to be regarded with suspicion, and although Anton Mesmer’s animal magnetism retained the traditional healing principle (including trances and convulsions), it could not win orthodox medicine’s acceptance. Its successor, hypnotism, was also to emphasize that patients were not responsible for their own recovery. The hypnotist alone, it was thought, was instrumental in effecting the cure, through the power of suggestion.

In the 1880s, a young French chemist, Emile Coué, had been impressed by the curious phenomena of his customers who were cured by drinking what they thought was medicine but was in fact colored water. The secret he discovered? Auto-Suggestion. He also realized that it was not a question of sick people willing themselves to get well. The customers who recovered after drinking the colored water were after all not exercising their will power or making any kind of conscious effort.

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It was their imagination that was being activated. In the 1920s he popularized the saying, “every day, in every way, I get better and better.” It was not designed to express the will to get better; it was simply an incantation, a ritual aid to be used daily in programming one’s imaginative faculties.

The medical establishment would have nothing of this gimmickry. Students were taught as usual, that organic ailments had organic origins. Imagination had nothing to do with it at all. Ironically, just when Coueism was losing popularity, certain evidence came along that proved it right. Two young British cardiologists, William Evans and Clifford Hoyle, were conducting tests on the efficacy of various brands of drugs used in the treatment of angina at a London Hospital. To make sure the tests were fair, they divided the participants into two groups, both of whom were told they were taking the same drug. Only one group was taking it, while the other was taking bicarbonate of soda – and the later drug was most successful!

By the end of the 1960s, it had been established that humans could control their own nervous systems using a technique known as biofeedback. It was auto-suggestion plus hardware whereby students learned to use machines that monitored their reactions (emotional and psychological). If they were positive, then they learned to take full advantage of them – if negative they learned to destroy them. Despite the revolutionary implications of the discoveries of auto-suggestion, biofeedback, and endorphin, the scientific establishment seems to be hardly aware of them. However despite official apathy, ordinary people are beginning to get the message.

Since the 1970s, there has been a massive proliferation of groups that use in one form or another, the benefits of auto-suggestion. There is also a growing realization that the power of auto-suggestion can account for many well attested ‘miracles of healing.’

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Lunar Healing

Thomas Selinas-Cross

Energy Healing of certain body issues can be achieved when the Moon transits the different signs of the Zodiac. You'll need to have a calendar on hand that shows you which sign the Moon transits on a given day. Visit your favorite energy healer when the Moon is in these signs to address the issues listed or perform your own personal healing by directing healing color to afflicted areas as specified. Note that the Lunar Zodiacal Correspondences listed here are NOT good times for medical procedures on the parts of the body listed under each Lunar Sign or the sign's polarity (opposite sign). Note: This is for personal energetic healing and does not replace medical advice or medical treatment.



The Moon transiting the sign of Aries is the time to heal issues concerning physical exertion and muscular injuries, bladder and external sexual organ functions, head and face problems and any issues with taste. The Lunar healing color is Magenta.



The Moon transiting the sign of Taurus is the time to heal issues concerning the skin, neck, throat, esophagus, thyroid and sense of touch. The Lunar healing color is Bright Blue.

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The Moon transiting the sign of Gemini is the time to heal issues concerning the respiratory system and lungs, arms, hands, shoulders, tongue, and sense of sight. The Lunar healing color is Bright Yellow.



The Moon transiting the sign of Cancer is the time to heal issues concerning the chest, breasts, stomach, female functions, fluid retention, left eye in males and right eye in females. It is also a good time to address emotional stress. The Lunar healing color is Soft Pale Green.



The Moon transiting the sign of Leo is the time to heal issues concerning the heart, upper back, and the right eye in males, left eye in females and the spine. The Lunar healing color is Orange.

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The Moon transiting the sign of Virgo is the time to heal issues concerning the nervous system and intestines, bowels and general hygiene. It is also a good time to address nervous tension. The Lunar healing color is Indigo Blue.



The Moon transiting the sign of Libra is the time to heal issues concerning the lower back, kidneys, ovaries, buttocks and basic metabolism and vasomotor system. The Lunar healing color is Lavender.



The Moon transiting the sign of Scorpio is the time to heal issues concerning the gall bladder, reproductive organs, urinary bladder, colon, menstruation, rectum and urethral stricture. The Lunar healing color is Fuchsia.

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The Moon transiting the sign of Sagittarius is the time to heal issues concerning the arteries, liver, thighs, hips, hepatic system, right ear and sense of smell. The Lunar healing color is Turquoise.



The Moon transiting the sign of Capricorn is the time to heal issues concerning the bones, teeth, knees, spleen, left ear and sense of hearing. The lunar healing color is Sage Green.



The Moon transiting the sign of Aquarius is the time to heal issues concerning the ankle, lower legs, calves and circulation. The Lunar healing color is Electric Blue.

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The Moon transiting the sign of Pisces is the time to heal issues concerning the feet, sleep disturbances, addictions, glandular swellings and mucous discharges. The Lunar healing color is Aqua.



Are We Subject to Galactic Disease?

Leighanne Wadan

Every year, the human race suffers with the usual bouts of the flu and the common cold. The words “air born” or “caught it from so and so” often come up in reference to the way illness is spread. These references almost give the flu a kind of neighborly connotation AND speaking of neighborly...what about those neighborly cosmic vagabonds - the comets? Is it possible that they can expose Earth to unknown galactic disease?

In a controversial thesis put forth by two eminent British astronomers, Sir Fred Hoyle and Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe this is exactly the case. Hoyle and Wickramasinghe believe that the dust that fills the space between the stars consists of minute living organisms and that comets, formed when the Solar System was born, are made up of this interstellar dust mixed with frozen gasses and ice. They further believe that when a comet travels through our Solar System, some of this “dust” drifts into the Earth’s atmosphere where the unknown organisms find a compatible environment in which to multiply.

The two astronomers go on to link certain outbreaks with particular comets. For example, Halley’s Comet which takes between 75-78 years to complete its orbit around the Sun seemed to coincide with the world wide outbreak of the Asian flu in 1957 and a similar outbreak 77 years earlier. They went on to test their theory by studying flu outbreaks in British boarding schools noting very “sporadic” and seemingly “air born” activity. According to Hoyle and Wickramasinghe, once a virus is established on Earth it can bring about a permanent change in the genetic material of the host which can be inherited by later generations.

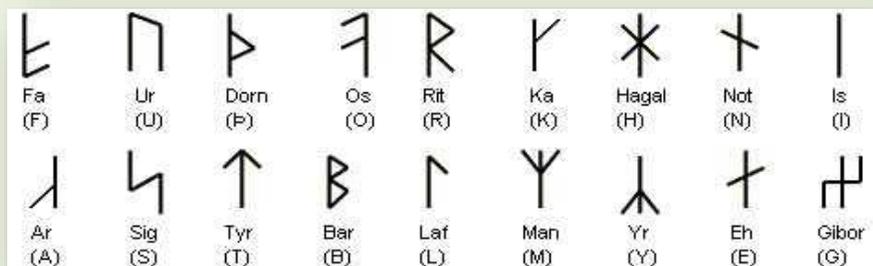
As usual, all of these theories met with criticism from colleagues and the scientific community until 1986. Space probes flying close to Halley’s Comet revealed that the dust given off by the comet contained the two elements vital to life, carbon and hydrogen, AND ALSO fragments of molecules that were probably of the type produced by living things.

Ponder that the next time you sneeze!

Armanen Runic Healing

Wynn Nordstrom

Runes are highly energetic symbols that can be used for healing on many levels. Reiki Masters who are also Rune Masters sometimes incorporate the Runes into healing sessions by signing the symbology into the client's aura. Any of the runic systems can be used for healing the physical and etheric bodies but the system most often used is the Armanen Rune system shown below. Armanen Rune Healing can be achieved by signing, Runic Yoga, meditation, or the laying on of stones carrying the appropriate sigil.



The Armanen Runes were the invention of Austrian Guido List (1848-1919) who was the founder of the main school of German rune-work in the twentieth century. While it is apparent that List's ideas followed the research of seventeenth century scholar Johannes Bureus, he basically opposed the theories connected to the origins of the Runes.

List based the shape of his sigils upon the original Rune Hagal and believed that its shape imitated the hexagonal lattice underlying the structure of matter. A good example of this pattern structure is found in quartz crystal and List contended that within the "frozen light" of quartz a "true" set of Runes were encoded. All of List's 18 Runes can be projected by shining light through a hexagonal crystal at different angles. He further contended that the special geometric angles that produced the Runes expressed a magical relationship to the cosmos.

More than one Rune can be associated with the main chakra points and the in-depth "knowledge" surrounding the connection to the Chakras is generally kept from the public in order to prevent misuse and abuse. In the general healing of specific bodily ailments only a Rune Master skilled in hermetic knowledge is capable of selecting specific Runes for given conditions. Runes are useful in not only discerning the root causes of bodily conditions and complaints but can also be used as a deterrent in the prevention of ailments.

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This is because their healing comes from beyond the time-space continuum and because they are not subject to man's self-imposed limitations or theories. Here are some of the basic particulars:

FA - Ailments of the head, skin and bones. Feverish diseases. Can be used to burn off body fat due to its quality of purification.

UR —Neck, liver, nervous system (in combination with IS), chest and lungs. UR is also useful for discerning the root causes of ailments.

THORN - Aura of health.

OS - Chest, back, neck (with UR).

RIT – Throat and its ailments.

KA - Digestive organs (with IS).

HAGAL - Kidneys and bladder, loins.

NOD - Infectious diseases and skin problems (with LAF).

IS - Neck, liver and nerves (with UR); digestive tract (with KA) accidents and injuries (with MAN) blood, gout, arthritis, arteriosclerosis.

AR - Strengthens life force. Counteracts hallucinations and possession.

SIG — Nerves and tendons (with MAN).

TYR – Blood disorders, gout, arthritis, and arteriosclerosis (with IS).

BAR - Female sex organs, birth.

LAF - Infectious diseases and skin problems (with NOD).

MAN - Accidents and injuries (with IS), nerves and tendons (with SIG).

YR - Lower abdomen, sexual organs.

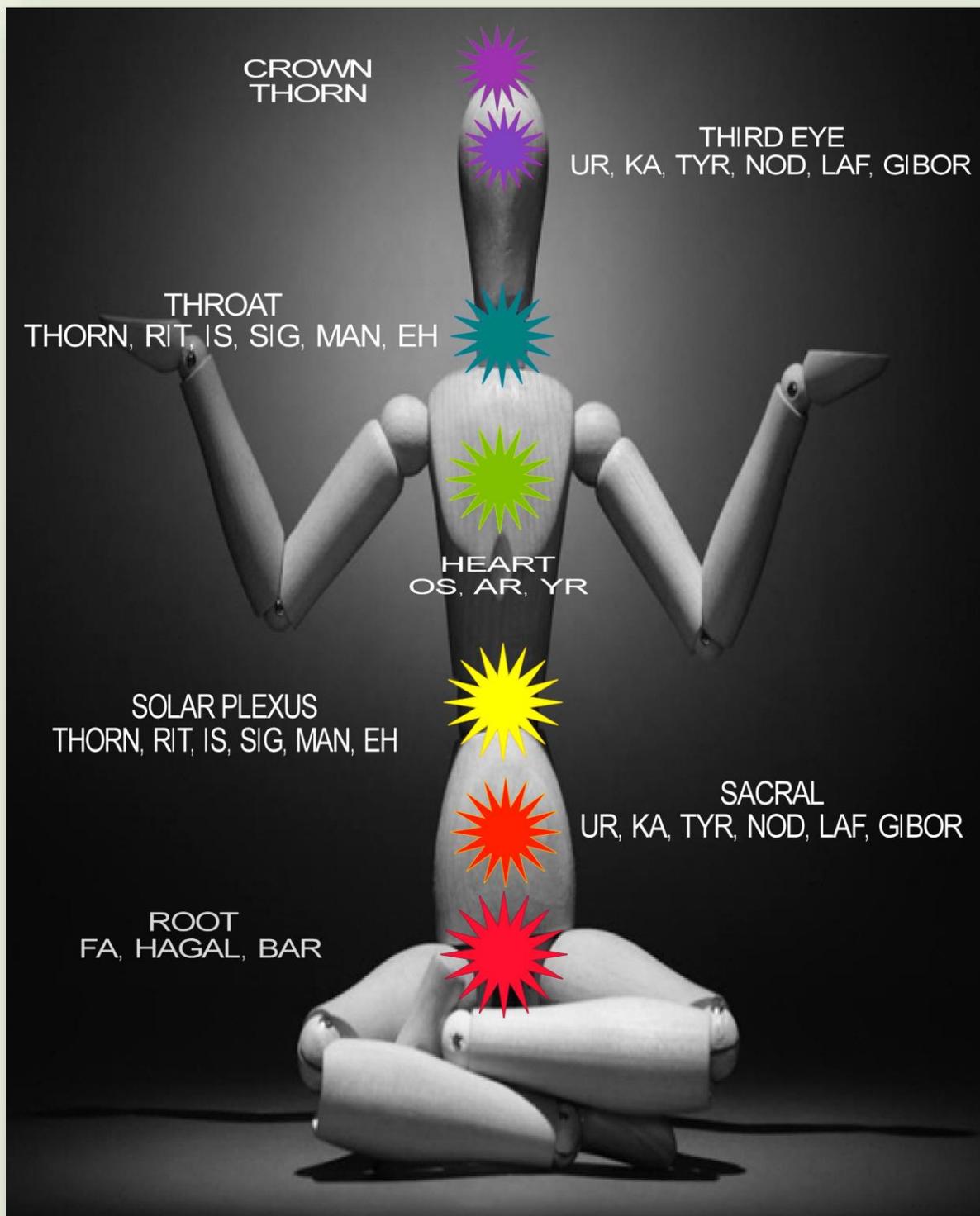
EH – Glandular disorders, lymphatic system disorders. Also counters depression.

GIBOR - Procreation, transmutation.

The following chart lists general Rune associations to the Chakra system.

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Uranian Medical Astrology

Rev. Dr. Loni Haas



Uranian Astrology was discovered and proposed by Alfred Witte of Germany and expounded upon by fellow Uranian astrologer Friedrich Siegrün in the early 1920's. Witte was a surveyor, astrologer and amateur astronomer who founded the Hamburg School of Astrology. The Uranian planets are in basis known as "Transneptunians" and are hypothetical by nature. The Transneptunians proposed by Witte were Cupido, Hades Zeus and Kronos. Those proposed by Siegrün were Appollon, Admetos, Vulcanus and Posiedon.

There are eight Uranian planets used in Medical Astrology. Medical astrologers who use the Uranian planets do so in correlation with natal and progressed work and midpoints on a 90 degree dial. The dial is another way of viewing a chart using the fourth harmonics system developed by the Hamburg School and expounded by the work of Cosmologist Reinhold Ebertin. The dial allows astrologers to discern hard aspects, the semi-square (45°), the square (90°) and the opposition (180°). Under these conditions, the Uranian planets can give the astrologer extra information along with the regular planets regarding past, present and future health problems.

The most important Uranian planets used for medical analysis are Hades, Appollon and Admetos. Vulcanus and Zeus have some medical significance followed by Cupido, Posiedon and Kronos which tend to have a lesser effect.

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Actual medical information regarding each Uranian Planet is quite extensive but the following provides a synopsis of each planet for those who wish to satisfy their curiosity to some degree:

HADES

It is generally agreed that HADES is the most difficult of the eight Uranian planets. In essence, it represents something serious that will not go away. An illness discovered under the light of Hades signals a worsening condition that is not likely to get better or long term ailments that have taken such a long time to manifest, grow and transform they are extremely difficult to control let alone cure. Although Hades is considered the “bringer of havoc” for the patient, in a doctor’s or therapists chart it represents those who are exceptional at medical analysis and able to discern the root cause of a medical problem. Hades governs slow, deteriorating diseases such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, lupus, chronic fatigue syndrome, M.S., Lou Gherig Disease, gangrene, anorexia, bulimia, self-hate, sociopathic behavior and suicide, poisonous infections and bites, food poisoning, skin diseases such as psoriasis, dermatitis, eczema, and ulcers, depression and hopelessness, psychic vampirism, pedophilia, rape and brutality AND all types of trauma suffered under the hands of others.

APPOLLON

APPOLLON often suggests that there are at least two or more medical difficulties that are contributing to the main scenario. Appollon is strongly tied to complications often secondary in nature due to misdiagnosis which causes the patient to grow more ill. In some cases the patient will have a tendency to ignore symptoms until a far worse condition develops. Appollon governs twins, strep ‘A’ bacterial infections, Lyme disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, lymph node and glandular cancer.

ADMETOS

The influence of ADMETOS is like the seed that remains dormant until body conditions are right for illness to be sown. The individual is often his own worst enemy because the disease that ensues has done so because of neglect and improper health maintenance. Admetos is seen in charts of unwanted pregnancies, comas and suffocation. Conversely, a well-placed Admetos can signify one who has the discipline and fortitude to overcome illness. Admetos governs blockages, blood clots, cholesterol, panic attacks, introversion and repression, stiff joints and muscles, circulation problems, Reynaud’s Syndrome, claustrophobia, abortion, autism and balance problems.

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VULCANUS

VULCANUS represents added problems to an already existing illness. Often seen in “festering” conditions, Vulcanus irritates the problem making it more obvious until just like a volcano it surfaces full blown. Until that occurs, Vulcanus tends to act like a chameleon assuming the qualities of whatever planet(s) are at the root of the issue making the dis-ease hard to diagnose. On the up side, a well-placed Vulcanus represents excellent recuperative powers. Vulcanus is sometimes tied to medical equipment operating procedures. Also covered under Vulcanus are the onset of fever and inflammation, cluster and migraine headaches, torn muscles and ligaments, nerve inflammation such as sciatica, skin diseases, herpes, high blood pressure and genetic deformity.

ZEUS

Just like the great god Zeus who was interested in procreation with humans, this Uranian planet is tied to conception – literally as well as generally where it represents the beginning of something. The energy of ZEUS acts more like an “impulse” and therefore the cause of an ailment rather than a contributor to an ailment. Zeus is also tied to fire and firearms thus representing burn victims and those wounded by gunshot or explosions. Zeus governs the rapid onset of fever, brain injury, and injury by lightning strike, epidemics, road rage, high blood pressure, stroke, injury or death by a sharp instrument, AIDS/HIV infection, sexual disorders (including incest and impotence), prostate inflammation and post-traumatic stress syndrome.

