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The Human Condition

*"My first world is humanity. My second world is humanism.
And, I live in the third world being merely a human."*



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Nothing was ever in tune.

People just blindly grabbed at whatever there was: communism, health foods, Zen, surfing, ballet, hypnotism, group encounters, orgies, biking, herbs, Catholicism, weight-lifting, travel, withdrawal, vegetarianism, India, painting, writing, sculpting, composing, conducting, backpacking, yoga, copulating, gambling, drinking, hanging around, frozen yogurt, Beethoven, Bach, Buddha, Christ, TM, H, carrot juice, suicide, handmade suits, jet travel, New York City, and then it all evaporated and fell apart. People had to find things to do while waiting to die. I guess it was nice to have a choice.

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The continued finger pointing –

The continued doxing –

The entire Media –

The current Big Tech manipulations and judgments -

The death of real journalism –

The people who live in bubbles convincing themselves that all will be well –

The people who “go along to get along” even though they know it is wrong -

The people who refuse to engage in civil discourse with those of a different opinion and view –

The judgement and ridicule people cast upon one another -

The attempts to destroy history –

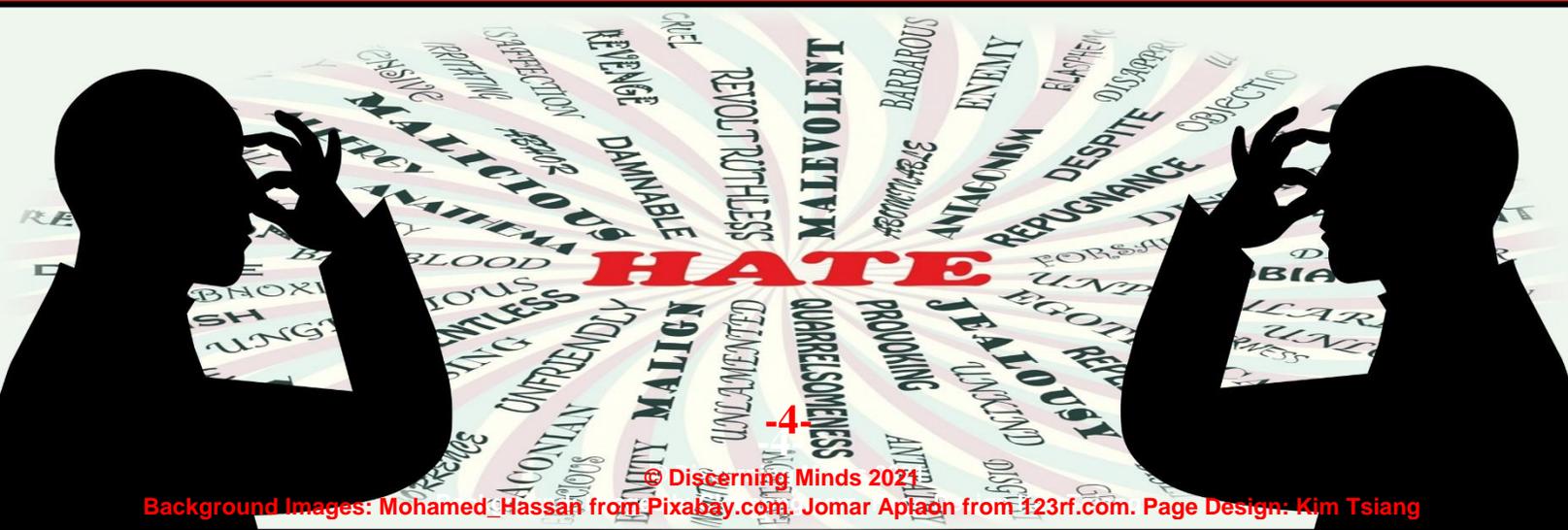
The destruction of property –

The attempts to silence me -

The feeling that nothing is right –

I won't shut up.

Deal with it.



Have We Chosen Satanic Masters To Run Our Lives?

By Syd Alrruhi

Let's take a moment to talk lower realm, lower astral plane to be exact, since that seems to be where the current collective mentally is dwelling. There is no getting around it since we all participated. That's correct, we all participated – no one is exempt. Remember in metaphysics no one gets off the hook.

The Lower Astral, as most intellectuals know is where all the human nasties we can think of dwell. Hatred, revenge and other vindictive behaviors thrive here and literally take form as the most horrendous monsters the human mind can conceive. We've chosen some of those monsters to rule our Earth lives in this moment and they won't be taking us any place good. Because I am speaking of lower astral I will refer to these monsters as Satanic Masters and ... they're everywhere in their human disguises.

“That almost sounds like politics,” you say and that certainly is part of it.

Did we unwittingly choose a brand new suppressive way of life disguised by promises for “progress?” Perhaps we did ... I'll let you decide for yourself.

“Why did we do that?” You ask.

Simply put, we have decided collectively to disrupt the timeline because we have allowed ourselves to be taken in by the glamour of a small group of (for lack of a better word) Satanic Masters who don't have our best interests at heart. Actually they don't have hearts and that is plainly obvious. They only deal in power, self-interest and greed. That said, there is also another factor at play here.

Within the life of each Soul there are memories related to the death experience. Before you get all excited that death in metaphysics often relates to change which is not a bad thing. The problem is we are out of alignment with our timeline and have chosen death thinking the old way needs to die so a new better existence can be born. The PROBLEM is what we have collectively chosen has to do has no balance. Balance is required for harmonious change. Without it we attract trauma, drama and ill thought out action. We begin to have trouble with our relationships – ALL of them. We become fearful and burning with anger towards one another. It is basically a state of unresolved shock.

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Our human consciousness ceases to develop until we collectively decide to overturn or disrupt what we have done and restore the timeline to its karmic path.

What do we have to figure out? Remember the kid's nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty?

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the King's horses and all the king's men –

Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

Let's say the horses represent emotions and the King represents authority. Well, emotions and authority can't repair the cracked egg so the first understanding is that we cannot rely on the old adage "it will straighten itself out in time." Not going to work this time folks especially if you think authority figures are going to straighten it out or that people will eventually become less emotional. There needs to be another force intervening here. Now what might that be? Oh yeah, what about that shift in consciousness I mentioned above? Until the danger is recognized by majority collective consciousness we aren't getting anywhere and the Satanic Masters keep their grip. The egg stays cracked while its life force leaks out and as it does we become more tormented. There is a physical body problem connected to this as well. Some individuals have begun to complain about discomfort and/or pain in the space between the bottom of the rib and the top or the pelvis on the left hand side of the body. If you experience that you are beginning to get awareness about the seriousness of the situation and until you come into full understanding of the danger of the disruption in the timeline you will continue to feel it. The traumas of this time as designed by the Satanic Masters will be stored in the subconscious and able to pop up any time to keep you under control as you believe their spin while thinking everything will work out.

Unfortunately you will have to deal with the fact that you have been duped and only you can change your awareness of that.

At this point in time, things are not what they seem. The Satanic Masters arranged it that way.

Personally I am not willing to give them "a chance" to see how they do.

Are you?



I searched and found nothing.
Because everything was there.
Including the empty void within all.
Some things we avoid, some things we need.
A gift is to find the crumbs and untangle the weeds.
Who really knows, so we ask WHO for guidance?
Maybe a name is a word, and a word is a name.
Yet in ourselves a picture is drawn, do we cultivate it.
Or let it freeze in frame.
Maybe it's both, some are a little insane ...

The real candle we light is in ourselves, and some of
our life is collecting the wax

Running Around Naked

By Jenna Wade Shaugnessey

When I was a very small child I used to love running around naked. Nowadays, if you ask any respectable psychologist they will tell you that this is perfectly normal up until age 3 or 4. To be honest, I would carry on today in my buff utopia if I could but it would of course be very unacceptable to my peers in most social settings but the innate sense of freedom stays with me on many levels. I simply do not like restriction. You could say, “Why don’t you simply join a nudist camp?” or even better, “Why don’t you bring back the art of streaking?” You are clearly missing the point.

You can go ahead and giggle but societal wheel has brought me far always spoke my mind from a problem with chastising adults Think about it. Toddlers love to asserting their independence and opinions and abilities. In other know they are unique. If they are adeptly remove their clothing even chagrin of their parents who cover-up attempt by saying, loves getting attention.”

EXACTLY. Baby Bare Buns is Universe know, “Hey I AM!” come into the world naturally into acceptable behaviors. Running Passage. But once you graduate you are “acceptable” fig leaf. Game over. Or is it?

I clearly remember an old college professor nervous giving a presentation in front of a naked.” Bingo! To do so means all human window goes societal mores because in a naked crowd everyone is a unique critique unto themselves. We go back to the beginning where we are created equal.

As for myself, I have always pushed against what made me feel uncomfortable shedding those things in life that do. ***This does not mean I go about breaking laws or mouthing off at people because I feel like it.*** I have honed my skills well with a laser sharp instinct and it has served me well. I can push the right human buttons and even kick a butt (bare or not) or two. To an extent we all are what we are taught to be BUT not if that bare-assed kid is still running around inside confidently remembering who they really are.

that internal push against the in life. I have been told that I very young age and had no for their ‘ridiculous’ behaviors. run around naked because they are showing they have their own words they are letting the world particularly ornery they will in front of company much to the generally engage in their best “Oh, little Johnny (or Jeanie) just

letting the world and even the Now think about this. We ALL immodest. Then we are trained around naked IS a Rite of handed the proverbial

telling the class, “If you are horribly large audience simply imagine them barriers are broken down and out the





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THE HUMAN CONDITION

Charles Bukowski Quote (*Nothing was Ever in Tune, from Women, Pg. 2*)

Charles Bukowski (1920-1994) was a German–American poet, novelist, and short story writer. He was a prolific underground writer who used his poetry and prose to depict the depravity of urban life and the downtrodden in American society. A cult hero, Bukowski relied on experience, emotion, and imagination in his work, using direct language and violent and sexual imagery. Bukowski wrote more than forty books of poetry, prose and novels. Quote from Goodreads.com

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Mikey Pierog (*I Searched and Found Nothing, pg.7*)

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A Matter Of Spirit

"Don't Gain the World and Lose Your Soul.

Wisdom Is Better Than Silver or Gold."

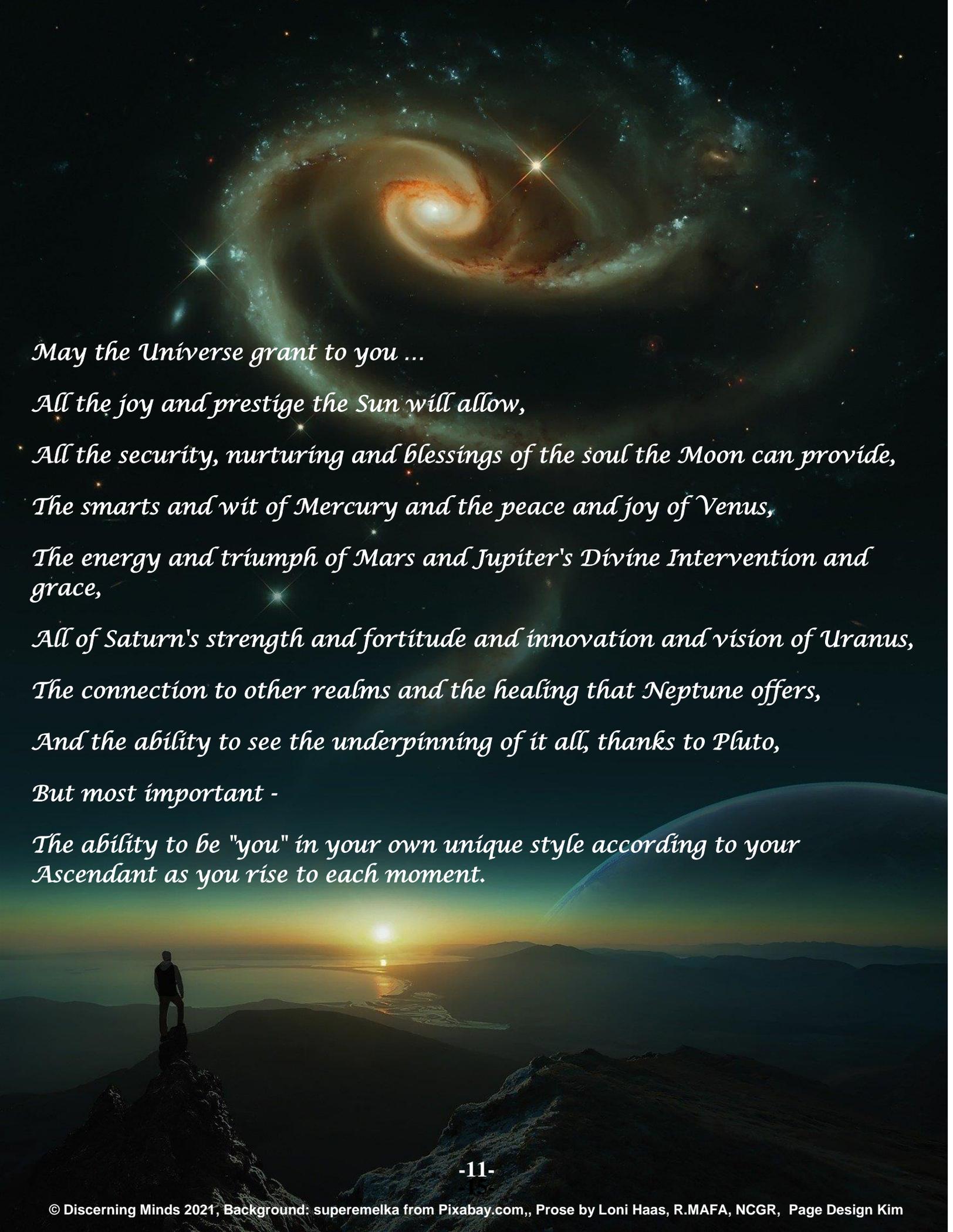


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May the Universe grant to you ...

All the joy and prestige the Sun will allow,

All the security, nurturing and blessings of the soul the Moon can provide,

The smarts and wit of Mercury and the peace and joy of Venus,

The energy and triumph of Mars and Jupiter's Divine Intervention and grace,

All of Saturn's strength and fortitude and innovation and vision of Uranus,

The connection to other realms and the healing that Neptune offers,

And the ability to see the underpinning of it all, thanks to Pluto,

But most important -

The ability to be "you" in your own unique style according to your Ascendant as you rise to each moment.



Impiety

By Matt Sharpe

Im·pi·e·ty

im'pīədē/

noun: impiety; plural noun: impieties

- lack of piety or reverence, especially for a god.

In today's world it is unfashionable to place any import on the concept of piety, whereas one thousand years ago the Catholic Church's teachings made it very important to be able to identify it should it exist anywhere. But they were ineffectual in the many incidences where it existed within the Papacy itself, and the upper echelons of its hierarchy. Impiety was not a thing that happened only within the Catholic faith however, it could be found in many other places and spiritual traditions throughout history. Regardless of any path's spiritual beliefs and conditions, the fact that they must at least in part exist on earth dictates that they all will have elements of impiety that can be found within them, this being a realm of dualism.

Overall, impiety is merely one of the manifestations of the pride in a majority of the incidences of it happening. This is usually due to a desire of the prideful lower self-attempting to gain the object of its desire, even if that requires steps that will not be interpreted in a necessary or forgiving way. It is worth mentioning that in a number of circumstances, a prideful desire can progress, becoming ever stronger in its pull at the lower self until it is exercising control over it unceasingly. At this point it can be called lust, regardless of the area of context or the type of desire being spoken of. Not all forms of lust are necessarily sexual in nature. A heroin addict constantly lusts after his next fix, and similarly, the alcoholic is often thinking ahead towards his next drink. Recognizing these distinctions can be useful and necessary in identifying what is happening and what is the cause of it in an individual's life.

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Socrates, who was taught the way of Eckankar by ancient adepts, was accused and brought to trial on charges of being guilty of refusing to recognize the gods recognized by the city state of Athens and introducing other, new divinities, an act that amounted to impiety which was a much generalized charge. It was likely that he had merely found new ways of expressing the qualities of the Nous, the Soul, and the words he used to refer to that state were taken to be newly created gods. He was also accused of corrupting the youth from having taught them about these new figures that were probably nothing more than qualities. The penalty demanded was death. He was found guilty and made to drink hemlock as a means of self-execution. His followers urged him to flee, but he refused on principle and instead drank the poison and died. While not one of his writings exists, what we know of his life and his trial and death come only from the writings of his students, Plato and Xenophon.

Sometimes people will begin a spiritual path that they are anything but dedicated or committed to. A majority of the time they will do this to uphold the illusion that they are serious to it and dedicated, as a child might adhere to their parent's religious choice although they would not willingly choose it for themselves, and perhaps maintain this until a point where they could free themselves from it. The parents, if they become aware of their child's non-acceptance of their religion would easily consider that to be a form of impiety, although perhaps not as severe as the quality that Catholics would consider to be the same thing within their faith. The specific definitions used in various religions can be somewhat different, or at the least generalized in a way that is more inclusive than that observed in other paths.

Anytime a person is coerced into accepting a path against their will, this is an impious act on the part of the one perpetrating the coercion. This can be made to happen in a number of different ways, but most often a threat of a negative outcome, such as the Christian concept of hell, is used to make a person choose a religion that makes the claim of usually being the only way to avoid an eternity in that hell, which is in itself an utter illusion having no basis in truth. Any method of spirituality that does not practice the development of the ability to consciously leave the body to learn the spiritual principles, is inevitably one that has no way to deliver what it claims. The exteriorization from the body is literally the only way that one can experience and prove to themselves the verity or falseness of a religion and its claims. This is the best way to prove the reality that exists in different levels of conscious awareness, and also the most efficient way to achieve an expansion of the individual awareness.

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Those who begin on a path that they do not truly believe, and to which they are not truly dedicated or committed, are at the very least choosing to follow an illusion and are disregarding that fact. In some cases this is done for both a financial gain as well as a psychological one, a way for a person to boost their own self-worth and thereby their ego so as to laud themselves over others that they deem themselves to be above. Any such perceptions are purely egoic and have no basis in fact. Even if such a behavior is adopted by one and that person does not place themselves, in their own opinions, above others, they have at the very least adopted an illusion as reality. This can be a situation where right discernment is of tantamount importance, and such skills are necessary to prevent being subdued by an illusion.

When there is a lack of dedication on the individual's part, it will often be found also that they are lacking in defense against other potential attacks on them as well as simply adopting wrongful ideas and opinions that can stand in the way of that Soul's experiential growth towards awakening in its own primal state of being beyond duality. Of course this causes the path that one is on to become one that can require much more development and because of such delays, take much longer in reaching goals within the lower realms of matter/energy and space/time. The attacks that an undedicated person might find happening can be from any number of sources, from negative entities that see the lack of dedication as a weakness and an opening in the psychic space of the individual, as well as the sort that can come sometimes from relatives that are members of a religion and that take offense at the individual in question's lack of dedication or sincerity in that path, or from others who directly oppose that particular religion regardless of the reasons or context of their differing Ideas.

One modern situation speaks of an impious action that happens often. That is the fact that many Christian churches will run credit checks on new members and seek to find out as much about their financial status as can be found. Regardless of any reason given publicly for this, it speaks of a desire to choose churchgoers who can afford to make weekly donations or tithes. It can be argued that economic status was in the past a very obvious thing, and one that has changed significantly in the last century, but now with the advent of computer technology, there are farther reaching tools that can open a view into one's private life and economic status as never before. In this way, religious egalitarianism is brought into question as to whether or not it is merely a cover for a more subversive aim, that of insuring an extended ability to collect monies for the church.

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The collection of money in a synagogue, mosque, or church has been a subject of debate for many centuries. As early as four-thousand years ago, Hinduism and later Buddhism formed ideas that forbade usury. In Judaism, parts of the Torah deal specifically with both interest and usury, words that at one time had the same meaning, and were things that were not to be allowed, but over time usury came to mean an exorbitant amount of interest. These same principles were also used in Christianity and form part of the Old Testament. *Deuteronomy 23:19-20* reads:

“Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of anything that is lent upon usury: Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it” (*King James Version*).

