

HalfMoon Waning September 2011. The Audacity to Change.

It's been hard to figure out what's going on. The knowledge of what needs to change and how to change it has been increasing and yet it SEEMS like we've hit some kind of a plateau. One healer I know said she's noticed that a lot of people seem to be in what she described as a "waiting cage." Waiting for what?

Have you ever had a near-death experience? Mine have had to do with being in motion – in a car, on skis, that kind of thing – and nearly crashing into something in such a way and at such a speed that I would have died.

What's interesting is the shift that happens right after such an experience. I have a couple of scenarios I'm working with that I want to present. The first one has to do with a youtube video that surfaced shortly after the big tornado in Joplin, Missouri this spring. A bunch of people were inside a convenience store and when the tornado hit they all took refuge in the walk-in freezer. The recording is of the moments leading up to going into the freezer and the period of time inside the freezer. You can hear people's voices and hear the sound of the tornado going by. At one point you hear all the windows in the store break and then you hear things hitting the store. Lot's of hard objects flying through the air at a couple hundred miles an hour.

There's this obvious progression of energy during the course of the video. It goes from, "wow, this is amazing," to "wow, we better take cover," to "holy shit, we're all gonna die!" In the first part of the recording you hear peoples' conversations and this rising energy – extreme weather seems to do that – and then things get really serious and everyone gets kind of quiet. And then all hell breaks loose and in the peak of it all this one guy starts yelling "I love you guys, I really love you, all of you!" I mean, he's in a freezer in a SevenEleven with a bunch of strangers, and in the moment when he realizes he could die his inspiration is to tell everyone who can hear him that he loves them.

Another scenario I've been working with is my own. It hasn't happened, it's just a metaphor. In it, I imagine that all of humanity is kind of like a family going down the road in a mini-van. Everyone's bickering. Everyone wants what they want and they want something different than anyone else wants. And it reaches a crescendo and nobody is paying attention to the road until all of a sudden, at the same instant, everyone realizes they're headed off a cliff and right at that second everyone stops arguing and their eyes and mouths get round and they say, "OH!"

You can imagine all the ways in which such events can change the way a person sees life. And it happens really fast, you know?

So... evolution seems to be a series of crises and plateaus. Stability equals stasis which results in crisis which causes change which produces stability. The graph looks like a set of stairs.

Well, like many of you, I've got kids, and I don't want them in that van. And I think it's worth telling all of you that I love you before I'm hunkered down in the bomb shelter. And really, it's possible that if I do that and then you go tell a bunch of people that you love them, that maybe instead of bickering our way over the edge of the cliff, we'll manage to change course consciously before we're in the life-passing-before-your-eyes stage.

So, to explain this astrologically we look to Saturn and Juno sitting together in the 18th degree of Libra. My friend and teacher John Sandbach (www.johnsandbach.com), writes of the 18 frequency that it "is ultimately about witnessing what it's like to fall..."

Saturn is the keeper of our prenatal resolves, and Juno is the reliance on external control mechanisms – the images of what we think of as success, or happiness, or functionality. Juno has been the real story for the last

year, picking up tons of energy and driving the tension between surface and depth that has sent so many people to the shamans. But ultimately it's about teaching us we are part of a community. The asteroids function is to stretch the skin of the outer mind ever thinner until we break through into true inner knowing. And what Juno does is it leads us along a false sense of separative material happiness towards a breakthrough into real compassion.

So the conjunction of Juno and Saturn in the 18th degree of Libra is the heavens making a huge statement about the importance of dropping through the surface into the truth. We know we are headed to the brink. Maybe we can stop arguing about what song is on the radio?

Here is John Sandbach's Chandra symbol for Libra 18, with Elias Lonsdale's interpretation:

A woman carefully counting the beans in a jar.

Taking outward phenomena literally. The utmost in naivete. You wander into every trap and pitfall with eyes wide open, wanting so badly for everything to add up and to make sense. Lacking a strong center of selfhood. Impressionable to received ideas and at the mercy of conditionings, wanting only to please and to make everybody happy, you are held within the circle of consensus agreement. Behaving in such exemplary fashion that it is too good to be true. All is from the outside in. Lessons in outlasting what you take on, and in showing up after being so far gone that nobody knew where to find you.

Okay, but we know this is what is happening. Saturn is the planet that runs our ancestral programs, repeats our dumb behaviors, until we LEARN from them.

This conjunction is the key to the last several years' worth of repeating dumb behaviors. Maybe it's the solution to the Obama presidency. What would be truly audacious is to live from a strong center of selfhood, without conditioned responses, starting NOW, before our species is heading off the cliff.

Today is the day of the Half Moon Waning of September, 2011. The waning half Moon is a particularly strong time for real knowing. Imagine the Moon's light shining down through your crown, pouring her wisdom and ways into your heart.

The exact half Waning just happened, 3 minutes ago, with the Moon in the 28th degree of Gemini. The Pleiadian symbol for this degree is "Leaving his wealth behind, a man wanders away."

Away from what? From the wreckage? Or from the separative mentality that has us bickering as we head for the brink.

May the Moon be your strength!

Love,

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