CUPIDO

CUPIDO is a family oriented planet representing illness within the immediate familial circle or heralding the birth of a child. It is also concerned with miscarriage, infertility, multiple births, caregivers and caretakers and the stress they endure, orphans, adoptions, family tragedy and issues of co-dependency. Oddly, a family member who is sick may be represented by Cupido in the chart of another family member. Because of this forewarned is to be forearmed aspect, Cupido can be used by astrologers to avert a health crisis. Cupido can sometimes signal that an individual has gone overboard by indulging in too much of a good thing that has adversely affected health.

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POSIEDON

POSIEDON has more of a spiritual and mental/emotional function in medical astrology. It can signify “red tape” such as hospital and government forms. In recent studies it has been tied to mental illness and emotional/learning disorders. Among them are schizophrenia, and OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder), autism, Down's syndrome, drug addiction, dyslexia, speech disorders (including stammering), epilepsy and ADD/ADHD. On the spiritual side it is tied to overcoming illness due in part to maintaining a good attitude or the ability to tap into the Divine for healing.

KRONOS

Is time running out? Then the skillful hands of a good surgeon will save the day! KRONOS has more to do with medical treatment from a masterful doctor than actual physical ailments. On a mental level, Kronos represents discipline and self-control concerning health maintenance when it is well aspected in a chart. Kronos governs medical/health bureaucracy and medical malpractice, Medicare, medical legalities, medical specialists, and the American Medical Association.





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Interview with Jaysen Q. Rand, UFOlogist

Stephen Briggs

Are UFO's real? Jaysen Q. Rand says they are absolutely real. Rand considers himself a leading UFOlogist and researcher. He is the author of four eye-opening books, *The Extraterrestrial Hypothesis*, *The Cosmic Blueprint For After*, *The Reality Engineer*, and his latest, *The Return of Planet – X: and its effects on Mother Earth – A Natural Disaster Survivor's Manual*. He has written for several well-known UFO magazines, and has seen firsthand that UFOs exist. He says they are among us, and have been for quite some time. He answered the following questions.

Question: Are UFOs real, if so, why is the government hiding this information?

Answer: Not only are UFOs real—but so is the reality of there being entities we call the ETs (extraterrestrial beings). In the earliest records from past antiquities comes our modern-day awareness that even the most primitive mankind (so-called cavemen), left behind beautiful and often descriptive images of flying objects and people seen in the skies above them. In addition, many pictographs, paintings and recorded images also exist of what the ancients described as spacemen, visitors from above, and what they often described as 'gods' in their flying chariots.

From paintings in the Vatican to images caught in some of the most famous art works in the world, to the many thousands of contemporary UFO/ET related books, magazines, feature films, television programs/specials/documentaries and newspaper articles—the message is always the same!! Of course there are UFOs, ETs and the millions of stories associated with them—everybody knows they exist; everybody understands why the subject is often ridiculed and why this government and those of certain western nations (the U.S./Canada/Britain/Australia/Israel) continue to foolishly deny their reality/actuality/existence. So who do they think they're kidding/what is their point/and why??

Not so with hundreds of other global nations: Mexico, Japan, France, Spain, Russia, China, the Scandinavian countries, most of South and Central America, the bulk of Europe and many African nations—all share an open policy of “UFO/ET information sharing” with the general public.

However, the U.S. in particular has long held the position that this information is “TOP-SECRET security sensitive” and therefore, not available to the public. Our close allies also follow this fruitless/ineffective directive—as goes the U.S. /so goes their policies as well.

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The modern-day era of the UFO phenomenon began as far back as the late 1800's/continued to grow through the early 20th century/then caught on during WW II with reports about the appearance of what pilots on both sides of the conflict called 'foo-fighters' (bright/green glowing balls of light/plasma) that all too often appeared to attack or follow their aircraft/flying close to their wing tips and which did not follow the 'normal' dynamics of flight. Aerial encounters with UFOs continue to this day/so what's new??

Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot flying the Cascade Range in Washington State in early June 1947, was one of the first witnesses to report what he described as a fleet of "flying discs" (later coined by the press as "flying Saucers") and the name stuck from that day forward. This event was closely followed by thousands of additional reports coming into the Air Force from Americans in all walks of life, from every corner of the nation and in many cases with pictures taken in hundreds of sightings.

So why the U.S. government policy of TOP-SECRET mumbo-jumbo/ridicule/secrecy?? That's easy!!

When you're the top-dog/the world's biggest superpower/with the most sophisticated military hardware/arsenal/resources and defense capabilities—we keep our mouth shut about what we know concerning UFOs/ETs/their spacecraft/their far-superior technologies and their future plans for this planet as the misguided governments of this world continue down their 21st century pathways to self-annihilation and ruin. Although I personally don't agree with it—prudence pays off.

One other key factor plays into this "secrecy" scenario—quite simply the fact that organized religion and the government's fear of 'general chaos' and a 'moral breakdown of 'society' might occur—should the revelation be made to the public that... *"Oh, My god!! We're not alone in the universe—run for the hills the ETs are here!!"* It may sound silly/ridiculous/Machiavellian—but that's their sordid story—yeah! Like everybody doesn't already know/or like nobody has ever seen Star Trek, Close Encounters, ET-The Extra-terrestrial, or hundreds of TV specials, books/magazines, news-papers, newscasts and a million UFO pictures taken from around the world—anybody got a clue??

How dumb do they think we really are? The American public truly deserves better than that...!!

Question: Are our highest officials and presidents told about UFOs? Who is privy to this information?

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Answer: All military branches/the Pentagon/key elected officials/even presidents know about this information and have detailed files/documents/testimony regarding same. It stands to reason that information such as this could prove to be paramount—should a silvery/shiny/UFO land one day on the White House lawn and a contingent of ETs comes looking for a presidential visit and a tour of the Pentagon! Can anyone forget the 1950s film, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*?

Starting with Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush 1&2, and Clinton—they all knew about the reality of UFOs and ETs. It's the “best-held secret” never kept!! How could they not know—everybody else knows—just go on the street and ask—the latest '05 Gallup Poll indicates that 68% of the American public firmly believe that UFOs and ETs exist and that the government not only knows about them—but is actively engaged in a massive cover-up of this information. The jury is in/the verdict convicts/the story and the cover-up continues.

Question: Does anyone receive information from them? If so, what messages do they have? Are they friendly?

Answer: This is a rather loaded question with several levels of anticipated answers! Firstly, yes they do dispense information/all kinds of info/about/on many subjects. The common name for people who have had a purposeful UFO/ET contact/sighting/experience is—*contactee*. Those are the friendly kind of experiences/the other kind is a hostile/sometimes malevolent/ unfriendly one—and those people who experience the negative side of the UFO/ET spectrum are called—*abductees*, just as the word suggests.

Just like humanity here on planet Earth—UFO/ETs come in a garden variety of flavors—from the nearly normal {human types} to the more bizarre {reptilian} or {not-so-human} looking species. We've all heard of the not-so-nice abduction stories at the hands of the so-called “little grays,” (there are dozens of books/magazine/Internet sites/blogs devoted to this topic (also to be found with the opposite viewpoint of being friendly). The most commonplace occurrences appear with the more friendly types—benevolent visitors to our world from the vast regions of the Milky Way galaxy as well of those from other more distant regions of the universe.

Recent research indicates that as many as 87 known/different/or similar kinds of ETs have made their way to our sector of the galaxy—specifically our solar system and this planet.

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Please keep in mind that as with any controversial subject such as this (the mere idea that UFOs and ETs exist), is fraught with mistaken identity/exaggerated details/fraudulent claims/ulterior motives/miscellaneous hoaxing attempts/deliberate misinformation and a host of additional human-connected problems that greatly contribute to the truth and veracity of the hundred thousand reports/stories/claims/ pictures and personal human experiences associated with the subject.

As in my case, my personal experience of a “Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind” began at age 11 as a child up in Canada and still continues today—some 57 years later. A “Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind” is the type of UFO/ET experience/event wherein the human subject of the contact experience physically sees/touches/communicates and otherwise interacts with the occupants of the alien spacecraft (in my case a large circular craft—approximately 90 feet in diameter and 55 feet thick/your typical ‘flying saucer’ craft—typically from the 50s era).

By the way, these alien craft also come in a garden variety of shapes/sizes/materials and colors.

Throughout the years since 1950, I have been an active UFOlogist, researching, writing, lecturing, and representing the United States at *The First World UFO Congress* held May 3-7, 1991, in Tucson, AZ. I’ve also worked several government projects, visited Russia on several occasions devoted to UFO/ET related endeavors and making valuable friends/contacts/associations and receiving an honorary Ph.D. from the Russian Academy Of Energy Informative Sciences, conducted with Moscow University, Russia.

The visitors, as we contactees often refer to them, are not to feared—but rather respected for what they represent—a far superior intelligence/technology and a cosmic spiritual mission to help aid planet Earth during her many centuries/periods of stress/upheaval and change.

Question: Was the Roswell incident a real encounter? The U.S. Army quickly cleaned up any debris, took it away, and kept what they found very quiet.

Answer: Yes, the Roswell incident was a very real encounter. My favorite (adopted) uncle, who was a crack WW II Army photographer, had firsthand knowledge of the event. I even have original copies from the front pages of *The Roswell Daily Record* (see Illustrations) from Wednesday July 8 and 9, 1947, with blazing headlines reading on July 8th—*RAFF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch In Roswell Region*—followed the next day July 9th with—*Gen. Ramey Empties Roswell Saucer* the debris field on Mac Brazell’s sprawling cattle ranch outside Roswell, NM.

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This was the first real evidence of a genuine extraterrestrial spacecraft (possibly two) that had crashed to Earth, been recovered by the Army/Air Force, swept clean, crated up and secreted away to several TOP-SECRET military locations, then back-engineered and researched. Added to the mystery, my Uncle Sam also believed that several (as many as five to six) dead alien bodies were also recovered and taken away for extensive medical examination and analysis. It was even reported by several Roswell resident (all civilians) that one possibly two aliens had survived the horrific crash and had been rescued, brought to the hospital in Roswell and attended too. This part gets sketchy with details—but is also believed to be true. What ever happened to the injured aliens is anybody's guess—but the fact of the two crash sites (one outside Roswell and the other near the old White Sands testing grounds) is fairly well documented and written about. At least a dozen books, several TV specials and documentary programs are available for those interested in more details/information about these events from July 1947. (Check out the Internet—Google: Roswell.)

As a footnote: It is widely believed in UFOlogical circles that over the past 60-years—our government and those of many other countries (including Russia), have recovered numerous crashed alien space craft, dead bodies and that they have spent decades back-engineering these vehicles and studying their dead or living ET occupants.

Now it's my turn to ask your readers a challenging question: *Suppose all the stories about UFOs and ETs associated with the return of "X" are true? And could the modern-day mythos surrounding the subject of UFOs, ET's, crashed flying saucers, human contactees/abductees, cattle mutilations, the wheat crop circle phenomenon, the Grays, U.S. astronaut encounters with UFOs on the moon, and those constant nagging rumors that many of the world's major governments are deliberately hiding, or at best covering up the truth about today's UFO/ET phenomenology—thus giving rise to further speculation that quite possibly the Biblical Nephilim (those ETs often associated with the subject of "X's" return) may already be back on Earth a wee bit early perhaps—but back here nevertheless—and with a bold new 'game plan' for helping us out (via the Rapture scenario)—when Revelation's Wormwood returns again?*

Think about it!! Those answers should be obvious... remember—*"The real reason most people are fascinated by the future is because that is where they will spend the rest of their lives..."*



Ghost Ships

Holbrook PSI

When you hear the words "Ghost Ship" what comes to your mind - is it the Flying Dutchman or maybe the Queen Mary or any of the other ships that are said to be haunted? In nautical terms a "Ghost Ship" is a sea going vessel that is found without a crew and with no explanation of what happened to the crew. So let's look at some of the famous and recent ghost ship and the mysteries surrounding them that have been explained.

The first one is one of the most recently reported ghost ships that was sited in Miami Florida and it is the "Joe Cool". The 47 foot sport fishing boat was found doing circles and dragging its anchor on the Florida Straits around 30 miles north of Cuba. The crew of four and the two passengers that had chartered the boat were missing. So at the time the Joe Cool was towed into Biscayne Bay by the Coast Guard it was a ghost ship. The Coast Guard would soon find one of the life rafts with the two passengers in it adrift around 12 miles from where the Joe Cool was found. After the police interrogated the two men and disbelieved their stories they were charged with the murder of the crew. I want to start with this one because it was a ghost ship for only a few hours but the media ran with it as being a ghost ship for almost a day before the rest of the story came out.

Here is another one from 2007 - a 12 meter catamaran named the "Kaz II" which was found off the coast of Queensland unmanned. It was found with the sails up (one was badly damaged) and the engine running but without the three man crew. To add to the mystery, the radio and GPS were working, there was a laptop that was on and there was a meal set to eat but no clue as to the location of the crew. Also all the survival equipment including three life jackets and the emergency beacon were found onboard but again, not one clue to where the three men were and what happened. Many of the people involved in finding the ghost ship and the search for the crew say it was like they just got up from dinner and stepped off the world. The Kaz II, as far as I know, is still considered a ghost ship and the fate of the crew is still a mystery even though they are presumed dead by the authorities.

In the article I read from the Times Sydney they looked into the weather and also the type of seas that could be expected and ruled out any cause that could be linked to natural occurrences. So what happened to the three men, did they all three decide to go swimming during their meal, did one fall overboard and the other two fall in trying to save the first? I don't think so. Is this a case of high seas abduction by aliens?

It is hard to say without doing an investigation and going over the ship from an 'outside the box' point of view. This includes looking for things that the police and the Coast Guard would not look for like radiation and any costal reports of strange lights in the general area.

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I would hope that one of the local paranormal investigators would look into this ghost ship and the next one also.

In 2003 the "High Aim 6" a 65ft fishing trawler was found adrift off northwest Australia with no sign of its twelve man crew. It was last seen 2500 miles near the Marshall Island. The High Aim 6 was found undamaged with plenty of food and fuel onboard as well as three tons of spoiled fish in its hold and no sign of its crew. One explanation that was given but never proven was that the crew was killed by Indonesian pirates while it was near the Marshall Island. If this was true why not use the ship till the fuel was exhausted then abandon it to the sea? As you can see by the dates of these examples of ghost ships that this it is not something that only happened in the past.

Now for some historical ghost ships that you may have heard of like The Mary Celeste. 1872 this 100ft brigantine was found in the Atlantic Ocean unmanned and under full sail heading for the Straits of Gibraltar. There are some that speculate that the ship was doomed from the start due her first captain's death at the very beginning of its maiden voyage and the fact that she colluded with another vessel in the English Channel. Several years after this she was wrecked in a storm in Glace Bay in 1867. After she was fixed and changes were made to the ship the new owners changed the name of the ship to the Mary Celeste. I cannot verify the name change but if the circumstances are true, this may be where the superstition comes from that it is bad luck to change the name of a ship.

The Mary Celeste set sail November 5, 1872 under the command of Captain Benjamin Briggs from New York to Genoa, Italy. The captain and crew numbered ten total which included the captain's wife and daughter with a cargo of no drinking alcohol. On December 4th or 5th of the same year the Mary Celeste was sighted by the ship Dei Gratia that had set sail from New York only 7 or 10 (sources differ on the date) days behind the Mary Celeste. The Dei Gratia was commanded by Captain David Morehouse who knew the captain of the Mary Celeste. While the Dei Gratia's was under full sail heading for the Straits of Gibraltar her crew observed the Mary Celeste for over two hours. Even though the Mary Celeste was flying no distress signals they had decided that she was adrift.

It was decided to board the Mary Celeste so the Chief Mate Oliver Deveau led the small party. He found the ship in generally good condition except that he was said to say that he found the whole ship was a "thoroughly wet mess." It was reported that there was only one operable pump and water in every compartment and around three and a half feet of water in the hold. The fore-hatch and the lazarette were both open and the only lifeboat appeared that it had been launched not torn away from the ship.

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They found the clock was not functioning and the compass was destroyed but the sextant and the marine chronometer were missing. This evidence led to several opinions as to what had happened to the crew. One opinion was that the occupants thought the ship was sinking and abandoned her in the lifeboat. Some thought that the crew had opened the hatches because of fumes and all had taken refuge in the lifeboat until the fumes had cleared. Once in the lifeboat. It was believed that the rope (that was their life line to the ship) broke which stranded them in the lifeboat while the ship continued to sail away. Another explanation was that some type of sea monster had taken the crew and that was why there was so much water on the ship. There has been no conclusive explanation of what had happened to the crew of the Mary Celeste.

The next historical ghost ship is the SS Valencia an iron hulled passenger steam ship that wrecked off the coast of Vancouver in 1906. This one has aspects of two of the different types of ghost ships the first is that 27 years after the wreck its lifeboat number five was found adrift in Barkly Sound. The lifeboat was in good condition with much of the paint still intact but there was no explanation to how it made it to the location it was found. The official death toll from the federal report was 136 with only 37 men surviving the wreck. The SS Valencia's dramatic end and large loss of life spurred many ghost stories in the area to include a phantom ship. In 1910, several sailors claimed to have seen a ghost ship (phantom ship) that resembled the SS Valencia near Pachena Point, which leads us to the next type of ghost ship.

So far we have looked at several of the missing crew types of ghost ships. Let's look at the specter of the high seas... the phantom ship. A phantom ship is another term for a ghost ship and I will use it to keep the two separated, but in some cases the lines between the two may get blurry. I have heard many stories of ships that have been seen at sea with no crew and when a boarding was attempted the ship just disappeared. Like the burning ship of Northumberland Strait that has been seen off the coast of Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island in Canada. This phantom ship is said to appear as a three-mast sailing ship on fire that will suddenly vanish. Some of the stories of this burning ship have included rescue attempt launches but none ever got close to the ship before it disappeared. The stories of the burning ship are interesting but it is not the most famous phantom ship. We have to talk a little about the most famous phantom ship and that would be the Flying Dutchman.

There are many different stories about this phantom ship and most say that the ship can never go home and is doomed to sail the oceans forever. She is almost always spotted from afar either as a silhouette or glowing with an eerie unworldly light. The sight of this phantom ship is believed to be an omen of doom in some of the seafarers' superstitions.

