

The Monthly Oracle



Two Choices

What would you do?...you make the choice. Don't look for a punch line, there isn't one. Read it anyway. My question is: Would you have made the same choice?

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves children with learning disabilities, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question:

'When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does, is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?'

The audience was stilled by the query.

The father continued. 'I believe that when a child like Shay, who was mentally and physically disabled comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child.'

Then he told the following story:

Shay and I had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked,

'Do you think they'll let me play?'

I knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but as a father I also understood that if my son were allowed to play, it would

News and views"

The knowledge you are given in an initiatic teaching is so far removed from your usual field of consciousness that it does not penetrate your brain immediately. But the fact you have heard it or read it means something of it will remain in your subconscious, and one day, once your understanding has developed, this knowledge will resurface in your memory.

In order to reach this understanding more quickly, you must exercise your brain, which is the best instrument there is. It does not grow weak with age along with the other organs, for the divine hierarchies have deposited their powers in it. No, it doesn't grow weak, but only provided we nourish it with mental activity. Thought is a sort of ladder we have received from cosmic Intelligence, and it is essential we learn to use it to go higher."

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give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

I approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, 'We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning.'

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. I watched with a small tear in my eye and warmth in my heart. The boys saw my joy at my son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three.

In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again.

Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat.

Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob

Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates.



the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed.

The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay.

As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now be over.

The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman.

Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, 'Shay, run to first!'

Run to first!'

Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base.

He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, 'Run to second, run to second!'

Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base.

By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball, the smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head.

Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home.

All were screaming, 'Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay'. Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, 'Run to third! Shay, run to third!'

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, 'Shay, run home! Run home!'

Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world'.

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and making me so happy, and coming home and seeing his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

PROTECTING BARACK OBAMA by William Bloom

How can we protect Barack Obama? The new President of the United States is symbolically of huge importance. It is crucial that he does not fall victim to the same forces that assassinated Martin Luther King, Jack Kennedy and Robert Kennedy.

As spiritual people, as workers with inner energy, is there anything that we can do to help?

This is exactly the same question that we may ask when our loved ones are traveling in dangerous foreign places. At this moment in time a young friend of mine is working in Mumbai as there are riots and bombings. What can I do to keep her safe? What can I do to protect my own daughter from the cruelties and abuses of the world?

Even asking this type of question raises anxiety in me. I fear that just thinking about it may create the actual event I don't want to happen. Energy follows thought. As a wise teacher once said: 'Worrying - is to pray for something you do not want.'

But this leads to the first great lesson: All protective prayer work must be done from a personal space that is completely centered, confident and relaxed. If it is done with any worry, anxiety or tension, prayer work will have a negative effect, as it radiates psychic pollution and may indeed attract that which you do not want.

The second great lesson of protective work is that we must be fully connected to the love, compassion and benevolence of the universe. It is only when we are anchored securely in that benevolence that we can manage, without being overwhelmed or trig-

gered, the suffering that happens on earth and in humanity. These fundamental guidelines are not new. They have always been at the heart of healing and protection. We must be calm, grounded and fully connected to benevolence.

FULFILLED AND SAFE

From within that calm and connected space, we can then begin our work of protection. First, we can always call for help— from spirit, from angels, from spirits — and express gratitude for their presence surrounding the person we want to protect. Imagine him or her surrounded by their loving safety.

Then we can begin to contemplate, visualise and sense Barack Obama and his family living a fulfilled and graceful life. Their home, workplace and journeys are safe and secure. We see and feel them living into their senior years. We can imagine Barack

with white hair, playing with his grandchildren and talking about his days in the White House.

Here in the inner worlds we are creating an energetic scenario of a long and fulfilled life. Always done with complete calm and dedication to the highest good. This 'thought-form' of his fulfilled life has the potential to disarm potential aggressors who will sense that in the dreamworld their nasty plans cannot be fulfilled and they therefore back off.

DEEPER SHADOW WORK

Some of us may then feel called to deeper work of protection, which can only be done if:

- We are psychologically stable.
- Our nervous systems are vital and strong.
- We are totally connected to and soaking in the benevolence of the divine.
- We have a quiet sense of courage and the willing, when appropriate, to self-sacrifice.

This more profound work starts with an understanding of the complexity and interdependence of humanity's collective karma.