A strikingly similar passage is found here, where *Exodus 22:25* states:

“If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as a usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury” (*King James Version*).

In *Leviticus 25:37* one finds:

“Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase”

In *Jeremiah 15:10*, the Prophet complains that he is being cursed although he has never done anything such as take interest, meaning that such curses would be appropriate for him if he were someone who took interest. A particularly harsh statement is made in *Ezekiel 18:13*:

“Hath given forth upon interest, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? He shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.”

In Mosaic Law, when an Israelite needed to borrow, what he asked was to be freely lent to him, and no interest was to be charged, although interest might be taken of a foreigner (*Exodus 22:25; Deuteronomy 23:19-20; Leviticus 25:35-38*).

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The New Testament is somewhat vague on the subject of interest, but there are certain lines that speak against interest, such as this passage from *Luke 6:35*, where Jesus is reported to have said:

“But love you your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil”

There are a great many varying interpretations of all of the verses in the Bible, and this causes groups of Christians to have somewhat different interpretations for what is right to do, and what is not. In Islam, Sharia law speaks against usury (*Riba*) and impermissible investments (*Haraam*).

The other side of this, concerning churches in particular and usually Christian ones, is a new trend in churches beginning credit unions so as to help parishioners that are desperately in need of financial assistance. However it cannot be forgotten that banks and credit unions make money using a fee system for the payback of loans, especially payments that are made late. Thus does any church make profits from the loans given, the same as does every bank in the world? If they participate in fractional reserve banking, which is to say giving loans that exceed the amounts held in the bank based on the agreement that it will eventually be paid back in full and a profit thereby gained, this amounts to interest or usury, the loaning of money at unusually high rates of interest. The difference is in that the rate of interest may not necessarily be unusually high, but the fact remains that the money was loaned out when it in fact did not actually exist in the first place. This is a method of profiteering that bankers have used for many centuries and by the fact of its deception, can be viewed as another manifestation of impiety, one using the trusted position of a religion or religious organization to perpetrate a fraud upon its members, a fraud that financially benefits that organization.

In Islam being that usury is unjust, it is not allowed, and this shows a difference between what is common and legal in Western banking practices, and the ways that Muslim banking is different. Rather than interest, Islamic financing is based on ownership of assets and the sharing of risk. These concepts, known as *Musharakah* and *Mudarabah*, serve to distinguish Islamic financing from Its Western counterpart, which is based on principles of interest, debt, and risk transfers. In the Western world of finance, a bank will receive interest for the risk it takes by loaning monies to a business, whereas in Islamic finance, a bank that provides money for a business will gain an agreed share in the profit/loss generated by the money loaned. This rids them of the necessity of interest payments and sharing the risk between the bank and the business concerned.

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While there is much difference between various religions and their views on the ideas of money and financing, there is quite a bit said on the issue of interest, most of it less than favorable. Christian churches and even churches within the Church of England's purview are opening credit unions for the purpose of helping the needy. Islam has definite restrictions within how Sharia Law regulates finance in general, and for this reason, i have been as yet unaware of a similar movement within Islam to set up a financial organization that is able to help the needy, but it cannot either be said that such a thing is impossible or will never happen. There are many varying opinions on the subject. Many of the incidences happening within finance worldwide provide opportunities for impiety to occur, even within those that specifically prohibit that. Thus is the lower nature of humanity, always so easily distracted or misled by its desires or greed.

Regardless of which form of manifestation an impious act takes, and regardless of the area of the world, or culture, or religion that is in place at the time, most consider it to be a specifically bad idea as well as one that is fueled by the gains that a human's ego can make appear to be profitable to itself, often at a cost to another. Such prideful actions, along with their motivations, are for the most part found to be unacceptable overall, and are often viewed as an unfair action perpetrated upon others. When these things occur, the eyes of karma can always see them, and they are unable to deceive the powers that exist to pass out karmic lessons. For this reason there is absolutely no escape from the responsibility of the choices made and the true motivations for those choices that led to any such actions of impiety. As stated previously, these are always an act of pride, and by this fact it is shown that the Soul, Itself, is incapable of such an action, those being things that occur only in the worlds of duality. As Soul goes through its various incarnations within the lower planes, it learns via direct experience the true nature of the choices its lower selves make. Likewise it goes through the necessary experiences, which are only as tough to handle as that individual chose them to be for themselves. Such direct experiences are extremely hard to ignore and are equally hard to forget, and for this reason, the lessons hit home and very deeply. Eventually that Soul progresses and makes its way beyond the influence of the emotions and the mind, attaining a place where the chains of these cannot reach and because of that, are utterly unable to hold that one to the lower realms. It is at this point that the first true taste of spiritual freedom is experienced, and while it must be re-won on a daily basis, and will always be challenged while one is alive in the body, this also spurs that Soul forward into achieving ever greater states of experience, consciousness, and being.

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Ask the Guru

Q & A OF THE AMERICAN GURU

Dear Guru: In Genesis 1 verse 26 when God states, “Let us make man in our own image”, who is the “us” and the “our” being referred to? What is your take on this? Jeanie W., GA.

Namaste Jeanie. OK – of course we know, it could mean ‘other’ deities or any of many perceptions. It is my belief that it was simply the way of expression at the time rather than the writer writing, “I will make man in MY image”, which would denote an EGO god. I don’t believe God actually “said” anything – He simply gave or had “thought forms” for words that were not created as yet and the writer would not have understood what God was trying to convey. Let’s face it, the whole story creates many questions about human understanding at this time but, was a work of art to be done by humans at that time! It is humanly impossible for the mind to understand God completely for the finite cannot understand the infinite but, the infinite does understand the finite.

Dear Guru:

Over the years, there has been plenty of controversy over exactly when in a pregnancy the spirit or soul enters the fetus. What do you say? Angie, PA

Namasté Angie:

It is a beautiful thing that you ask me, for I have had the experience firsthand of talking with the spirit of a child who was aborted. Each Spirit chooses its own time of entry and departure. 'Still born', 'dead in the womb', 'Infant Death Syndrome' and 'abortion' are all examples of the choice of non-entry whereas a childhood death is one of leaving as is any death.

Dear Guru:

I don't want to sound stupid but just how many spirit guides does a person have? Are they angels, dead people, or something else? Deirdre, CT

Namasté Deidre:

There are no 'stupid' questions or people and you are certainly not one for you have a question and you ask it! My Spirit has led me to believe that each individual has the spiritual guidance they need and the numbers don’t mean anything! The more you are into helping others, the more help you are given 'shot at the moon' failed? Since then, they use the metric system!)



Ask the Guru

Q & A OF THE AMERICAN GURU

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Dear Guru:

Do you think that a suicide constitutes a broken contract with God? Mary, TN

Namasté Mary:

Try to understand, suicide can only happen to a person who is not in their 'right' mind! I have been led to understand since early childhood to have compassion for those who do it! Compassion is a 'good' trait and therefore more 'godly' so it would seem to me, suicide is not a 'broken contract with God'! I'm not too sure there could be a 'contract' with God in the first place :). Be assured that as with all things, it is serving a purpose which I believe will ultimately prove to be good!

Dear Guru:

What do you think Karma is - a religious precept or a philosophical principle or a scientific matter based on cause and effect? Thank-you, Amy, NJ.

Namaste Amy:

I believe, when Truth is known, it is all three.

Religious = "Sins of the Father"

Philosophical = "What goes around, Comes around"

Scientific = DNA

But, do not despair, for NOTHING has more power than 'mankind' on this earth. It is known that even DNA can be changed. I have personally experienced the ending of Karma for many. At one time I was referred to as the "Karma Killer." Yeshua ben Joseph did this in many or most cases to cause the healing of the multitudes....

“My soul, where are you? Do you hear me? I speak, I call you—are you there? I have returned, I am here again. I have shaken the dust of all the lands from my feet, and I have come to you, I am with you. After long years of long wandering, I have come to you again. Should I tell you everything I have seen, experienced, and drunk in? Or do you not want to hear about all the noise of life and the world? But one thing you must know: the one thing I have learned is that one must live this life. This life is the way, the long sought-after way to the unfathomable, which we call divine. There is no other way, all other ways are false paths.

Do you still know me? How long the separation lasted! Everything has become so different. And how did I find you? How strange my journey was! What words should I use to tell you on what twisted paths a good star has guided me to you? Give me your hand, my almost forgotten soul. How warm the joy at seeing you again, you long disavowed soul. Life has led me back to you. Let us thank the life I have lived for all the happy and all the sad hours, for every joy, for every sadness. My soul, my journey should continue with you. I will wander with you and ascend to my solitude.”

— C.G. Jung, Red Book: Liber Novus



Some People Deserve To Die

By Rev. Micah Allard

That's a horrible thought isn't it, that some people deserve to die? It forces you to call into question what kind of a degenerate must you be for thinking such a thing.

There have been many times in the History of Man where such a notion was perfectly acceptable sociably and no one thought a thing of it such as duels where one's honor was challenged and needed to be salvaged. Polite savagery. This brings to mind the conversation I had with a friend some time ago about past lives.

This man claims to have recalled many of his past lives where he had murdered others for various reasons. He delivered each instance with remarkable memory and clarity and detail. I was riveted to his colorful tales and when he was all finished I inquired:

"How does it feel to you now that you did such things?"

He looked at me puzzled, shrugged his shoulders and said:

"Some people deserve to die."

This obviously kept poking at me and did inspire me to look more deeply at his statement.

The majority of us can do without evil-doers in our lives and often wish they would disappear by the most convenient method, usually death. But how rational is it? How moral is it? What about the Karmic implications? It is a heavy load to contemplate.

Any metaphysician would advise never to wish anyone dead or to say they deserve to die. Metaphysicians recognize the three most dysfunctional attributes of the human mind - justification, generalization, and rationalization but as the adage goes: "You can't cast a negative net and expect to catch anything positive." Not exactly a win-win situation. Psalm 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* This seems like a good antidote if we can accept it but that acceptance is a whole other issue.

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As with most contemplations of this nature, the whole thing eventually filters down to a recognition of evil. We all know it exists and normally do our best to avoid it. Yet there is a Divine Law that says you can and should strike out against evil. It happens every day – an old lady is being pushed and beaten by a thug and a Samaritan steps in to help striking the thug down. Have we defied Karma by stepping in? Maybe. Perhaps it was our Karmic duty to do just that.

In the majority of instances recalled by my friend from Past Lives he was striking out against evil personally and in others (as a revolutionary) collectively. So the entire questioning seems to go rather circular.

Perhaps it is ok to think some people deserve to die but once in a while ask yourself if based on actions you do as well.





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A MATTER OF SPIRIT

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The Guru (*Ask the Guru, pg. 18*)

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Carl Jung (*My Soul, pg. 20*)

Carl Gustav Jung, 26 July 1875 – 6 June 1961, was a Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst who founded analytical psychology. Jung's work has been influential in the fields of psychiatry, anthropology, archaeology, literature, philosophy and religious studies. The quoted passage is from Jung's work *The Red Book: Liber Novus* and was found at Goodreads.com.

Rev. Micah Allard (*Some People Deserve to Die, pg.21*)

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BODY TEMPLE

“Treat your body like a temple, not a woodshed. The mind and body work together. Your body needs to be a good support system for the mind and spirit. If you take good care of it, your body can take you wherever you want to go, with the power and strength and energy and vitality you will need to get there.”



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The brain-disease model overlooks four fundamental truths:

(1) Our capacity to destroy one another is matched by our capacity to heal one another. Restoring relationships and community is central to restoring well-being;

(2) Language gives us the power to change ourselves and others by communicating our experiences, helping us to define what we know, and finding a common sense of meaning;

(3) We have the ability to regulate our own physiology, including some of the so-called involuntary functions of the body and brain, through such basic activities as breathing, moving, and touching; and

(4) We can change social conditions to create environments in which children and adults can feel safe and where they can thrive. When we ignore these quintessential dimensions of humanity, we deprive people of ways to heal from trauma and restore their autonomy. Being a patient, rather than a participant in one's healing process, separates suffering people from their community and alienates them from an inner sense of self.

Nourish Yourself with Color

By Li Huan Shaugnnesey

Color healing has long been a part of ancient Indian medical practices. We all know that the appreciation of food largely depends upon its appearance ... natural colors appeal to us and synthetic colors repel us. The Indian dietary color palette is not only appealing visually but also helps to stimulate health and energy. It is believed that foods contain the energy of cosmic rays that correspond to their natural color (s). Here is a simple chart demonstrating this concept.

RED FOODS Warming - Stimulating Red Berries, Red Apples, Red Kidney Beans, Iron Rich Vegetables and Meats, Tomatoes, Radishes Benefits: Kidney, Bladder Muscular System
ORANGE FOODS Tonic - Appetite Building - Anti Depressant Mangoes, Carrots, Peaches, Egg Yolks, Pumpkin, Papaya, Peppers Benefits: Legs, Stomach, Circulatory System
YELLOW FOODS Cleansing - Laxative - Harmonizing Yellow Lentils, Beans and Grains, Bananas, Lemons, Pineapple, Corn Benefits: Stomach, Liver, Nervous System
GREEN FOODS Calming - Relaxing Green Grapes, Okra, Coriander, Peas, Green Beans, Whole Mung Beans, Cucumber, Milk* and its products Benefits: Ears, Arms, Digestive System, Heart *Milk imparts the green energy of grass from which it originates.
BLUE FOODS Antiseptic - Soporific - Soothing Raisins, Blueberries, Blackberries, Blue Plums, Prunes, Mushrooms Benefits: Mouth, Throat, Respiratory System
PURPLE FOODS Anti Bacterial - Soothing - Induces Creativity Eggplant, Beets, Purple Onions, Cabbage, Grapes Benefits: Scalp, Hair, Pituitary Gland

Why Should I Meditate?

By Therra Morris Burch

There is no doubt about it – meditation requires a certain mastery to tame the brain game that goes on in one’s awareness. The internal clam necessary to achieve meditative levels is key in shifting the brain into different levels of consciousness once achieved. Beginners often have many questions about ‘how to’ and what are the benefits of meditation so let’s review the most common shortlist.

First it is important to understand that mediation does not belong to any specific religion or spiritual path. Anyone can meditate. There are some formal religions that deem meditation dangerous and or unholy so, as with all decisions in life, use your discernment and do some research to see if it’s right for you.

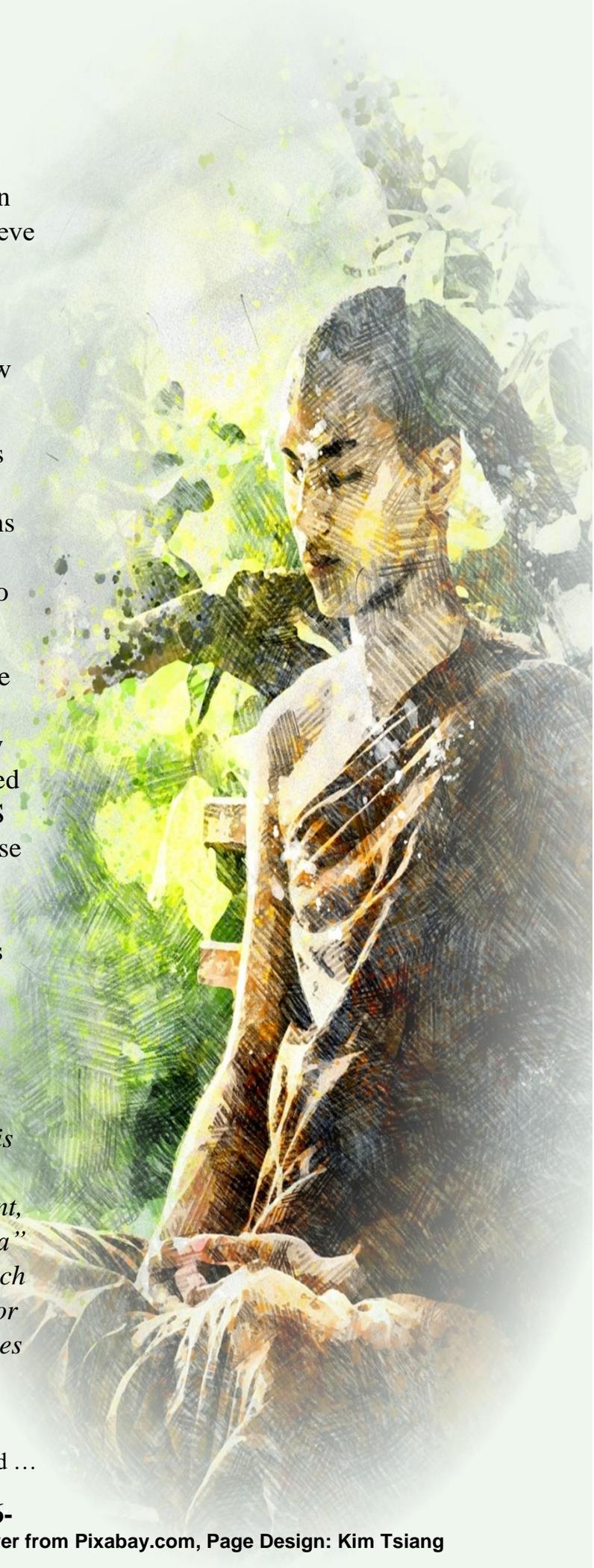
Oddly enough people who claim they cannot meditate because they cannot “sit still” or “relax enough” are perfect candidates for meditation. Why? Usually they are too caught up in life and the daily grind. They need to slow down. Despite what people think there DOES exist undemanding times of the day. If they can choose one and not set unrealistic goals – they can start out with 5 minutes a day. It is however imperative that these individuals learn beginner’s breathing exercises before trying.

Meditation espouses non attachment.

According to Itai Ivtzan Ph.D.:

It is the skill of taking a step back from whatever happens, or whatever we feel, acknowledging that it is transient, and accepting that it will soon change and transform. This quality of non-attachment is important, as it helps us to not get carried away with the “drama” of life and to remain calm and peaceful. However, such non-attachment does not mean avoiding, repressing or disregarding anything. We should not detach ourselves from the people and activities we love and enjoy, nor should we become passive or inactive.