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There are many different sources that have many different ideas about the real name of the ship and where it hailed from and who captained her. Some of the stories relate that the original ship was of Dutch origin and a plague broke out onboard and no one would let the ship come to port and because of this the crew soon died sailing from port to port. Some say that it is a curse placed on the captain and crew because of some heinous crime that they committed so they will sail for all eternity. There is one story that says that the captain's pride cursed the ship because he failed to yield to bad weather. In his pride he stated that he would rather sail for all eternity than to seek safe harbor. This one is also why they say that you will only see the Dutchman in foul weather. There were many reported sightings of the Dutchman in the 19th and 20th centuries by sailors of different nationalities. One sighting was reported by Prince George of Wales in 1880. He was on a three year voyage on a 4000 ton corvette the HMS Bacchante off the coast of Australia with his brother Prince Albert Victor of Wales and their tutor Dalton. In Dalton's journal he said that, "... at 4:00 AM the Flying Dutchman crossed our bow" and that over 13 members of the crew had seen her. He described the Dutchman with a strange red light and the ship all aglow. The Dutchman sails into the category of the phantom ships of history but is it a haunted ship or an apparition itself?

This leaves the last type of ghost ship and that is the ship that is still in this reality but is considered haunted. Just about any large ship could and probably does have ghost stories associated with the ship. Many of the wartime ships of WWII were said to have the ghost of a worker in-between the inner and outer hull. Most of the stories say that a worker was trapped between the hulls and died and his spirit would still try to do his job of hammering rivets. These stories circulated mostly when the ship was in service and were based upon a strange noise coming from the space between the hulls. Many different TV shows have done investigations on the RMS Queen Mary and other war time ships that are not in service. There are many reports of paranormal events taking place on these ships and a lot of anomalous picture evidence supporting the claims that the ships are haunted. In my opinion any ship that has had a death onboard could be haunted, not to say that any ship that has had a death onboard is haunted. Having a death onboard the ship does not automatically make the ship haunted - it just makes it a possibility.

In one of the case studies I read on a decommissioned war ship in England the ship was thought to be haunted by one of her captains. The Captain in question did not die onboard the ship but the ship was his life and after his death the smell of his pipe returned to the bridge. The ship was his home, the one place that he put his life and spirit into.

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I have not personally investigated a ship haunting, ghost ship or phantom ship but from my research and the investigations I have done on dry land I have an opinion on all these phenomena.

A haunting can be place specific like a bit of history replaying over and over again which could be an explanation of the phantom ship phenomena. We get a glimpse of the past event because of the residual energies that have lingered because of the traumatic event. This could help to start a base of an investigation into a phantom ship. You would have to research the location of the sightings for any historical records of any traumatic event with the type of ship in question. That could be very difficult because of the way records were kept and the lack of eye witnesses to the original event. Many of the locations where a phantom ship has been sited was also the place where many different ship wrecks occurred over the years with many of the same type of ship involved. So for a phantom ship investigation I would just work with local lore and as much as I could with historical records that I find near the location of the sightings. Finding the time and date the ship was seen by others will optimize my chances of viewing the phantom ship myself. In regards to a ship that is said to be haunted, I would handle this just as I would any investigation on dry land. The ship is just like a house or building where there have been people living and possibly dying within its space.

One thing to consider is that a modern ship almost always has two elements that you would look for in a dry land investigation (water and iron). Is a modern ship more likely haunted because there is water under it and iron all around it? In my opinion it is hard to say with our current level of technology in the field of paranormal investigation. And finally what brought us to this point about the ghost ship and where all these people have gone over the years. Have they been abducted by aliens, eaten by sea monsters or is there a time door that is out there that takes them away? Many of the same questions are brought up about the Bermuda Triangle and Dragons Triangle and are never answered. The oceans of our world are vast areas that been charted and explored but not totally understood. We are still finding animals and natural phenomena that we did not know existed. I am glad that there are still some mysteries in the world of today and that there are still things that we cannot explain in the conventional way.

So on your next trip to the beach look into the area's maritime museum and see if there are any stories of ghost ships that could wet your investigational appetite. Just remember to always be safe in all your investigations and use caution and common sense.



Carl Jung – Champion of the Paranormal

Waden Jensen

Carl Gustav Jung, the father of modern psychology was no stranger to the world of the paranormal. He was not only fascinated by it but experienced many unexplained instances of spontaneous psychokinesis and other strange happenings throughout his entire life. Jung's comfortable attitude with the paranormal is not really all that surprising since he grew up in a psychically charged environment. His grandmother was known for her psychic talents and ability to see spirits of the dead and his mother kept a diary of precognitions and other strange and peculiar happenings. At age 23, Jung the young student and scholar had ambitions of becoming a surgeon. History tells us that his destiny would take a much different turn and that Jung's desire would turn towards the study of the mind. Could the strange experiences that seemed to follow him around like a pet puppy have influenced Jung? The answer is yes.

Consider the case of the exploding table and the shattered bread knife for starters. These happenings both took place in Jung's family home when he was a young man. One day, as he sat studying his textbooks, a loud sound that resonated very much like a gun shot rang out from the adjacent dining room where his mother sat knitting. Jung bolted into the dining room and found his mother well and unharmed but in a state of perplexity. It seems an antique solid pine walnut table had split in half. Jung was quite flabbergasted by the whole scene because his scientific mind could not grasp how a 70 year old table that had been dried out for years sitting in the high humidity of a summer day could crack open. He inspected the table for a weak seam but none was to be found. The table had split open seemingly of its own volition.

Two weeks later, Jung's mother and sister were alarmed by another loud "gunshot" resonance and upon inspection Jung found that a bread knife inside the dining room sideboard had shattered into four pieces once again seemingly of its own volition. Shortly after these events, Jung learned that one of his young female cousins was showing signs of mediumship. Still in a more scientific frame of mind, Jung was not convinced that his young cousin had any exceptional psychic talents but he did see an opportunity to study her from a psychological perspective. The study of his cousin and those in her circle led him to a new interest in the field of psychology and his eventual doctoral dissertation was based on the psychology of the medium and what he called "part souls." His study of the workings of the unconscious mind while in the trance state and how they complimented the conscious mind would eventually become the origin of his famous theory of balance between the unconscious and the conscious.

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Jung moved on to study schizophrenia at the prestigious Burgholzli Hospital in Zurich. He began to make his mark in the world of psychiatry with his famous research based word association tests and the “complexes” they revealed. It was at this time that Sigmund Freud caught Jung’s attention. Jung was warned by colleagues to stay away from Freud but the two became fast friends. It is well known that the main source of contention that later developed between the two was over the importance of religion and spirituality. To Freud, these things were non-existent but Jung was of an entirely different mindset. On one rather interesting occasion, Jung asked Freud for his views on parapsychology while bringing up the incident involving the shattered bread knife. Freud scoffed at Jung’s story retorting his favorite word, “bosh!” Jung, a bit put out by Freud’s “bosh” is quoted as saying, “I had a curious sensation. It was as if my diaphragm was made of iron and was becoming red hot.” At that point a loud sound like a gunshot seemed to issue from a nearby bookcase. Jung’s explanation for this was that it was a “catalytic exteriorization phenomena” to which Freud again replied, “bosh!” Jung then told Freud it would happen again ... and it did. This time there was no “bosh” coming from Freud. There was also no more discussion of psychokinesis between them and sometime thereafter they ended their association.

Jung continued to have “para” experiences as the years went on involving telepathy and ESP. He even had a stint as a ghost buster having seen materializations that he believed to be genuine. His work in dream analysis and the symbols and themes inherent in dreams lives on in the annals of modern psychology. AND what about his famous theory of Synchronicity? Let’s close with this Jungian tale. During dream analysis for a female patient, the young woman relayed that in her dream she was given a golden scarab. At that moment an insect flew in the window. It was identified as a rose scarab which happens to be the European relative of the golden scarab. Jung handed the scarab to the patient telling her that it was her dream scarab.

Did this help the young lady? Well according to Jung it upset her skeptical rationalism and greatly enhanced and facilitated her treatment!

Biographical info of Carl Jung from Mysteries of Mind Space and Time # 13



Karma Ghost

Olivia Constantino

One of the most unusual cases I researched concerned a Karma Ghost.

Yes, you read that correctly.

Several years ago I received a call from my psychologist friend Amanda who was performing past life recall therapy on a regular basis with good success. She asked me if I would observe the dialog of a patient while under hypnosis. The patient had agreed to have me be in attendance and take notes as well as share the session recording and even ask questions.

The patient had previously been under psychiatric care for about a year an alleged invasive personality but didn't quite fit any textbook psychosis. One of her doctors claimed she was pulling a ruse but another speculated possible possession which indicated religious undertones. She was perfectly normal and quite amiable except for times when the other personality manifested. Nothing in her background had shown trauma (at least not in this lifetime).

She claimed to know when the other personality was speaking as if she were watching a play so she was fully aware and even willing to share herself as its voice. She did not find it harmful or scary but rather lamenting and sad. She recalled that the manifestation started just after her seventeenth birthday. The personality would pop up about once a month on random days and speak its peace for about 5 minutes. The personality was male and the patient's voice would deepen during the interlude. She claimed to have seen it on a few occasions as a transparent young man dressed in some sort of tunic with bare legs and feet. She said his name was Yolie. She also felt very close to Yolie and was protective of him.

My job was to help rule out signs of possession from the paranormal angle so the proper route for removal could be pursued but from the get-go the whole thing seemed quite different and not "usual" by any means. My gut feeling was that Yolie needed to be integrated and not banished.

I attended three sessions, the third of which was the most enlightening and very strange. I will share some of the dialog here. A = psychologist Amanda, P = patient, Y = Yolie, O= Olivia.

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A: Good morning Yolie.

Y: Good morning doctor and guest.

O: Hello Yolie.

Y: Except you are not a guest, are you Olivia? I already know you from this time and another.

O: What other time Yolie?

Y: Long ago. We walked by the water and were friends.

This was a new revelation and I was a little stunned but managed to stay calm.

O: Where was this Yolie?

Y: Greece

(Note: I am of Greek descent unbeknownst to the patient.)

O: What was our relationship?

Y: We are friends and companions.

O: What is my gender?

Y: Male

O: What are we doing?

Y: Walking to our daily lesson.

O: What is the place where we are?

Y: Athens

O: Who is our teacher?

Y: I cannot say the name. It is not important. But it was Amanda.

Amanda interjects that this has not come up before. She tells me not to labor that point and when she does Yolie tells her that she always got to the heart of a matter.

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O: What is important?

Y: I must finish it to go forward.

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O: Go forward – where? Finish what?

Y: Where we all must go at the end. I must finish what is needed.

O: Did you die of some tragedy in this lifetime or commit a tragic act?

Y: No, I am a spirit then and now.

O: You were a spirit when I knew you in Athens?

Y: Yes. I am old in time but you were a young soul. You are moving forward but I have not. You thought I was an aberration of your mind and kept it to yourself. It was our only contact until now. I move in time to seek those who might help and have agreed to do so.

O: Is Yolie your real name?

Y: No, it is the name I use.

O: What is your real name?

Y: I cannot say.

O: Cannot say or will not say?

Y: Both.

O: Why?

Y: The Law does not permit.

O: What law?

Y: The Law of All that is and how it is.

O: Why have you manifested now?

Y: I have before in other lifetimes but was misunderstood and locked away and died again. I could not find the agreed upon assistance.

O: Are you reincarnated in _____ (patient's name)?

Y: Yes. We are the same.

O: Will you stay?

Y: No. This is the time I will go forward and correct.

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O: What do you mean by correct?

Y: I will correct that which needs to be corrected and move forward.

O: Is the correction only one matter?

Y: No. I am at the last part of the matter.

O: What took so long and how long?

Y: Hundreds of years – I am stubborn which is part of the problem.

O: Do you know what Karma is?

Yolie laughs.

Y: Yes.

O: Is this what you have come to correct?

Y: It is what I have been correcting.

O: Would you care to elaborate?

Y: No.

O: Will you be able to achieve your goal?

Y: If you help _____ (patient's name) understand. I have waited a long time for you to show up.

O: Have I shown up at the right time?

Y: Yes. Thank-you.

O: How can I help?

Y: _____ (patient's name) has given up faith and must not do that.

O: What faith? Religious faith?

Y: Faith in all that is. She is a skeptic of too many things.

Psychologist Amanda nods and interjects that patients displays unhealthy skepticism that has ruined life opportunities.

O: Why is it SO important for _____ (patient's name) to change this now?

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Y: It is the time allotted for it according to the Law. To be open of mind now, at this time will correct many, many ill actions and destruction from before and free the growth. The time is now.

O: Growth of what?

Y: The soul.

O: If this is accomplished will you never come back?

Y: I will have finished what I must.

O: How can the doctor and myself get this accomplished on our end?

Y: Play this recording and then help her to understand and heal. It will take time as she will not respond well as many memories will flood in as part of it.

O: When we do this will you eventually integrate with her?

Y: Yes. She will know. Do you both understand?

Amanda and I confirm.

Y: I have done what was needed and will go now.

O: Where will you go?

Y: Into the silence where I will wait to as you say, integrate. Good bye friends.

With that Yolie would not say another word.

Amanda began to work on further therapy for her patient. The therapy took two years but had very good results.

So, what exactly who or what was I talking to in this case? It was indeed a very strange aberration and I suppose other professionals would tag it with various psychological titles. I call it the Karma Ghost for lack of better terminology. All three of us got a lesson from talking to it.

Isn't that what it's all about?



Was Hitler Possessed?

This Q & A is from the files of The Enigma Vault courtesy of Holbrook PSI.

Question:

I read a lot of paranormal stuff and one thing I have always been interested in is any stories about historical leaders who supposedly worked with magic or the dark arts or "trade-offs" for power and fame. This brings me to ask about Adolf Hitler. Have you come across any evidence that the Fuhrer was a Black magician? There seems to be evidence to substantiate this in what I have read. Hitler's sister-in-law Bridget in an unfinished manuscript that was being kept in the NY Public Library (1970's) noted that when Hitler lived with she and her husband for a brief period he spent a good deal of time with a neighbor who was an astrologer and palm reader discussing his future. Later, he became fascinated with the Spear of Destiny (that belonged to Roman soldier Longinus who smote Jesus) which he later acquired thinking it had magical powers that he could wield. Most importantly from what I have read, a good deal of his staff particularly those in the higher echelon of the Nazi Party and his SS guards believed he was possessed by an evil entity or phantom that he could not get rid of and was actually terrified of. He would wake up screaming in the night that there was something in the corner of his room. Some of these people spent as little time with him as possible because of his uncanny powers of persuasion and because he always had a strange look in his eyes like something else had taken over. So, what do you think? It is known that there was mental illness in the family and that almost all of the evidence of that was destroyed. Was he just mentally ill? Do you think he made an evil pact with the dark side? - Lucas, TN

Response:

Lucas thank you for your question, it seems that you have done a good deal of research yourself on this topic. I have read some of the same things you have listed but it is hard to make a determination if he was possessed, crazy or had made a pact with the dark side. We do not know if the unfinished manuscript was going to be a factual account of historical events from just her point of view or a work of fiction with some facts. I have a hard time believing everything I read with many of the changes I have found that have been made in book when they were reprinted. To say for a fact that someone from history was possessed or had made a pact with the dark side is hard for me to do. This is because evidence of evil pacts or working with magic is not something that historians write about or look into when they talk about historical leaders for the most part.

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We have to remember that history is written by the victors and that in no way will the total truth be revealed because only one side will be told. This being said, you can take the historic evidence that may indicate a possibility of dealings with the dark side and work with that to make your own opinion of the possibility of it being true. In my own reading of history I have read book that were nothing but the authors opinion based on some facts. This is like a legend that has been pasted down and has taken a different twist with each telling. In looking at building a case that someone is evil is easy, you just have to look at their deeds. But is everyone that we consider evil possessed or have made a pact with the dark side? This will be where an opinion based on what fact there are must be made.

The facts of a pact with the dark side or devils pact can be written or oral by the means of an invocation, conjuration or ritual that is said to summon a demon to make the pact with. The way I understand it from my reading, you do not make the pact with the devil but with one of his subordinates or demons. It is like a business deal, you don't get to talk to the president of the company to make your deal, and you have to deal with the hired help. And to be more to the point there are specific jobs in every company and it is the same with the dark side; you don't talk to the truck salesman to buy a car. Some of the pacts that have been said to have been made are for power, wealth, and fame and of course love. Most pacts are made for the person soul for the wanted favor (power, wealth, fame, love). What if the favor you want is worth more than your soul?

Let's say that you are looking to be the President that would be more expensive than let's say being a good blues musician so you would have to sweeten the deal with more than your soul. This is just from what I have read and my opinion on the subject. If it is more that your soul that is needed you may have to do a sacrifice or so other favors for the demon at a later date. This may also be part of the contract in general that you will serve as a representative of the deal you made like a form of advertisement. So the demon could use you as an example for someone else or use you to get a bigger fish. This is my opinion on how it could work and if you don't find the contract it would be hard to prove. There are several stories of famous musicians selling their souls for talent at the crossroads. Robert Johnson was reported to tell the story that he had met the devil at a crossroads in Mississippi and sold his soul to play the blues. He said that the devil would come for his soul when he was twenty seven years old and he did die during his twenty seventh year. Another blues man that said that he made the same deal was Tommy Davis and he died during his twenty seventh year also. These are exceptions to the rule of 'don't tell people where you got your favor' which is why it is hard to tell who has made a pact.

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So did Hitler make a pact with the dark side which gave him his sudden power and control or was he possessed by a demon? I have no evidence of either one but I have an opinion on what happened with Hitler.

From my research and talking with many different people from many different spiritual points of view I have an opinion on Hitler's life. I believe that Hitler did make a pact with the dark side before he became Fuhrer. His pact went well for many years but a demon doesn't have to live up to his side of the contract. The more power Hitler got the more control the demon had over him till he was possessed. The possessed person will have times when the demon will leave him and in these times he would want to rid himself of possession. He would seek the help of religious objects like the spear of destiny or the Holy Grail that history has said that he did look for. A person that has made a pact would gain the powers that Hitler had and a person possessed would do the atrocities that he did. This is why I think that in his deal with the devil he forgot the main rule that you cannot trust the devil.