Some months ago I wrote about the troubles I had as a parent with my teenage son's difficult attitude. I was always blaming him until one day I went over the top with anger and frustration. It was in that moment of highly charged emotion that I had to take responsibility for my own feelings. Suddenly I saw how I

was implicated in his teenage problems. I had a past life memory of being a smug priest blessing young men as they marched off to war.

My own violence — my own karma — was now returning to



me via my son.

In some way or another — if we accept the logic of ancestors and a collective human history — we are all in some way connected to all that is good and all that is bad. So when we are protecting Barack or our own loved ones, we are protecting them from aggressors whose violent attitudes might possibly be our own responsibility. Who knows what we or our ancestors did in the past or whom we harmed? As John Bradford said in 1555 as he watched a man being taken to his execution, 'There, but for the grace of God, go I.'

So it is possible to tune into these potential aggressors and assassins, apologise for our own part in creating their violence, and wish them healing and forgiveness.

Even more courageously, recognising our interdependence and the blessings of grace, we can offer to absorb and redeem their pain and violence. As an act of

service, we can practice the classic healing meditation of breathing in their negativity, absorbing and transforming it, and breathing out a blessing towards them.

If you have never done a meditation like this before then try the technique just for a few seconds at a time, backing off immediately you feel any sensations of anxiety. In this way you can gradually acclimatise yourself to this profound work of service. But — this is a serious health and safety warning — do not attempt this kind of deep healing work unless you are one hundred per cent psychologically stable, strong and connected to the love of God, because otherwise it might emotionally disturb you. Rest calm in the awareness that there are others called and able to practice this alchemy, this transmutation of tarnished stuff into gold.

So let us hold Barack and all our loved ones in our hearts, grateful for the protection of angels and spirits. Let us hold too a clear vision and sense of them living long, fulfilled and happy lives. And let us also extend that blessing to all beings.

Being changed

It is so easy to fall into not liking, even hating changes that occur at times that appear inconvenient and not of our conscious choosing! As hatred is the opposite polarity to love we are trying to find our current balance to enable us to transcend to the next more refined level of subtlety.

We observe and consider both support and hostile challenge; encouragement and punishment or sacrifice. It is so easy to become resentful as people and things barge in, take over and so force us out and on. The states described are the active ones but we also have the more passive states to come to terms with such as gullibility and ruthlessness; naivety and the opportunistic; shock and greed and ambition all of which equate to having to process pain which we would rather sweep under a carpet so it was not seen even if we know it is there! Now is the time to heal the wound as opposed to placing yet another band aid on top of an older one.

Escape to freedom

If we are to be free and freed then we must be able to put up with the inconvenience of deep re-negotiation as well as the more obvious risks involved. If we stay where we have always been when we are connecting to

higher vibrations then the denser energies that we once experienced but now prove too much to bear. We either feel really overloaded or angry and frustrated at our inability to do more. It feels really bad and yet it is telling us we are in the old longer than we should be. Our attention is being drawn. As we connect to higher frequencies the more we expect to see great care, respect, integrity and honor being displayed to all. If it appears not to be the case then we have to work on in the interests of the majority and really decide where we want to pitch our endeavor in times to come. Are we going to repeat the old hierarchal ways when someone is the master and another is the servant or the slave? Are we moving on so that all have a place and a job to do as true equal parity is strived for by



all regardless of the job being done.

