

Half Moon Waning August 2011 – The Work of Becoming.

Some astrologers work in a way which implies that the birth chart sentences you to a way of being. That your birth chart shows your fate. How medieval!

Fate is what happens if you just live stuck in the patterns you inherited. Fate is what happens if you think that how you are is how you will always be. Fate is what happens if you live stuck in the patterns that the TV wants you to have, that Big Brother wants you to have. Fate is addictive – it's so comforting to think of life as a continuing sequence of predictable routines which are inescapable.

Destiny on the other hand – wow. So much work! And so uncomfortable. People seem to sort of wake up to their destiny – some sooner than others, some more strongly than others, some never. It is like something stirs inside you and suddenly you become aware of another way to live. You're cruising along and all of a sudden you realize there's another way, just over there, that seems so inviting, so refreshing. Or maybe all you know is that you're not going down the old path anymore. That no matter how hard it is, no matter what your parents or your friends think of it, you're not doing that anymore. That's actually how most people seem to experience it. It's almost never a clear vision of where you want to go as much as it is a very clear sense of where you don't want to be anymore. You make a Declaration of Independence.

A person's proclivity for then doing what it takes to step away from Fate, the timing of when that's likely to happen, tools for helping make the switch – these are the sorts of things I'm interested in seeing in a chart. What's it like to be truly you? How can I help you feel free from ancestral and conditioned ways of being? What is the story of your becoming? I think of my work as an astrology of becoming.

The thing that is so incredible is what happens when you switch streams. When how you are becomes how you were. Suddenly there's no way back.

The destiny stream. Alignment, some call it. We read a lot about it. We know we want it. In many ways, it is sold as this thing you do, this one step you take, and there you are and the universe unfolds before you and you walk down the blessed path of light. BUT... it's not really like that. It seems rather to involve a testing and retesting of your commitment to be this new person. The destiny drive is tested, over and over again. Have you read Carolyn Myss on this? She's really good on the sorts of testing that accompany true growth. You can feel pulled back, repeatedly. (More on that in another article).

I like to think of it like this: when a potter makes a vase, the next step is to put it in the kiln. Becoming who you really are is like that – the polarity between who you were and who you are becoming is the fire that makes the change permanent. The purpose of my astrology is to help you recognize that polarity in a way that supports you in sticking to your destiny.

Well....

The heavens are sounding the alarm clock – the wake up call. They are saying that it's time for a collective Declaration of Independence. They have been making sure that we all realize that however it's been, we don't want that anymore. And really, so many people are hearing it, are stepping into their own destinies. The hundredth monkey has already come to town, do you realize that? It's working, it's happening – as each of us claims our destiny path the collective destiny drive is strengthened.

But it's not easy. The polarity between who you were – it was so comfortable, before the change happened, wasn't it? And what IS the reward, anyway? A musician I work with recently told me a story about how, at a family reunion one of her brothers said, "Are you really going to keep doing this? Why are you still making albums?"

Why indeed. Ask Michelangelo. Ask Buddha.

We take it on because it's worth it. Destiny is the ultimate masterwork. Creative individuality working with God to make a better world.

And God, of course, helps. In so many ways. I am particularly fond of the Moon – one of God's masterpieces, for sure. And degree symbols. And the degree symbol for the Moon, especially. It so often describes something about the feeling of the project at a given moment.

On Sunday, August 21st at around 3 o'clock Pacific Time, the Moon is in exact waning square to the Sun. The Half Moon Waning, each month in the third dimension, and about every 29 years in the fourth dimension of

progressed time, offers the strongest access to crown wisdom. At that moment, the Moon's light shines down through the crown, offering soul knowing.

And this month, the Moon wants us to remember that the project we are working on is worth it. That the minutia of effort will pay off. That the comfort we've left behind was never so satisfying as this. This month, the Half Moon Waning is sitting in the 29th degree of Taurus. The Pleiadian Symbol for this degree is, "**With tiny files and chisels a man is sculpting clouds of mist from white alabaster.**"

Ephemeral, etheric, exacting. The fifth harmonic, my intuition calls it.

Do not be distracted – you are becoming a work of art. Thank you.

May the Moon give you a steady hand!

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