

Half Moon Waxing, January 2011. "Duty vs. Vision, Let's Talk"

Haven't you been feeling just so conscientious? You're not missing things like you were – you can remember the details. The appointments, the lists, the little things people say – would you say you've been feeling more on top of it, lately?

The funny thing is that it's not really helping. There's this other sense that there's another you, like, "It's nice to be taking care of business, but that's not really what I'm here for." You're seeing way past the old boundaries. And you sort of would rather not. It's distracting.

One part of you is so busy with boundaries – lists are boundaries, right? They (are attempts to) confine our focus. The holidays take so much functionality, there are so many people you want to please. And man, for the last month especially, the lists grew, and you got things done. You've done a great job.

And at the same time you've caught yourself taking these little side trips and wondering if all this was serving you. You'd think at times of just doing something wild. You might have thought, "I'm just going to let all this go. As long as we're together, that's what Christmas is about. I don't need to spend so much time on the bows and ribbons. The cards don't have to be the perfect ones." Like, maybe what *really* matters is something entirely different.

You have glimpses, at times, of these two really different sides of yourself at once. You're a really good person: you take care of the people who depend on you. And you might just do something totally crazy, and the craziest part is this underlying sense that it's actually what the universe is wanting you to do. There's this potential self out there, and it's being pointed out to you. It's showing up somehow. Someone is talking about it, or you read something that made you think of it, or you had a dream about it.

It's like there's another world. It's pure ideas, pure learning. You find yourself there, and it feels like that's really where you belong. You *could* go back to school, or go for a different job, or go to India – it's out there, and it's getting closer to you.

And you're back and forth, to some extent. Over here, you're doing a really good job. The I's are dotted, the T's are crossed – you've had this utilitarian approach. Over there, there's this wilderness of potential. And that's the part that's been growing. Your potential self is getting stronger, and it's starting to seem like it could suddenly spring forth, damn the torpedoes and all that.

Well, now is the time to talk about it – with your lover, your friend, your shrink. This week it's all getting brought right down to the ground. You have strong feelings about it, it's too much to bear, you feel split.

This tension - between your utilitarian self and your potential self, is part of God's plan. Where it's leading any of us, I can't say. I just work here. But I can see that it's been gnawing at you for awhile, that it's growing, and that this week in particular, you are going to need to talk about it with someone else.

Shall I bore you with the astrological details? Well, okay, but I'll keep it brief. For over a month now, Juno in Virgo has been opposite the Uranus/Jupiter conjunction in Pisces. Juno represents that within us that would like to control the world. It's the part that would like to be able to push a button and see the whole thing operate smoothly. No fuss, no muss. Certainly no time wasted in the far-away. It says, "Wouldn't it be easier if it were all a machine? I could put in my lists, and the machine would make them all come true."

Uranus is something else entirely. Like something from an alien world. It sees the best in us, and wants to take it further. And Jupiter is so qualitative. It's all perspective, vision. Uranus and Jupiter in Pisces is like having visions from a strange world you've never visited that are showing up in your dreams... it's even got this karmic feel to it, like you're being shown something to challenge you, to test you.

Now, the Juno part and the Jupiter/Uranus part, they don't have to be in opposition. In your birthchart, most likely they're not. They're just sides of you that you can use to get where you need to go. But right now, in the sky today, they are in opposition. It's just part of God's plan, whatever that is. So there's the one side, which makes everything tidy, gets every item on the list done. And there's the other side, which is dreaming of a meditation retreat, or of getting the degree. What IS and what's BECOMING – right now they're showing up on different sides of the street. You're *supposed* to turn left, but you might turn right.

This opposition has been in effect for about a month, and this week, Mercury is moving into the picture, squaring both Juno and the Uranus/Jupiter conjunction. Squares are internal pressures, so we're definitely feeling the need to discuss this.

The Moon will be adding to the feeling of tension. This is the week of the Half-Moon Waxing, the Earth Root energy. From the "seed"/New Moon stage we bring the intentions, the things we start down to the root, "... and the worms crawled into his brain," to quote Pink Floyd. Not that the feeling will be that intense, but the Earth Root Moon can be a little uncomfortable.

The Half Moon Waxing of January, 2011, is exact at 3:38 AM Pacific on the 12th. As is so often the case, I find that the Chandra symbol for this Moon, as interpreted by Elias Lonsdale, illuminates the moment in a beautiful, silvery way. As we feel the need to talk about the tension between Duty and Vision, I invite you to meditate on the Earth Root Moon, @

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Puppets coming alive at night.

"The inner worlds can be just as animated, as fully fleshed out, as vivid and vibrant as any outer world could ever hope to match. There are vast kingdoms to explore on the inner. It is all a matter of motivation: if you seek for inward substantiation, you will get it to infinity and beyond. Here you get what you ask for. Everything snowballs. It tests you mightily, in that everything inside comes out. A wish like magic becomes embodied. Being so fertile and ingenious is one of the most demanding possible arenas to put yourself in. Most difficult of all is that if you fear or dread, resist or deny, these too have full power to play themselves out all the way. The inner life becomes the place where everything's happening, and where you must cultivate your highest and your best, or else be treated to the validation and proof of whatever you put in there coming out again amplified, magnified, completely full-on."

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May the Moon guide you!

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