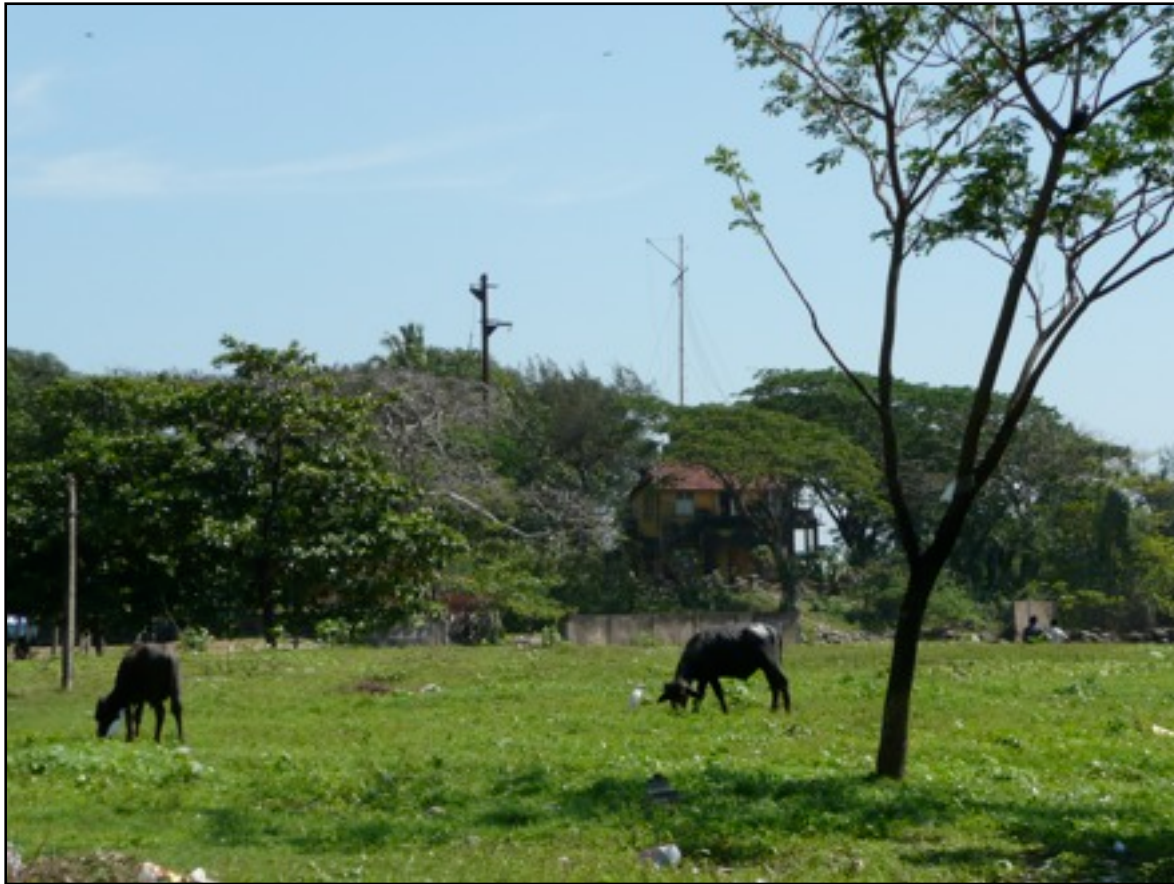
Courage or not?

If we seek the updated way we must be freed from the ancient and this will see us full of muscle aches and pains, nausea, we may be exhausted all of the time, perhaps feel low, experience skin disorders, have sinus headaches as well as dreams we cannot quite recall but know we had as we wake in the morning not feeling much more rested than we did

Gandhi's Prayer for Peace

I offer you peace
 I offer you love
 I offer you friendship
 I see your beauty
 I hear your need
 I feel your feelings.
 My wisdom flows from
 the Highest Source
 I salute that Source in you.
 Let us work together
 for unity and love.





when we went to bed the night before!

As our feet touch the floor they ache or feel stiff and our upper back and neck uncomfortable. This is all leading us towards a new reality which as yet we do not comprehend or understand fully. This makes us feel insecure and inadequate as we cannot at this time find our 'new place' within life on earth. Where do we 'fit' all we know is that we no longer fit where we are right now. We begin to follow the 'feel good' factor but before we get to that we have to know what feels bad to us now. We need to take our time we will find the way and in doing so we will take a step forward towards creating just what we came to create as a service to ourself and to others.

We need rest and recovery time and to stop trying so hard. We need to be quiet enough inside to listen to the still small voice and to think out of the box. Not to decide what is possible, feasible or to our liking just to do what is required for the greater good.

We are beginning to see but not clearly as yet - it affects the vision. To hear but not clearly - it affects our capacity to hear well especially in groups. We know what is not OK for us but not what to do about it - it affects our capacity to touch and be touched and the skins condition.

So we need to stay quiet and allow the Management Upstairs to influence us so that when we are impressed to do something we do it even when we do not have a clue as to what it means or what

the outcome might be. If we 'read' it well we find we meet the 'right' people at the 'right' time in the 'right' place. It is all very easy and not much effort is required.

If we enjoyed the experience then there is something in it and we wait again to be shown what that is. Was it a person, a location, our need, theirs - what? Wait long enough and we will find out. Was it an action or a response? How good did it feel?

To know freedom, contentment and peace we must first consider our balance within as to how we feel contained, discontent and resentful of a given situation. Only then can we understand the change.