

The Monthly Oracle



HONORABLE OR NOT

Used or using, honoring or taking for granted? There has been a lot of sadness where people feel they have been dishonored and so hurt. Perhaps we all need to check from time to time whether, in our turn we have dished this behavior out towards others.

As we move from one stage to another we will have to look ourselves square in the face and own up to our perceived imperfection. We love for love's sake and if we are to be unconditional we have to include ourselves. But we also need to be brutally honest and face and accept both our good and not so good points.

And then there is gossip, that most evil of all forms of communication when others talk about us in our absence.

Bless them! Reporting is seldom accurate as it passes from the perception of one person to the perception of another. Unless they have an identical view, they will perceive things differently and so report them on in a different manner one from another.

If we have a common intention and are working on the same side this will not matter. If we are not and one is ambitious, greedy or looking for exclusivity then someone will get exploited and hurt at the hands of another, as they take the judgement, blame or criticism.

The blessing is we can make a conscious choice whether we wish to continue association and forgive, or if we wish to walk away and be ready for new opportunities as they manifest after the gap necessary to enable this is created within.

News and views"

We see the experience of pain or depression as not so good, but how would we know what good was without a reference point? Only when we examine polarities are we able to re-centre ourselves. To do this we must examine our points of referral and make sure that they are current and up to date.

To often these references come from ancient history so are now absolutely irrelevant. Like the onion we peel away the levels until we reach the core unleashing mask after mask, smoke screen after smoke screen. Certain we are at the arrival point each time we make a breakthrough. Be sure our complacency will be pointed out to us by someone brave enough to confront us sooner or later until we get to the core, it is work in progress!

If we have been giving useful service to others we will be left for a time. When the point is reached required by the 'Management Upstairs' off we go again. This is and has been such a time. If we are meek, gentle and genuinely humble we will find the way. If we are false, or arrogant we will find ourselves in trouble until we are able to mend our ways.

A TIGHT SKIRT

In a crowded city at a busy bus stop, a beautiful young woman wearing a tight mini skirt was waiting for a bus. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus.

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg. She tried to take the step, only to discover that she couldn't.

So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step.

Once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg.

With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step.

About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.

She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and yelled, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"

The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we were friends."



CHECK YOUR RATING

Romantic relationships are based on equality, mutual respect and accountability. If one person tries to selflessly love the other, eventually it will feel abusive to one and smothering to the other. Imagine that scenario taken to its extreme. Imagine you let your partner live with you, you pay all the bills, you feed them, you drive them around, you basically take care of them like you take care of a child. How would that feel to you? Not very good. Yet if that person was our child, we

wouldn't mind. That's what we would want to do. We must hold adults accountable as adults.

To illustrate the point, also consider the opposite. Let's say rather than having compassion and sympathy for the three year-old, we hold them to the same standards of emotional maturity that we hold an adult. The three-year-old throws a temper tantrum because they're jealous of their little sister and starts throwing things. So we say to them "that's it, get out of the house and don't ever come

back here until you get that under control". That would be inappropriate because the three-year old does not have the emotional maturity to understand complex emotions like anger and jealousy. The forgiveness and compassion of the parents teach them.

But if we tolerate jealous, ranting rampages from another adult (with adult forms of power and cunning) - because we "Love them selflessly", we are just asking for trouble, and the trouble may even be deadly
by Sam Geppi

SAFE OR UNSAFE PEOPLE

Are you around safe or unsafe people? Safe people make you relax and feel appreciated even within the first few minutes of meeting, and certainly after a longer association. Unsafe people make you feel tense and jumpy, because you know a trivial conversation can all too quickly, turn into a slanging match where you become the punchbag for the angers and frustrations of another.

We may even have been a contributor but we were only a small part, no-one being integral to another's life, even if they think they are! All of us walk alone with our soul guiding steering us if we will allow it. We may walk in parallel with parents, partners and children for a period of time and hopefully in harmony. No guarantees however.

If we mature we understand this to a deeper and more profound level. A greater level of maturity allows us to respond to all with grace or to withdraw until we can be at least civil! As we mature even further we have an attitude that may prefer the positive aspects but can also embrace and live through the more negative situations.

Only when we have reached this stage are we able to transcend to another level. Dark is light in the making and allows time for rest and recovery. Light if it goes on for too long begins to burn and bore us literally. Only in combination

and by embracing both are we able to proceed.