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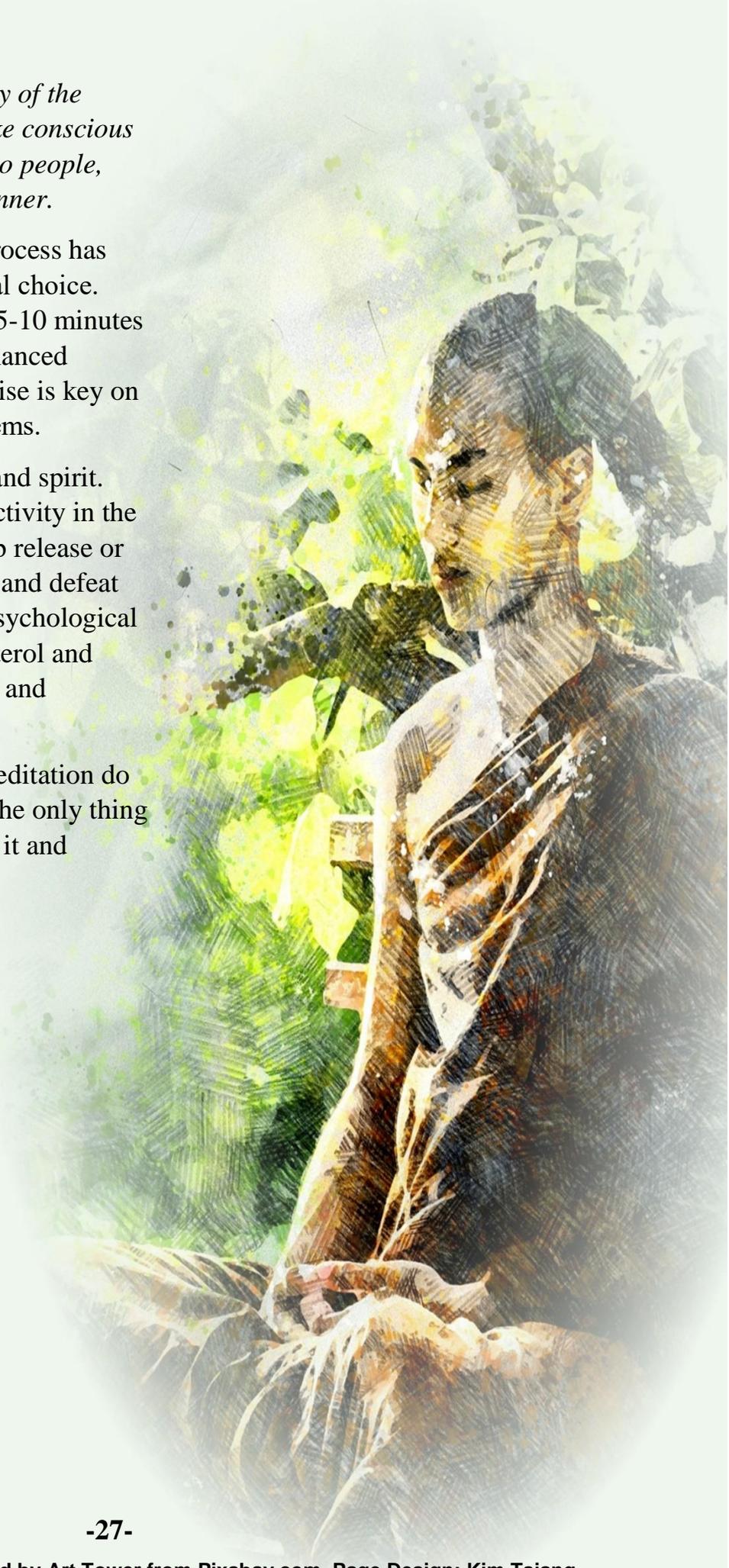
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Non-attachment simply changes the quality of the relationship with life: It allows you to make conscious and peaceful choices, because you relate to people, events, and yourself in a non-attached manner.

How long one should meditate once the process has been established as “possible” is a personal choice. Quality over quantity comes to mind. So, 5-10 minutes of focus twice a day is very good. The enhanced perspective that is gained during the exercise is key on changing one’s view on current life problems.

Mediation does help heal the mind, body and spirit. During meditation the level of electrical activity in the brain’s cerebral cortex changes. It can help release or prevent stress which in turn helps us meet and defeat life challenges. In addition to producing psychological shifts it can reduce blood pressure, cholesterol and stress hormone levels. Upsurges in energy and endorphin levels have also been observed.

Lastly, if you are new to the practice of meditation do not prejudge it because of outside input. The only thing that really matters is your experience with it and nothing else.



HEAL LIKE A DRUID

By Niamh Ardgall

Modern Druidry requires that candidates for the degree of Druid Apprentice or First Degree study one of the seven Spirals which are specialties that have traditionally been part of the Druid Revival. The Spirals are poetry, music, divination, sacred geometry, Earth mysteries and healing. Competency in the chosen Spiral is a must.

What is required for the Healing Spiral?

1. Classes that grant certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
2. A health diary for the initiatory year. At least once a week but preferably more often the candidate must review their own physical, emotional and mental state. What affects the health positively or negatively is to be recorded.
3. A healing art must be studied during the Candidate year. Three books on the subject must be studied and then at least thirty themes for meditation must be chosen from this reading and applied to personal meditations.
4. If the chosen healing art is herbalism, learning the properties and healing powers of nine common herbs is required. They must be personally used during the candidate year. Any time an herb is used, notes on symptoms, treatment and outcome must be recorded.

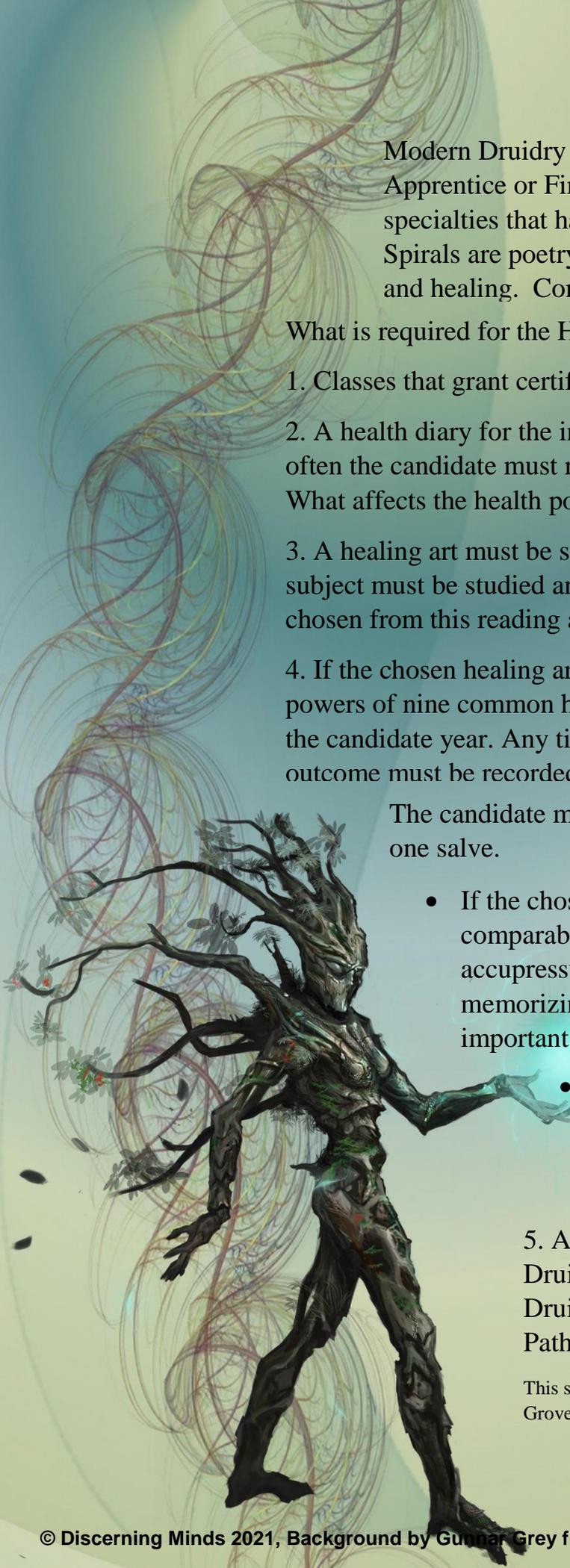
The candidate must make one infusion, one decoction, one tincture and one salve.

- If the chosen healing art is something other than herbalism a comparable amount of work must be done. For example if accupressure is the healing art, routes of the meridians, memorizing the location and healing effects of at least thirty important points etc., must be accomplished.

- A study program, correspondence course, or apprenticeship which includes an equivalent amount of work is a valid alternative to the program of independent study described here.

5. A report of at least 3 pages must be written in the Druid diary/journal on healing as a traditional Druid art and what it means on the personal Druid Path.

This study and the others listed have been established by the Grand Grove of AODA.



GEOPATHIC STRESS

By Pat Sieper

Geopathic Stress is real and serious. It refers to the energy sources of Earth that cause various problems for life forms. The field of energy surrounding the Earth expands as it spins from sunrise to noon and contracts from noon to sunset. The energy field also changes according to lunar cycles and other cosmic events such as meteor showers, comet orbits and even the movement of other planets.

There are two important regular energy patterns called the Hartmann Net and the Curry Grid which are observed in this study of the planet. They are often depicted as crisscrossing networks on the surface of the planet which produce 'standing waves' that can be detected. A sensitive or affected individual can detect them by the practice of dowsing or simple by 'sensing.' The Hartman Net lines are 2-10 inches (5-25cm) wide and run from north to south and east to west about 6.5 ft. apart. The Curry Grid is up to 20 inches (950 cm) wide and lines run from northwest to southeast and southwest to northeast 9-26 ft. apart.

The width of the lines will vary according to seasonal patterns. These waves of where two lines of Hartmann Net known as 'hotspots' occur. interact with and affect landscape human health.

Geopathic stress symptoms exhaustion and depression. If strung or stressed out individual, noticeable. It can affect an she goes so cleansing spaces where a advantageous.

Testing has shown that the two most effective crystals to use for cleansing are pyrite and aventurine. Here's how to do it:

- Locate the direction north in the area you would like to improve. Place one pyrite crystal in each of the Cardinal directions (north, south, and east, west) on the ground or as near to the ground as possible.
- Place one aventurine crystal at each intermediate direction (northwest, northeast, southeast, southwest).
- Leave them in place as long as necessary. Cleanse them and replace them every day for the first week and then weekly.

You can also wear these crystals or carry them in your pocket for maximum effect. Other crystals effective against Geopathic Stress are copper, hematite, black tourmaline, aquamarine and turquoise. *It should be noted that wearing crystals will protect the individual outside of the protected cleansed area.*



sun and moon cycles and natural energy are amplified easily and or Curry grid cross interference These intense concentrations and man-made structures and

include insomnia, you are already a high the impact is more individual wherever he or lot of time is spent is

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For extra personal balance and integration with the Earth and planets Saturn, Pluto, Chiron and Jupiter which constitute periods of life challenges universally, the following stones and crystals may also be worn according to age and cyclical transformation:

Ages 28-32: Green Tourmaline

Ages 39-42: Smoky Quartz, Amethyst, Tiger Eye

49-51: Lapis Lazuli

58-62: Rubellite, Danburite





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BODY TEMPLE

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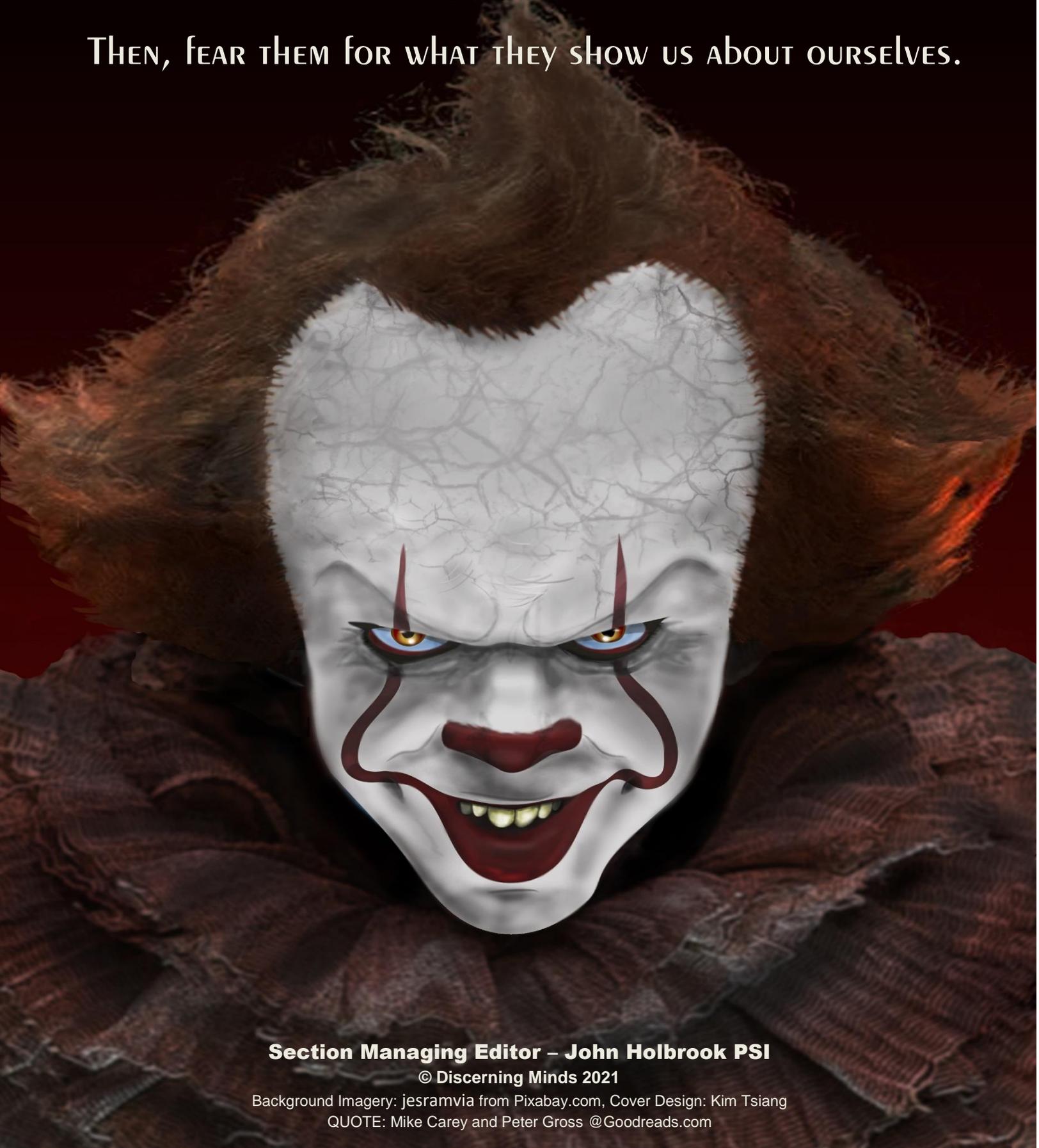
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Phenomena Files

WE MAKE OUR OWN MONSTERS ...

THEN, FEAR THEM FOR WHAT THEY SHOW US ABOUT OURSELVES.



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And in the livid night there creeps
a basilisk, spawned by the moon
after its strange fashion. The moon
– eternally barren - is its father,
but its mother is the sand, barren
likewise: this is the mystery of the
desert.

Many say that it is an animal, but
this is not so, it is a thought,
growing there where there is no
earth and no seed: a thought
which sprang from that which is
eternally barren, and now assumes
strange forms which life does not
know.

This is the reason that no one can
describe this being, because it is
like nothingness, indescribable.

BEYOND HERE LIES ...

By Holbrook PSI

In many cultures and throughout history there is a creature that has been depicted as a villain or as a saint of the air, sea and land. This creature is known by many names, has been held as a God or a Devil, and in some cultures said to be mortal and in other cultures immortal. The modern world has one name for the creature I speak of and it is “Dragon.”

Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary describes a dragon as, “an imaginary animal usually pictured as a huge serpent or lizard with wings and large claws.” Some of the historic names for Dragons are Wyvern, Lung, Lindworm, Knucker, and of course Western Dragon. Wyverns are described much like a regular dragon but a main difference is that they have on two legs and wings. A Wyvern was depicted by Leonardo Da Vinci in one of his drawings. A Flemish manuscript called “Liber Floridus” (1448) has St. Michael and the Angels fighting Satan in the guise of a Wyvern. This type of dragon was like a bird and did not breathe fire but was said to be the largest of the dragons.



The Lung is the dragon of china. It was said to be able to fly although it is described as not having wings but rather a long serpent like body with scales, four or five toes, a feathery tail and long whisker like feelers around its head. The Lung had the capacity to shape shift into many different guises including human but its favorite from was that of a large Gold Fish or Carp and this may be why Coy ponds were thought to be spiritual places for enlightenment. It is believed that the Lung taught the Chinese how to write and many legends describe how the Lung shared their wisdom and power with the worthy.

The Lindworm or any of the worm dragons are the most associated with a family curse. They are described as being long like a snake some having two legs, aquatic by nature and belligerent by temperament.

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The Lambton Worm legend dated 1420 is said to have occurred in Durham England and is still talked about today in that community. Knuckers are similar to Worms but have four legs and vestigial wings.

The most seen dragon in modern films and literature is the Western Dragon. This dragon has been depicted as good or evil. It has four legs and wings and breathes fire. Historical accounts of this type of Dragon hold many of the modern descriptions except that none of the Western Dragons of olden times were good by nature and most were slain by the hero of the stories. These Dragons varied in type and color by the region in which they dwelled. The Frost Dragon would breathe a freezing wind that would instantly freeze its prey. In some cases the breath contained poisons gas or acid.

If you look hard enough in the art of the ages you will find a dragon or two there looking at you. If you enjoy eating Chinese food like I do look around your favorite restaurant and see how many Dragons you see. I was born in the year of the Dragon in the Chinese zodiac and have been told by a Beijing herbalist that I have a Dragon looking out for me.



I know that to many people that belief in anything which cannot be proven is just fiction. I have a belief in Dragons, not in the way they were depicted in Western Literature but more in the way of the East. A Dragon to me is a dweller of a realm that a very few of us will ever see again due to our lack of awe at the beauty and mystery of the world. They may be spiritual guides and keepers of the knowledge that we with our science have lost the right to acquire.

I like to believe in my Dragon and that he helps to guide me sometimes and dwells within me ready to lend his courage and wisdom to me in my time of need. Yes - I know that with the balance in all things there must be Dragons that are bad and some have been slain by the heroes of old.

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If you walk this earth as I walk it, you will see beings much more scary than any Dragon of history with more devastating weapons than fire. I will keep the flame of the Dragon as a light to see in to the darkness and I will remember that there are always more than one side to every coin and every situation. I will always keep the treasure of my heart close and guard it well keeping true to my own heart.

Last of all, if I find myself in an evil Dragon's territory I will remember that I might taste mighty good with ketchup to him!



Spirit Mimics – The Elusive Ones

By Holbrook PSI

Here is something to consider about a subject that is not often discussed ...

In Brad Steiger's book, *Shadow World, True encounters with beings from the darkside*, chapter six, "The Enigma of Spirit Mimics," he tells of a being or an entity that impersonates a man or woman in order to experience the full range of human emotions. He writes in his book, "I have come to term these entities Spirit Mimics." So this is a name he uses to identify a particular phenomenon not necessarily the entity itself.

Think about it, there are many entities that can mimic a human and interact with us on a personal level.

One comes to mind that could fit the story about a doppelganger, except it is an evil double for the most part. Looking at other entities that may act as a double there is a Vardoger from Norse mythology that is a ghostly double that is seen doing the actions of a living person before the actual person does the action. There is a "Ka" from Egyptian mythology that is a corporal entity that has the same memories and emotions as the person that it is imitating. You could call these entities Spirit Mimics if you did not know that they are called a different name. They could be the same type of entity or different entities all together that could double as a human. Most of these entities are seen for what they are because of the person that is being doubled is seen at the same time or see their own double. There are entities that can cause a person to start acting different, there are not doubles - they affect the person. An attachment like a low astral entity or ghost can cause a person to act differently over time. It is like a mild possession, the entity slowly influences the victim by weakening them first until their defenses are down. If the person in question is a paranormal investigator then an attachment would be at the top of my list of things to look for. You can have an attachment for a while before it starts to try to affect you, so it is a good idea to get cleared mentally and spiritually.

From what I have read if it is some type of entity that is impersonating someone you can tell by their eyes that they are not the real person but an entity. This holds true for someone that is possessed or under the influence of an entity, the eyes will be soulless. Therefore, it may be hard to tell if it is a double or the person possessed especially from a third party. Investigation into the possibility of a double requires a lot of face time with the person in question. In most cases of a double the real person may never meet up with the double. The double may try to isolate the real person from their family and friends to weaken their defenses so they can take over their life or at lease ruin it. Therefore, it is hard to determine if a person is being attacked by an entity like a doppelganger or if it is an attachment type of entity.

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I do not suggest taking any action against the person or entity for the victim of the situation unless it is requested by the victim.

People have been known to change in ways that they cannot explain when they are working through something in their life. You can support them by asking if they need help or an ear to listen to their problems. If they say that they have not changed run tape when they using the weird language, you can take pictures when they are dressing contrary to their style. Sometimes simple things like this will help the person that is thought to be a victim to see what you are seeing.