On a similar note when I was looking to see what the web said about people that had made deals with the devil, I came across a religious web site that had many people involved in the occult that was surprising. They built their cases solely based on 'he said - she said' and believe it to be the gospel. They would say a person was evil because he or she thought they saw the ghost of Lincoln in the White House. I will not even mention any of the names of the people that they had listed with Hitler's name as being involved in the black arts. I was almost sure that with their beliefs I would find my name there, oh well I guess I am not famous enough for the fanatics. My point is as I said in earlier you need to look at each case and see if there is a specific criterion that it will fit. Hitler gained power quickly - he had a power over people and the big one for me is the Holocaust and all the other atrocities that were committed by him or ordered by him. The logic of it for me is that he was evil but a man alone could not be that evil, I think he had to have had help from the dark side. I may have gotten of topic a little and I do apologize to you Lucas for this, but this is a question that always leads me to the people who say everyone that is a member of their church is evil. You know what scares me more? People who have made a deal with the dark side are the fanatics that think they're on the side of light sometimes.

Thank you for your question again Lucas and I hope that you keep up the search for the truth.



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WHAT'S IN YOUR CARDS?



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URANIA'S GATE

Nila Shoa

What strange Karma has cast my name to the wind?
Whispered enchantments, the sorcery of Lilith.
Mystic summons sweeping me up in the rapture -
A fallen leaf lost in the tempest.

Subject to the will of proud gods,
Who cast their shadows upon the Sun,
My passage is made dark.
But strong am I filled with the light -
Wisdom taught at the knee of Pallas,
And comfort taken upon the lap of Sappho.

Ignorance no longer my prison,
Pride no longer my warden,
Oppression a lithe gossamer thread easily torn -
At last freedom from samsara!
I stand before Urania's gate,
Holding the stars in the palms of my hands -
I am restored,
I am enlightened,
I Am.

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Táltos

Zoltan Gnagy

“The wise man adapts to the world. Only the foolish man expects the world to adapt to him.”
- András Kovács-Magyar

Hungarian chronicles of the 13th century still make reference to "magicians" as *táltos* (shaman) persons. The name "Táltos" is of unknown origin, but most probably correlating to "tát", which is to "open wide"; i.e. they "opened themselves to the world." The *táltos* tradition survived until the World War II in rural areas, where certain people were still considered as *táltos* by the local community, though they practiced weather-magic only.

According to Roman Catholic priest Arnold Ipolyi, in his book "Magyar mitológia" (Hungarian Mythology) from 1854, a *táltos* was in direct contact with God during the prenatal period. Once born, the *táltos* had a special mission in life to cure both body and soul of other members of society. The *táltos* also had a mission to communicate with the entire Hungarian nation in a time of danger, to warn against invading armies or an impending cultural collapse. In the Chronicle of the Hungarians by Johannes de Thurocz, Attila of the Huns asked several *táltos* to foresee the outcome of the Battle of Chalons, where they predicted that the war would be lost. They based their predictions on the intestines of animals, but how the actual prediction is done is not known.

The *táltos* could be either male or female, and should be born with more bones than the usual, like six fingers (altogether 11 or 12 fingers) or already-grown-in teeth. A *táltos* could also be born with the caul. The *táltos* was able to go into a deep meditation called "révülés", and in such a state could cure sickness of any kind.

The *táltos* has a personalized mission in life from God.

In a psychoanalytical way, Vimos Diószegi describes the *táltos* as specialists who are able to get controlled ecstasy (*rejtezés*). The position of the *táltos* is reached by heredity or vocation; the process includes typical stages: after initial resistance to vocation and the various symptoms of the "shamanic disease", the chosen by the gods finally accepts his role. The *táltos* gets shamanic knowledges at a young age, through shamanic journeys in days-long dreams, in which the main initiation goal is climbing the *égig érő fa* ("sky-high tree"), also called *életfa* ("tree of life"), *világfa* ("world tree") or *tetejetlen fa* ("tree without a top").

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Ethnological accounts define the *táltos*, and generically the shaman, as that whose social functions are to heal, prophesy, and save the cultural traditions connecting the past and the present, the individual and the community, men and nature and the gods. In the words of Hoppál shamanism is depicted as a "bridge and symbol, because it interconnects the traditions of the past with the present, and anchors the future of traditions."

Táltos congregations hold weekly ritual gatherings; in addition, they organize collective pilgrimages and healing occasions. The participants celebrate together different rituals (rituals of initiation, rituals of passage, sweat lodges and fire-walk ceremonies, fertility, healing and purifying rites, either for the environment, the participants, the collectivity or the nation), perform shamanic drumming, and techniques of meditation and self-development. While the ceremonies are usually led by the *táltos*, the community actively takes part. The most well-known contemporary *táltos* are Zoltán Sólyomfi, István Somogyi, Fehérholló Öskü, and András Kovács-Magyar.

András Kovács-Magyar is a very popular shaman, and his religious enterprise is flourishing. The Ancient Hungarian Táltos Church or Arch-Hungarian Táltos Church (*Ősmagyar Táltos Egyház*) was founded by András Kovács-Magyar, who later also founded the Noetic Táltos School (*Szellemi Táltos Iskola*).

According to Kovács- Magyar:

“Many people share good advice, ones that they do not observe. Authenticity always gives success. The world has become shallow. Slowly the point is lost which is the value. I wish to reveal these things when I use the ancient spiritual healing methods of past eras. Every man is a special character, embodies a special character. What we cannot tell each other, keeps distance, raises walls. Be pleased when someone sees a capable person because growth is the sign of life. The man, who is now here, now there, is unable to take root anywhere. Everything changes continually because the world is continually changing. The incurable problems cannot be solved by external help but rather by inner transformation. We were born to enrich ourselves. We cannot get anywhere if we point to others. Remember: not everything can be measured in earthly units. We need to recognize that everything changes permanently and continually in the world. The only thing which is constant is: change.”

Resource Study:

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Cagliostro

Georges Gerapolis

Among the Magi, the Zurich pastor Johann Kaspar Lavater was foremost as a promoter of tolerance. This modest author of a famous work on physiognomy had his own views on religion. He observed his fellow men with deep insight, for his physiognomic art was the study of man's features as the signs and characters formed by nature to reveal inner man. His urbanity often proved more effective the tempestuousness of his fellow magicians.

One would think such a learned and influential man would not need advice from a fellow magus. Yet in 1780, Lavater traveled to Strassburg where he hoped to gather more wisdom from the Count Cagliostro. The Count, however, refused to see him. They exchanged letters. To Lavater's question, "In what precisely does your knowledge reside," Cagliostro answered laconically: "In verbis, herbis et lapidibus" (in words, herbs and stones), thus alluding to his marvelous cures.

He performed these cures with simples concocted from minerals and vegetables and with the suggestive power of his word. Such an answer was unusually modest, as the "count" made little secret of his knowledge. Cagliostro was less talkative in referring to his stay in London where he committed several frauds.

In spite of Cagliostro's shady past, even his enemies could not deny the magician's astounding intelligence. And many friends and followers acknowledged their master's scandals and lies as extravagances against his wisdom, his chastity, his charity and truly superhuman talents of seer, healer and Hermetic.

Cagliostro was the founder of the Egyptian Lodge. The power of his word attracted numerous adherents and whole groups of Freemasons abandoned their rites to follow those invented by the Grand Kophta, as Cagliostro called himself. Brothers of every creed were accepted. The only postulate was to believe in the immortality of the soul.

During séances, magical ceremonies were performed with the intention of communicating with seven "pure spirits." An innocent girl, the "Dove" was led to a table where a glass bottle was flanked by two torches. The girl would stare into the bottle in which absent persons, future happenings, or angels would appear. She was often led behind a screen where she would experience a mystical union with an angel.

Resource: The Encyclopedia of Forbidden Knowledge, Zolar, 1970.



Anything Can Be

Tom "Gravedigger" Irwin

A few months ago, I was reading up on a First Nations Shaman, named Black Elk (Heháka Sápa), a member of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) tribe, who lived from December 1863 to August 1950. The things Black Elk said back then are still relevant today. One of the things he said struck me deeply.

"Listen to the mustn'ts child
Listen to the don'ts
Listen to the have nots
Listen to the won'ts
Pay attention carefully
then listen close to me
anything can happen child
anything can be."

I was also reading about how the old Sages claimed it was possible to light a fire *within* water. To have a fire burning *in* water, not on top of it or near it...but actually in water. Most people would say that such a thing was impossible. But here was Black Elk saying 'Anything can be'. I'm the type of person that likes to try to use what I learn in everyday life. So I decided to explore the idea, using "As Above, So Below" as a base for my logic. Here's what happened.

- 1) First I considered Fire itself. Some say it is the light which illuminates Heaven. Some say it's known for its Purity, due in large part to the fact that it would burn off impurities. It creates warmth. All in all it's a pretty good element to work with.
- 2) Water. If you look at Water scientifically, it's a crystal. And it maintains its crystal appearance regardless of the form Water takes....be it liquid, ice, or vapor, or steam....you will still find the crystal there.
- 3) Looking at Fire as a light source, I asked what would happen if you placed a light source inside a crystal. The answer is relatively simple. The crystal will act in the same way as a prism and/or mirror, scattering the light in a multitude of directions at once.
- 4) I looked at the problem from a Spiritual angle. Assuming that the light being inside humans is a good thing.....and if the light is the "Fire of Heaven".....wait for it...then main ingredient of the human body is Water. So placing this Light inside a human will scatter the light in a lot of directions touching others with it. Yes, from a Spiritual angle, it is a good thing.

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So what I learned to this point is this....

I now have an educated guess on what a Fire inside Water would look like.

And the fact that it can be done on a Spiritual level.

But would it work on a physical level? Could a person physically hold Fire in some way if it was in Water?

I puzzled over how to test the idea for weeks without finding a reasonable solution. Until about a week ago at work. I stepped outside for a smoke break with a female co-worker to discover it was snowing. First snowfall of the season for us. My conversation with the co-worker went like this:

Her - "Snow. I love snow."

Me - "Guess I'm going to need to find the shovel when I get home."

Her - "But the first snow is wonderful. It makes everything look so clean and white."

(Pause ... then)

Me - "Hey! Snow is a form of Water."

Her - "Oh, congratulations, Einstein."

Me - "It's coming from the clouds. Which are also water."

Her - "Learn that in school?"

Me - "*We're under water!*"

(Pause ... then)

Her - "Digger, I think you just stepped into an area of the Twilight Zone where you may not want to be."

By the time I got home, it had stopped snowing. Two days ago, it was snowing again at night, so I grabbed a candle, stepped outside, and lit it. The candle stayed lit!! In a real way, I had just started a Fire inside Water. And it worked. I went for a walk with the candle lit. During my walk, 7 people asked me why I was walking in the snow with a lit candle. I answered honestly with - "Because I can." After walking 4 city blocks, I stopped and turned around. Sure enough, 5 of the 7 people were following me, along with 3 others I hadn't spoken to. They didn't care that there wasn't a charitable reason for my being there. They just wanted to be close to a lit candle on a slightly chilly, snowy night. But here's what occurred to me today on this. If humans live under water.....then we should breathe through gills, and perhaps have scales. But humans don't have scales (at least, none that I have personally seen). And we breathe air. This makes *YOU*, dear reader, a Magical Creature. Something that just stepped out of the pages of a book of myths. Rejoice and celebrate in your Magical Nature. Embrace it and know.....

"Anything Can Be."



Talismans

Talismano the Alchemist

“Magical images work by virtue and similarity, because a magical image is nothing other than the power of celestial bodies in the material bodies that they influence.” – The Picatrix

The history of talismans made by alchemists, priests, magicians, magi, shamans, and witches, goes back as far as we have records. Astrologically they belong to the Esoteric Fifth House of ancient Arcane Avocation. Accordingly, the seven ancient planets are used as is reflected in this post.

A talisman is an arcane object. It is defined as a stone, ring, or other object, engraved with figures or characters supposed to possess occult powers and worn as an amulet or charm. Its presence is believed to exercise a remarkable or powerful influence on human feelings or actions. The word comes from the Arabic word talsam (تالسم), from an alteration of Late Greek telesma (τέλεσμα), "completion, religious rite", itself from the word teleō (τελέω) which means "I complete, perform a rite."

Traditional a talisman should be created by the person who plans to use it. The person making the talisman must be familiar with all the symbolisms connected to all the different planetary and elemental forces. The earliest talismans contained geomantic signs and symbols used in relation with different planets. These symbolisms were associated with geomantic divination and alchemy. Magical associations, such as colors, scents, other symbology, patterns, and Kabbalistic figures, can also be integrated in the creation of a talisman. However, they should be in synchronization with the elemental or planetary force selected to represent the talisman. It is also feasible to augment a personal touch to the talisman through adding a verse, inscription, or pattern. These inscriptions can be magical emblems, bible verses or sonnets.

Talismans can be made of ink on parchment or paper, embroidered on fabric, painted on a surface, engraved in metal or carved in wood or other viable substances. It can be worn by the individual or kept in a special place. When it is not being worn a talisman should be kept wrapped in a cloth designated for it. They can also be “deconsecrated” when their work has been accomplished.

When you wish to make and consecrate a magical image, consider the purpose and shape in which you wish to make the image, as well as the material of which you intend to you intend to make and consecrate it.

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Let said things be in correspondence to one another, and let them reflect the powers and influences of the planet that rules the working. When it is fashioned in this way, the image will be powerful and complete, and its effects will follow and be manifest, and the spirit that has been placed in the magical image will be apparent in its effects. Those who fashion magical images but are ignorant of the foregoing make them badly. – The Picatrix, Book II, Creating a Talisman:

The design and purpose of a talisman depends upon what you are trying to achieve. You don't have to be a magician to create a talisman, anyone can make a talisman but there are some rules that need to be followed.

- *Identify the purpose to which your talisman will be directed. Common purposes include love, wealth, spiritual growth, and physical or mental strength, but a talisman can be made to serve any purpose as long as you continue to invest it with your own thought and energy.*
- *Time the creation of your talisman to coincide with astrological cycles. According to the theory of Electional Astrology, different time periods are most appropriate for taking specific kinds of actions. For example, if you want your talisman to promote passion and love, it is best to create it during a time when Venus and Mars, planets that represent lovers, are both strong and aligned. If you want your talisman to promote wealth and business success, make it during a period when the moon is ascendant. This step may require a great deal of research and assistance from experts in Electional Astrology.*
- *Acquire the necessary materials, including candles, writing utensils and metal. The kind of metal you choose should be linked to the talisman's purpose or, rather, to the planet that rules that purpose. Thus, for example, if you are making a love talisman, choose copper, the metal associated with Venus. Ideally, candles should also be of a color appropriate to the talisman's purpose.*
- *Design the inscription for your talisman. This can be a known symbol, a planetary number square, the name of a deity, or some other word or picture that is particularly meaningful to you in the context of your spiritual goals. Conducting research into the history of magical and astrological symbols will be very helpful.*
- *Observe a ritual to energize the talisman. The ritual may be repeated for several days in a row, depending on the timeframe proposed by Electional Astrology. Basic ritual elements include inscribing and lighting candles, inscribing the talisman itself, directing all possible mental and bodily energies toward the inscription and purpose, meditating, and invoking some form of divine intervention and protection.*

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Choosing a sigil to represent the Will of the Talisman if so desired:

There are many variations on the construction of sigils but basically either a magickal alphabet or use of kameas (magic squares).

- Kameas are magic squares representing the seven ancient planets
- Magical Alphabets generally include Runic, Ogham and Theban

Using symbols:

- Patterns
- Runes
- Oghams
- Elemental Symbols
- Geometric Shapes
- God/Goddess Representations
- Any other symbol that has associated meaning to the intent

~ANCIENT PLANETARY ASSOCIATIONS~

SOME USEFUL KEYWORDS:

SUN – Accomplishment, Vitality, Power, Dominance, Leadership, Creativity

MOON – Instinct, Psychism, Shrewdness, Security, Environmental, Emotion

MERCURY – Perception, Communication, Intellect, Distribution, Process, Trades

VENUS – Equipoise, Harmony, Love, Beauty, Possessions, Diplomacy

MARS – Martial, Action, Courage, Force, Construction, Destruction

JUPITER – Abundance, Luck, Profession, Growth, Wisdom, Expansion

SATURN – Structure, Discipline, Control, Time, Caution, Form

METALS:

SUN – Gold

MOON – Silver

MERCURY – Quicksilver (also Silver)

VENUS – Copper

MARS – IRON

JUPITER – Tin

SATURN – Lead

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~PLANETARY HOURS CHART~

THE ANCIENT TABLE OF PLANETARY HOURS / PLANETARY RULERSHIPS OF THE HOURS							
HOUR	SATURN DAY /DEUS SATURDAY	SUN DAY/DEUS SUNDAY	MOON DAY/DEA MONDAY	MARS DAY/DEUS TUESDAY	MERCURY DAY/DEUS WED.	JUPITER DAY/DEUS THURSDA Y	VENUS DAY/DEA FRIDAY
MIDNIGHT	SATURN	SUN	MOON	MARS	MERCURY	JUPITER	VENUS
1AM	JUPITER	VENUS	SATURN	SUN	MOON	MARS	MERCURY
2AM	MARS	MERCURY	JUPITER	VENUS	SATURN	SUN	MOON
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10PM	JUPITER	VENUS	SATURN	SUN	MOON	MARS	MERCURY
11PM	MARS	MERCURY	JUPITER	VENUS	SATURN	SUN	MOON

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~PLANETARY COLOR ASSOCIATIONS~

	Babylonians	Harranians	Mavéric (1910)	"Gettings"	Guinard (2000)
MOON	Blue	White	White	White	White
SUN	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
MARS	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
MERCURY	variable	Brown	Multicolored	Brown	Brown
VENUS	White	Blue	Green	Green	Green
JUPITER	Orange	Green	Blue	Blue-Purple	Orange
SATURN	Grey	Black	Black-Brown	Grey	Grey

ARCHANGELS:

- The Archangel who has rulership over the Sun is the Archangel Michael
- The Archangel who has rulership over the Moon - Gabriel
- The Archangel of the planet Mercury - Raphael
- The Archangel of the planet Venus - Anael
- The Archangel of the planet Mars – Samael
- The Archangel of the planet Jupiter - Sachiël
- The Archangel of the planet Saturn – Cassiel

For those who are insistent upon using the outer collective planets, the spirits and associations of these planets should be noted:

URANUS is the higher octave of Mercury. It represents change and genius.

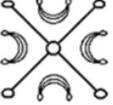
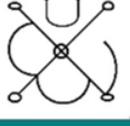
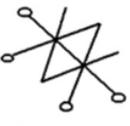
NEPTUNE is the higher octave of Venus. It represents service.

PLUTO is the higher octave of Mars. It represents the spiritual warrior.

