

The Monthly Oracle



DOGMA AND PREJUDICE

Do we need a dogmatic view we were unaware of brought to our attention? Perhaps someone needs to help us realize that our prejudices are showing! We all know the super executive in their 40's who 'strong arms' others out of the way so that they are seen to shine. So sure that their opinion is correct that they

disempower others whether realizing it or not. Like it or not that is prejudice.

Couple that with their enthusiasm and the energy available and all of a sudden any skills that elders may have get disregarded or ignored. People get 'taken over' only realizing much later that a great disservice had been perpetrated by which time it is a matter of too little too late. So

"News and views"

We are facing a choice - do we want to be selfless or selfish. The one way we work for something 'bigger' than just ourselves. Maybe a work project, a family, a community or whatever else is presenting. Or we concentrate on our own ambitions, and pursue our greed for fame, possessions, housing or whatever is our bag.

It is subtle and insidious and very easy to mistake the second option as being the first. "I will to will thy will" comes into its own at this time. So does "I choose to do thy doing and be thy being". Only by letting go and freeing everyone, ourselves included can we be shown the way forward.

All the time we think we know we don't! Only when we know we don't know can we begin to sense the way forward. If we are quiet and gentle we will ease our way forward step by step. If we storm in like a bailiff implementing a court order we will miss the signs.

If we are modest and humble others will want to seek our company and as they do so the way forward for all will become clear.



in the name of encouragement and support - whether wanted or not- exploitation and abuse has been experienced by many.

The new culture promotes being fair, inclusive and involved. Judgement and justification of any is a part of the old regime. Actually there is nothing new about being fair, involved and inclusive. Positive attitudes can be found even in apparently negative situations. And conversely negative experiences can occur in the most positive of circumstance. The two are united as one, and are extricably linked. With faith, knowledge and practice we find the way to transcend opposites and work in the interests of all, and it was ever thus.

EQUALITY AND FREEDOM

If someone wants to learn something they involve themselves in places where what they are trying to learn is demonstrated. We do not learn by being told, that is a dictator trying to dominate. If we fall victim we are no longer

free people, we are enslaved to a system we may not agree with.

We all need support now and again and if we have skills and experiences, as we all do, we have an opportunity at that time to give selfless service to others. That is vastly different from being ambitious or from being an opportunist. One adds to all that is and is the introduction of new better ways of administering; the other dismisses that which has gone before as inadequate, even worthless.

We hear a lot about the need to forgive our parents and our ancestors for the sins of the past. Maybe we need to place responsibility on the children or at least the upcoming generation, and to say to them that now they are grown we trust them to make their own decisions, as we to make our own choices. Do we want to 'rubbish' ourselves and steep ourselves in arrogance as we judge all? Are we getting into blaming, enslaving or criticizing others and so being a bully, or do we just want to free and be freed?

Death and birth affect the head brain, the body brain and the heart. We must find the union of doing and being. The active masculine and passive masculine; the active feminine and the passive feminine regardless of our sexuality. What did our parents do to us and us to them? What did our children do to us and what did we do to them? One thing we do know is that buying and selling people at any level is not an option

Patience, perseverance and persistence are called for to knock out and burn off old life ideals and dreams. Only then can we move on to a higher ideal and dream. The old identity becoming the core self within the new updated framework of operation.

GOOD AND NOT SO GOOD

Processional caterpillars are common to Spain and France. Normally found nesting in the abundance of pine trees on hill-sides they have a terrifying reputation. So called because they travel nose to tail in a line, processional pine caterpillars are quite small, but they present a major danger to trees and animals, and can cause a severe allergic reaction in humans. The caterpillar's 'fur' is where the danger lies. It is in fact a layer of poisonous harpoon-like spines that remain toxic even when the caterpillar has died.

The caterpillars start life in silk cocoon style nests in pine trees. They inflict damage, stripping the trees of their needles, then leave the cocoon and seek out

another tree on which to feed. Most noticeable from January to mid April the caterpillars are at their most dangerous in mid to late February, when they can often be seen in the evenings going from tree to tree.

At the end of the winter months, the caterpillars will make their way down to the warm spots in the soil where they dig themselves into the ground in order to pupate. They may sometimes halt their development during this period, for up to three years, while awaiting favorable climatic conditions. The moths that lay eggs are particularly attracted to the silhouette of a tree – especially if it stands alone. The damage to the trees themselves can be extensive. It's because of this potential damage from caterpillars that preventative and curative measures are taken in Spain to stop them becoming out of control.

Trapped by using G-traps baited with the pheromone ptyolure is the way to monitor population levels in summer. All in all, the processional caterpillar is not the friendliest creature. But the threat to people and animals can be lessened by trying not to come into contact with the hairs. Thankfully, because of the distinct line that the caterpillars form when marching, it is easy to spot them and give them a wide berth.

Why this lesson about caterpillars you may be asking? Having got the spike of one in my eye I became intensely interested, that was, once I was lucky enough to see once more!! My thanks to my son, an optician and an eye specialist for their swift action and

loving care. With a streaming swollen closed eye, I was still able to see the funny side of being told if I were a dog I would probably be dead already!

