

## What's down there?

The first sentence of a column I wrote in July was, "Your favorite fears become exaggerated this month under a constant barrage of astrological energy." I had no idea how that was going to play out, but I think it's safe now to say that July of 2012 has had a distinctly underworld quality.

In order to articulate what I think about August of 2012, I'm going to allow myself to assume a high degree of astrological/occult understanding. Please feel free to contact me (my email is below) if you have questions or are confused by what I say.

Our solar system's astrological bodies beyond Saturn have a shamanic quality to them. They teach us in the unconscious spaces of our psyches.

When a point in a person's birth chart is getting worked over by transiting Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto, it almost always results in changes in the person's life. They do things like have affairs, get arrested, quit good jobs... insert your own experience here \_\_\_\_\_. It's almost inevitable.

In readings, I usually explain this kind of thing like this: your soul wants to be in your body so that it can experience growth from one state of living to another. It sounds simple but the truth is at least 85% of us are born to experience major life changes as we work out ancestral and personal karma. (The stable 15% are working on future karma – which is a different article).

When people do these life-changing things, there's usually a sense that somewhere deep inside, it's what they always really wanted to do – they wanted to have their lives so shaken up that there was a distinct demarcation between their past (how they started out) and some unknown future. It's the life they live *after the affair, after the arrest, after the money is gone*, etc., that at a soul level is really interesting. Everything before that was just sort of prep work.

The shamanic dimension of the outer planets is in how they get you to do the thing that changes your life. It's the medicine man at work. Something happens, but you're not sure what. All you know is that you are a different person now.

Now, most of us in this society medicate ourselves through these changes. Drugs and alcohol are so accepted that very few people actually do the shift with a clear head. Hangovers and other "coming down" experiences cause a certain amount of wistfulness, which in the end keeps returning you to your previous state of being. So it ends up taking another lifetime to accomplish the change you actually want.

The shaman takes you to the point of change, but in the end you have to be present enough to get it done. It's up to you to treat your life as a sacred journey.

Now, the truth is that these beings don't just act on us individually. They are working on collective transformation as well. And this summer, I would say, they are getting it done. They are taking us to the place, societally, that in a deep collective sense, we all wanted to be.

Can you look at where we are as the place we wanted to be? Every one of us alive today came in to be right here, specifically. We came here not to gloss it over, not to try to stay in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, not to separate ourselves from it. We came here to help create a new humanity. In your gut, you know that's true. It always has been.

At a collective soul level, it's the life we live after Aurora, after the climate changed, after the economy tanked, that we are really interested in. The question is; will we realize that this time is sacred? Or will we cling to the past?

Each of us is adding our desire to the momentum. Do you want something that used to be, or do you want something that is yet to be? This month will tell the story.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:54 AM Pacific Time, the Moon is New in the 26<sup>th</sup> degree of Leo. The Chandra symbol for this degree is "***A fire burns at the bottom of an old well.***"

Life wants to be deeper, more intense, more real than this. It always has, but we've done so much to stay on the surface.

The shamans are all singing together now.

May you stay present in the depths.

With love,

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