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~PLANETARY SYMBOLS, SEALS AND MAGIC SQUARES~

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~WOODS~

SUN – Ash
MOON – Willow
MERCURY – Walnut
VENUS – Birch
MARS - Pine
JUPITER- Juniper
SATURN - Oak

~PRECIOUS STONES~

SUN – Ruby
MOON – Pearl
MERCURY – Emerald
VENUS – Diamond
MARS – Red Coral
JUPITER – Yellow Sapphire
SATURN – Blue Sapphire

~CRYSTALS~

SUN –Crysolite, Adamant, Carbuncle, Pyrite
MOON – Selenite, Quartz, Moonstone, Pearl, Aventurine
MERCURY - Agate, Jasper, Citrine, Smokey Quartz
VENUS – Turquoise, Jade, Rose Quartz, Larimar, Kunzite
MARS – Bloodstone, Amethyst, Lodestone
JUPITER - Yellow Topaz, Malachite, Carnelian, Apatite
SATURN – Lapis Lazuli, Jet, Onyx, Obsidian, Hematite

RED: Red stones relate to passion, enthusiasm, and energy. Examples are ruby, garnet, and red jasper.

ORANGE: Orange stones relate to close relationships and personal satisfaction. Examples are citrine, carnelian, and orange sapphire.

YELLOW: Yellow stones relate to expressing the fun-filled, joyful aspects of life. Examples are yellow beryl and topaz.

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GREEN: Green stones relate to hard work and accomplishment. Examples are emerald, peridot, and tourmaline.

BLUE: Blue stones enhance clarity and perception, and aid in goal-setting. Examples are lapis lazuli, sapphire, and blue tourmaline.

INDIGO: Indigo stones relate to caring for others. Examples are sodalite and iolite.

VIOLET: Violet stones relate to spiritual truth and the higher consciousness. Examples are amethyst, garnet, and purple ruby.

PINK: Pink stones are stimulating and energizing. They enable progress to occur. Examples are rubellite tourmaline, rose beryl, and rose quartz.

CLEAR: Clear stones symbolize pure energy. They are nurturing, loving, and ultimately successful. Examples are clear quartz and diamond.

SILVER: Silver stones are peaceful and gentle. However, they also possess great power, and provide enormous potential. Hematite is a good example.

GOLD: You should use gold when you are aiming high. Gold knows no limits. Examples are pyrite, pyrite-sun, and tiger's-eye.

It should always be remembered that when making a talisman, you are co-creating.

“The highest frequency is the creative intelligence of the universe or a Supreme God. This is where all ideas in the universe are born. These divine ideas filter down to the next level where they become an impulse toward a particular direction. At this level, the ancients noted that parts of God divided into specializations. For example, one specialization would be ‘a creator’ and another ‘a destroyer’. The ancients named these divine specializations archangels. If God's idea were to create dogs, then the archangel would map out the details of what would make up a dog and its evolutionary destiny.” – Nick Farrell

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“As a focus, it serves to control your feelings to lead you to the right thoughts. It serves to focus your thoughts to lead you to perform the actions you need to take. It focuses your actions, creating important new habits. It is through these new habits that your desired destiny is achieved. As an amplifier, a talisman brings you the ability to join with the power and energy of the Universal Life Force and the Life Force of this planet. This power and energy serve to multiply your own individual efforts. A talisman is, in a way, similar to a flashlight.” – Hank Mason

Rituals for consecration and charging can be simple or complex depending upon individual choice. Often times simply burning a color coordinated candle at a particular time of day works just as well as full magical ceremonies.

Here is an example:

The best time to charge your talisman is when the moon is waxing. Bathe and change into clean clothes before charging your talisman.

Place your talisman on an altar you have created (this can be as simple as a table draped in a tablecloth in a quiet undisturbed area. Stand in front of it, and thank the universal life force for protecting and guiding you. After this, recite a poem that you enjoy. Naturally, it should be serious in nature. You might choose to write a poem especially for this ritual.

Once you have finished reciting the poem, stare at your talisman for thirty seconds, and then speak to it. Here are the words I use:

“I empower and consecrate you for (whatever purpose the talisman is designed to perform). I imbue you with all the powers of the universe to enable you to carry out your task, and I thank you in advance for all the energy, power, and comfort that you offer to me. “

Gaze at the talisman for another thirty seconds, and then say "thank you" to it. Spread your arms out wide and look upwards, while saying "thank you" again.

Leave the talisman on the altar for as long as possible. Leave the room quietly, and ensure that the room is not used for at least several hours.

Your talisman is now ready for use. It will serve you faithfully, and the properties you imbued into it will last forever.

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This is not always desirable and, once your goal has been achieved, you will need to deactivate the talisman. Most of the time, you will be able to do this by destroying the talisman, after thanking it sincerely for helping you. If the talisman can be burned, you can create a small ritual using a candle. Light the candle and stand in front of it holding the talisman in your cupped hands. Acknowledge the archangels in the four cardinal directions by bowing to them, starting in the east, and following with the south, west, and north. Thank the talisman for everything it has done; hold it high in the air for a few moments, and then burn it in the candle flame.

Obviously, you will not be able to do this if the talisman cannot be burned. However, you can still thank it, break it, and then bury it in the ground. If the talisman is made of a valuable substance, such as gold or silver, you can remove the talismanic influences by formally thanking it for three days in a row. – Richard Webster

AND this fellow creators is just the beginning ...





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Nila Shoa (*Urania's Gate*, pg. 72)

Nila Shoa pens her poetry/prose under a pseudonym. She is a veteran of metaphysics for over thirty years and enjoys lecturing about the historic esoteric profiles of gifted individuals from the past and how they contributed to current philosophy and metaphysics. Of this poem she says, "People sometimes ask me why my poetry reflects such a mystical color and 'magickal' subject matter. Somewhat of a 'philosophus arcanus' I can only reply that it comes naturally or perhaps supernaturally to me! Poetry is literature's most liberated form of expression and poetic verse its vehicle of conveyance. Poets are all Word Wizards and we can all certainly use a little magic in our lives.

Zoltan Gnagy (*Táltos*, Page 73)

Zoltan was born in Hungary and has lived in the US Northeast for over 32 years. By trade he is a carpenter and builder and being fluid in 5 languages, he sidelines as an interpreter for various events. His interest in metaphysics and the supernatural began when he was 10 years old when he began drawing sketches of his visions and experiences. He believes strongly in the power of inner transformation and is planning a series of workshops in to be held in his local area next year.

Georges Gerapolis (*Caligostro*, pg.75)

Georges considers himself a proud Greek who is into ancient metaphysical history and anything else oddly historical. Georges is also an amateur astrologer who likes to cast event charts of historical events and compare themes. He has been married to the 'love of his life' for 45 years and has three children – triplet boys who are all successful in their individual walks of life. He feels that is his good Karma.

Tom "Gravedigger" Irwin (*Anything Can Be*, pg. 76)

I've done some studies in a variety of beliefs over the years, most notably, the Hermetics, Knights Templar, Rosicrucians, Egyptian Pantheon, and Christianity. My mother is a Pagan Witch, and my Paternal Grandfather was a Rosicrucian Knight before he passed to his next journey. So my family is very much occult oriented, thus my preferences. I am from Halifax, Nova Scotia and live in Calgary, Alberta.

Talismano the Alchemist (*Talismans*, pg. 78)

"TIA" as he likes to call himself is a veteran metaphysician specializing in Occult studies and white magic. He lives in the northeast US and lives alone with his dog Merlin. He specializes also in herbal tinctures and can often be found in the woods communing with nature.

Sacred Sciences

"The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

— William Shakespeare

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Nosy Psychics ... Take a Walk on the Darkside

Desiree Lucente

I have been intending to write this for some time. It will make some people angry and defensive and bring out an ego or two along with some self-righteousness but it is time for it to be expressed. As a psychic myself for many years, I learned these rules a long time ago so this is for all the haughty and foolish who think they can break Spiritual Law with excuses and cover-ups. Time to opine ...

Have you ever been out to a psychic fair and had one of the in-house psychics approach you out of nowhere and start telling you things about yourself then insisting urgently that you need a reading. This is unscrupulous behavior. I have often turned the table on some of these people by 'reading' them which instantly chased them away. If they were SO psychic, why did they not pick up on my ability? As I have said many times: *A good psychic has the ability to "tune in" on someone anytime, anywhere, for any reason, just as a psychologist can probably spot and identify psychopathic behavior or someone who is really depressed. However, an ethical psychic, or one who serves the light, would not do such a thing without your express permission. An unethical psychic, or one who serves the dark, would not seek permission, instead violating your privacy to serve their own ego needs or whims.*

Psychic harassment such as trying to read the Energy Signature of another individual, their aura, or their emotional MO without permission can carry a heavy price for the perpetrator in the Karma department. There is no accidental "read" ... no oops! It is a deliberate act. Someone's energy does not come up and smack you in the face – it requires a calculated effort (btw- it is also a definitive tool used by psychic vampires). Any so called psychic person who tells you otherwise ... "it just happens" ... or ... "I cannot be fooled" ... is most likely a fraud or at the very least an egotist. The signature can also be easily misread – a woman who carries heavy masculine energy can be mistaken for a man and vice versa. Then there is the emotional factor. The Perception-Deception. We are all emotional beings and we have an emotional filter through which psychic input runs. Here is where many, many mistakes are made because one's emotions and memory cells can produce an inaccurate read. A "familiar" energy may not be a familiar energy at all – it merely feels familiar because it has run through an emotional program like a mix and match game ... let's match up what seems to be correct. People who suffer from psychological rejection based on early conditioning are at the top of the list for the mix and match game.

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Unscrupulous psychics have a strong need to be right, noticed and even better applauded for their so-called accuracy. In some cases, even though a person may not be able to deliberately hide their signature, they can at times be so detached the signature cannot be read accurately if at all.

Remember this: Psychics cannot read everyone either despite their claims. If the individual suffers from disassociation from their own mind and emotions it is quite impossible. It is foolish for them to even try as it is trespassing on serious psychological turf they might not be able to handle.

Maybe that's a good thing.

An individual should always protect themselves from someone they know or feel is trying to invade them. Here are some simple steps (I tend to like things that are very basic) to protect yourself.

- Always clear yourself. You can use crystals or sage to cleanse the aura.
- Bless yourself (in the fashion that suits your belief system).
- Use the following mantra: *I release negative energies so that I may serve my higher purpose. I release energetic attachments so that I may serve my higher purpose. I am divinely guided and protected. I am light. I am love. I let positive energy in and deflect negative energy. I am radiant.* This is sufficient but if you like, you can visualize a psychic shield surrounding you that is impenetrable.



Is the Tarot a Representation of the Constellations?

Rev. Dr. Loni Haas

While perusing a stack of old Astrological literature left to me by my mentor, I happened to come across a copy of *Phenomena*, a Canadian published periodical dated October 1977. It is a satisfying process for me to read old material about astrology and to muse about how far the ancient science has come over the years in validating its position as a contemporary modality that is worthy of respect. The mission of *Phenomena* was to instill such respect via a Pot Pourri of articles aimed at proving without a doubt, the link astrology has to terrestrial and celestial events. One of my favorites is an article regarding a geological record dating back some 8300 years which shows that planetary conjunctions and solar cycles are undoubtedly linked to the Ice Ages, BUT, the article that really stirred my curiosity was a short blurb regarding a connection between the Sacred Tarot and the constellations.

Most of us have come to accept that the origin of the Tarot is a mystery and will probably remain enigmatically elusive until some archeologist digs up some datable proof regarding its roots. We are all also just as used to origin references made to the Kabbalah, ancient Egypt, Italian gamers and Persian astrologers as possible root sources. Tarot decks are varied in nature and often depict beautiful artwork and symbology including Zodiac signs and references, Hebrew or Egyptian letters, and other mystical and arcane cryptology. So put on your objectivity cap for here is yet another possibility for us to consider courtesy of Mr. Ian Macfarlane Smith, Kabbalist/occultist Oswald Wirth, and some personal research by myself. If nothing else your curiosity will be tickled...

The Tarot images used in this article are from the classical Rider-Waite Tarot deck. Smith believed that EVERY Tarot card had a connection to the constellations however, for purposes of this article, The Fool, The Magician, The High Priestess, and The Hanged Man will be analyzed. My research uncovered two diversified celestial connections for each of them.

THE FOOL

Let's start with the celestial connections to The Fool. One connection is to the constellation "Cepheus the King" as theorized by occultist Oswald Wirth. This constellation was prominent in ancient skies although its origins were lost before any myths could be recorded. Cepheus is a very faint constellation but the singular image that has persisted throughout the ages is that of male sovereignty.

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Alderamin is further connected to benefits and success which come about by gentle determination rather than dramatic action which The Fool comes to learn in his quest. Thus according to archetypal philosophy, The Fool has a 'fit' with Cepheus.

According to Smith's interpretation, The Fool's belt and walking staff are, "... clearly represented by groups of stars arranged in straight lines – the belt and sword of Orion." He extrapolates further stating that since Orion is a southern constellation it periodically disappears from sight thus paralleling The Fool walking over the cliff and disappearing over the horizon. Orion has a bevy of Fixed Stars among them Rigel, Betelgeuse, Bellatrix, and Annilam which all have archetypal meanings that seem to fit the Fool's journey. Rigel is often connected to a desire for knowledge and the ability to express what has been learned to others. Betelgeuse refers to using one's talents and abilities to the fullest in order to garner full happiness in life. Bellatrix represents the need to seriously consider one's personal weaknesses so both material and spiritual growth can occur. Annilam is connected to fleeting public honors and the unexpectedness of life.



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THE MAGICIAN

The two selections for The Magician are Ophiuchus the Serpent Handler and Taurus the Bull. According to Smith, “The constellation of Ophiuchus suggests an individual with broad shoulders holding a wand bearing a serpent.” Well, perhaps Smith was engaging in a bit of a stretch here. The constellation of Ophiuchus does depict a somewhat broad shouldered man but in any of all data I have ever read, the figure is holding or handling a large snake. The Magician of the Tarot of course sports a raised wand.

It should be noted that archetypically, both the constellation and the Tarot card represent sickness and healing as well as skill and diplomacy.

The main Fixed star of Ophiuchus is Ras Alhague which is known to represent natural or innate healing talent that can be used for the self or others as well as what Brady calls, “living ideals.” At the beginning of his journey, The Fool has many ideals some unrealistic and it is his initial visit to The Magician where he learns to equip himself for the dangers that lie ahead where his wisdom will be tested.

The analogy to the constellation of Taurus the Bull by Wirth puts a different spin on things. This constellation consists of two asterisms, the Pleiades and the Hyades neither of which bode positively by astrological archetype.

Note that both relate to inner vision but also relate to ruthlessness and judgmental anger which is particularly aimed at those who have not lived up to certain standards or who have been remiss about fulfilling necessary requirements.

The main Fixed Star in Taurus is Aldebaran which is one of the Royal Stars of Persia. The archetypal meaning of Aldebaran seems to fit the journey of The Fool a bit better. Aldebaran represents moral dilemmas that challenge integrity complete with challenges that tempt an individual to compromise his position.

In the legend of the Tarot, The Fool does encounter challenges of integrity through choices. Has he been well equipped by The Magician who serves as his quest guide?

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THE HIGH PRIESTESS

The High Priestess is one of my favorite Tarot cards because she is a woman of mystery who represents the be-all and end-all of esoteric knowledge. My research shows this etheric beauty to have connections to the constellation Andromeda and the constellation Cassiopeia. Smith favors Andromeda and states that, “Andromeda’s brightest star shows some correspondence with the disc on her forehead... and a well-known cluster of stars may be the stars in her crown.” The brightest star in Andromeda is Alpheratz. Oddly according to Brady, “Alpheratz is not at home in Andromeda and has no connection to the symbolism of this constellation.” It seems Alpheratz originally belonged to the constellation Pegasus where its analogy equates with freedom, speed, and love of movement. Another major Fixed Star in Andromeda is Mirach which fits the bill more appropriately. Mirach represents receptivity, feminine power, and intuition which are what The Fool is confronted with when he meets The High Priestess on his journey. The enigmatic Priestess teaches him that the secret of his real purpose and his destiny are to be found on an unconscious inner level.

I did not find Oswald Wirth’s connection to Cassiopeia the Queen to be much of a fit. The brightest star in this constellation is Schedar which embodies feminine leadership, dignity, and a sense of propriety.

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THE HANGED MAN

Smith fancied the image of the Hanged Man to be akin to the constellation of Hercules simply because of the fact that the constellation, "... appears upside down from northern latitudes." The brightest star in this constellation is Ras Algethi which according to Bernadette Brady represents, "a natural need to submit to or honor something larger than yourself." This of course is done with the need to give a sense of purpose to one's life. The Hanged Man in general represents the need for voluntary sacrifice in order to acquire something of greater value so the connection at least to Ras Algethi has somewhat of a fit.

Wirth connects the Hanged Man with the constellation of Perseus which has several prominent Fixed Stars – Mirfak, Algol, and Capulus. Mirfak confers youthful male energy and indicates one who will not listen or take heed of wisdom. Algol is a very powerful energy and unpleasant by meaning referring to overwhelming anger and rage and revenge. On a more positive note it is said to imbue and inflame an individual with passion and intensity which can be used to fight injustice. Capulus refers to lack of maturity and ruthlessness but when operating positively, focused and clear action.

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If we conjecture a bit and think of the constellation Perseus as the analogy of “trials” there is a fit with the Hanged Man but I am at a loss to draw any further conclusions about it.

If I had to choose a constellation for this card, I would choose Cetus because of its symbolic connection to the unconscious forces in the human collective. Let’s face it, a person hanging upside down does not see the world in the same way as someone standing on the ground. He is forced to “see” things with more depth. The star Menkar of this constellation lets us know that “the sea of the collective can be stormy” and that we can choose to achieve something positive for the collective or become a victim of it... all depends which way you’re “hanging out!”