Personal identity with water enabled an easier acknowledgement of fire, when oil spilled on my hand a couple of weeks later. Transformation must take place at all levels of being. First we must dialogue and understand, then we take responsibility and react in more mature ways. Then good humor and a lighter heart allow a relatively minor physical release to occur. Remember water and fire create steam. Water must go through its own stages of growth as must we all. Ice becomes water, then steam and then vapor - one step at a time.

HONOR OR EXPLOIT?

Have we duly considered whether we honor all others? If we do not, then we exploit then by default. Conversely are we honored by those who surround us domestically, and or externally at work or in the community. If not then we are exploiting or being exploited.

Life gives us a good indication as to how well we are doing or have done. Do people pay surprise visits and create a special occasion? Do they remember to pay us for services rendered? Do we get a bunch of flowers or whatever to let us know we are on track. If these sorts of things did not happen around the Easter time period then we did not get good indications of successful closure of the last chapter of living. If we did then we are free to move on into the unknown, where new adventures and explorations that will come our way. The new year is seeded with the

full moon in April each year. A few days before and after the moon it is essential to let go of assumptions and to expect the best without knowledge of what that is as yet.

The willingness to change and to cooperate with being changed is paramount. As is the willingness to move into a void space and to patiently and trustingly let go of thinking we can understand what is required next. Remaining aware and waiting in the space as we fill in the waiting time usefully doing what we can where we can. While we are waiting we can really overhaul what standards and ethics we want to live by. Often we do not know what we want but we can work out what we definitely do not want any longer. We may not know how to achieve it. We just say we know for sure that we do not, for example, want useless dramatization or hostility in any form anymore. That then becomes our prayer. Only then can the heavens structure a new form here on the earth.

Meditate and listen for the clues, observe and see what your choices are as to how you want to live life. Then contemplate while living very simply. As you 'do the day' one day the modified form will enter in quietly and gently. It may come through word of mouth, or on the telephone, via an email or through a third party. Each clue will be presented and we choose whether to follow it or not. As we progress so eventually we solve the mystery but it takes time, honesty, effort, research and work.



We must believe we are worth it, for only when we do will others agree with us!

ARE WE WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT?

Whatever we do next requires effort. We will need to open options. Be willing to research areas to see if there are realistic possibilities, or if we are living old romantic ideals that are outdated. We will have to extract the essence of all we have learned and release all else.

We will need to face our reluctance to tell our truth so as to renegotiate terms. We all have what are known as self-drivers such as "I must be perfect" of course we are deciding what perfect is. Another is 'I must be strong', we are all strong on occasion and all vulnerable. Then there is 'I must try hard' who said

we didn't? Let's just get off the case our own and that of others who have professed opinions with incomplete knowledge. Let's let it all go and move on.

"I've learned ... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand"

Real friends will understand. If we do not connect for a while they will know we are busy. They will not take offense. When we do get a moment we phone, email, make last minute arrangements

or whatever, we just do the best we can with what we have got. False friends want over involvement, or absolute control over our time they make our lives a misery and we have to 'lose' them in favor of collective demand. Then there are those who are really clients but they want to become 'instant' friends. The very word tells us that friendship is a two way street. We must be equals even though the friend may present very differently. Both must bring goodies to the table then there will be mutual respect through known and proven track records. As such there is no need for anyone to be on one another's case, much more there is support, laughter, care, encouragement, honesty and a space that is known and safe.

Have you met those people who refer to others as if they had known them for years and were on really familiar terms and then found out they do not really know the other person at all? Their delusion or their loneliness making them jump in where angels fear to tread. It takes time and observation on all sides prior to being able to establish common threads. We will need to have a standard of skill that is acceptable one to another, and a form of empathetic presentation that is understood. Only then do we create a structure which may turn out to be a working one or a social one. We might like things to be different but they can't be. We will have to get over hurt pride and settle for what is on offer - or not. If we are able to do this we all 'grow up' regardless of age. If not we go away and lick our wounds for an indefinite time until life presents us with an opportunity to have another go under different circumstances.

If we are to move on then we have to visit a deeper level of history where we extract what we need from a different culture, geographical area, historical record or whatever, and take the time we need to release all else. This is sometimes poignant, painful, fear making and challenging. Only when this has been gone through are we free to proceed. The bigger the job the more history we must work through. So we must learn how to go through these phases for each time we do it, will make the next time that little bit easier. Very important as each potential 'promotion' involves bigger issues and so more history so let's not fall into the trap of romanticizing our idea of ideals. Let's get real

and work in a manner that serves all.

No false servility, no dictatorial approaches, no escapism and no despotic behaviors, Humble, modest, willing, simple endeavor will lead from the mundane to the magnificent with little conscious effort on our part. If we allow ourselves to be lead rather than trying to lead, the heavens impress the updated instructions and the earth implements them. Yes, there is a time delay and yes we need to keep the space surrounding us pure and clean. As well as accepting 'what is' unconditionally and trusting ourselves to be as light hearted and as good humored as we are able. Isn't it worth the effort to be able to experience a miracle?