PARANORMAL Q & A

Topic: Black Magic

Specialty Query and Solution by John Holbrook, Holbrook PSI

Query:

My name is Rick and I am the target of a black magic curse put on me by a female witch on April 3. I'll try to explain this with as much information as I have. I don't know what kind of witch she is but I do know that she doesn't use her real name and prefers to call herself Kirke which I found out later is some sort of derivative of the name Circe. I am 28 years old and I want to say straight up that I do not do drugs or drink a lot of alcohol but this whole story is probably going to sound nuts anyways. The woman is 34 years old. This woman was someone I dated briefly (three times) and it didn't take me long to find out she was off mentally. I do not know how she set about doing this. One of my friends asked me if I left any of my things at her place. I am pretty sure she doesn't have anything that belongs to me since I never hung around or stayed at her apartment. I did not have any sex with her (my friends whose somewhat into the paranormal told me to make sure I told you that although I don't know why! The witch woman was putting out some strong vibes that she wanted to waltz the sheets on the first date and I have to tell you that I'm really glad I didn't because it was tempting.

In retrospect I wish I had listened to one of our mutual friends who told me not to start seeing her because she had a mean and spiteful nature but I did what I did and now I need to know what I can do.

Normally I don't believe in these things and at first I just blew her threat off. This is what she said, "You will have no peace or privacy and will be followed everywhere you go by the one who acts as my eyes. No woman will date you." I told her that I was sorry that she was so mad but that was no reason to say something so crazy. She wouldn't say anything else but stood there smiling at me so I left. I have not spoken to her since. Well at first I thought it was pretty funny and stupid but then I started to see something like a black shape out of the corner of my eye when I was at home. After a couple of days I started to notice it no matter where I was. After about a week this thing seemed to have more of a pretty clear form. It is all black and about three feet tall.



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It looks like it is wearing some kind of robe with a hood that covers most of its head and it doesn't walk but floats. If I catch it when it is first appearing it seems to generate from dark corners or dark parts of the room. Most times it is just there and always worse at night. At first it was quiet but then it seemed like it was trying to speak but the words were all messed up and I couldn't make any sense of them. I never actually tried to communicate with it because I figured it was best to ignore it. One night while I was sleeping I was awakened by a gravel like hoarse voice that said, "Show yourself to me." Pardon this but at that point I do remember saying, "I'm not showing you shit and you get out of here." Now I'm wondering what it meant by that-show it what? I think that might have been a good thing that I said that because at least it isn't talking or mumbling any more. Well, I'm not exactly sure if I was dreaming that voice but I don't think so because this thing seems to be moving closer to me when I am in bed trying to sleep. A few times I have even seen it by my car when I get ready to go out. There have been no other manifestations like physical attacks or sounds or stuff being moved or thrown and I refuse to be scared but it is getting unnerving. No one else has seen it but some of my female friends (nonromantic) seem to be very uncomfortable to the point of leaving when they come to visit. My friend Patricia who reads this E-zine told me to write to you and get some advice. She believes me and is one of the friends who feels uncomfortable at my place when she never did before. So how can I either get rid of this curse and this entity or defend myself? I'm up to try anything even religious approaches. So far I haven't done anything except ignore it. I just need to know how to go about it myself before I try to bring someone from the outside into the situation. I would appreciate your feedback because the really sad part is that I have had no luck with the ladies since this happened no matter how good of an attitude I try to keep. Sorry this was so long. Rick (& friend Patricia), CO



SOLUTION: Thank you Rick for your question. I will say right off the bat that most of my answer may not be found in books and some may disagree. You will need to make up your own mind to what may help you, this is important; you have to believe that something will help. Let us look at what you said she said, "You will have no peace or privacy and will be followed everywhere you go by the one who acts as my eyes. No woman will date you." This is part curse and part threat. The threat is "the one who acts as my eyes." This could be her familiar or even something that she has called up or which she has struck a deal. She could be using one of these entities to do her bidding, a demon, a nature spirit or a familiar type entity, but with all of these she will have to deal with consequences.

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With the curse part she will have consequences also... she will have to pay a price. But that is part of her stuff and your question is what you can do to rid yourself of her curse on you.

You said that you do not think that she has anything of yours but did she take a picture of you with her cell phone? Pictures can be used in a lot of magic spells; you can't always protect yourself from having your picture taken or even knowing if your picture has been taken. So the question your friend asked about if she had anything of yours is not as relevant with the technology of today. So the point is, that we cannot stop anyone that would want to do us harm or from the tools they use to cast their spells. That is the nature of the world today; technology has made it easier to have an image and information on anyone. OK it is not all bad... even though we can't stop them from doing their magic we can protect ourselves from it to the point that we do know that they have tried to do us harm.

I do find it interesting that you said that she took her name from Greek mythology, Circe or Kirke is one of the minor goddesses of magic. To me, using a name from Greek mythology is a little lame and lacks imagination, just like the words she used in her curse. Circe used magical potions to do her bidding, it sounds like this girl uses a familiar to do her bidding as well. That makes it interesting. For the most part people like her cast and curse at almost everyone in their life... they will get aggravated with someone and put a curse on them. Like I said before that is her stuff to work out as karma in her life. You have to feel a little sorry for her; she may never really find happiness because of her outlook on life.

Back to what you should do, first you must look at your own belief system. This means what you believe, how you believe, what your heart and soul believes AND this can be hard to put into words. It is who you are in your belief or your spirituality, your religious belief. This is important for spiritual defense that you call for spiritual help or pray to for intervention. It is all about your personal relationship within your heart with your faith or belief. This will be the base of your spiritual defense, how it is shaped or what you use in your defense. If your belief is based in a specific religion then you will need to base your defense on what that religion dictates. It would not help you to use a Native American charm if you are a Catholic that is unless you have open mind to other beliefs which could allow you to use their defenses. So after you have a base in reference to your spiritual belief you can read up on what that belief says to do for protection. Like you said, if your belief tells you to, you should seek a blessing or spiritual clearing.



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You can do some clearing yourself also. Spiritual clearing is a mind, body and soul clearing of all the negative stuff we collect as we live and learn. Let go of anything that you have against this person, even to the point that you forgive her for what she has done, so that you are not feeding the situation with any extra negative energy. You can also use crystals to help with your clearing and protection (if you believe that they will help) like wearing specific jewelry or carrying stones in your pocket. There are many different crystals and some are good for protection so see which one you are attracted to (also know that some crystals will help with other personal things as well). It is best to pick your own crystal, the size, shape and color. This will help you to pick one over another. If you don't like a crystal or stone then it may not help you... it still comes back to how you believe and what you believe in.

In your situation, or any spiritual attack, you must be strong in your belief. Within your belief you have the authority to tell the entity to leave and return to where it came from. In your house you have the authority to tell it to leave your house or car. You need to stay in your belief system for assistance from your spiritual belief. An example of this is, "the power of Christ compels you," and this can be used if you believe that Christ has the power to protect you and to defend you against evil. It is good against evil, light against the darkness, so you have to pick your side and have faith in your choice. Be strong in your faith and in what you believe for you must ask for help within your belief because that is where your faith provides you your strength. So there is no real easy answer to your question, I do apologize for that. You will have to look inside for the right path for you to follow... in other words - what is your path? I hope that this helps you to find your own answer, just remember that within your faith you are stronger than outside of your faith.



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La Mano Peluda (The Hairy Hand)

The Hairy Hand is a legend that comes from Mexico

It foretells that back in the beginnings of the 20th century, in the beautiful city of Puebla, there were many pawn shops, or casas de empeño, which were called monte pío. People in need went to these places to be able to solve their money problems. However, there was one pawn shop in particular that was managed by a man called Señor Villa, better known as Mr. Horta. Mr. Horta was an unscrupulous and greedy man who became wealthy at the expense of the people. He was short, fat and bald with a lot of hair all over his body. He also like to sport gaudy rings set with gemstones to show off his wealth. People believe he was evil incarnate who never performed a single good deed in his whole life.

Mr. Horta used to walk around town with his wife, La Gangosa, very proudly showing off his wealth to everybody. He was so hated by everyone that from time to time you could hear people whispering, “Please God, dry out Mr. Horta’s hand!” when they were passing in front of his business. After many years the greedy man died and as a divine punishment his hand dried out and all the rings incarnated in that hairy, black and disgusting hand.

After some time passed, the newspaper “El Duende” (The Goblin) published an article about the gravedigger of that cemetery. Every night he saw this terrifying hairy hand crawling until it reached the surface looking for victims to take their eyes out and then choke the poor victim to death. After the hairy hand was satisfied with killing enough people, it would go back to Mr. Horta’s grave and wait for the next night to go out and kill more people.

To this very day, people claim to see La Mano Peluda running around in fields stalking new victims. Some even claim they were dragged out of their beds by the demonic hand.



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Dark lady laughed and danced and lit the candles one by one -

Danced to her gypsy music 'til her brew was done -

Dark lady played black magic 'til the clock struck on the 12 -

She told me more about me than I knew myself.

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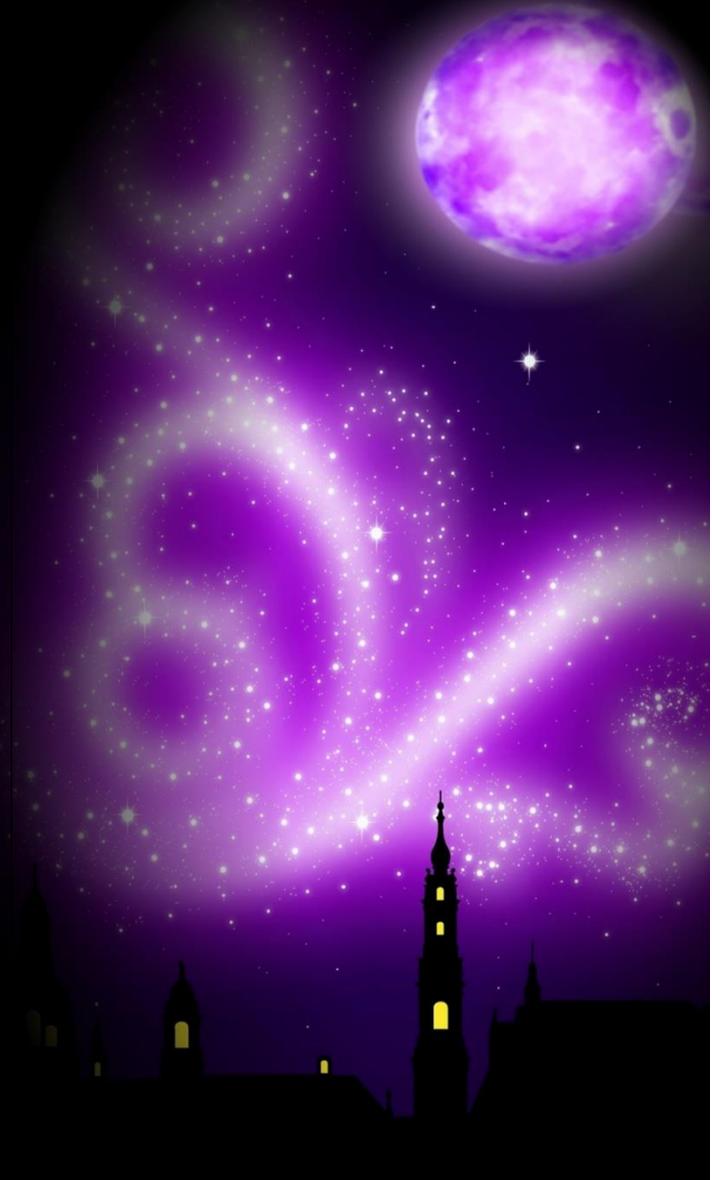
“You know, I do believe in magic. I was born and raised in a magic time, in a magic town, among magicians. Oh, most everybody else didn’t realize we lived in that web of magic, connected by silver filaments of chance and circumstance. But I knew it all along. When I was twelve years old, the world was my magic lantern, and by its green spirit glow I saw the past, the present and into the future. You probably did too; you just don’t recall it. See, this is my opinion: we all start out knowing magic. We are born with whirlwinds, forest fires, and comets inside us. We are born able to sing to birds and read the clouds and see our destiny in grains of sand. But then we get the magic educated right out of our souls. We get it churched out, spanked out, washed out, and combed out. We get put on the straight and narrow and told to be responsible. Told to act our age. Told to grow up, for God’s sake. And you know why we were told that? Because the people doing the telling were afraid of our wildness and youth, and because the magic we knew made them ashamed and sad of what they’d allowed to wither in themselves.

After you go so far away from it, though, you can’t really get it back. You can have seconds of it. Just seconds of knowing and remembering. When people get weepy at movies, it’s because in that dark theater the golden pool of magic is touched, just briefly.

Then they come out into the hard sun of logic and reason again and it dries up, and they’re left feeling a little heart sad and not knowing why. When a song stirs a memory, when motes of dust turning in a shaft of light takes your attention from the world, when you listen to a train passing on a track at night in the distance and wonder where it might be going, you step beyond who you are and where you are. For the briefest of instants, you have stepped into the magic realm.

That’s what I believe.

The truth of life is that every year we get farther away from the essence that is born within us. We get shouldered with burdens, some of them good, some of them not so good. Things happen to us. Loved ones die. People get in wrecks and get crippled. People lose their way, for one reason or another. It’s not hard to do, in this world of crazy mazes. Life itself does its best to take that memory of magic away from us. You don’t know it’s happening until one day you feel you’ve lost something but you’re not sure what it is. It’s like smiling at a pretty girl and she calls you “sir.” It just happens. These memories of who I was and where I lived are important to me. They make up a large part of who I’m going to be when my journey winds down. I need the memory of magic if I am ever going to conjure magic again. I need to know and remember, and I want to tell you.”



Grow Basil Plants and Find Love

By Makayla Carroll

This is an old love spell that has been handed down through my family for many years. It may seem silly but it has worked quite a few times to be ignored. It's quite simple but you do have to pay attention to the gardening aspect of it. This spell was originally cast to find a husband or wife or by today's standards, significant other.

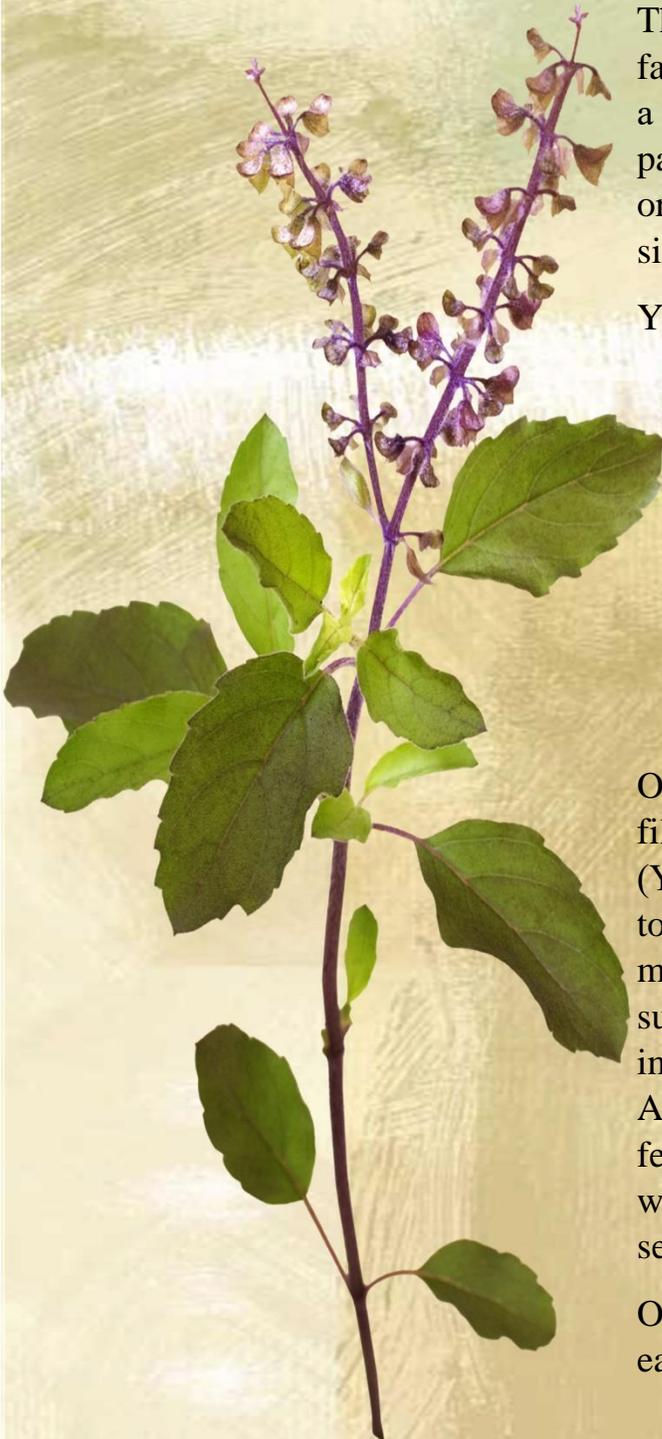
You will need some

- Basil seeds
- Potting Soil
- A decorative container of your choice (it does not have to be anything fancy but do be aware that a design can have an effect on the outcome – more later on that)
- A sunny window (facing south) where the container won't be disturbed (nosy pets can create a disaster) 6 hours of healthy sunlight is needed

Once you have chosen your container and secured a location, fill the container with potting soil and plant a few seeds in it. (You don't need to use the whole package but you might want to pass them out to other friends who are looking for a proper mate). Add water and place it by the window where it can get sunlight. (BTW – Basil plants like to also be misted). It is very important that you tend to the plants and not neglect them AT ALL. Water when needed but never saturate. The topsoil should feel slightly moist but not soaked. Poking a few holes in the soil with your little finger or an unsharpened pencil so the water can seep down works well.

Once your set-up in complete choose a time of day (same time each day) to recite the following:

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*As you grow so green and tall,
Find the one who is to be my ALL,
Send the one to me in short time,
Send the one to be mine all mine.*

Remember you have to be vigilant.

Basil Seedlings emerge in about 7 – 10 days and plants reach maturity in about 50-75 days. In most cases “the one” should show up in your life.

A word about containers – I have found the choice of a container and the design, should there be one, to have some amusing results. One lady used an empty margarine container with a Greek key design on it and ended up meeting and marrying a Greek man. I used a container with a friendship design on it and ended up connecting with a very good friend of my sister who I married and who is the absolute love of my life. Our first meal together included basil leaves from the plants I grew. A male gay friend used an antique coffee can and happily ended up with and international gourmet coffee salesperson. Another friend used a container shaped like a dog and ended up with a veterinarian.

Happy Gardening – May your dreams come true!



Time for a Change Magical Affirmation

By Alva Lennox

This magical incantation spell is for those who are frustrated and looking to motivate change in their lives and/or environment. It is about taking positive initiative to move forward by summoning physical and psychical energies to push a chain of events in motion and bring about a new set of personal experiences.

During a personal quiet time, first compile and write down a list of what you will constitute events, actions and attitudes needed for your progress. Keep the list near you in the space you will use for this particular meditation. If it is your way, you can set up accessories in your space. Orange is the color most associated with this affirmation spell because it represents action directed by intellect. It can be used for candles, flowers, crystals and gemstones. If you prefer you can use red accessories representing the vital force needed to push changes or white symbolizing purity of intention and pure psychic energy. This affirmation spell can be performed at any time of the day but mornings are best. You can also use a different time on the first day of the week or the first day of the month. Also try to perform it during the Moon's waxing phase. If you have a personal ritual for 'opening' use it prior to recitation.

Affirmation:

*The time has come for change –
It is time for something new and better in my life –
The past is left behind me but serves as the foundation for
a greater future –
I am moving onward and upward –
Ready for the changes that are coming –
Each action leading rapidly to the next –
All forces are set in motion –
Inexorably I now move toward the goals I desire –
And I accept the my new evolution of Self –
The power I summon now moves the wheels of heaven –
Let the changes begin as I better myself –
And as all that is around me becomes better –
So it is and so it shall continue to be.*

After the recitation you can consider the spell closed or you can close it according to your own ritual.