OTHER MAJOR ARCANA CONSTELLATION/CONNECTIONS

THE FOOL - CEPHEUS OR ORION

THE MAGICIAN - OPHIUCHUS OR TAURUS THE BULL

THE HIGH PRIESTESS - CASSIOPEIA OR ANDROMEDA

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THE EMPRESS - VIRGO THE VIRGIN

THE EMPEROR - HERCULES

THE HEIROPHANT - ARIES THE RAM

THE LOVERS - SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER

THE CHARIOT - URSA MAJOR

JUSTICE - LIBRA THE SCALES

THE HERMIT - BOOTES

WHEEL OF FORTUNE - CAPRICORN THE GOAT

STRENGTH - LEO THE LION

THE HANGED MAN - PERSEUS OR HERCULES

DEATH - DRACO THE DRAGON

TEMPERANCE - AQUARIUS THE WATERBEARER

THE DEVIL - CARINA (THE KEEL OF ARGO)

THE TOWER - SCORPIO THE SCORPION

THE STAR - PISCES THE FISHES

THE MOON - CANCER THE CRAB

THE SUN - GEMINI THE TWINS

JUDGMENT - CYGNUS THE SWAN

THE WORLD - URSA MINOR

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Hoaxes, Fraud, and the Scandalous Fun of Self Delusion

Dr. Daria Novicki

I am an individual who has been known to step on a few toes in the past because of my personal views on metaphysics and spiritual politics. I am very much a “prove it” and “who says so?” individual who tends to not only ruffle feathers but the whole headdress of most folks so be advised before you read further. I did however, promise the owner of this site that I would behave myself as much as possible so do, by all means ... to open up your objectivity. You might be glad that you did.

I am sure all of you are familiar with famous conman and self-proclaimed Prince of Humbug P.T. Barnum. There is a quote attributed to him (although he never said it as it was uttered by critic David Hannum) which states, “There is a sucker born every minute.” All of us have been exposed to fraud. Every day the news carries some story of how some poor sap living in Smartville, USA, was taken in by a scam. We look at these stories shaking our heads mumbling disdainfully at how that unfortunate individual could have been taken in by something so “obvious.” Certainly we could never be so “stupid” ... could we?

Let's start with one of history's most amusing conmen and one of our own homeboys, Ferdinand Waldo Demara. Demara was so adept at what he did he earned the title of the Great Imposter and his antics eventually spawned a movie by the same name in the 1960's starring actor Tony Curtis which was based on a book written by Robert Crichton. Who is this guy you ask? Demara grew up in Lawrence, Massachusetts leaving home at age fifteen. Many feel that he was probably a genius because his scams were carried through with impeccably devised truths. By using stolen letterheads he was able to acquire a multitude of college records. He was a skillful forger who could assume the names and credentials or whoever he wanted to be at any given time. The amazing thing about “Fred” however was his capability to perform any of the work associated with his alleged degrees. Demara also had a knack for disappearing when the heat was turned on and a situation became too risky.

As Dr. Joseph C. Cyr, he successfully performed duties as a full functioning surgeon while aboard a Canadian Navy Destroyer where he was fondly known as a “miracle doctor.” Parading under the guise of Dr. Robert Linton French, he easily gained a position as a college dean and later as Dr. Cecil B. Hamann, he was admitted to a Boston law school. His longest stints were held in monasteries and Catholic orders as part of the brotherhood. It is believed that under the guise of different personas, Demara was most likely accepted into more religious orders than anyone else in America.

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As one Ben Jones, Demara also had a successful career as an assistant warden/psychologist at Huntsville State Prison. The law finally caught up with Demara after a stint as a high school teacher in New England after friends recognized him in a photo that appeared in the January 1952 issue of Life magazine that ran a story on the Great Imposter. When brought before the judge, Demara swore to live a clean life and he did. He spent the rest of his days as an ordained minister under his rightful name. Demara died in 1982 at age 60.

You'll surely agree that this is quite a story if you haven't heard it before now. This man duped his way into top positions in fields where he had no training. It is fortunate that he never harmed anyone or contributed to anyone's premature death. He fooled everyone who scrutinized his background before hiring him – all perfectly sane and highly intelligent people. You can argue that his false credentials had a good deal to do with it making it easier for him to pull his hoaxes off BUT what about fraud that is easily accepted by those who are presented with less clever facts? What about those people who appear to be blind to actual reality or who don't even bother to check backgrounds beyond the obvious? Metaphysics is a great haven for fraud.

Get ready. I'm about to step on some toes.

My Granny used to always tell me, to coin a phrase, "That even a liar his own truth." In my 30+ years in behavioral studies, I have found that to apply quite solidly to matters pertaining to self-delusion. I have always found it curious that people will seek out spiritual healing of assorted varieties and accept practitioners as valid conduits for a plethora of services that in fact often do nothing at all to change a person's health or emotional status.

I can hear the rumblings now so let me make it clear that I am not grouping everyone in metaphysics as hucksters for as in any field there are a few out there doing some valid research or at least tenting their work with correct spiritual policy. Many times what starts out as valid in theory or concept gets stretched beyond reasonable comprehension yet it is accepted as truth. Let's take a look at a few widely known and accepted metaphysical methods and concepts.

Numerology and Astrology

I actually do have respect for the historic and scientific antiquity of these arts. As far as astrology goes, I appreciate it as a historic pre cursor not only to astronomy but also to modern psychology (a gift from the Greeks who were the first to personalize the art on the human rather than predictive levels). I have absolutely no use for the ever popular solar scopes that appear in newspapers and magazines. To me they are useless and at best annoyingly banal. The same goes for numerology columns. Continued...

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I've engaged in more than one argument about the ancient religious significance of predictive numerology. Numbers might never lie but the human being behind the interpretation is fallible. I have had personal analysis in both of these areas and while I can say that a seasoned/certified practitioner of these arts is likely to give you "decent" interpretation of your current life status, what is the point when you are going to exert your own free will anyway as soon as you walk out of the practitioner's office? If you are doing anything less than that you better rethink your motivation. I say be your own creator and let the chips fall where they may. You can find better entertainment elsewhere. If you must have this kind of analysis, talk to a real live person face to face and avoid canned or computerized documents as they are a waste of money.

Reiki and Hands on Healing

Ouch! Every year thousands of people flock to hands on healers and Reiki practitioners to receive "healing." I've seen people walk away from these healings convinced they were feeling better only to feel no better a month later. I have never witnessed a miraculous healing nor have I personally felt any "energy" transfer at the hands of a Reiki practitioner or even better, a self-proclaimed Reiki Master. I am usually told the reason for my predicament is that I am somehow energetically "blocked" and should come back for more treatments. I don't think so. Further, if I have paid for treatment to be 'balanced' and am told that I am blocked then I have wasted my time and money... AND before you ask, yes, I did seek out reputable practitioners in my region for this treatment.

Apparently there are all kinds and flavors of Reiki out there. Most of these have been channeled by certain individuals who claim to be "gifted" for one reason or another. These "channelings" never seem to be well explained and usually consist of some vague story based on an even more elusive premise. If you happen to be a well-known name in the field absolutely nothing is questioned at all – just accepted as truth, justice and the American way. There is a lot of money to be had if you are a Reiki Master who can give attunements thus granting others the power (?) to heal. Some of these sums reach thousands of dollars.

Reiki, to my knowledge, was conceptualized in Japan but based upon ancient Chinese beliefs regarding the flow of energy. Oddly, the title Reiki Master does not truly exist in the East - it only seems to be a popular term here in the West. Now some of you are wiggling in your seats protesting that these methods have been proven and even documented or performed in front of live audiences or in the media. Seeing is believing right? And what about all those testimonials from people who claim to have miraculously healed? In my opinion there is no true validity in this practice but it is a good example of the scandalous fun of self-delusion... what a high!

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Another travesty of all this is when I see folks refuse to accept services from legitimate, well-schooled and well trained massage therapists because they do not also hold the title of Reiki Master. What's wrong with that picture? I'll take my weekly massage straight up please with no chaser or twist of lemon and certainly without Reiki.

Ascended Masters and Channeled Entities

The Ascended Masters came into prominence courtesy of Theosophist Helena Blavatsky. To this day parapsychological scholars and historians are still trying to figure out if Helena actually made the whole thing up. Additional credence was given to the concept after Blavatsky's student Alice Bailey began channeling information from some of the Masters after Blavatsky's death which manifested in a set of revered tomes. Since then, many others all over the world have claimed to channel messages from Ascended Masters, angels and all sorts of entities. Well, who am I to say whether or not these people are in touch with the Divine? They are apparently in touch with something nebulous and of course, that which is nebulous cannot be proved or disproved unless we want to consider quantum physics which allows for the possibility of just about everything. How convenient. Maybe old P.T. Barnum was born in the wrong era – he would have had a field day with this stuff for in this case we have blatant believing without seeing. If you must employ blind faith then do try to pick a subject that will enrich your life.

Psychic Readings

Don't even get me started. This is another area where the conman thrives. Step right up and find out about your future for a mere \$20. If you like what you hear come back again for another \$20. If you come back once a month, you'll only spend \$240 for a year – such a bargain! If you want more information that surpasses the “teaser” reading you can have a private reading for \$100 per hour. If you have a one hour reading once a month for a year it will only cost you \$1200. I hate to shock you but this is an actual average scenario that takes place all of the time.

Most psychics are very adept at reading body language and/or soliciting information from their clients without much awareness on the client's part. Do me a favor and check out “cold readings” on the internet. It won't cost you anything and your time will be well spent. If you must have a psychic reading, ask yourself what you really walked away with after it was over. Most people judge a reading by “accuracy.” I've solicited people after they have received a psychic reading and often their first response is that the reading was “right on.” Whenever I did further inquiry and asked these same people to put a percentage of accuracy on a reading, the average range was from 50% to 70% which happens to be the same percentage rate associated with a cold reading.

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When asked if they were going to have another reading, the percentages ran from 85% to 90%. Numbers don't lie. Have we learned nothing from the fate of Ms. Cleo years ago? Do yourself a favor – if you must dabble in the arcane, go buy yourself a Tarot deck and have a go at it. It's more cost conscious and you will certainly never find a more knowledgeable counselor than yourself.

Ancient Artifacts

There have been some real doosies in this category. I will not address the controversy over the ongoing ramifications connected to such media splashes as the *Da Vinci Code* series because people are still having too much fun with them. Under this banner alleged finds get some pretty grandiose attention and this is most likely due to our dependence upon archeology to prove or disprove history and legend. Aside from art fraud, the discovery of artifacts has been ripe with fraud and hoax. Some have been so clever that archeological communities remain split.

One of my favorites is the Cardiff Giant. The discovery of the giant took place in 1869 when two handymen were digging a well on the Newell farm near Cardiff, New York which lies about 12 miles from Syracuse. They hit a large stone shaped like a foot and after further excavation unearthed a gypsum statue of a reclining man that measured roughly ten feet long. Old Farmer Newell immediately began cashing in by erecting a tent over the site and charging admission.

The Giant received a lot of attention. A local scientist by the name of John Boynton proclaimed that human flesh could not petrify and proposed that the statue was carved about 250 years earlier by a Jesuit priest. Geologist James Hall also proposed that the statue had antique value. Other experts disagreed upholding the petrification theory because there were tiny holes resembling pores all over the body of the statue. As public interest grew, Farmer Newell cashed in further by selling three-fourths interest in the Giant to a group of local businessmen for \$30,000.

In November of 1869, an exhibition tour of the Giant in eastern cities was set in motion. This was the undoing of the Giant for the curiosity of the *New York Herald* was aroused and the paper wasted no time in casting the doubt about the authenticity of the Giant. Yale Paleontologist Othniel Marsh inspected the Giant shortly thereafter and denounced the Giant as fraud. This was quickly followed up by a second inspection from Dr. Boynton who recanted his earlier findings. Eventually the whole nasty business came to light.

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Farmer Newell admitted that he had asked his brother-in-law George Hull to buy a block of gypsum from Iowa and to commission two Chicago stonecutters to create the Giant. The statue was buried for a year and later exhumed by the well diggers. The original cost of the hoax was \$2,600.

The Giant caught the eye of P.T. Barnum who offered \$60,000 to lease the Giant but his offer was declined. True showman that he was, P.T. had a wooden replica carved for himself which he put in to exhibition. Oddly the fake of the fake did better monetarily than the original because of Barnum's deft promotional abilities.

What defines the reality here? The sound of ching, ching, ching all the way to the bank!
Believe it or not!



Freedom of Speech, Metaphysics and Philosophy

Morris Neely

In Metaphysics and Philosophy it is generally accepted that from ideas creation manifests and is expressed. In Metaphysics our third chakra (voice/speech) is considered the area where we speak our “Truth” in outward expression and because this is the main avenue for communication and connection to others we are not exempt from what we create including what is uttered verbally from our mouths. With free speech comes responsibility as it often is the precursor of actions both good and ill. Consider the following:

Why is free speech important?

***Without the freedom to follow where thought leads:**

There is no creativity.

There is no scientific advancement.

There is no technological advancement.

Without the freedom to communicate where one’s thought leads

There is no testing of ideas.

There is no dialogue.

There is no development.

Social / Political Reasons for Free Speech

There may be some views, ideas or theories that *if put into practice* harm people.

These need to be argued against for if they are not argued against it may not be clear why they are harmful.

In order to be argued against they need to be stated.

Hate Speech and Free Speech ...

Does free speech mean freedom of hate speech? It depends on the point of free speech, and what hate speech does. Milton urged us to let Truth and Falsehood grapple, for Truth will never be 'put to the worse, in a free and open encounter'—bad speech should be fought with good speech, and truth will win.

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But hate speech presents structural constraints on a speaker's capacity to fight back. These limits partly silence the targets of hate speech, illustrated in the dynamics of slurs, epithets, and generic speech acts, which promote hate and stereotype the hated. We need a deeper vision of what free speech requires. – Rae Langton Ph.D.

German philosopher Immanuel Kant had much to say about free speech from a philosophical perspective:

***Kant's defense of free speech is fairly consistent throughout his work, where, more often than not, it is linked to his support for the policies and practices of Frederick the Great. But in his "Theory and Practice" essay, he presents a defense of free speech more generally, commenting on the importance of free speech and its contribution to a free society. He writes: "Freedom of the pen...is the sole palladium of the people's rights. For to want to deny them this freedom is not only tantamount to taking from them any claim to a right with respect to the supreme commander (according to Hobbes), but is also to withhold from the latter...all knowledge of matters that he himself would change if he knew about them and to put him in contradiction with himself" (TP 8:304).*

In this passage, Kant's claim regarding the importance of free speech is two-fold. His first point, which is fairly straightforward, is that freedom of the press is the only right the people have against the sovereign. That is, they have the right to speak out against policies that they perceive to be unjust or otherwise defective. (It is important to note here that, for the most part, Kant does not believe that people have the right to disobey the law or take action against the sovereign.

The second point is a bit less straightforward. His claim is that a sovereign that outlaws free speech creates a condition where his actions "put him in contradiction with himself." This language is remarkably similar to what he uses in his moral theory to describe principles that violate the categorical imperative, Kant's supreme principle of morality. In the Groundwork, Kant claims that when a principle of action fails when tested against the categorical imperative, it fails because something about that principle is contradictory. It may be the case that it is not possible to conceive of the action that comes about as a result of universalizing the underlying principle connected to the action (i.e., a contradiction in conception), or the result of universalizing the principle is self-defeating in some way (i.e., a contradiction in the will).

In the case of the sovereign restricting freedom of the press, the contradiction appears to be more practical. Elsewhere Kant argues what justifies sovereign authority is that his actions are supposed to represent the united will of the people (MM 6:313.

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But a sovereign that denies free speech and otherwise undermines the conditions necessary to maintain a free society has made it impossible to gather the information needed to represent the will of the people appropriately. In this way, Kant sees any attempt by the sovereign to limit or otherwise suppress the free exchange of ideas, and, in particular, the exchange of ideas among the educated members of society (e.g., academics), as undermining his own authority.

What we say is undeniably connected to what we think and believe. Often we feel our beliefs are absolute and need to be voiced. Often too we are voicing to produce an outcome we feel is best and righteous.

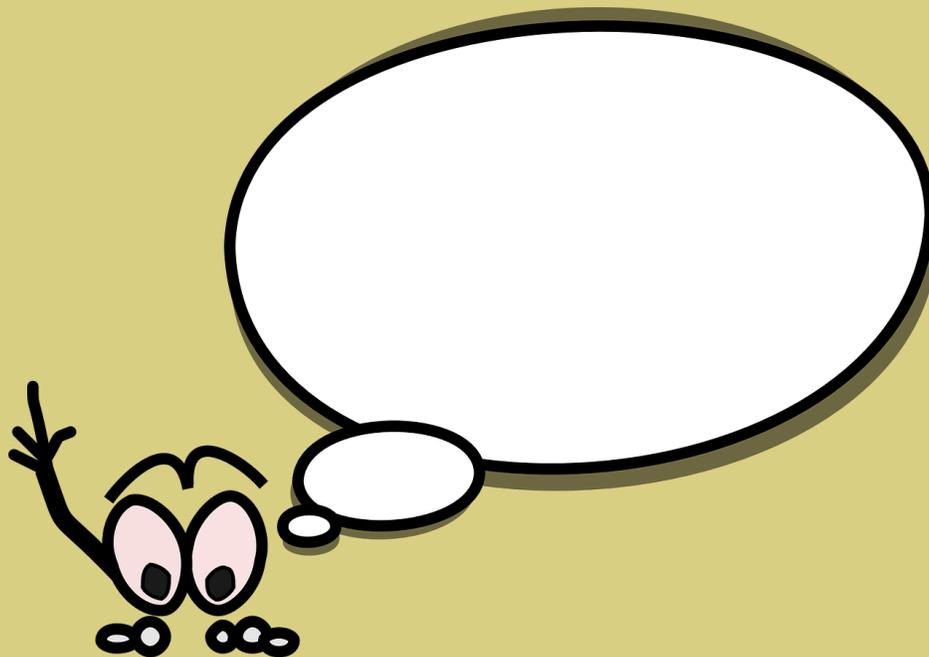
The philosophical question then becomes “for who?”

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WATER

Lourdes De Campo

Ponderings ...

Why are most of us relaxed and at peace when we gaze upon calm water or the rolling waves of the sea? Why are ocean sounds beneficial to mediation and sleep inducement? Why did the Ancients use water as an integral part of their ceremonies? Why do physical therapists use water therapy? Why do some of the most dynamic prophecies of the world often indicate great cataclysm by water? Why are our most profound feelings expressed in watery tears of emotion?

The waters of Earth encompass far more area than do the land masses of our planet – the oceans cover slightly more than 70% of the globe. No other planet in our Solar System has a water supply like ours. Life as we understand it emerged from the sea. All life forms consist of Water. Water cleanses refreshes and restores life. It also destroys it. Man's body like the Earth is 70% water.

In most metaphysical circles, water represents the flow of the Universal Ocean of the collective unconscious all the rivers and tributaries that extend from it. Water has transcendental connections and is a Universal solvent for it can dissolve more substances than any other liquid known to man by breaking down the molecular structure of what it contacts and absorb the components unto itself.