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FACING THE MOB LIKE IT OR NOT

Are you familiar with Susan Boyle? Take a look on uTube. I happened to catch it and it struck quite a few chords. Susan is a very ordinary woman who had the courage to want to live her gift in service to others. She ran the gauntlet of 'the mob' response. Clearly awkward, embarrassed and understanding that the opinionated crowd were defaming, mocking and dismissing her at an ordinary level you saw the half smile as she turned inwards rather than outwards and then that amazing higher gift came through. Rather rudely - clearly amazed, astonished and no longer patronizing or dismissive the mob judged in her favor. Saddening and disappointing that people can be so nasty and cruel

in one way, pleasing in another that we have got back to that level of ancient history that can enable us to potentially respond differently in another.

All of us run this gauntlet in service to the greater good. It maybe we are challenged by our families whose judgements, opinions, and gossip one to another is a little like facing a hostile mob. Not easy to stand firm and wait while others catch up is it? Although each and everyone judges and/or justifies their position as they jockey to go beyond old fear, insecurity and feelings that they may not be adequate or loving enough to see 'it' through. As an old chapter ends we must extract the essence of what we have har-



vested from it and dump the remainder. That recycling is administered and organized by the earth powers rather than by us, although we take responsibility for our own behavior we should not be unduly affect the behavior of others. We also strip away



our romantic illusions and do a reality check as to what is in the best interests of the majority. This includes us now even though we might have sacrificed our own interests in the the past for one reason or another. At that time correct and proper, now it is not. Then we negotiate and renegotiate until we have a viable outcome. The bigger the group the more difficult the task.

History will be recollected and updated at some stage. If we do not instigate proceedings others will. Or life will intervene as it did in Susan Boyle's life. She cared for her mother until her death after which there was nothing stopping her. She wanted to prove that she had a gift and the rest as they say is history. When we look closer we too realize there is a choice. Are we to repeat and refine or to release free and be freed at a genetic level of being?

The history of the earth is stored in the land, and we can find ourselves on holiday or on a business trip which then triggers an awakening. The activation maybe immediate or it maybe on slow release. We then almost certainly get symptoms which are in line with a compulsory change in the level of awareness within our life. It is already a work in progress. We have no conscious control but we are changing and being changed like it or like it not. The old chapter clearly over, the new not yet begun so we feel as if we are in limbo. All we can do is 'let go and let God' which is a polite way of saying 'oh sod it I haven't got a clue - over to the universe!' We will also need to rest, drink lots of water and get any therapeutic help we need. Perhaps back adjustment, acupuncture or

massage. If we ask inside we will 'know'. This is also helped by who we know and what is readily available. The old foundations we operated from deepening to a core level that needs to be made stable. Until it is we will feel as if we are at sea and trying to walk on water.

As we wait in the space and 'buy time' things begin to happen. As they do, we withdraw meditate, contemplate, and try to decide what the next step is for us. Only when we are able to see and to understand are we in a position to tell other interested parties. They then undergo a similar process and then the negotiations start to establish a win win compromise that all can commit to. That structure is then tried out and if it proves its worth that is what is used as the current point of reference until the next round/change occurs. Instinct and intuition maybe immediate but living with them until the mechanics of living takes a new shape can seem like an age. We have to make friends with life as well as the heavens if we are to achieve the sacred union that is required.

A part of parental responsibilities is to dispense the love that will encourage and support and the tough love required. This establishes boundaries, defines ethics and overcomes dogma and prejudice. Kids will treat their parent as their personal bank, hotel, refuge and so on until told not to or they don't need to. Let the parent say "I'm working, busy or whatever and you will see a different side to them. Likewise a lovely gesture at this stage, like going shopping for a special occasion outfit will be tempered by things like 'well we can't have you

looking like a freak can we'. We have a choice whether we ignore, condone, mock, or appear to turn a blind eye but that is about as far as it goes.

The 'Management Upstairs' and the Earth Mother decide when change happens and life moves on - we are just not that powerful. Our job is to behave as responsibly and as graciously as we are able within all situations. Get over deciding what is right and what wrong. Right becomes wrong in the making and wrong is right waiting to happen. They are a part of one another and a different stage of the same thing. We do what we think to be the correct thing at the time. Life in action mirrors back and shows us how well we did on the overall scale of things. We are not the judge, the justice of the peace, the prosecutor, the defense attorney or the jury and there is no punishment just circumstances. There is no sacrifice either although it can seem like it as we learn to be more inclusive and less selfish. We have to make decisions at time but do not confuse that with being all powerful. We can try to control or to manipulate but it will not work. A cessation of hostilities is what makes peace eventually, someone has to set the standard and wait until others catch up. Is it going to be you or are we going to rely on the courage of the Susan Boyles of this world?