AS WE DEEPEN THE FAITH

We move into new territory and so by default away from the old. It is interesting, we are just not able to do what we have always done anymore. People we may have mixed with happily we can no longer stomach, or we just can't make the effort anymore. It can seem very isolating and lonely if we do not understand the 'mechanics' of the process.

We have no choice but to follow it is impossible to lead this process, nor can or should we try to control it or to manipulate circumstances to suit what we think we want. We must concentrate on what is needed, not by us but for the greater good. And we do not know, however good we are just what is required right now during this time of collective change.

We have to accept what is going on with as good a grace as we are able. We have to trust like it or like it not, and we have to cultivate a patient and inclusive approach in mind, even while our life appears to be falling apart and or re-arranged.

This is a time to set standards, how do we want to be in the next phase. What is acceptable and what is not any longer. Do we want to set a standard where we live our life according to spirit and hang out with other people doing the same? Do we want to be a mover and shaker in academia and work in education, and

that is not saying that to do so is not spiritual it just focuses in a different perspective. Or we may focus on the arts a more entertaining way to educate or amuse. Even then different programs will attract different audiences, rather like the reality shows which have proved so popular over the past few years. Is your reality based on being riveted by a passion shared with others or being rubbished?

We face the truth of ourselves no longer able to wear a mask that has outlived its usefulness. Know thyself - we must understand where we are now and not use old points of reference that have outlived their usefulness years ago. It is not attractive when someone who is 40 acts like a teenager throwing their weight around. We have to modify and catch up with and establish points of reference that can support us where we are today.

As we review we see more clearly, and it maybe painful both emotionally and physically as history passes though and we extract only what we have learned and need from it. We are creatures of habit and think the same old way until we don't anymore! We need a new view, or a new category. The logical and the linear must give way to the intuitive and thinking out of the box. Then we compromise and embrace both as best we can and the new pathway is set. The way forward is underway at the higher levels and here and now it is our job to unite with them and embrace all until clue by clue a union is assured.

We can try to swim upstream like salmon who do so for the purpose of dying. Or we can stop mid-stream and let the current turn us down-stream and carry us, or we can even paddle that way! First we have to let go, then we follow, we do not lead the show. Intuitively we will think we 'know', well we don't, we may know a tiny bit but we do not know enough as yet. It is strange for it is as if we are connecting to the new and at the same time nothing much has changed except we are less busy than we were.



Is it our intention to give or do we want to demand and to receive? Those who are greedy and exploit others will find themselves attracting others who do the same. Those whose wish it is to serve, will find themselves grouped with others whose intention follows the same pathway. We do not assess what is just and what is not, that is decided beyond our judicial system even if it is our lawyers and judges that administer on occasion.

A SENSE OF HUMOR IS ESSENTIAL

We have to detach enough to allow us to discern where we now fit. Be aware of what you know you do not like, the contrast between this and what you do will be so marked you cannot fail to take notice. And we must set new boundaries when forced to be in contact with denser energies. We will find some others will

drain us. They will go away feeling better, we will feel wrecked and that is not acceptable if we are drained as a result of contact. These people are free-loaders even if they are unaware of it and they are hoping we will do what is required for them. They do not want to learn to do it for themselves. That is disrespectful to us and we do not have to tolerate it.

Of course to stand free is to press our insecurity buttons and we may not feel adequate to meet the challenges. Only we can decide if we want to move on or not. We can ask others but they are using differing references to our own and that may prove less than helpful. They are absorbed in their own issues and possibly not that interested in ours. We can be bitter or we can be compassionate. Frustrated or tolerant, feel impotent or relieved we are being made to reference our own considerate power.

Of course it seems we are inadequate to cope but we are not. It is up to us if we feed the more dense or if we starve it. One way takes us back into it, the other begins to release us from it. Courtesy to ourselves as well as to all others is essential as we reinvent the next model of ourselves. This feels like we have either gone backwards or are nowhere at all.

Actually we are making good progress for our old skills have become so pedestrian and domestic they are an integral part of us now. Unless we are greedy or super ambitious we can afford to wait a little longer. Do we want to give service the way we have in the past, or do we want to leave room for the new to present us with a new way. If we feel unappreciated and used then we probably have been! One of my children once said, 'now I have children of my own, I am being paid back for all the dirty tricks I once played on you!'