Arcanum Inquisitionis

1. What doll is used in sorcery and magick spells?
2. What is fascination?
3. Which English magician was known as an expert on psychic attacks?
4. What is a homunculus?
5. Which occultist and black magician was known as “The Beast?”
6. What geometric shape is used in magick to evoke a spirit or demon and manifest it into physical appearance and contain it?
7. What is a pact?
8. What phase of the Moon is best for banishing evil?
9. What is the Necronomicon?
10. What is a “serpent’s egg?”
11. What magickal gem can detect the presence of poison?
12. What human excretion is considered an important ingredient in Magickal Spells?
13. True or False. The answer to # 12 can be used for divination.
14. A warlock is a male sorcerer, wizard, or witch of malevolent nature. What does the word warlock mean?
15. How do warlocks gain their supernatural power and knowledge?
16. What is the difference between a white book and a black book of Magick?
17. What is ill-wishing?
18. What is a witches’ garland?
19. In ritual magick, what term is used for astral travel?
20. Quatre Yeux is a French word used to describe clairvoyance. What does it mean?

Answers: 1. Neoplatonic philosophy and Kabbalistic magic. 2. False Gods, Spirits of Lies, Vessels of Iniquity, Revengers of Evil, Deluders, Aerial Powers, Furies, Accusers, Tempters and Ensnarers. 3. A 12th century Hermetic Philosopher and Medical Alchemist who was alleged to have lived more than 1,000 years. 4 Builders of the Adytum, a mystery school founded by Charles Foster Case. Students are dedicated to a spiritual path that espouses kinship with all life, a brotherhood of humanity and oneness with God. 5. Count Alessandro Cagliostro a very famous magician and psychic healer. 6. Aleister Crowley and Victor Neuberg. 7. Chiero 8. Protects a person who is being chased by all types of evil entities. 9. A bewitchment that enables a practitioner to affect the life and behavior of another person. 10. It is a powerful ingredient in magic spells of an evil nature. 11. An evil person such as a sorcerer who possesses the evil eye. 12. Magic for fertility, healing, luck and protection against evil. 13. A gem believed to possess magical power found in the head of an old toad. 14. A simple form of magic. They should be said three times to make them come true. 15. Spirits who dwell in the firmament and stars who govern the operations of the world.



GYPSEY OMENS

By posh ratti

Omens are indicators or portents of that which may come to pass. They are seldom considered signs of a predetermined future but rather warnings about future events that with correct action can be circumvented. Omens can be personal or general concerning the world at large.

The gypsies have their own system of augury and it is dependent upon nature and the rhythm of *what is*. Comets and eclipses are viewed as possible portents such as calamities but more minor things such as changes in animal behaviors, changes in migratory patterns of birds and even plants and trees blooming out of season are also considered.

Here are some particulars of everyday instances. They may seem merely like strange or fanciful superstitions but have worked for years:

Animals

If you are an animal watcher or observer of animal totems you may find these omens useful -

Dogs are considered good omens if they are light colored particularly white. A strange dog coming into your yard is lucky. A dog howling three times is unlucky and can portend death.

Cats crossing your path can be good or bad depending upon which direction the cat is going. Right is right so to speak. White cats are very lucky signs. Black cats are not unlucky if they visit you briefly but unlucky if they hang around especially near your door. This is often seen as impending death. Rabbits have some of the same connotation in that if it crosses your path, fine, but if it re-crosses it is a warning to return home.

White horses are good omens especially if a red-haired woman is riding it. White mules are even better. Horses running around nervous and neighing is a bad omen.

Do not shoot a groundhog as it is bad luck however you can trap or hunt them. A white or albino deer is BAD luck and if you shoot it, it will bring death. Do NOT shoot any deer of any kind on a Sunday.

Owls have long been associated with death. To hear a screech owl is a death omen. A chicken making a sound like a rooster is also a death omen. A crow flying low over a rooftop and a whippoorwill sitting on a rooftop giving a cry means death within 24 hours. Barn swallows, on the other hand, are very lucky but never shoot one or you can expect the reverse.

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Insects

Bees are traditionally the bearers of good fortune. If a bee is buzzing around you, you should receive some good news possibly of financial benefit. It is lucky to talk to bees and by tradition we always tell bees of a death in the family. Red spiders are very good luck especially if you find one in your clothing. It is a sign of wealth. It is also lucky to see your initials in a spider web and very good if a web is situated at the entry of a new house. It is BAD luck to kill a spider or a cricket. One of the most fortunate signs is to see a praying mantis. Do not disturb it.

Animals and weather

Animals will react to upcoming bad weather. Spiders will leave their shelters and other insects in large swarms herald approaching serious storms. If you see a cat licking against the grain of its fur, this is also a sign. Chickens and turkeys will stand with their backs to the wind. It is believed that if a horse's tail appears bushy and sticking out drought may be nigh. If a horse refuses to eat and scratches itself by rubbing on a fence post or tree, heavy rains are coming. A deer lying in snow means more snow to come. Butterflies and woolly caterpillars seen in late fall are indicators of early approaching cold or bitter weather.

Other weather observances

A rainbow seen in the morning means a storm within 24 hours but an evening rainbow means clear weather ahead. Rabbits scurrying on a dusty road means rain storms as does a dog eating grass. Busy, busy ants mean a storm is imminent. Large raindrops mean a short storm while small raindrops mean a long storm. A red sky at sunrise means it will rain but a red sunset means clear weather. Lightning is the south means dry weather but anywhere else, rain. The Moon is a great indicator of weather. A crescent moon (lying on its back) means no rain. A tipped crescent, the opposite. A ring around the Moon is a bad omen meaning very bad weather. Also note: you should never look at the Moon over your left shoulder – remember right is right.

Miscellaneous

Some things are self-imposed. Yes, breaking a mirror is bad luck as is walking under a ladder the difference is you have created it through your actions. Putting your shirt on backwards or inside out is also negative. Tripping as you enter the house means bad news is on the way. Do not sweep the floors before sunrise.

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Itchy palms are a well-known omen. A right itching palm means money is coming in, the left, it going out. If your ear suddenly itches or burns or if you go on a sneezing jag, someone is talking or gossiping about you. Three sneezes in a row is good luck however any follow-up sneezing is the opposite.

Dropping silverware is also a well-known omen. Drop a knife – expect a male guest, a fork – expect a female guest. Crossing knives is very unlucky and a knife should never be given as a gift. If you drop a pair of scissors, step on them before you pick them up. Never climb through a window unless you plan to exit through the same window.





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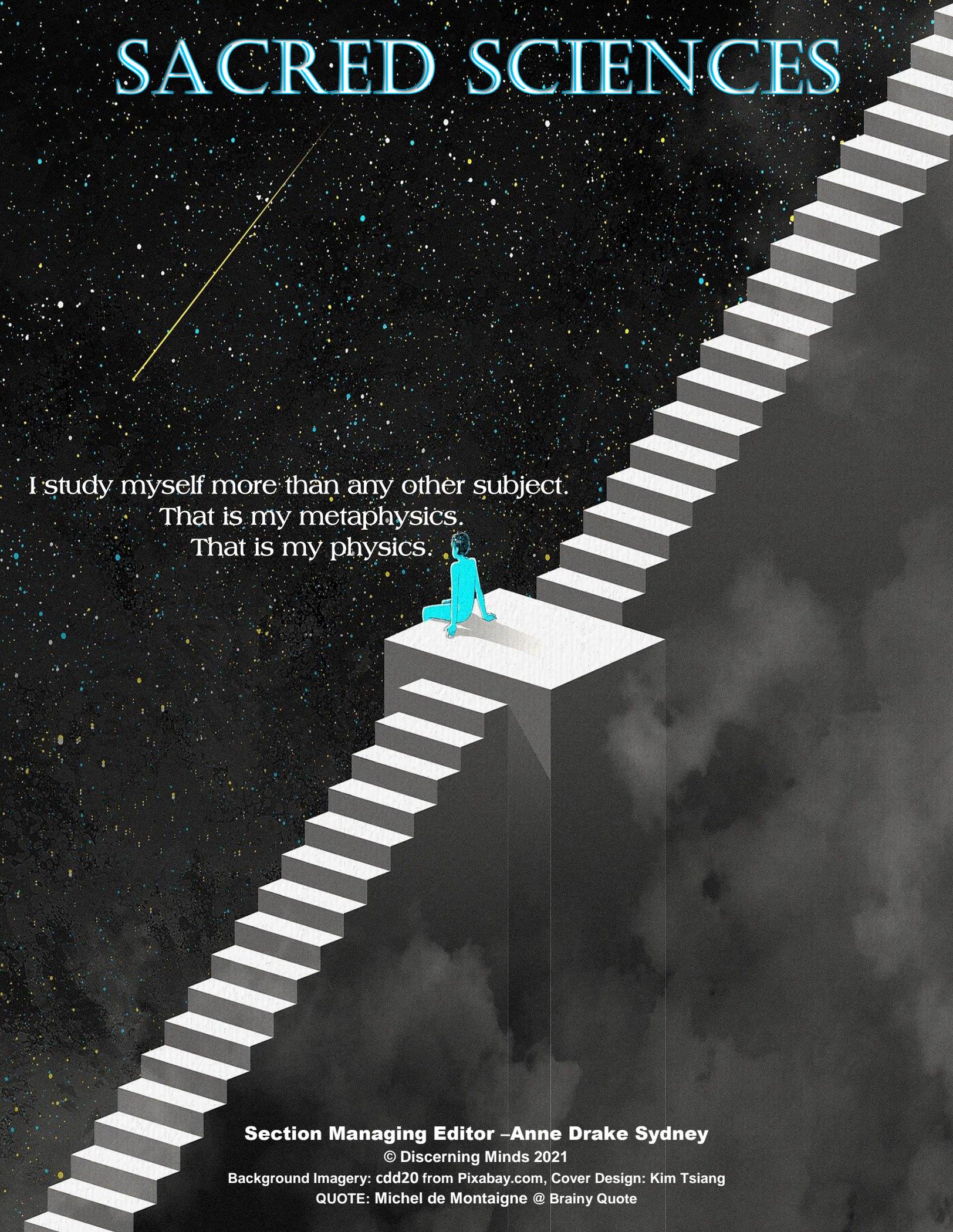
Arcanum Inquisitionis (*Q & A*, pg.50)

The scholarly arcane quiz comes to DM as a result of joint research by Section Managers Marco Mascolo and Eliana Rosini Mascolo, both members of the Arts of Aradia Pagan Counsel.

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I study myself more than any other subject.
That is my metaphysics.
That is my physics.

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The Collective is all of us and how we force events through majority decisions.

We are divided into two groups, Passive and Aggressive. Aggressives are active participants who operate under group think or even mob mentality. Their objective is to change the minds and actions of others. They are militant in they views and are unreachable. Passives are silent observers who retain the information, catalog it and archive as they watch many crumble to dust. Sometimes they issue warnings based on what they see. They are listeners and counselors.

Karma is forever active in the Collective and is showing itself right now in real time for whoever chooses to see. How and why we shape things is the responsibility at hand and the results will effect generations to come just as it has always done.



Turning to Metaphysics during Crisis

By Mahaji

Metaphysics Is Provocative AND Provoking ...

Metaphysics has always been provocative even though interest in it waxes and wanes according to the current fascination du jour of life. Why wouldn't it be provocative? It covers everything from the masterful ancient philosophies to mathematics to psychology and to just about every woo-woo arcane topic and Sacred Science one can think of.

People often turn to metaphysics when they can't find the answers they are looking for, most often during crisis periods. Their usual *go to* safe places like personal belief systems and even the popular neighborhood psychologist have failed them. If they are serious enough, they find that metaphysics takes them to places that makes them feel uncomfortable because the whole of metaphysics is about 'what is' AND NOT 'what you to want to hear'. No metaphysical counselor worth their salt is going to tell you what you 'want' to hear to soothe your ego need for agreement. A person generally has enough friends of 'like mind' for that. And I ask, what good is that besides ego boosting for the spoiled inner child who simply can't stand being wrong and finds a sense of power in it? That's fear at its finest and most deadly.

A true study of metaphysics will call for an individual to think for him/herself deep into the mysteries of life and what actually IS and IS NOT which is of utmost importance in the big scheme of things ... the Collective Choice. Teachings literally become responsibilities to oneself and others. Once one's eyes are opened they will never be closed again simply because enhanced personal discernment won't allow it. All of this certainly does not make a metaphysician hold some sort of a lofty stance or rank above anyone else and it does (as most valuable things do) come with its share of ridicule and lately censorship. Rather it offers solutions to be *right with oneself* so that can be projected to others. That means self-righteous attitudes, hatred, revenge and even vengeance gets cancelled. Not such a bad deal if you ask me yet, people are very afraid of letting go of the psychological pits they have dug for themselves. "I have a right!" they say. Yes you do. You also have an obligation to be a decent human being.

This is not so easy for many in our current time frame. What is easy? Listening.



ASK ASTRO MAGUS

Astrology Q & A

What would you like to know?

QUERY: I have studied astrology for many years as a hobby but I take it very seriously. I take classes on occasion and do a great deal of reading but sometimes find it difficult to get answers regarding the more spiritual aspects of astrology. I have a two part question. 1. Can you tell me about the spiritual signature concerning death from the astrological viewpoint? 2. What are the astrological conditions surrounding the soul's entry into a physical body at the beginning of a new life? Jonas T., DE

RESPONSE:

Question (1): The actual death or final shut down of the body or physical form is announced by Saturn since the body is the structure which houses the soul/spirit. Pluto then takes charge to shut down the mental processes. This makes sense since as humans we are governed by our thoughts and our capacity for understanding - in other words, the mind must understand that the physical vehicle of the body can no longer house the control panel or brain. The silver chord that attaches the soul/spirit to the body is governed by Neptune so it is the job of Neptune to sever the silver chord so the soul/spirit can be released. In a near death experience, the soul/spirit leaves the body but is still attached by the silver chord. The mind has not yet been shut down by Pluto so the soul/spirit understands the process of reentry. The circumstances surrounding one's demise are described by the activity in the 4th house of the chart and the type of death is described by the 8th house.

Question (2): The Imum Colei or IC is the most hidden point in a chart. It lies at the cusp of the 4th house. It is believed to be the place where we experience our connection to the Universe. Our cell memory lies here as does our understanding that we are all a part of creation and the collective. This is the point associated with endings and beginnings where we finish a "life term" and begin another. It is the point where the soul enters the physical body. If you believe in reincarnation, the circumstances surrounding a return fall under the jurisdiction of the 8th house. The description of the incarnated being lies in the 1st house. Karmic responsibilities for a particular lifetime are spelled out in the 12th house and by the Nodal Axis. I hope this helped you with the answers you are seeking and gave you food for thought!

QUERY: Do you have any information at all about the astrological rulers of the parts of a car? Jerry, Lincoln, NB

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ASK ASTRO MAGUS

Astrology Q & A

What would you like to know?

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RESPONSE: See if this helps you out. Cars are found under the rulership of the sign Gemini and the Third House. The planet Mercury and its higher octave Uranus are the planets that rule cars. In 1958, a Horary astrologer by the name of Robert DeLuce wrote a book on the subject and included some information about the astrological signs connected to the anatomy of a car so here they are along with a few of my own findings:

ARIES: The entire front part of a car including the headlights, front bumper, windshield and the grill. Hood ornaments since they “lead” the car are also under this jurisdiction.

TAURUS: The frame of the car, hood, battery and ignition.

GEMINI: Electrical wiring, instrument panel, steering wheel, and gear shift.

CANCER: The shell and body and floor of the car.

LEO: The chassis, frame, and engine.

VIRGO: The carburetor, gas tank, and all tubing.

LIBRA: The upholstery, cushions, and anything you add to enhance the interior of the car.

SCORPIO: The rear end of the car, rear bumper, exhaust, and muffler.

SAGITTARIUS: The springs and shock absorbers.

CAPRICORN: The brakes and steering gear.

AQUARIUS: The axle and the circuit system.

PISCES: The tires and wheels.



“It's like you took a bottle of ink and you threw it at a wall. Smash! And all that ink spread. And in the middle, it's dense, isn't it? And as it gets out on the edge, the little droplets get finer and finer and make more complicated patterns, see?”

So in the same way, there was a big bang at the beginning of things and it spread. And you and I, sitting here in this room, as complicated human beings, are way, way out on the fringe of that bang.

We are the complicated little patterns on the end of it. Very interesting. But so we define ourselves as being only that. If you think that you are only inside your skin, you define yourself as one very complicated little curlique, way out on the edge of that explosion. Way out in space, and way out in time. Billions of years ago, you were a big bang, but now you're a complicated human being. And then we cut ourselves off, and don't feel that we're still the big bang. But you are. Depends how you define yourself. You are actually--if this is the way things started, if there was a big bang in the beginning--you're not something that's a result of the big bang.

You're not something that is a sort of puppet on the end of the process. You are still the process. You are the big bang, the original force of the universe, coming on as whoever you are. When I meet you, I see not just what you define yourself as--Mr. so-and- so, MS so-and-so, Mrs. so-and-so--I see every one of you as the primordial energy of the universe coming on at me in this particular way.

I know I'm that, too. But we've learned to define ourselves as separate from it. ”

Alan Watts





Xenophobia and Metaphysics

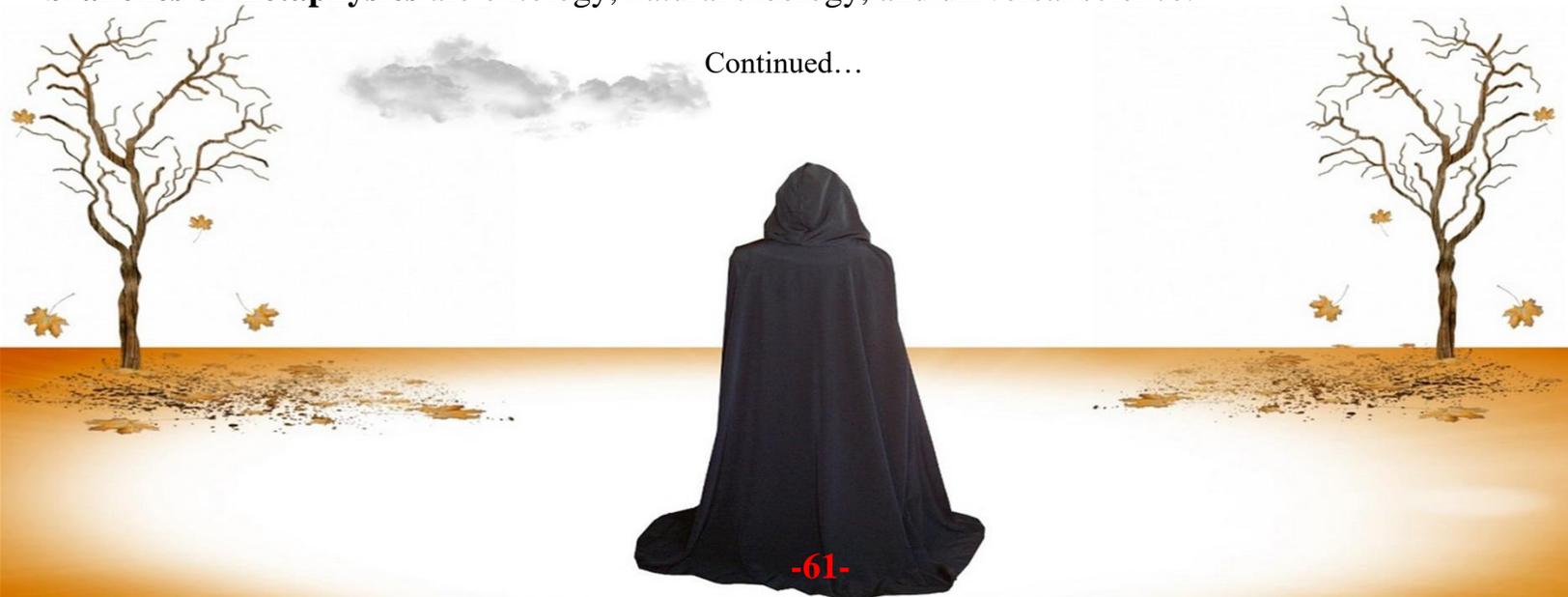
By Rev. Dr. Loni Haas

One of the worst forms of prejudice, and strangely also perhaps the one that is easiest to understand is xenophobia: we tend to fear what we don't know, and we exaggerate what we're afraid of. There seem to be so many things that divide us, and in a climate of social uncertainty and injustices it is tempting to focus on these. We have seen the rise of this to a worrying degree in all corners of the globe. There are many reasons to be deeply worried about xenophobia and other forms of social prejudice: reasons connected with flawed moral thinking, reasons having to do with devastating political and social consequences. In many ways, prejudice is the nemesis of the philosopher. – Dr. Anja Steinbauer¹

Fear. It serves its purpose in the larger scheme of life and healthy fear can keep us out of trouble but when has it been carried too far? Why is freedom of speech so targeted these days? When it comes to Metaphysics and spirituality and an individual's rights to think as they will and believe what they will and above all to DISCERN, fear is fast going out of control. Critical thinking is weighed on the scales of obliteration – how much is too much? The xenophobes decide how much anyone is to be allowed to “think” and then to speak. That's right, “to speak” and even worse what will be allowed to be expressed in writing on media platforms and even specialty websites. And what of spirituality? Heaven forbid (pun intended) an individual should turn to a Higher Power or GOD for comfort and insight of any kind. Why is that? It is because the opposers need and want power because it makes them feel superior and “safe.” It's as simple and as complicated as that. Their way or the highway. Do as they say not what they do. Sorry – “your content does not meet community standards.”