To Healers, water represents wisdom and a holistic view of life. The Water element governs emotions and our deepest feelings. It is receptive feminine energy and is tied to the Heart chakra. It is secondarily tied to the Third Eye chakra so it is easy to see why the Water element is connected to love, self-healing, sorrow, reflection, intuition, the unconscious, fertility, and regeneration.

To Magicians, water represents self-control through the psyche and magical work concerning transformation spells, and shape shifting. Water magick is often connected with the phases of the Moon and with the ebb and flow of the Earth's tides. Magickal invocations are often conducted near the ocean or other bodies of water. Ceremonies may also involve snow, ice, or rain and make no mistake - Water magicians are known for stirring up the weather. Hydromancy is divination by water covering a wide range of lesser auguries such as the color of water, its ebb and flow or ripples produced by pebbles dropped into a pool (an odd number of ripples is considered positive and an even number negative). Tea leave and coffee ground readings date from this form of augury.

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The Camenae are a group of prophetic Water Goddesses or nymphs of ancient Rome, considered Goddesses of Poetry as well as Birth-Goddesses who presided over springs and who were invoked for healing. Their name is related to the Latin word '*carmen*', meaning "charm, song, poem, magical formula, or prayer".

In Chinese spiritual teachings, water is often characterized by its ability to take on different forms ... heated water becomes steam and frozen water becomes ice. It can be poured into any shape of a container. If it is not allowed to "flow" it becomes stagnant. Water is considered "balanced" because it will always seek and finds its own "level."

Ancient ceremonial initiations often took place in watery locations – by the sea or other available bodies of water.

Ponder this ... The Ancient schools were deeply entrenched in sacred ritual and secret ceremonies. Most of these took place at midnight. One of the sites for these mysterious rituals was the Sacred Lake at Karnak. The Lake was manmade. The schools and healing temples taught many gifted individuals. One of the earliest was Imhotep of the third Dynasty who was a master healer and herbalist at the court of the pharaoh Zoser.

In Astrology, a "Water Person" (Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces) is considered deep, intuitive and emotional. They change with the tide and have many cross currents. They are "adapters" and "survivors" who can swim through the passages of life with ease because they innately understand the mysterious depth of the waters of life while seeking the "Ultimate Answers" to "Eternal Questions." To astrologers, the Fire element is "spirit"; the Air element the "mind"; the Earth element the "body" and the Water element the "SOUL." The Water OR Occult Houses of Astrology, the 4th, 8th and 12th hold the answers to the Cosmic Enigma of space, time, and non-time and the esoteric foundation of Karma and Dharma, death and reincarnation and the umbilical effect. The water planets, the Moon, Pluto and Neptune are the keys to the psychic realms and dream states.

Ponder this ... The Ancients believed water was a natural remedy against supernatural negativity and the unholy. It still is today.

Ponder this ... The Persian dream masters believed that if you dreamt of clear water you would have great abundance but if the water was dirty or foul smelling sickness would beset you. Salt water meant happiness but pouring water on a fire meant you would lose if brought before a judge. Cold water meant reconciliation and happiness and hot water meant persecution from enemies. Water falling on your head meant profit.

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Psychologically, water represents a good memory whether we are dwelling on the past or remembering our Collective Common Heritage. Some scientists believe that the structure of water is like a nervous system reacting and responding and therefore is capable of recording information. They believe that each memory cell of water contains 440,000 memory information panels.

Ponder this ... Water is the simplest element in nature and on the periodic table. Its main component is hydrogen so if water has a memory then so does the whole Universe.

Emotionally, water represents desire, sensuality and possessiveness and obsession AND the green eyed monster of envy and jealousy.

Of the physical senses water represents taste and all that is experienced on the tongue literally and metaphorically including what one needs to “taste” of the experiences of Earth.

Concerning the elemental seasons, some believe water represents winter and cold and ice, others believe it is autumn.

By association:

Water is represented by the Rune Laguz and the god Njörd. Laguz by divinatory meaning concerns intuition and psychic ability. The attributes of this Rune are fluidity and the ebb and flow of emotions that affect relationships and one’s reputation. In a spread, this Rune indicates the need for “cleansing” and realigning and transformation. Reversed as a murkstave it indicates a failure to draw upon the wisdom of instinct and lack of acknowledgement of one’s receptive side.

Crystals associated with the water element are used by healers to address unbalanced emotional states such as depression, anger, guilt, lack of libido, phobias, fears and renewed need for forgiveness. They are Blue Lace Agate (cleansing and detoxifying), Rose Quartz (cleansing and detoxifying), Opal (balance and stability), Amethyst (balance and hormone production), Amber (neutralizer and balancer of endocrine disequilibrium), Jet (negativity absorption), Blue Sapphire (acceptance and serenity), Chrysolite (depression relief), Smoky Quartz (burden lifter), Kunzite (mood stabilizer), Agate, Peridot, Red Garnet (anger relief), Red Jade (constructive channeling of anger), Moonstone (soothing of overreactions), Chrysocolla (clears guilt and fear), Fluorite (relieves lack of libido), Aquamarine (dispels fear and phobias), Aventurine, Green Calcite, Chrysoprase, Iron Pyrite, Tourmaline (alleviate anxiety), Obsidian (brings fears to the surface for release), Rhodochrosite (facilitates positive change), Chrysoberyl, Selenite (facilitate self-forgiveness) and Celestite (restores emotional innocence).

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The Tarot has many water associations which will differ depending upon the methodology and symbology of the deck. The following Major Arcana cards of Jane Lyle's *Lovers' Tarot* have strong water associations: The High Priestess – (Scorpio) Intuition, secrets; The Chariot (Cancer) – Tenacity, flow; The Hanged Man (Neptune) – Sacrifice, Surrender, fantasy; Death (Scorpio) – Inevitable change, transformation; The Moon (Pisces) – Psychic Awareness, dreams; Judgment (Pluto) – Clarity, wisdom.

The River and the Waves

The river and its waves are one surf:

Where is the difference between the river and its waves?

When the wave rises, it is the water; and when it falls, it is the same water again.

Tell me, Sir, where is the distinction?

Because it has been named as wave, shall it no longer be considered as water?

Within the Supreme Brahma, the worlds are being told like beads:

Look upon that rosary with the eyes of wisdom.

From *~Songs of Kabir ~* translated by Rabindranath Tagore





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One Look, Never Stopped Seeing

Mikey Pierog

"For the time it took for you to identify the system, a whole other layer is there for you to find ... and it's always deeper than the last time."

Some called it magic, tell men started deducing the frame.
Measurements, math, alchemy, sciences.
The forces, laws, political alliances.
Pieces of the inner self? All were just reflections.
Of a deceptive future? Or lead by divine directions.
Know yourself, sometimes getting off the road is the way.
The greatest lessons you hear may be taught from nobody.

The hero comes from within, ask any seer.
To have heaven out there, it's gotta come from in here.
Let your spirits pour, and know we've all been here before.
For you are the only one that can quench your flame.
And the essence? Beyond any game.
With all of the trials and potholes you faced.
Wishing for the end, now walking like it is life you graded.

Challenges put on us all. Unbearable weights. We had to surface from.
Bound by mental shackles. We had to over-come.
Yet everything's still here, just in a different form.
Remember yourself, 'We are the living storm.
Desiring us to abide, but 'We just kept altering.
Maybe why the conquerors are way past conquering...



Help Who? Help you

Mikey Pierog

It's noble to want to save the world, but before you do that save yourself.
Fixing a broken mess with a broken mess sounds as it sounds.
It creates safety nets with holes, institutions with faulty foundations, control unaware
when to stop.

Part of the heart may have been in a good place, yet with heavy karma hearts eventually
break.

By seeing Life fall through, buried, and crushed by the choices we make.

How can we properly heal with a constant burden of remorse?

I'm not saying don't help, but refine your source.

When you give your power away, their actions rain down on you.

Some are pretty good at fooling especially when they control most too.

But is help really help when it comes with a bill and interest due?

Saying you're needed, but how do they help when they can't use you?

Sometimes I think the corruptions protected,

And is a thing some people willingly invest-in.

Evil doesn't like to be exposed, unless with its own.

Avoiding clarity and truth for it makes things known.

Death seemed nice, easy way to silence a confidant.

But nothing truly ends, nor your heavy-haunt.

Drowning in substances to get the feelings to pause.

Even bodies fear the pain they cause.

Some things like to live in it, and let their snakes play.

And the heart has unfortunately been led astray.

It's like helping your family, while taking from your neighbor.

Your family may be happy, but are you truly a saviour?

Words to think about while following false perceptions,
and being the bearer of your own true intentions...





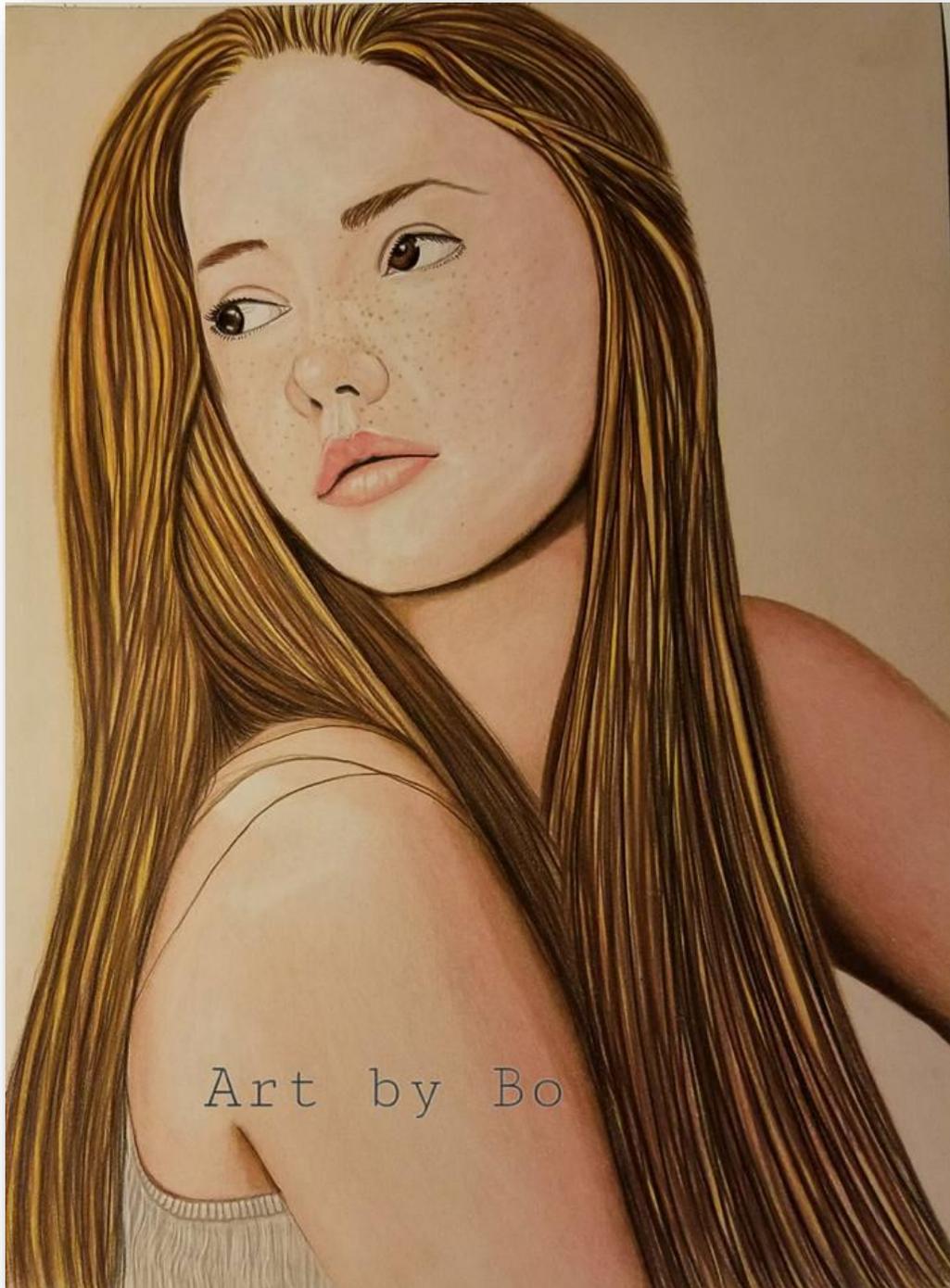
ANOTHER WORLD

Colored Pencil.



MOONLIGHT SHADOWS

Colored Pencil



SOLACE

Colored Pencil



FRED

Acrylic Blacklight Painting



HAPPINESS IS

Acrylic Blacklight Painting



NATURE'S HEALER

Acrylic Blacklight Painting



STARGATE

Oil and gold on canvas.



NIGHT DIVE

Air brush on Acrylic, Lexan



SUPER TYPHOON 2006

Oil on canvas

MARY TRAVIS CUSTOM CRAFT GALLERY



DOLLHOUSE RENOVATION HAND CRAFTED FURNITURE

Renovation of a dollhouse using styroboard, fabrics, dowels, craft sticks, paint, contact paper, glossy photo paper, beads, miscellaneous odds and ends of household things like screw in hooks, washers, and miscellaneous other.



DOLLHOUSE LIVING ROOM



DOLL HOUSE BATHROOM



DOLLHOUSE CHILDREN'S ROOM



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Mikey Pierog (*Poetry Gallery, pgs. 116-117*)

Mikey hails from Canada. He says: "Living closer to nature was always my ideal life, from joining scouts as a teen and camping as a young adult, I found my peace there. I was never into writing as a kid but as I grew older I found there was an artistic beauty in poetry. That became a hobby in my spare time, while working or in play certain thoughts cross the mind and I try to save them either to share or grow from of them." Mikey is an administrator and Executive Manager on <https://www.lightforcenetwork.com/> .

David Pierce (*Art Gallery, pgs. 118-120*)

I am 50 years old and have been seriously studying art for about 5 years. I had a career in mechanics but a neck injury stopped my ability to do work like that anymore so I decided to dedicate everything my body had left to my life long hobby of art. I think that in the last year, all of my hard work has started to pay off. I am very proud of what I have accomplished so far and can't wait to continue to grow through the next several years.

Mer Mandela (*Art Gallery pgs. 121-123*)

Born and raised in Riverview, NB Mer Mandela was always creative however it wasn't until 2015 after getting injured that she began her artistic career full time. With no formal training this free hand artist dives into anything thrown her way. In just 3 years she has tested herself with acrylic painting, blacklight painting, body painting, murals, and clothing design and live painting at several music festivals, and does so with passion and flare. Upon her creative beginning; she alongside her partner began Redbush Studios: A rogue blacklight art studio in her hometown of Riverview where they are in constant growth. Her goal is to provide others with a unique artistic experience. One where you can have a one on one private consultation with her so she can bring your exact vision to life. She prides herself with complete customer satisfaction and truly treats each person as a good friend. Her love for blacklight art was discovered early and is her drug of choice. One painting able to create two different looks and express different feelings with the use of a blacklight. When she is not creating for others you can find her designing the studio and bringing her own visions to life. Her goal is to continue this new passion, collaborating and connecting with other artists, musicians and all around good people from all over the world. She believes the greatest messages in life can be portrayed through visual stimulation. She now lives in the moment, knowing that in one second life can change. Her message is to embrace your weirdness and let your creative juices flow! You can follow her journey at:

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Mete Sepken (*Art Gallery, pgs. 124-126*)

Born as Artist In Turkey, born and worked 31+ years in Europe, mainly in Amsterdam Holland. Recently located on an island in South China Sea.

Mary Travis (*Custom Craft Gallery, pgs. 127-128*)

I tackled a creative project. Since my thumb surgery in which my top thumb knuckle was removed I had not been able to hold my drawing pencils, charcoals or paintbrushes and my creative side was going nuts with no outlet. For years I have been a portrait artist and I really missed doing them.

My sister gave me a dollhouse from the early 19th century that she rescued from being throw out and gave it to me thinking that I might enjoy bringing it back to life. It had been in a children's' exhibit for many years and then retired to a warehouse where my sister works. I decided to see what I could do to rejuvenate the dollhouse as it was in rough shape and was just an empty shell in total disrepair and all the furnishings and embellishments were long gone. As an intensive labor of love, I renovated it imagining it was a tv renovating show and built every piece of furniture and appliances and everything inside it. It is not a finished project as I have to do the outside which will probably take me another 3 months. Learning to use my left hand has not been easy. I never realized just how vital a thumb can be for doing just about everything. The house is 3 feet wide and 4 feet tall and entailed a lot of precision work. I truly enjoyed the creativity and coming up with ways to recreate things and make them look lifelike, only in 1:12 scale. It turned out to be an excellent opportunity to master my left hand. Even teaching my left hand to use scissors was difficult. It got easier as the days spent working on it progressed.

The whole time I spent working on that dollhouse, I got a feeling of peace and love, most likely from all the loving energies given off from all the children that admired it over the years. I felt peacefulness and joy while working on the dollhouse. I am hoping someday I will have a granddaughter to give it to. In the meantime it is on display in my house and I will love it and always be thankful for the therapy and peace it has brought me.

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What ARE You looking at ?



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Down with Pessimism!

Steve Prellwitz

The one thing we don't need is pessimism. Negative spin is scientifically unnecessary, usually uninformed, and always guaranteed to make things worse. To hell with that. Let's be smart, and maintain control of our worlds. Now more than ever we all need to understand this and take personal responsibility. *Everything is about choice.*

"Focus determines reality."

In his book, *Alone: The Classic Polar Adventure*, Admiral Byrd described his brush with death from carbon monoxide poisoning. Byrd was stationed at a remote base deep in the interior of Antarctica in 1934, about as removed from any civilization as a man can get on this planet. He was utterly alone and without hope of rescue.

At one point in his ordeal, he gave up. He was going to die, he admitted to himself. This is how it would end. He wrote a note to the people who would find his body the following spring and then snuffed out the candles.

He lay in the dark for some time, sad at this horrible turn of fate. But then he remembered a scene from his past. He had been in a wrestling match, trying to win the championship at the Naval Academy. Near the end of the match, exhausted and in great pain, he decided he had no chance of winning.

But his mother was watching and he wanted her to be proud of him, so he used this anti-demoralizing technique, and it worked. He stumbled onto the secret of determination. His strength revived and he fought to the finish. He didn't give up.