That to me was well worth the effort of a long term work. All having turned out fine people and if I contributed a little towards that I am deeply grateful. No longer do I wish to repeat that pattern having re-run it with clients through years. Now I want to work with and for those who appreciate me and who have proven street credibility in their field as I have in my own. Not people who tell others what they are missing through association, but those who have quietly beavered away and now want to achieve something great with what they have already got. Endless patience is available for them,

YOU WON'T BELIEVE

THIS..... You are driving down the road in your car on a wild, stormy night, when you pass by a bus stop and you see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The perfect partner you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your car?

Think before you continue reading.



This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application. You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first. Or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back.. However, you may never be able to find your perfect mate again.

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer. He simply answered: 'I would give the car keys to my old friend and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the partner of my dreams.'

Never forget to
think outside of
the box

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

When speaking to various parties around the place, I find many who wish to stick to their religions and beliefs depending on their environment, country, culture, or personal beliefs. Few wish to get off the path that they have been on for so long, unless actually forced off. Like the bankers who have brought things to a crisis today, where corruption walks the halls of governments and companies, they will not change their tune till the walls come crashing down. And so, I feel, it is with us as well. reflecting the same resistance to change. Until we hit the wall, our current dreams are within the greater dream of the model society that has put the infrastructure for us to live within comfort and luxury. Mother nature has been forgotten and has become the dispensable one for far too long. Now the tide has changed. Anyone with vision is no longer planning on the old model, for the people who are trapped in such, will be swept



MATURITY LEAVES ROOM FOR LEARNING

Don't you hate to criticize and be criticized? Yet sometimes it is necessary to give or to receive some home truths if we are to grow. We may want to cooperate and compromise in the interests of a collective. Sometimes we are just not allowed to do so. Why is that? If our intention is to work on a collective level, yet others are ambitious, territorial, competitive or jealous it becomes impossible to do so. Recently I introduced two professional people to each other and listened embarrassed while one told the other how much he needed to do work on the other one, then watched while the person under scrutiny tried to hold his own while trying to get away as quickly as he was able. This hard sell approach claims the superior status and makes the other by default feel inferior.

Only when able to see this for ourselves will we change. Only when we listen to the words of another can we hear. Only when we feel the atmosphere will we detect inequality. We must allow others to be as free as we are, only when we are on the same side with the same intention, honoring and valuing each other's skills are we

equal. If we try to be all things to all people, we are not coming from our soul but from ego.

Having been invited to look around a new and progressive school I came across this on the head teacher's notice board. Written by someone from the Children's Hospice in Minsk .

"When my life is finally measured
in months, weeks, days, hours
I want to live free from pain.
Free from indignity, free from
loneliness.
Give me your hand,
Give me your understanding,
Give me your love.
Then let me go peacefully,
And help my family to understand."

Why do we need to wait to be exiting this life to live like that? Why can't we be unselfish enough to live and let live. Does it matter if we do not get our own way all of the time? Will it affect a friendship if we do not always see each other when we think we want to? Will it affect the love that is present if we find we have to com-

away by the groundswell of people who will eventually rise up against it and go back to the old ways. The old ways if traced back, go back to Love, to sharing and caring, and living tribally instead of individuals seeking paths to the exclusion of all else. The boomerang returning, for the natural flow where things become sustainable and where only the spiritual essence is shared. The spirit of things transferred through the love being shown.

-By Spiritwind.

promise to enable a win win situation to occur?

Those who dictate terms too easily become bullies. Those who are so totally self-absorbed do not recognize the needs of others let alone try to serve them. Another issue that can easily occur is to make others live under austere circumstances. But when we have to live under those conditions ourselves all of a sudden things change radically.

When what we would not do for others we do for ourselves, so we become separatist and are no longer whole or holy. However this is a necessary fact of life for it helps to stream and classify the frequency that we are fit to serve within in the coming phase.

We have to watch that we do not become embittered, frustrated or impotent however. To forgive and wish well is not easy when we have been so hurt at the hands of others but it is necessary. We may have to withdraw and isolate ourselves while this process runs its course. Only when we find the capacity to be amused at the antics of all are we ready to proceed. Only then will things begin to move on once more. Trust the process and surrender ill feeling