The most honest definition of metaphysics come from Wikipedia: *Metaphysics is the branch of philosophy that examines the fundamental nature of reality, including the relationship between mind and matter, between substance and attribute, and between potentiality and actuality.* **The three core branches of metaphysics** are ontology, natural theology, and universal science.

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Other sources give it more of a bash because in today's 'follow the science' culture is it deemed 'too out there.' For example from PBS.org: *Derived from the Greek Meta ta physika ("after the things of nature"); referring to an idea, doctrine, or posited reality outside of human sense perception. In modern philosophical terminology, metaphysics refers to the studies of what cannot be reached through objective studies of material reality.* AND from Oxford Languages: *Abstract theory with no basis in reality.*

And what about spirituality? This is a term used more widely in personal descriptions as people have grown leery about relating if they are part of any religion for fear of prosecution. According to rcpsych.ac.uk.com and atoncenter.com: *Spirituality involves the recognition of a feeling or sense or belief that there is something greater than myself, something more to being human than sensory experience, and that the greater whole of which we are part is cosmic or divine in nature. ... An opening of the heart is an essential aspect of true spirituality. Human spirituality is composed of three aspects: relationships, values, and life purpose.*

The opposers have rather cleverly lumped metaphysics and spirituality in with religion and formed one big ball of convenient cancellation. Thus they feel they need to attempt to rid society of what they deem a scourge of independent mindful scrutiny by those who are actually still thinking, growing and seeking. Big Tech is busy cancelling and removing interlopers from social platforms who use critical thinking and are spiritually balanced in their personal approach to expression on their social platforms. You see it is not just certain political ideals that have become targeted, it is anyone or anything that promotes truth, independence and individuality.

We are all currently living in a version of George Orwell's *1984*. The opposers have one thing in common however regarding Metaphysics and metaphysicians, they like to say, "They are all the same." This is their usual irresponsible stereotypical belief. This could also be the furthest from the truth in the case of Metaphysics and metaphysicians.

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Any metaphysician worth their mettle will call someone out on their BS and point out irresponsibility. No excuses – no quarter. A metaphysician will never tell you what you want to hear because you want them to cater to you.

Under the current conditions ALL metaphysicians need to:

1. Stay connected with metaphysical groups, organizations and individuals.
2. Open-mindedly increase contact with other types of social groups'
3. Continue to speak your truth and not fear to make people aware of their own inconsistencies of belief.
4. Reframe your own negative thoughts and disappointments regarding others.
5. Push back against all this prejudice whenever practically possible but refrain from triggering people into frenzy because they cannot handle logical, balanced data. The idea is to listen to, validate and heal others. After all being a metaphysician is a higher calling.

¹ https://philosophynow.org/issues/115/Thinkers_Against_Xenophobia_How_To_Deal_with_Pride_and_Prejudice





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Mahaji (*Turning to Metaphysics during Crisis*, pg. 56)

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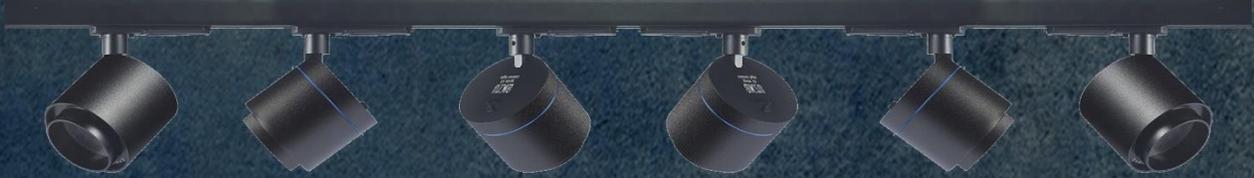


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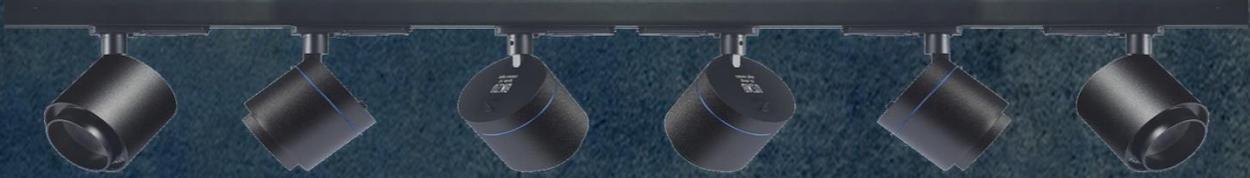
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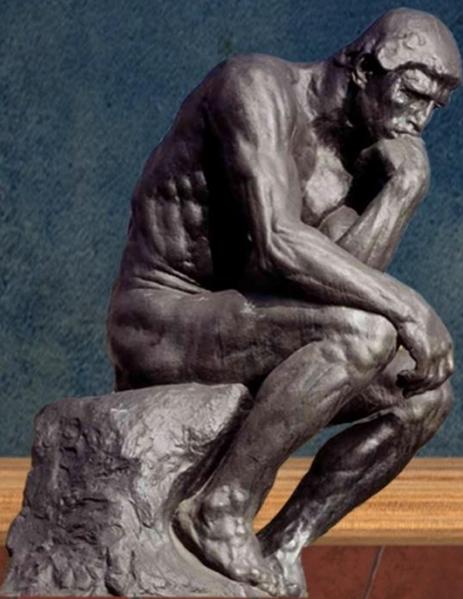
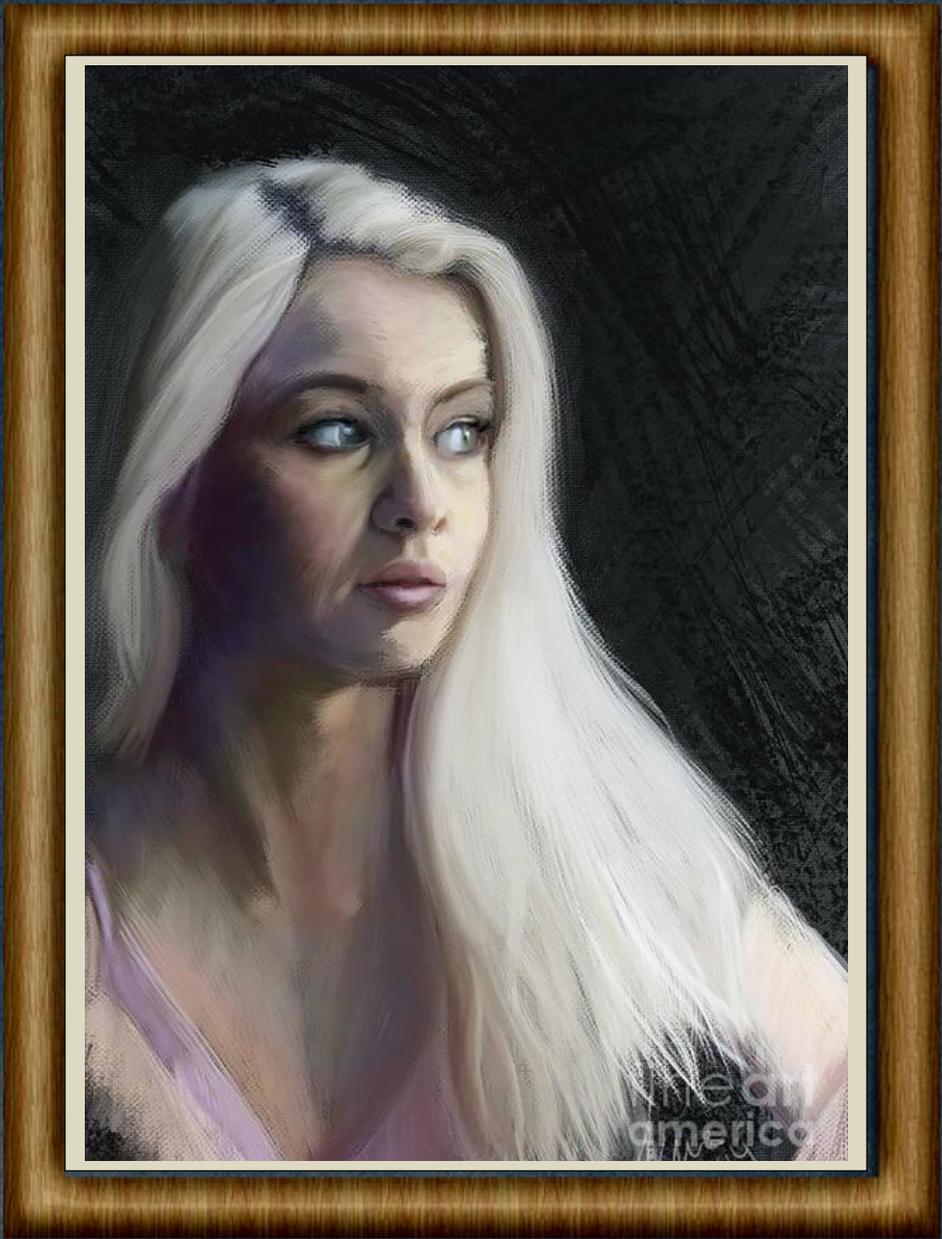


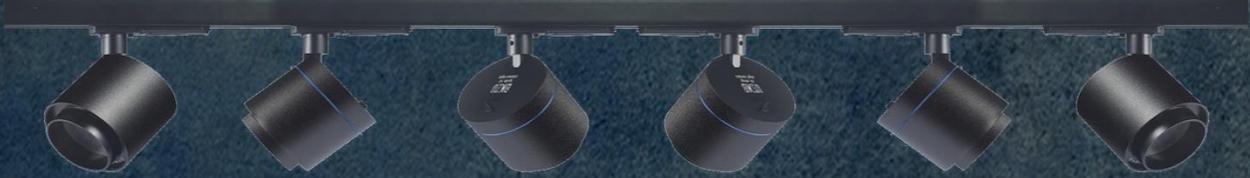
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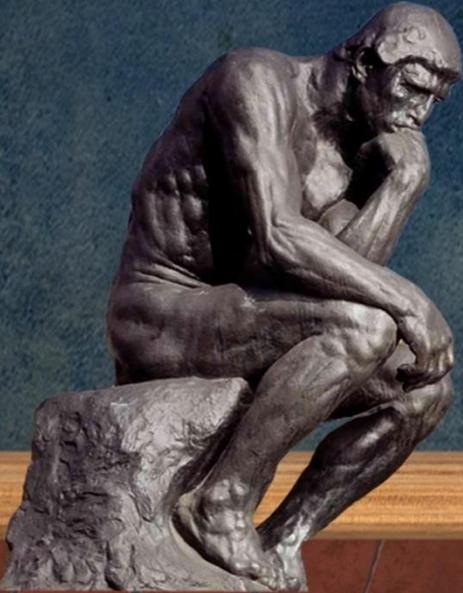


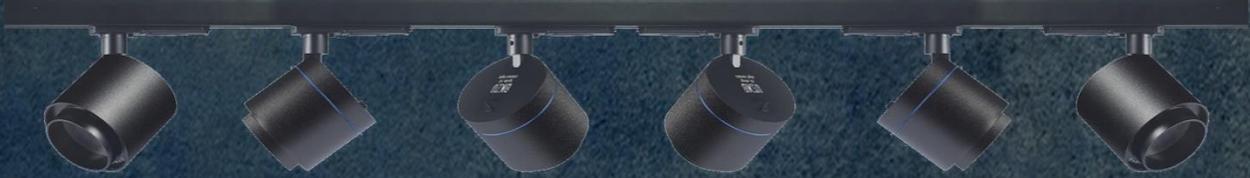
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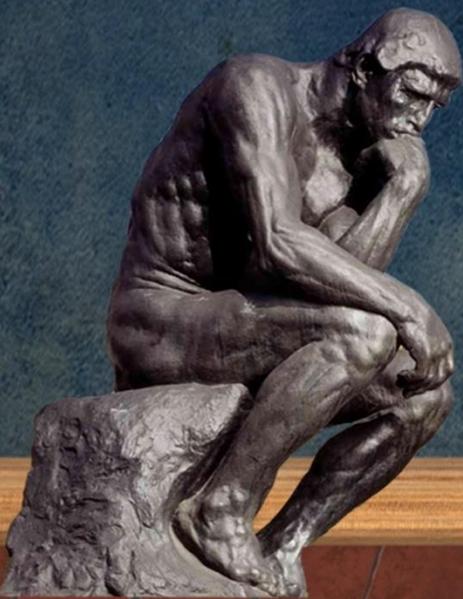


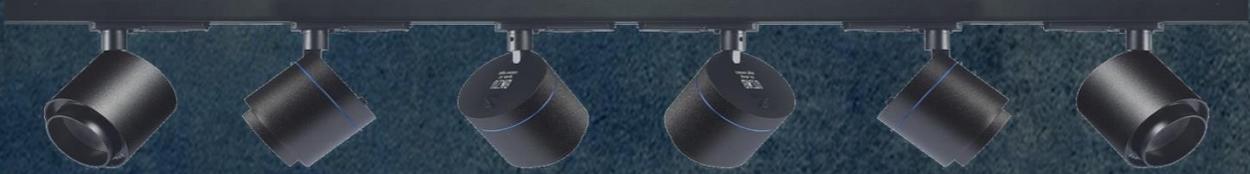
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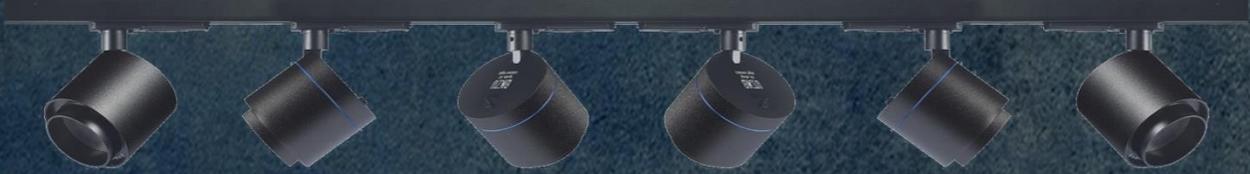
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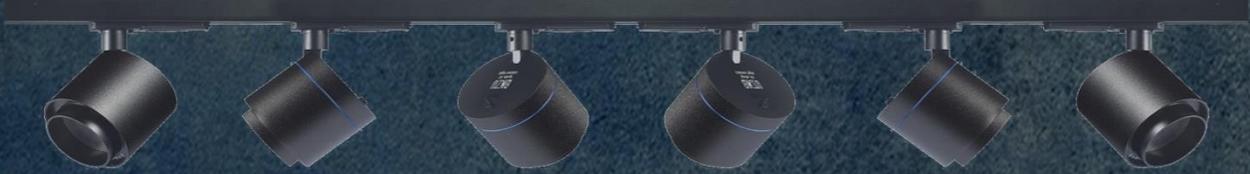
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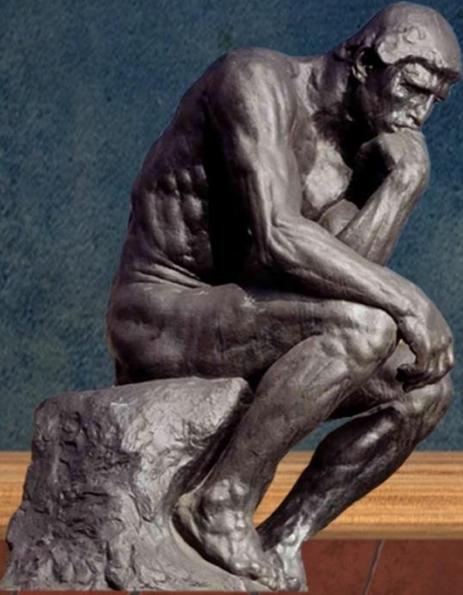