It worked then, he thought, so it might work here in the Antarctic even though his situation was now incomparably worse. The single thought that revived him in the wrestling match was the realization that "although I seemed absolutely washed up, there was a chance I was mistaken."

That's an important key to becoming immune to demoralization: Admit to yourself that you might be mistaken about a pessimistic conclusion. Introduce some doubt. *The doubt is legitimate.* Most of us are far more confident in our negative assumptions than is justified by the facts. As Norman Cousins said, "Nobody knows enough to be a pessimist."



Tesla's Weather Engineering

Roger Teeter

One of our developmental solutions for approximately 400,000 years is associated with the Great Pyramid. Six were created by the Elohim, set ninety degree apart in order to stabilize Mother Earth as she settled into a three hundred sixty day orbit. Due to the planet of Shades sweeping into our solar system through a black hole on the back side of our sun, from the constellation Orion, settling into a 3,500 year orbit. Many have wondered, "What is the function of pyramids?"

For thousands of years after having been built, pyramids have functioned and continue to function as solar winds collectors; generators of negative ions. In order for pyramids to continuously ionize the surrounding air, they needed to be connected to a permanent source of negative ions. How was this done? Where are these energy power lines which lead to the pyramids? Throughout the world where Pyramids are found there is an abundance of water. Their effectiveness is due to plate shift, the rise and fall of underground waters. All the pyramids were built from living crystalline stone amplifying electric charges from water. If we expose the crystal to mechanical deformation, bound electric charges appear on its surface. This phenomenon is called piezoelectric effect. The crystal is the converter of mechanical into electric energy. Due to continuous charging and discharging off the pyramid electrically charged from underground rivers, the pyramid contracts and expands, which results in continuous micro-quakes.

Nikola Tesla saw clearly that water is life, the essential element in the origin and the development of life on the planet Earth. In arid regions there are hardly any life forms. Only water can make the desert green. Tesla wanted to make a device that would create lightning and thus cause rain, which would create a favorable climate in the desert. Lightning is a phenomenon of electric discharge, and its audible manifestation is thunder. The entire phenomenon is called thunder. Even today, scientists are busy trying to understand and explain certain phenomena in relation with the thunder-strike. Condensation processes in the atmosphere cause accumulation of electricity in clouds. The polarization of charges within storm-clouds leads to an increase in electric potential between certain parts, which results in electric discharge. Electric discharges can appear within the cloud, between two clouds or between the cloud and the ground. The latter is of interest to us, a giant short circuit between the sky and the ground.

Approximately twelve thousand five hundred years ago give or take six months, the Lord and the Lady of Atlantis called a gathering at the Courtyard of the Crystalline Pyramid. The pyramid projected images of the Black T Shirts' Juggernaut which was six and a half miles wide accompanied by Robotic Crafts, entering the atmosphere over Hawaii moving eastward.

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Ashtar Command's Juggernaut and Robotic Crafts came through a portal over what is now Four Corners, Arizona. The battle raged across what is known as the lower US. As the battle approached the Georgia-South Carolina Coast there was a decision made by the Lord and the Lady to realign the planetary grid. Lugh Lamfal, Commander of the Delta division of the Ashtar Command reached into the twelve sided crystal pyramid and turned the Crystal Skull forty five degrees.

The planetary grid collapsed into what is called the Van Allen belt; on occasion flaring up as the northern lights. With the shutting down of the grid, the two Juggernauts lost their anti-gravitational field crashing just off the Georgia/South Carolina coast leaving two giant craters plus ten thousand smaller craters, which can be seen in GEO Satellite Photographs. Five of the Six Pyramids that stabilized Mother Earth remained in the seventh dimension one of whose capstones activated the Bermuda Triangle when the solar winds blew. The Atlantic fissure, six five hundred miles in length erupted sending a Tsunami three hundred feet high burying Atlantis and sending it down to the first dimension. Atlantis sank in forty minutes and the Earth shook for a day and a night which is remembered in our traditions as Samhein or Halloween. Earth's present day 365 day orbit resulted from the fall of Atlantis the seventh dimension. After the Planet of Shades blew up Thoth, Seth, and the ones that were working with the Black T Shirts' energies at that time (mainly the reptilian red race), became dis-ordinate and said, "OK, we're going to slide on out of here." They assumed that the Earth plan was headed to hell in a hand basket and they used an inter-dimensional gate through the great pyramid to Rigel 4 in the constellation Orion taking with them, as it's talked about in legends, the granddaughters of Adam while they jumped ship.

Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856 -7 January 1943) choose to be reincarnated as an inventor and a mechanical and electrical engineer. Tesla's rain engineering, started and never finished technology of pyramid as generator of negative ions. Tesla projected pyramidal tower, known as Wardencllyffe tower that was erected at Shoreham, Long Island, N.Y. It was 57m high, with the spherical top of 21m. A crystalline pyramid, with the belonging underground rivers and tunnels, functions as a generator of useful negative ions with automatic power regulation. . This machine of Tesla's was supposed to work on the principle of strong ionization of atmosphere in a split second. Instead of Tesla's shocking ionization of atmosphere, the original pyramid builders were in possession of a technology capable of less powerful, but continuous and almost unnoticeable ionization of atmosphere. It is this avenue of develop that underlies the weather engineering techniques based on the research of Nicola Tesla and others. Pyramid Greenhouse: The Pyramid Greenhouse offers still more benefits that are little known to most people. For reasons that scientists cannot fully explain, the pyramidal shape lends itself perfectly to agriculture.

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Research shows that plants grown within that particular configuration, with the same angles and dimensions as The Great Pyramid at Giza, have a greatly increased growth rate, reaching production levels and sizes which are many times the norm. Experiments with a pyramid greenhouse during an electrical storm showed that the electromagnetic energy was so intense inside the structure that cucumbers were recorded to have grown several inches in one night. A gardener in Canada estimated that he could produce about 36 times as much food in a pyramid greenhouse than he could in a garden of the same land area. Studies also show, and this should be of great interest to organic gardeners, that this geometric shape also inhibits the unwanted growth of yeasts, molds, mildew and harmful bacteria and consequently there is no need to control these conditions. One can also regulate the growing temperature very efficiently with our octahedral shaped Diamond Greenhouse. The Diamond is actually a double pyramidal shape; two pyramids which are adjoined at their base, where one half is inverted and placed underground, with the other half protruding above ground. This configuration has been shown to maintain a constant growing temperature of 72 degrees Fahrenheit (23 degrees Celsius) inside the structure under extremely hot and cold weather conditions.

Also, from an engineering standpoint, the pyramidal shape stands up extremely well against high winds. As you can see, the benefits of a pyramid shaped greenhouse are numerous. Certain criteria need to be met however, constructed of hexagonal golden glass, framed with nonferrous material, aligned with true North. Measuring sixty-six ft. on a side, with an angle of 51 degrees 51seconds with a Height and Depth of approximately 42 ft. in order to attain these unbelievable qualities. Other requirements are that the base needs to be level and oriented to magnetic north with no ferrous (magnetic) materials used in its construction. The desert landscape with no green vegetation around Egyptian pyramids brings me to the conclusion that they are not functioning well.

There must have been some kind of failure in the system. Perhaps the underground tunnels caved in. Perhaps somebody deliberately closed some of the tunnels and therefore obstructed the stream of negative ions. Perhaps some underground waters have dried out or perhaps a great flood caused redirection of underground water flows. It remains a mystery. Considering all of the above, we can see that the original pyramid builders were technologically more progressive than Nikola Tesla. That is why it is hard to believe the theory of Egyptian pharaohs organizing the construction of Egyptian pyramids tombs. Egyptian pyramids were built long before the first appearance of dynasties in Egypt, by a civilization unknown to us, which has not yet been discovered by archeology or history.



The Box

Connor “In the Box” Cameron

As is apparently obvious, I like thinking inside the proverbial box rather than *outside it*. The reason for that is creativity. Figuratively, pondering inside the box is to think in traditional fashion, bound by old, nonfunctional, or limiting structures, rules, or practices. (As if thinking or creativity were confined or limited by a figurative box!) Would-be innovators are told to “think outside the box”, however people are at their most creative when they focus on the internal aspects of a situation or problem—and when they constrain their options rather than broaden them.

Have you ever asked someone or a group of people to think outside the box? This question usually comes up with something isn’t going quite right or needs to be improved upon. The response is usually, “Sure, I’ll think outside the box with you.” These sessions are usually filled with a storm of ideas. But have you ever considered thinking inside the box? More than likely you haven’t, because we don’t often define this box we refer to all the time.

Here is one of my favorite explanations in an excerpt by Fred Nikols:

We are regularly told to think outside the box. Try telling that to Jack. The problem with giving that advice to Jack is that he can’t get out of the box. I’ve got news for you; neither can you.

Neither can I nor can anyone else for that matter. None of us can think outside the box, not really. All of our thinking is imprisoned inside the “box” formed by our beliefs, preconceptions, values, biases, knowledge and perceptions to name just some of the “sides” of our individual boxes. We can’t get outside the box because it is who we are. Even when we try to get outside the box our efforts to do so must take place inside the box. We’re stuck with it and, like Jack, we’re stuck in it.

Why do you want to get outside the box anyway? Are you looking for new ideas, new insights, creative or innovative approaches to old problems or maybe to new ones? What’s wrong with what’s inside the box? Is it not up to the task at hand? How would you know if you did get outside the box? My answer is that you wouldn’t. You couldn’t. All you can recognize is what your box will let you recognize. Getting outside the box is a doomed endeavor.

Have you ever seen an Ouroboros? It’s a symbol of a snake or a dragon chewing on its own tail.

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It would make a good logo for efforts aimed at getting outside the box. The box can only chew on itself. What are we talking about? We're talking about learning, growing, improving, changing and being open to new ideas and ways of thinking. We're talking about your mind – and mine –and everyone else's. But we can't get outside our minds. To paraphrase Pogo, "They is us." However, we can do something about what goes on in there.

The best thing you can do is open the box. You see, the stuff in a closed box is fixed, static, unchanging and, quite literally, in the dark. A closed box can do only what it already can do. But, if you open the box, you can let new stuff in and that new stuff will interact with the old stuff and create some more new stuff inside the box. You can, then, change what the box has in it and what it can do but you don't need to get out of the box to do that; you just need to let more stuff in.

Indeed, as I've been hammering home, you can't get outside the box anyway. Another thing we can do is bring together a bunch of different boxes and let their interactions generate stuff that's not to be found inside any one of the boxes. Guess what? Once that's done, this new stuff is now inside the box. (Well, it makes its way inside the ones that were open. The closed ones don't change.)

Anyway, there's no escaping the box.

Read Mr. Nikols dissertation in full here: <https://www.nickols.us/ThinkInsidetheBox.pdf>





It must be on the Moon

Thomas Selinas-Cross

There's a Man in the Moon and he's made of green cheese –
And if you lose something he'll snatch it with ease –
For everyone knows all things lost end up on the Moon –
Never to be returned anytime soon –
So as you gaze at the lunar light –
Lock up your goods and keep them out of sight!

There are many strange and humorous superstitions connected to the Moon. Here are some of the most amusing...

- A form of madness known as being “moonstruck” will occur if you sleep under the light of the Moon.
- A great cure for warts is to wash your hands in a metal basin by Moonlight .
- Blowing nine times on a wart during a Full Moon will make it go away.
- A good time to cut your hair is when the Moon is waxing. It is especially beneficial if the waxing Moon is in the sign of Leo or Aquarius. Make sure the day is not Friday.
- It is considered very unlucky to point at the Moon.
- If you make a wish while looking at a New Moon your wish will come true by the end of the year.
- It is bad luck to bury a body or dig a grave during a New Moon.
- It is lucky to see a Crescent Moon over your left shoulder or a New Moon over your right shoulder.

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- Two Full Moons (the second occurrence known as a Blue Moon) in the same month means the following month will have severe weather.
- Being married during a Full Moon is very fortuitous.
- Children born under a Full Moon grow to be very strong.
- Women who stare at a Full Moon or lay down under its light will become pregnant and give birth to a monster (most likely a werewolf).
- Never try to commit robbery on the third day of a Full Moon – you'll fail!
- Looking the Moon through glass or through tree limbs is bad luck.
- Lovers who cross the Moon line together will never marry.
- If you carry silver coins in your pocket and turn them over during the light of a New Moon you'll never want for anything.
- The Full Moon is the best time for curing illness.
- All lost items that remain unfound are stored on the Moon.





Bunga, Bunga, Woogie, Woogie

Dr. Daria Novicki

February 7, 1910 -

*It was an awesome display of Great Britain's sea power. Line upon line of battleships and cruisers of the Home and Atlantic Fleets lay at anchor across the wide sweep of Weymouth Bay in Dorsetshire. In their midst loomed the vast bulk of the **HMS Dreadnaught**, the Royal Navy's mightiest battleship.*

The ship was properly and flamboyantly decorated with colorful flags and bunting in honor of the impending visit of a group of Abyssinian princes accompanied by a high ranking Foreign Office representative and interpreter.

Protocol was strictly observed and the visitors, self-described and proclaimed as "Emperors of Abyssinia (now Ethiopia)," were piped aboard and welcomed by officers in full dress uniforms. Naval ingenuity quickly overcame the ignorance regarding the flag and national anthem of Abyssinia and, instead, the standard of Zanzibar was run up and the band substituted the Zanzibar national anthem. The guests were too polite to comment, in fact they had nothing but admiration and accolades for everything they saw. At select moments they threw their arms up in the air and shouted. "Bunga! Bunga!" in approval.

According to Virginia Woolf's gender-bending novel *Orlando*—the *Mirror* described the "Abyssinians" thus:

All the princes wore varicolored silk sashes as turbans, set off with diamond aigrettes, white gibbah tunics, over which were cast rich flowing robes and round their necks were suspended gold chains and jeweled necklaces . . . They also all wore patent leather boots which, Oriental fashion, tapered to a point, the ends projecting fully six inches beyond the toes. White gloves covered the princes' hands, and over the gloved fingers, they wore gold wedding rings – heavy, plain circlets, which looked very impressive.

The only glitch of the day was the fact that the Admiral refused to provide prayer mats for sunset devotions of the illustrious guests. Embarrassment was avoided by not sounding the sunset bugle call, thus abolishing sunset for that day.

At the end of the visit, crowds milled around the departing train at Weymouth Station as the guests waited to make their journey to London. It was noted that the *chief prince* had his face turned away as he waved his last farewell to the crowd from the window of the train. While this may have been construed as rude, the real reason was that he had sneezed and blown half of his mustache off his face.

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That sneeze almost gave away one of the most audacious hoaxes planned and executed in the history of trickery. The culprit? William Horace de Vere Cole, the grand practical joker of his time. Cole was a wealthy man about town. He had a lively mind and superb planning ability and liked to exploit these talents through the execution of outrageous and often elaborate hoaxes.

The “princes” who trod the decks in elaborate costumes and make-up were Anthony Buxton, well known as a public school and university cricketer; Duncan Grant, an artist; Guy Ridley, a judge’s son; Virginia Woolf, the novelist, who played a slender prince; and her brother Adrian, who posed as the party’s German interpreter. Herbert Cholmondeley, the man from the Foreign Office, was Cole himself.

The hoax began when he sent a telegram to the ship telling the crew to expect a visit from some North African dignitaries. On the morning of the visit, Cole donned his morning dress and went to the railroad station announcing himself as Cholmondeley from the Foreign Office and proceeded to demand a special train to take the princes to Weymouth. He also demanded a special committee to see them off. The station master protested but agreed. Meanwhile, another conspirator sent a telegram in the name of the Foreign Office to the admiral of the fleet ordering him to set up facilities for the distinguished visitors.

When planning what would later become known as The Dreadnaught Affair he decided that it would be impossible for the “princes” to learn Abyssinian. So he ordered visiting cards to be printed in Swahili and instructed his fellow hoaxers to make up a language as they went along. Once on board, the group spoke in accented Latin (quoting the *Aeneid*) and gibberish. Woolf kept quiet so as to disguise her gender. One of the officers on the ship was a cousin of Virginia and Adrian, but he failed to recognize them.

He had also persuaded Willy Clarkson, actress Sarah Bernhardt’s make-up man to disguise the party. Willy warned him, however, that any eating by the hoaxers would ruin the make-up. That warning obviously caused complications later. It was noted that only the man from the Foreign Office and the German interpreter partook of food heartily while the princes abstained. When Cole was asked about the princes’ lack of appetite he explained they were on a strict diet having only two meals a day of which they had already had their quota.

In a recently discovered letter, Cole wrote to a friend that the hoax was “glorious” and “shriekingly funny.” The group intended to mock what they saw as an outmoded Victorian imperialism, and they succeeded, at least in the popular press. The *Mirror* published the cartoon above and the Royal Navy was a laughingstock for weeks afterward. . None of this pseudo-racist pranksterism (which reflected just as badly on the officers) struck the actual Emperor of Ethiopia—Menelik II—as particularly funny.

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When he visited England later that year, he was taunted in the streets by children shouting “Bunga! Bunga!” and denied permission to inspect the navy’s fleet for fear that his visit might cause further embarrassment.

Hoaxes have been around for centuries, created by people as jokes, or for profit or attention. And as crazy as some of them seem in hindsight, people are always willing to buy into them. Maybe believing in seemingly unbelievable things is part of the human psyche. Maybe it is a defense or chance to live out fantasy in order to escape the real world and its harshness. Perhaps it is just a stubborn form of rebellion to believe in whatever scientists or experts don’t. Whatever the reason, don’t make the mistake of thinking that you can never be fooled. Sages and fools alike have been tricked. Hoaxes are meant to fool the world at large and people do fall for them. Would you?

Resources:

Josh Jones - <http://www.openculture.com/2013/07/virginia-woolf-and-friends-dress-up-as-abyssinian-princes-and-fool-the-british-royal-navy-1910.html>

Hoaxes, Frauds and Forgeries ~ Reader’s Digest



By believed to be James Lafayette. For further information, see the talk page.

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Roger Teeter (*Tesla's Weather Engineering, pg.133*)

This bio and the article are posted posthumously in honor of Roger Teeter. Rev. Roger was a Universal Life Minister who came into the gift of Spirit in 1985. He was a certified Hypnotherapist specializing in Cathartic Integration Techniques. Roger utilized many modalities in his work – channeling, vision, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, precognitive awareness of the Akashic records, Psychometry, Dragon's Breath, Reiki, Zenith, and Star Maps to assist individuals in developing their hidden talents.

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