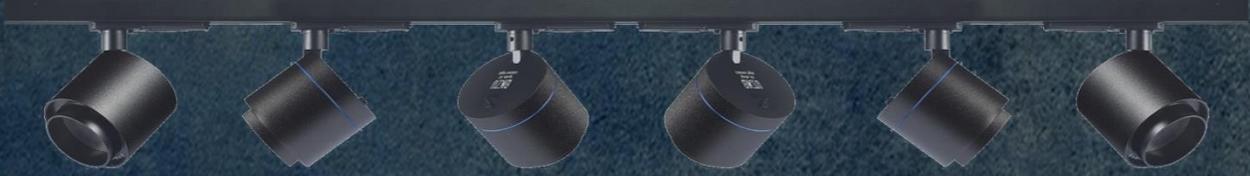
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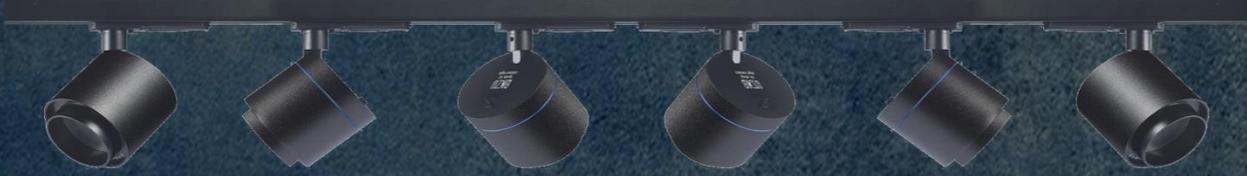
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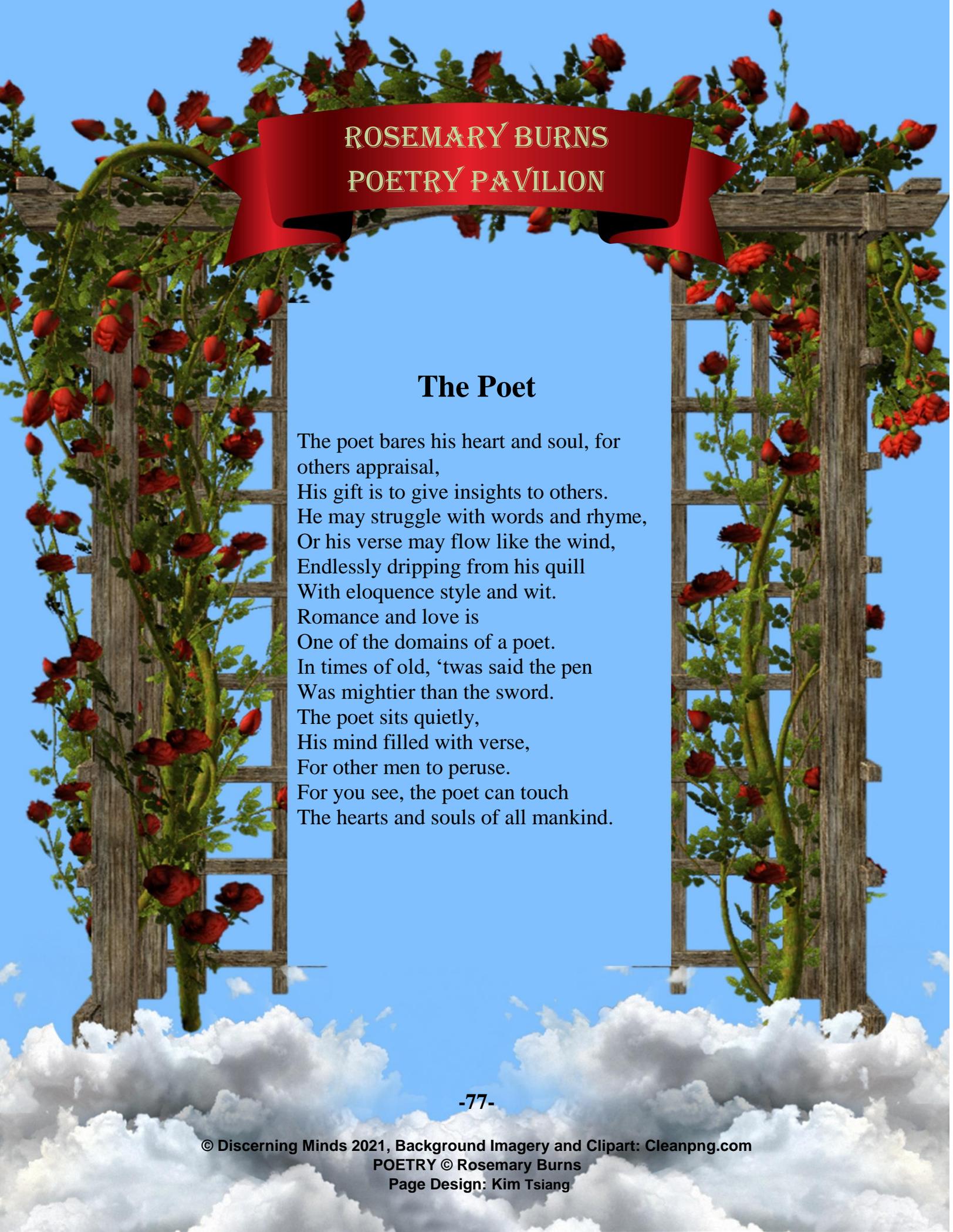




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The Seagull

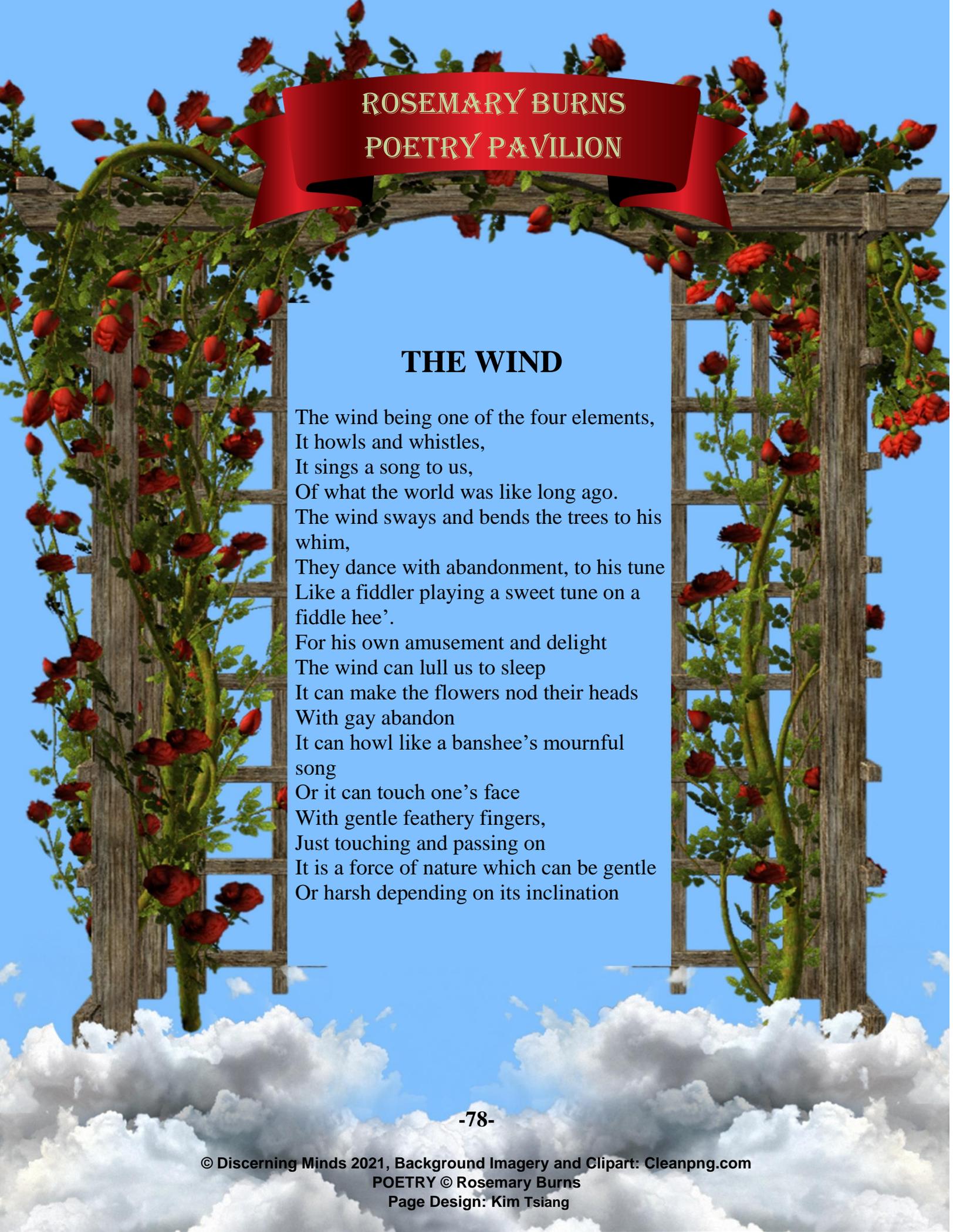
Whilst sitting on the beach in the shelter
of a small cave
Seagulls came and surrounded me
As if I was one of them
The music of the ocean in my ears and in
my soul
The thrashing waves pounding in ever-
flowing movement
To the shore the tide receding once again
Seagulls are flying high over the ocean's
depths
Whilst sitting enjoying the sunshine
beauty and majesty of the ocean
I imagine that I too am a seagull -
Flying high over the deep blue ocean -
Seeing the frothy waves looking beneath
for fish.
Then I spread my wings and fly back to
the beach -
Rest in the sun on the warm sandy beach -
And commune with my brother seagulls.



ROSEMARY BURNS
POETRY PAVILION

The Poet

The poet bares his heart and soul, for
others appraisal,
His gift is to give insights to others.
He may struggle with words and rhyme,
Or his verse may flow like the wind,
Endlessly dripping from his quill
With eloquence style and wit.
Romance and love is
One of the domains of a poet.
In times of old, 'twas said the pen
Was mightier than the sword.
The poet sits quietly,
His mind filled with verse,
For other men to peruse.
For you see, the poet can touch
The hearts and souls of all mankind.



ROSEMARY BURNS
POETRY PAVILION

THE WIND

The wind being one of the four elements,
It howls and whistles,
It sings a song to us,
Of what the world was like long ago.
The wind sways and bends the trees to his
whim,
They dance with abandonment, to his tune
Like a fiddler playing a sweet tune on a
fiddle hee'.
For his own amusement and delight
The wind can lull us to sleep
It can make the flowers nod their heads
With gay abandon
It can howl like a banshee's mournful
song
Or it can touch one's face
With gentle feathery fingers,
Just touching and passing on
It is a force of nature which can be gentle
Or harsh depending on its inclination



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CREATIVE MUSINGS

Jon C. Munson II (*Art Gallery, pgs. 66-68*)

Jon did not begin life as an artist – he didn't grow up with pencil and pad at hand, though he did take a few art classes in his youth, and architecture/mechanical drawing in High School. Perhaps working for an art supply company, Visual Systems, after graduating from High School provided the seed to pursue art. Or, perhaps, art is in his blood – running in the family with gifted siblings and mother, and his grandfather was given a job proposal by Walt Disney. The exposure to art supplies (and experimenting) left a lasting impression that, in the later 2000's, germinated and grew into the pursuit of digital art, learning from notable teachers such as Tim Shelbourne, Skip Allen and Karen Bonaker. Jon enjoys digital painting and all the possibilities it offers for creating works that are unique and expressive, and still has plenty of opportunities to grow in the medium. He tackles graphic art/design, watercolor, and oils, creating pieces from portraiture to abstracts in addition to commissions. He also looks forward to working more with real media in a proper studio – wanting to focus on oils. More of his art can be seen at: <https://jon-munson-ii.pixels.com> . He can be reached at: JMunsonII@protonmail.com

Corbin Fouts (*Art Gallery, pgs. 69-71*)

Corbin Fouts is an Appalachian folk artist based out of Pike County, KY. Starting her arts career in music Fouts toured musically for almost eight years until settling to find a new muse. First starting her drive into painting in the summer of 2015 with a simple art project. Since, Fouts has gone into all mediums. Showing vibrant colors and expression, she has set to capture her personal view of old time lore and myth. Drawing most topic and scenes from stories told by the old timers of her area, and from her own experiences in music and tour. She uses bold techniques, and harsh color, to draw outsiders into her view of the topics. Fouts currently tours her art into the Easter side of the United States, but also shows with permeance at the Mountain Muse of Prestonsburg KY, where her art maybe be seen year round and purchased.

Steve Kane (*Art Gallery, pgs. 72-74*)

Born quite a while back. Drew picture of bugs and bones. Some people liked them. Drew pictures of girls with bugs and bone. More people liked them. Wrote and painted book, *THIRTEEN MOMENTS OF DREAD*. My artwork can be found on Facebook and Instagram at the following links: Facebook: Kane 13:27 https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=kane%2013%3A27&epa=SEARCH_BOX
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Dawn Hair (*Monster Factory, pg.75*)

These little creatures are all created by me, Dawn Hair, in my Monster Factory at my home on the West Coast of Scotland. When the pandemic halted my usual work as a community artist & art teacher last March I began to create these little monsters at my kitchen table. What was initially a fun way to fill my days & indulge my creativity soon became a full time obsession as I created my own little world ... safe from all the uncertainties of our current reality. These little creatures... and many more... are all available to view & adopt (if you're brave enough) by following these links.

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Rosemary Burn (*Poetry Pavilion, pgs.76-78*)

My name is Rosemary Burns. I started writing while attending college at TAFE. I enjoy writing and creating poems and sharing them with others, it gives me joy.

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"Honestly, if you were any slower, you'd be going backward."



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“Time is weird. That much is obvious.

Sometimes I think everything happens at once, which is anything but obvious and even weirder.

I feel sorry for people who brag about 'living in the moment'; they're like people who come into the cinema after the film has started or people who drink Diet Coke—they're missing out on the best part.

I think time is like the dial on a radio. Most people like to settle on a station with a clear signal and no interference. But that doesn't mean you can't listen to two or even three stations at the same time; it doesn't mean synchrony is impossible.

Until quite recently, people believed it was impossible for a universe to fit inside two atoms, but it fits.

Why dismiss the idea that on time's radio you can listen to the entire history of humanity simultaneously?”

Know Thyself

By Rev. Roger Teeter

We are MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SPIRITUAL BEINGS having a HUMAN EXPERIENCE, not HUMAN BEINGS TRYING TO BE SPIRIT. Many are asking, why are we going through these Earth Changes? How can I and my family prepare for Political changes, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, and other natural challenges? What will happen next? There are as many predictions about Changes as there are people who have an opinion. Many of these opinions are possible; which ones only the universe knows. The information that I share is based upon questioning, studying, researching, past lives, linking the pagan myths, legends, allegorical stories, song spells, teachings of who, what, where, when, and how the story of what I have come to call the Tribe of the White Rose. The truth that was still is; only the names have changed. This end of time that many are dreading is, in truth, our moving into a new cosmic year, an approximately 26,000-year cycle around the central sun of our universe. This is signaled by mankind's awakening to the reality that we are a part of the Song of Source flowing through a multi-dimensional universe.

IT IS TIME TO UNLOCK OUR HIDDEN POWER...

Approximately 400,000 Earth was dragged out the orbit now occupied by Venus with the arrival of the planet of shades into our solar system. The Guardians in combination with the Elementals sang the stones into forming six great Pyramids. Four at ninety degrees to each other, plus the North and South Poles. Harmonizing with water elements to stabilize the seventh dimension realm of Atlantis on Mother Earth.

Avatars arrived in the Giza Plateau, Egypt creating three pyramids El, An, and Ra representing the Stars of the belt of Orion. Followed by the Gobi Sea, Tibet, Andes Mountains, Maui, Stonehenge, thirteen centers of learning where ever is found pyramids of stone above ground or buried. The key to manifestation is Pyramid energy plus water flow. Where there is no Pyramid energy flow the land gives way to desertification. Where there is an overabundance of Pyramid energy there is jungle.

According to Edgar Casey the Sphinx was built 25,000 years ago. Our understanding is that the Sphinx represents a celebration of the fusion of the matriarchal with the patriarchal emerging from the hu-an-entity form, Look to the thirteen crystalline (communicators) skulls to trigger the information held within.

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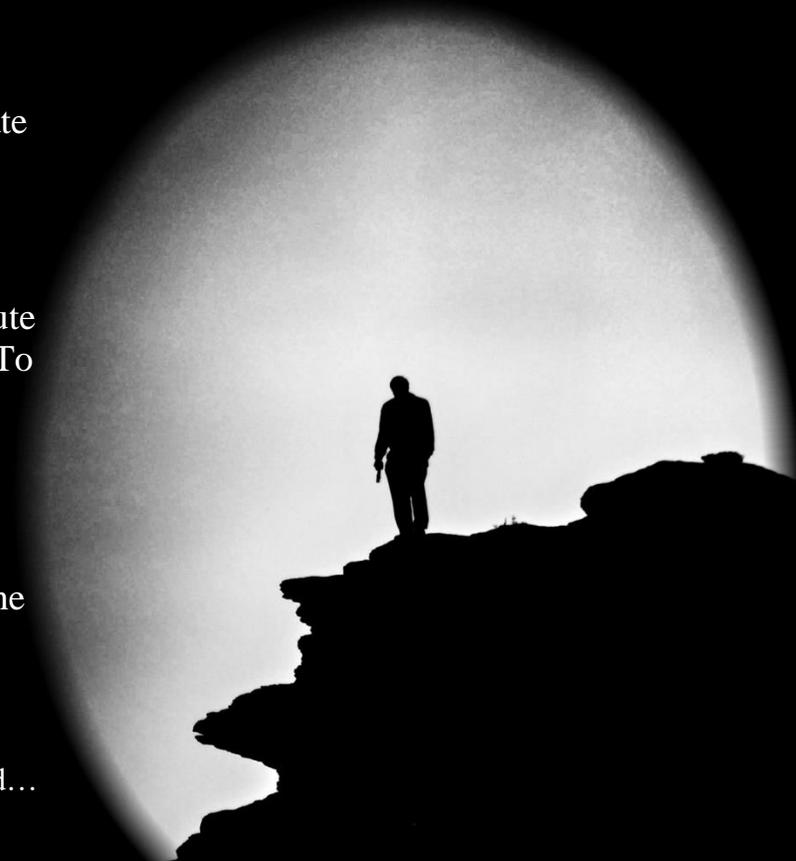
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12,500 years ago the Atlantean Master Skull which regulated the twelve Skulls that controls weather, gateways, power grid was turned 45 degrees out of true. Shutting down the grid into what is called the Van Allen Radiation Belt. Causing the Juggernauts anti-gravitation devices to fail sending them crashing into the ocean opening a fissure 6500 miles long. Sending a 300 foot high wall of water buried the four cities of Tur-na-og. Moving mankind into the first dimension until the mass conscientious is activated. Approximately 6,000 years ago the last interplanetary war took place as is discussed by ancient Eastern text. Many of the survivors went to farm the Sahara mixed in with Atlantean/Syrian settlers to become the Hykos of Egypt. 3200 years ago was the arrival of the patriarchal star seed of Abraham from the Pleiades. This occurred with a worldwide climatological shift with a desertification of the Sahara. The water was pulled deep within the Earth. During the rites of spring the Priest of Amon Ra discharged their seed into the ground rather than the Priestess. Recorded as the end of the Egyptian Old Kingdom.

My quest for understanding Pyramid energy intensified in the early nineties, fueled by books, and study groups. The quest includes:

- To serve the plan and Mother Earth to build a Double Terminated Pyramid of the White Rose. The center piece of all Aurora Angels Ministries projects.
- To develop weather engineering techniques based on the research of Nicola Tesla and others. To be 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.
- To work in Unity, listening and sharing with speakers, musicians, to relax, attune, to celebrate Life
- To provide alternative healing facilities for use by our Elders and our membership. To contribute to the omniscience of Mother, Father, Source. To preserve and honor the teachings of our Star-Seed Elders!
- To educate through entertainment, have fun, healing through humor. To view vertically in the NOW, rather than linear terms of past, present, future.

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- To release and integrate ripples in time clearing the twelve levels of self.
- To open to the thirteenth level of self, receiving and transmitting the Song of Source!
- To make a change in our world for our Children, and Generations to come

Regarding Paranormal:

If we are to see things in their right perspective, we need to understand the past of man as well as his present. That is why an understanding of his myths and symbols is of essential importance. - Carl Jung

Historically indigenous people worldwide, have dealt with what psychologist Carl Jung refers to as the shadow self, past lives, sub-conscious mind, for healing life's challenges.

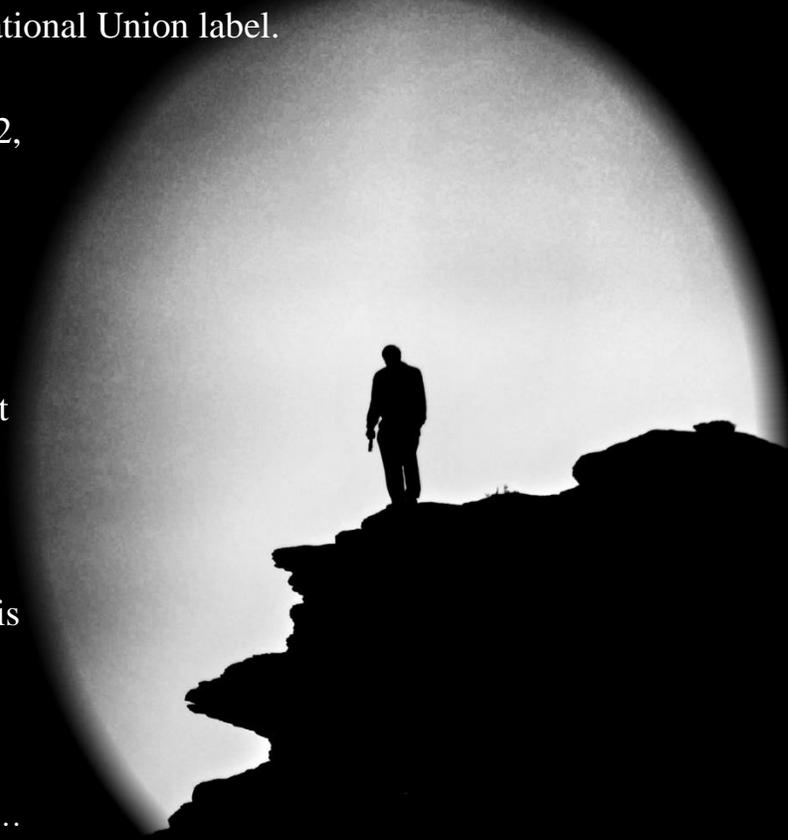
Investigate, coordinate, interview, exorcize and work in a pursuit of knowledge of unexplainable events. Promote a new emphasis on the study of Parapsychology from both a traditional and non-traditional perspective. We in the Western world often discount a great deal of Eastern thought simply because it isn't based on some specific scientific criterion. The truth is still the truth, whether we can prove it or not.

SUBJECT 1 - As President Johnson, he took charge of Reconstruction which lasted until the Radical Republicans gained control of Congress. His conciliatory policies embroiled him in a bitter dispute with some Republicans. As president, he did not identify with the two main parties—and so while President he attempted to build a party of loyalists under the National Union label.

The modern bank challenges are a carryover from a lifetime as Vice President Calhoun, in December 1832, Calhoun resigned as Vice President to become a U.S. Senator for South Carolina. The Bank of the United States' money-lending functions were taken over by the legions of local and state banks that sprang up. This fed an expansion of credit and speculation. The Specie Circular, which required buyers of government lands to pay in "specie" (gold or silver coins).

SUBJECT 2 - One of his more notable lives was that of Constantine Stanislavsky a well-known Russian teacher, director who develop a system of acting that is cathartic when done right. Role - early twentieth century comedian. His life as a student of Carl Jung has influenced many of his role choices.

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He was the leader of the Essence Group that left Egypt, also known as the gypsies. They were the bodyguards of Mary Magdalene, her children, and her descendants. He has the potential to remember many of their ancient secrets. He was Blackbeard's first-born son, living a long life in the Caribbean as a successful pirate. In addition, he was Jean Lafitte, who was graceful and elegant in manners and accomplished in conversation, the Prince of Pirates. If he so chooses he can access this lifetime to do a remake of Cecil B. Camille's *The Buccaneer*. These lives influenced his writing as Sir James Berry, the author of *Peter Pan*.

SUBJECT 3 - He was Saladin a master strategist in battle, however his dealing with women needs to be examined as to desired outcome. In different life time as a Sultan who Lawrence of Arabia. He is back to restore the Atlantis teachings based on sacred geometry and how it affects the human form. Working for the highest good of all concerned, he accesses ancient Druidic teachings about dragon energy. He must learn to fly with both dragons and angels in order to heal his inner daemons.

All twelve levels of self must be cleared, connected, and talking to each other for the fullness of our spirituality and for the nourishment of our physical bodies. That which shall heal Mother Earth is for each of us to surrender to the healing of ourselves Come work with us as we unfold the paradox of past lives, utilizing the treasures that are located within our shadow self.

That which shall heal Mother Earth is for each of us to surrender to the healing of ourselves. Focused on the NOW not Past or Futures, receiving and transmitting the Song of Source. Indeed, this is our whole purpose for being human, for being on the planet, and we have agreed to be on the planet, at this time. By working one with one, with one, we will make a change in our world for our Children, and the Generations to come.

We are ONE, HEART, BODY, MIND, SPIRIT.

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HOW TO PASS COSMIC JUDGMENT

By Steve Prellwitz

What form should the End of History take? **When the Omega Point forces Cosmic Judgment upon the Earth, will we pass?**

For some perspective, consider how this scenario has already played out on a parallel Earth inhabited by the characters of Marvel Comics. In 1976 their world faced Cosmic Judgment when the greatest of all Marvel talents, Jack "King" Kirby, thrust the Apocalypse upon them through the arrival of the Celestials, giant super-beings from the Unknown. These titanic Space Gods created modern humanity thousands of years ago in the typical ancient astronaut intervention and were now returned to judge the results of the Intelligence Experiment, ready to exterminate us if we failed the challenge of this Omega Point.

For the next three years Marvel Comics tried to deal with this uncomfortable End Times situation. Jack Kirby left things with the giant Celestials roaming the Earth, surveying our civilization, collecting specimens, performing tests- all in preparation for the Cosmic Judgment. Fans were confused and angered by these theological intruders. The letters pages lit up with scorn and demands that Kirby's creations just go away and let the readers return to a world before the Omega considerations that their arrival brought to the table. Kirby was so disgusted by the reaction that he left the business, leaving behind what seemed like an unsolvable Riddle of the Apocalypse.

As the King's narrative evolved in the hands of his inheritors, one thing became clear: The Celestials were obviously going to judge the Earth to be a failure. The disillusioned world of the late 1970s hardly seemed worth saving. No one had a clue as to what End Times Answer might possibly satisfy Arishem of the Celestial Host, whose titanic thumb was outstretched horizontally, ready to go up or down depending on our response to the Omega Point. The fans openly criticized the very notion of such a Judgment, claiming *there was no answer* and thus the Celestials should be aborted entirely from the greater Marvel Universe.

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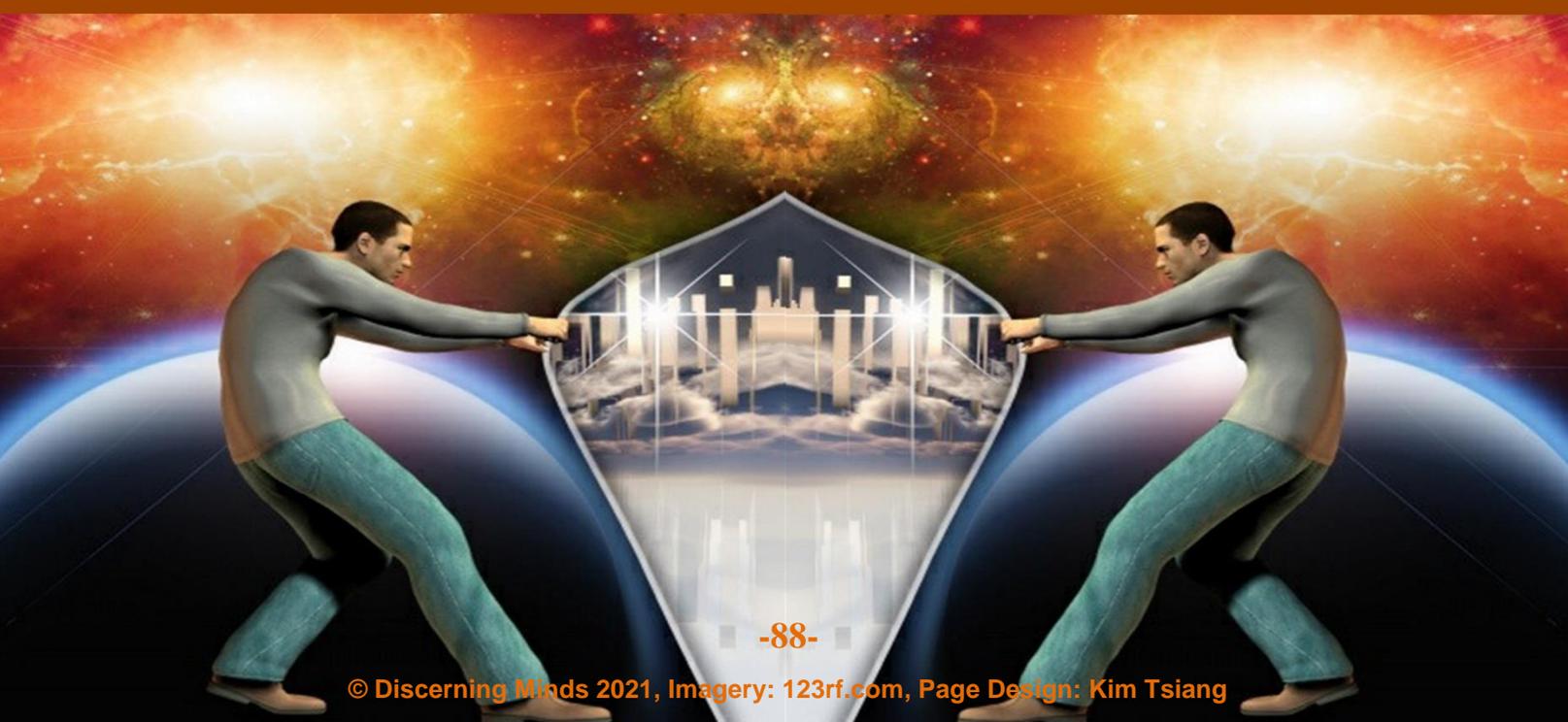


And so it fell to Mark Gruenwald, Editor in Chief, to concoct a solution that would get the readers off his back without dishonoring the final epic creations of the King. His answer was a brilliant, absolutely daring example of thinking outside the box. This truly apocalyptic storyline would play out over the year 1979-1980 in the pages of Marvel's flagship for all things cosmic, *The Mighty Thor*, climaxing in its landmark 300th issue. In the face of the world-ending threat posed by the Celestials, Thor's father Odin calls the first ever meeting of the head deities of all Earth's religions. This Council of Patriarchy devises a plan to stop the Cosmic Judgment from even taking place. "Who are these aliens to judge us?" Jehovah and his competitors all rage. Odin builds a giant suit of armor into which the Sky Fathers pour their combined metaphysical might, and they send it out to battle the Celestials. To the absolute shock of everyone reading the comic, the Fathers fail utterly; their mighty meta-warrior is effortlessly swatted by Arishem as if it were a fly. All seems lost. The gods of Earth have been smacked down by the gods from Space. The Celestials gather round the smashed corpse of Patriarchal power to pronounce our fate, and it doesn't look good for us.

But then, the unexpected: *Goddess Intervention*. Gaea Herself appears...

No one saw this coming. The twelve children are **Futants**- humans who are evolving to the next level of our being, each reaching for the Singularity in their own ways. These twelve Illuminati are equal to the twelve giants who have come to inspect our species. They are the Omega crop that the Celestials always intended to grow.

And so, friends- How should we prepare for the Omega Point? *By becoming the Apocalypse Children who transcend everything that the gods of men and the History they gave us could ever offer.* The Singularity is Arishem's mighty thumb, and there is no guarantee which way it will turn. All we can be sure of is **nothing from History will be any help.**



The Mad Gardener's Song

By Lewis Carroll

He thought he saw an Elephant,
That practiced on a fife:
He looked again, and found it was
A letter from his wife.
'At length I realise,' he said,
'the bitterness of Life!'

He thought he saw a Buffalo
Upon the chimney-piece:
He looked again, and found it was
His Sister's Husband's Niece.
'Unless you leave this house,' he said,
'I'll send for the Police!'

He thought he saw a Rattlesnake
That questioned him in Greek:
He looked again, and found it was
The Middle of Next Week.
'The one thing I regret,' he said,
'Is that it cannot speak!'

He thought he saw a Banker's Clerk
Descending from the bus:
He looked again, and found it was
A Hippopotamus.
'If this should stay to dine,' he said,
'There won't be much for us!'

He thought he saw a Kangaroo
That worked a coffee-mill:
He looked again, and found it was
A Vegetable-Pill.
'Were I to swallow this,' he said,
'I should be very ill!'

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He thought he saw a Coach-and-Four
That stood beside his bed:
He looked again, and found it was
A Bear without a Head.
'Poor thing,' he said, 'poor silly thing!
It's waiting to be fed!'

He thought he saw an Albatross
that fluttered round the lamp:
He looked again, and found it was
A Penny-Postage Stamp.
'You'd best be getting home,' he said:
'The nights are very damp!'

He thought he saw a Garden-Door
That opened with a key:
He looked again, and found it was
A Double Rule of Three:
'And all its mystery,' he said,
'Is clear as day to me!'

He thought he saw a Argument
That proved he was the Pope:
He looked again, and found it was
A Bar of Mottled Soap.
'A fact so dread,' he faintly said,
'Extinguishes all hope!'"



ASK NOKANDUSKI

Step right up and meet the Great European Seer NOKANDUSKI. As his name implies, there isn't much he CAN DO for you. You see Nokanduski has a bad attitude and a chip on his shoulder. He has been harboring a grudge since his cousin Zoltan had a major role in the movie "Big" starring Tom Hanks back in 1988. After the movie premiered, there was a big rush of popularity for all penny arcade fortune telling machines which died down just about as fast as it got started. Consequently, Nokanduski doesn't have anything nice to say about anyone's solar sign so be sure to read this with a HUGE sense of humor...

ARIES - "I AM"

Your dominant keywords of 'I Am' should really state, 'I AM ANNOYING.' You think that your opinions should be the universally accepted beliefs of all mankind and you have no problem trying to ram your conclusions down the throats of others. It IS true that you can be quite a wordsmith but you talk too much... way too much. As a matter of fact you are so busy talking you don't even hear what anyone else is saying. Actually you couldn't care less what anyone else is saying because in your microcosmic world only you count. Baa-baa bad sheep!

TAURUS - "I HAVE"

Sure you do. You HAVE what's yours and want what everyone else HAS but better. You know it's true and the reason is because you're so cheap. You're so cheap in fact that you spent 30 minutes trying to figure out how to retrieve the dollar of change you put into my machine! You'd rather spend that that dollar of change on some antique so you can brag to the neighbors in full detail about how you are such a grand master of value. Well, I have news for you Taurus – if you even try to weasel that change out of my machine with your grubby little hoof I'll give you a manicure you won't soon forget! Go appease yourself with a doughnut.

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GEMINI - "I THINK"

You think huh? Not really. You just like to make people believe that you not only know how to think but that you ponder deeply and profoundly. Just like the legendary Loki, the trickster, you just throw around a bunch of BS and make it sound good and worse... true. Well, the jig is up Gemini and your eternal well of excuses and typical glibness isn't going to help you to get out of this one. All of this is no more than a cover up for your real persona which is akin to a sexually starved hamster with Attention Deficit Disorder dancing to the tune of "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered."

CANCER - "I FEEL"

I'm just about fed up with all of this 'feeling' baloney associated with your sign. The truth is you could care less about anyone except yourself. You are also the biggest bully in the zodiac. You stick your nose where it doesn't belong and hand out unwanted advice carefully disguised as gushing maudlin caring. When you can't persuade others that you are only looking out for their best interest with your cheap advice, the REAL you comes out which is like a giant monster king crab with a glandular disorder ready to devour anything in its path. AND heaven help the poor soul who doesn't think one of your jokes is funny or who forgets to pay back the money you lent them because you'll 'guilt' them into a year -long depression.

LEO - "I CREATE"

This may come as a shock but you are NOT the center of the Universe so all of this nonsense about 'creating' is out of whack! If you create anything it is usually a big mess. You're not concerned about your messes because no one would dare to criticize you for fear of the backlash and being teased unmercifully for the rest of their natural lives. You are the king of manipulation and this comes easy to you because you are such a martyr. That's right - Cancer doesn't hold a candle to you in the martyr/manipulation department. You're also obsessive and possessive when it comes to sex but you cover up that tacky and tawdry side of your life with phony dignity.

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VIRGO - "I ANALYZE"

Analyze my derrière! What you really do is Criticize. This is very clever of you because it is the best way to turn the tables on an adversary. If that doesn't work then you just act agonizingly boring until your opponent falls asleep or gives up out of frustration. Your sign is also known as the sign of service and while this is true it is also another way you cover up the 'real' you which is highly promiscuous... For the rest of you who are snickering (except Scorpio) – let's remember that service means service and prostitutes need to make a living too even if it is a second income! You are also a gossip monger particularly when you have nothing else to do (which is often since you feign being busy). You are supposed to be the zodiacal sign of intelligence but truth be known you're actually the village idiot.

LIBRA - "I BALANCE"

In my book the only thing you balance is Circus Balls! You're another over-rated sign that runs a close second to Virgo as an imbecile. Do you even need to ask why? Others say you are the procrastinator of the Zodiac because you need time to weigh what is fair and just. The truth is you're just stupid and don't have any answers. You also corner the market on superficiality and preoccupation with cleanliness. You like to be married (the more marriages the better) but are not necessarily interested in procreation. In your world children should be "clean and not heard." You have the worst temper of any sign in the Zodiac and it surprises others when you spout off because your sickeningly sweet façade throws them off.

SCORPIO - "I DESIRE"

Let's take a good look at you Hot Stuff and this desire of yours! It is said that Scorpio has been blessed with tremendous stamina and that you like to have sex 24-7. This is simply not true. Your genitals don't guide you but your criminal mind does. You'll cheat anyone out of anything (especially money) and then when you get it you hoard it. It goes straight into your abyss of collectibles among everything else you've collected since you were three years old. As far as sex goes, you can and will wield it like a weapon along with the other nasty things you engage like the black arts, sorcery and the occasional bloodletting.

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SAGITTARIUS - "I UNDERSTAND"

Well, if you are so understanding, why are you always in trouble? Most of your trouble starts with your rude mouth and blunt speech pattern. You pretend to innocently blurt things out but you mean what you are saying. You enjoy being facetious and then think it is hilarious when the human brunt of your wordy barrage doesn't get it. It takes at least 5 minutes for your repartee to sink into the average person's brain. The worst part is your recipient usually thanks you for it no matter how brutal the delivery. You also enjoy stirring up trouble between people and then just sit there enjoying the ensuing battle that erupts. Since you are always looking for lucrative ventures, maybe you should join up with Scorpio... you could mesmerize folks with your banter while Scorpio picks their pockets.

CAPRICORN - "I USE"

Yes you do... you use everyone and everything and you don't care. Don't even try to dispute it or cover it up with any lame attempts of faked justification. You'd step on your mother if it would get you ahead. Everything with you is push and shove and this is because you borrow the art of bullying from your polarity sign of Cancer. Worst of all you are nothing but a big baby when you don't get your own way. As a matter of fact you have been known to go to extremes just to prove your point and get attention. You are supposedly the busy sign of the Zodiac but this is not born of out of any inner dynamic to achieve - you're just hyper. I bet you wouldn't be able to still in for five minutes unless a monetary wager was involved. You are also a terrible story teller because you belabor the plot to such an extent everyone falls asleep or loses track of the point.

AQUARIUS - "I KNOW"

This is an incomplete statement. It should say "I know I'm right and you're wrong." I am wasting my time talking to you because your arrogance far outweighs your intelligence and you'll compensate by dropping into paradox mode pretending to be preoccupied with something much more cosmically important. Most people find you complex but I know you're just a faker and a taker... a real weasel. It's your eyes that give you away every time... they dart about and you never look at anyone straight on when you are lying or trying to escape. AND escape you do... every time!



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PISCES - "I BELIEVE"

So what do you want – a medal? All of this spiritual bunk surrounding your sign is a bunch of nonsense. Your sign is no more spiritual than anyone else's sign and you know it. You're just a little more adept at pulling the wool over the eyes of others. You are a terrible communicator and no one can understand what you say which is usually some twisted metaphysical double talk laced with incompetent attempts at intelligence. Those of you who are intelligent tend to be of the mad scientist variety working subversively on some weird project that has absolutely no value to mankind. You are often described as a 'goody two shoes' in nature but the truth is you're a sex maniac. Nobody notices you as much as Scorpio in this regard because you're quiet and sneaky about it. Virgo of course understands all of this since it is your polarity sign so maybe the two of you should open shop!



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Roger Teeter (*Know Thyself, pg.83*)

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, Psycometry, Dragon’s Breath, Reiki, Zenith, and Star Maps to assist individuals in developing their hidden talents.

Steve Prellwitz (*How to Pass Cosmic Judgment, pg. 87*)

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Lewis Carroll (*The Mad Gardener’s Song – quote from Sylvie and Bruno, pg. 89*)

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known by his pen name Lewis Carroll, was an English writer of children's fiction, notably Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and its sequel Through the Looking-Glass. He was noted for his facility with word play, logic, and fantasy. The quote is from Goodreads and in the public domain.

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